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Four Fires Penguin Group
Australia

In the end, love is more important than everything and it will conquer and overcome anything. Or that's how Damon saw it, anyway. Damon wanted a book that talked a lot

about love. Damon Courtenay died on the morning of April Fool's Day. In this tribute to his son, Bryce Courtenay lays bare the suffering behind this young man's life. Damon's story is one of lifelong struggle, his love for Celeste, the compassion of family, and a fight to the end for integrity. A testimony to the power of love, April Fool's Day is also about understanding: how when we confront our worst, we can become our best. This life-affirming book will change the way you think. Visit brycecourtenay.com
Through The Wall
Ace Books

Four Fires Viking
Adult
The Night Country Viking
Adult
The title of this novel refers to the four fires of passion, religion, warfare and fire itself, which the author considers have moulded the Australian people more than any others. This shaping of the Australian national character is explored through the story of a small-town family, the Maloneys. They are a fifth-generation Australian family of Irish

Catholic descent who are struggling to reach the first rung of the social ladder. There is a strong mother, a father broken by war, three boys and two girls, one of whom has an illegitimate daughter. Each of their lives is changed forever by the four fires. Includes author's note, and maps. Author's first novel, 'The Power of One', has sold around three million copies worldwide, and is the largest-selling book by a living Australian author within Australia. A

number of his other books have won the APA Who Weekly Reader's Choice Award: 'Tommo and Hawk' (in 1998), 'Jessica' (both 1999 and 2000), and 'Smoky Joe's Cafe' (2001).

Tommo & Hawk Four Fires Somebody once quipped that any work of Australian historical fiction is a 'burning fuse', travelling over decades through Australian culture and society. In some manner, every newly published Australian historical novel is connected to what it has preceded. Each work belongs to a proud history. Through

multiple examples, Grant Rodwell encourages readers to see how a work of historical fiction has evolved. Thus, under various themes, WHOSE HISTORY? examines the traditions in Australian historical fiction, and ponders how Australian historical novels can engage teachers and student teachers. WHOSE HISTORY? aims to illustrate how historical novels and their related genres may be used as an engaging teacher/learning strategy for student teachers in pre-service teacher education courses. It does not argue all teaching of History curriculum in pre-

service units should be based on the use of historical novels as a stimulus, nor does it argue for a particular percentage of the use of historical novels in such courses. It simply seeks to argue the case for this particular approach, leaving the extent of the use of historical novels used in History curriculum units to the professional expertise of the lecturers responsible for the units.

Australianama

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It is 1942 in the Dutch East Indies, and Nick Duncan is a young Australian butterfly collector in search of a single

exotic butterfly. With invading Japanese forces coming closer by the day, Nick falls in love with the beguiling Anna van Heerden. Their time together is brief, as both are forced into separate, dangerous escapes. They plan to reunite and marry in Australia but it is several years before their paths cross again, scarred forever by the dark events of a long, cruel war. In *The Persimmon Tree*, Bryce Courtenay gives us a story of love and friendship set against the dramatic backdrop of the Pacific during the Second World War.

Jessica Penguin Group

Australia
Charts the history of South Asian diaspora, weaving together stories of various peoples colonized by the British Empire.

The Night Country Penguin Group Australia
During the Great Depression there was little hope for a boy born into the slums of Cabbagetown, Toronto. But Jack Spayd is offered a ticket out in the form of a Hohner harmonica, won by his brutal drunken father in a late-night card game. Jack makes music as a way of escaping his surroundings, and his talent

leads him to a jazz club and, eventually, to the jazz piano. Jack is a virtuoso and hits the road, enchanting audiences in Canada, wartime Europe and Las Vegas, where he is caught up in the world of elite poker and falls under the spell of his boss, the enigmatic Bridgett Fuller. Vegas is a hard town ruled by the Mafia, but Jack prospers, until his luck turns bad and he falls foul of the Mob. Forced to run for his life from Vegas, he must also leave the woman he adores. His adventuring takes him to the far reaches of Africa, to a rare and valuable bird that may seal his

