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[The Romantic](#) Simon and Schuster

One day Billie and Jack find a note hidden under a rock at school. It seems to be written in code! It's time the two friends put their code-breaking skills to the test.

[A Vandal Press Anthology](#) Candlewick Press

Essays by popular children's authors reveal the books that shaped their personal and literary lives, explaining how the stories they loved influenced them creatively, politically, and intellectually.

[A Lesson for Lina](#) Simon Pulse

"When Oliver and June are forced to ride to school together each morning, no one is more surprised than this odd couple when a friendship--and then romance--develops"--

[Ella Kazoo Will Not Go to Sleep](#) HarperCollins

One of Robin Klein's most important novels the moving, powerful, multi-award-winning story of eleven-year-old Seymour, his friendship with the beautiful Angie, and the terrible secret that Angie hides. 180 pages Paperback

[Secrets We Keep](#) Allen & Unwin

Girl Defective Simon and Schuster

Notes from the Teenage Underground Puffin

During one month in the autumn of election year 2000, scores of movie-business strivers are focused on one goal: getting a piece of an elusive, but surely huge, television saga, the one that opens with Huns sweeping through Mongolia and closes with a Mormon diviner in the Las Vegas desert; the sure-to-please-everyone multigenerational TV miniseries about diviners, those miracle workers who bring water to perpetually thirsty (and hungry and love-starved) humankind. Among the wannabes: Vanessa Meandro, hot-tempered head of Means of Production, an indie film company; her harried and varied staff; a Sikh cab driver, promoted to the office of -theory and practice of TV; a bipolar bicycle messenger, who makes a fateful mis-delivery; two celebrity publicists, the Vanderbilt girls; a thriller writer who gives Botox parties; the daughter of an L.A. big-shot, who is hired to fetch Vanessa's Krispy Kremes and more; a word man who coined the phrase -- inspired by a true story; and a supreme court justice who wants to write the script. A few true artists surface in the course of Moody's rollicking but intricately woven novel, and real emotion eventually blossoms for most of Vanessa's staff at Means of Production, even herself. *The Diviners* is a cautionary tale about pointless ambition; a richly detailed look at the interlocking worlds of money, politics, addiction, sex, work, and family in modern America; and a masterpiece of comedy that will bring Rick Moody to a still higher level of appreciation.

[Pip: The Story of Olive](#) David Fickling Books

A fascinating look at both famous and not-so-famous dogs from Down Under. There's the 'Red Dog', celebrated in a movie in 2011, and 'Bob the Railway Dog', which has a best-selling book written about him. There are assistance animals and guide dogs, war heroes and everyday ones, dogs that save lives and dogs whose lives are saved. All loyal, loving, brave in their ways and with doggy hearts of gold.

[Shuffle, Repeat](#) Harper Collins

Savannah would be happy spending the summer working at the library and reading. But then she meets Jackson, who Savannah's convinced is the one. At first it looks like she's right. He abides by her mama's strict rules and stays by her side when she is hospitalized for severe asthma, which Savannah believes is improving only because Jackson is there. But when Jackson is called away to help his family, Savannah has to learn to breathe on

her own, both literally and figuratively.

[Little \(Grrl\) Lost](#) Simon and Schuster

A story about fitting in and finding the strength to be yourself. Olive is an only child. She lives by the sea in a ramshackle old house with her mother, Mog—successful, busy, and hardly ever at home. Olive is very pale and very quiet and she doesn't quite fit in. But she has a best friend, Mathilda, and that's what matters. And then Mathilda decides to be someone else's best friend. Just as life really can't get much worse, Pip shows up. Brash, loud Pip, who is everything that Olive is not, and is about to cause Olive a whole heap of trouble—and open her up to a whole world of possibilities.