fate - and to the love of a very different woman. Set across three continents, Jack of Diamonds is a spellbinding story of chance, music, corruption and love - and Bryce Courtenay's last novel. 'Jack of Diamonds is classic Courtenay.' The Age
Gates of Fire Laurel Leaf
I am Sylvia Honeyeater; I think myself born around 1196, and this is the story of my life. I am cursed by folk as an optimist and a dreamer, which is a dangerous combination... 'sylvia' is the story of the Children's Crusade, which occurred in the

year 1212, and is perhaps the strangest true event to have taken place in European history. It is also a story of how, throughout some of the darkest medieval times, the redeeming power and strength of a young woman's love and intelligence prevail over poverty, brutality and bigotry. Sylvia was a remarkable, talented and eccentric young woman and this is her story.
Jack Of Diamonds Bantam
NATIONAL BESTSELLER
• “ Steven Pressfield brings the battle of Thermopylae to brilliant life. ” —Pat Conroy
At Thermopylae, a rocky

mountain pass in northern Greece, the feared and admired Spartan soldiers stood three hundred strong. Theirs was a suicide mission, to hold the pass against the invading millions of the mighty Persian army. Day after bloody day they withstood the terrible onslaught, buying time for the Greeks to rally their forces. Born into a cult of spiritual courage, physical endurance, and unmatched battle skill, the Spartans would be remembered for the greatest military stand in history—one that would not end until the rocks were awash with blood, leaving only one gravely injured

Spartan squire to tell the tale. . .
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Matthew Flinder's Cat
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This is the story of two families
– branches of the Solomons
– transported to an alien land,
both of whom eventually grow
rich and powerful but who,
through three generations,
never for one moment
relinquish their hatred for each
other. It is also the story of our
country from the beginning
until we came of age as a
nation. I have learned a great
deal about Australia and those
things which concern us as a
people and make us, in many

ways, who we are today. To
write this book, I visited
Gallipoli and came away deeply
saddened by the terrible waste
of our young blood. We would
never be quite the same again.
It has been a grand adventure
and I hope that you will find
Solomon's Song a good and
powerful story. No writer can
possibly hope for more. Bryce
Courtenay 'Rest in peace Ikey
Solomon and thank you, Bryce
Courtenay, for concluding your
absorbing trilogy on such a
stirring note.' Canberra Times
'Courtenay superbly manages
to put the reader in the thick of
the bloody battles that took so

many young lives in Turkey ...
Hard to put down.' Daily
Telegraph brycecourtenay.com
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Tandia
ReadHowYouWant.com
'This is a personal account of
life at the top that will charm
the general reader and the
political tragic alike' Weekend
Australian Anna Bligh knows
something about hard knocks
and high walls. She was raised
by a single mother in the
working class Gold Coast, a
young girl with a soon-to-be-
estranged dad who struggled
with alcoholism. She spent
over 17 years in the rough and

tumble of the Queensland Parliament (seven of them as either Deputy Premier or Premier) and she was the first woman to be elected Premier of an Australian State in her own right. In 2011, she led Queensland through the devastation of Australia's largest natural disasters. Her Party then lost the 2012 State election and Anna stepped down to start a new life, only to find herself diagnosed with cancer. Writing with her trademark honesty, warmth and humour about the challenges that public and private life have thrown her,

Anna reflects candidly -- as a wife, mother, daughter, friend and political leader -- on the lessons of leadership, resilience, community and family. 'It is not my bruises and scratches that I want others to see,' she writes in this inspiring, unflinching and engaging memoir about breaking through walls and overcoming obstacles, 'I want them to see the hole in the wall.' 'Compelling reading ... Bligh is a consummate communicator' Sara Dowse, Inside Story 'This reflective autobiography is an inspiration to all women to overcome all obstacles in the

way of success' Ballarat Courier 'Partly framed as an inspirational text for future leaders, especially the women who will come after her ... Bligh has written one of the more readable political memoirs of recent years' ABR [Jessica](#) [ReadHowYouWant.com](#) Tandia sat waiting anxiously for the fight to begin between the man she loved the most and the man she hated the most in the world. Tandia is a child of Africa: half Indian, half African, beautiful and intelligent, she is only sixteen when she is first brutalised by

the police. Her fear of the white man leads her to join the black resistance movement, where she trains as a terrorist. With her in the fight for justice is the one white man Tandia can trust, the welterweight champion of the world, Peekay. Now he must fight their common enemy in order to save both their lives. 'This is a marvellous book . first and foremost it is a momentous story, for Bryce Courtenay is a glorious storyteller.' The Advertiser 'Nine hundred pages of sheer blockbuster pleasure.' Sunday Age
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Between Two Fires Viking
The story of a small-town, fifth-generation, Irish-Australian Catholic family struggling to reach the first rung of the social ladder. Their lives are forged by the "the four fires" - passion, religion, warfare and fire itself.
Whitethorn Penguin Group Australia
George Edward Stanley's powerful Night Fires explores the influence of the Klan in 1920's Oklahoma, and the danger of succumbing to peer pressure.
April Fool's Day
ReadHowYouWant.com

Each of us has a place to return to in our minds, a place of clarity and peace, a place to think, to create, to dream. For Bryce Courtenay this place was a waterhole in Africa where he used to escape to as a boy, in search of solitude. One evening, while lingering there, he witnessed the tallest of the great beasts drinking from the waterhole in the moonlight, and was spellbound. Ever since, he drew inspiration from this moment. The Silver Moon gathers together some of the most personal and sustaining life-lessons from Australia's favourite storyteller. In short stories and insights, many written in his final months, Bryce reflects on living and dying, and how

through determination, respect for others and taking pleasure in small moments of joy, he lived life to the fullest. From practical advice on how to write a bestseller to general inspiration on how to realise your dreams, *The Silver Moon* celebrates Bryce Courtenay's lifelong passion for storytelling, language and the creative process, and brings us closer to the man behind the bestsellers.

The Power of One
Oxford University Press

A Recipe for Dreaming is a little treasure of wise words and beautiful images. With insight, humour and a deep sense of humanity, Bryce Courtenay inspires us to become dreamers

and questioners, creators of lives that are rich and rewarding. Illuminating these musings are the superb visual poems of Anie Williams. 'Whatever the dream, no matter how daring or grand, somebody will eventually achieve it. It might as well be you.' Bryce Courtenay
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The Family Frying Pan
Penguin Group Australia
Simon Koo is an ambitious Australian-born Chinese who goes to Singapore in the mid-sixties to work for an advertising agency. But the Wing brothers, who run the

agency, are not what they seem. There is soon trouble when Simon falls in love with the forbidden Mercy B. Lord. With no family or connections, this beautiful young woman is powerless to resist the evil influence of Beatrice Fong, a manipulative businesswoman who, in league with the Wing brothers, lures her into the international trade in sex workers and heroin trafficking involving the American CIA. Simon must save her at any cost. Set against the wretched trade in drugs and human misery operating during the Vietnam War, *Fortune Cookie*

is a spellbinding thriller, with a story of love against impossible odds at its heart. 'A multi-layered, cross-genre epic with tremendously broad appeal.'

Sun-Herald

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Sylvia Text Publishing

In this sweeping novel of Africa, in all its power, beauty and savagery, Courtenay captures the life of a child and the life of a nation.

Four Fires

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Ikey Solomon is in the business of thieving and he's very good at it.

Ikey's partner in crime is his mistress, the forthright Mary

Abacus, until misfortune befalls them. They are parted and each must make the harsh journey from thriving nineteenth century London to the convict settlement of Van Diemen's Land. In the backstreets and dives of Hobart Town, Mary learns the art of brewing and builds The Potato Factory, where she plans a new future. But her ambitions are threatened by Ikey's wife, Hannah, her old enemy. The two women raise their separate families, one legitimate and the other bastard. As each woman sets out to destroy the other, the families are brought to the edge of disaster.

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In the aftermath of the Great

Depression, few opportunities existed for working-class boys, but at just 18 Danny Dunn has a good deal going for him: brains, looks, sporting ability - and an easy charm. His parents run The Hero, a favourite neighbourhood pub, and Danny is a local hero. Luck changes for Danny when he signs up to go to war. He returns home a physically broken man, to a life that will be changed for ever. Together with Helen, a woman of strength, character and intelligence who

becomes his wife, he sets about rebuilding his life. It is a life tormented by personal demons, and shaped by compassion, corruption, love and power - and the gift of twin daughters, Sam and Gabby. Set against a backdrop of Australian pubs and politics, *The Story of Danny Dunn* is an Australian family saga spanning three generations. It is a compelling tale of love, ambition and the destructive power of obsession, at a time of great change in Australia's history.