[The Diviners](#) Hardie Grant Egmont

'Kate Holden's bestselling memoir *In My Skin* told the gripping story of her slide into heroin addiction and prostitution and her gruelling recovery. The Romantic tells what happened next. When Kate decides to leave her past behind in Melbourne, it is the beginning of a new journey. In the ruins of Rome and the piazzas of Naples, through poetry and passion, in strange streets and strange beds, she hopes to find truth. But this pilgrimage requires courage: in Italy she may find true love, or lose her heart altogether. Or even find herself. Sexy, dark, and intoxicating, The Romantic asks: when you've traded in sex, what does it cost to love others? and yourself A sensual, sexy, brutally honest memoir.' Marie Claire'

[Breathing](#) Feiwel & Friends

I made money I'd never imagined and I wore velvet dresses and shone in lamplight. I walked tall in crowds, knowing myself to be desired. I told people I was a prostitute, and smiled as I said it, and dared them to turn their gaze...The smile that I give when I talk about it now is, I can feel, nostalgic, provocative. A brightness comes into my eyes. And, I'm told, a hard look too. *In My Skin* describes an extraordinary journey through an often hidden world of heroin and prostitution. Kate's story is one of survival and resourcefulness, and an unflinching look at the consequences of addiction. More than just a fearless and compelling narrative, *In My Skin* is the triumphant announcement of a new talent in Australian writing.

[The Book That Made Me](#) Girl Defective

When Anna, an Australian art student, moves to Shanghai for her studies, she feels alienated as a foreigner until she befriends Chenxi, her fellow student and guide, and becomes entangled in his political activism.

[New Guinea Moon](#) University of Queensland Press

After doing herself near-fatal harm, Kit has returned to her island home. But it's a place she hardly recognises: the witch and the mermaids are hiding and the pirates have sailed to more bountiful shores. In their place is Neverland and its inhabitants – damaged teens too sick to be in regular school, watched over by her psychiatrist uncle. And now Kit is one of them. Kit has a choice. She can use illicit night-time adventures with friends and mysterious new boy Rohan to avoid the truth. Or she can separate harsh reality from childhood fantasy and remember the night of her parents' deaths. What really prompted her family's departure from the island? Did a monster drive them away? Is the monster still there?

[Spurt](#) Ember

Happily-ever-after is never quite what you expect in this hot and gritty romance.

[Shadow Sister](#) Poppy

Part thriller, part romance, *The Friend Scheme* is another twisty #ownvoices YA novel from Cale Dietrich, author of *The Love Interest*. Matt's father is a criminal with high hopes that his son will follow in his footsteps. His family is at war with another, and Matt's dad is caught in the crossfire. Matt and his older brother are expected to fight for their family. But deep down Matt has other ambitions—and attractions. When he meets Jason, Matt believes he might be falling deeper than friendship for the first time. The boys keep their connection a secret, and soon Matt suspects that Jason is part of the family that tried to kill his father. The truth, however, is even more shattering, and Matt must decide if he can ever break free and own who he really is and who he is meant to love.

[Italian Nights and Days](#) Back Bay Books

When Riley's Dad gets a new girlfriend, life turns upside down for Riley. She doesn't like Norma and Norma doesn't like her. But it is not until Riley finds herself shipped

off to 'camp' that she realises just how bad things have become. Determined to continue on her path of bad behaviour and general obnoxiousness, Riley Rose is sure that she can turn this 'spiritual camp' upside down. And when she meets Dylan Luck, recent paraplegic, she thinks she has found a fellow troublemaker. What follows is a very surprising week for Riley. Truths are told and secrets revealed, and sex, cigarettes and booze prove to be a potent cocktail, but in the end Riley has learnt quite a lot about herself, Dylan and exactly why she appeared hell-bent on self-destruction.

[Summer Skin](#) Random House Australia

Synopsis coming soon.....

Six Impossible Things Univ. of Queensland Press

Seventeen-year-old film buff Gem sets out to make an underground movie with her friends Lo and Mira, but discovers much about her own life in the process.

[Saving June](#) Penguin

"A washbuckling adventure." —Booklist "A rollicking Indiana Jones flick with a female lead." —BCCB *The Last Magician* meets *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* in this thrilling, "breathless" (Kirkus Reviews) tale filled with magic and set in the mysterious Carpathian Mountains where a girl must hunt down Vlad the Impaler's cursed ring in order to save her father. Some legends never die... Traveling with her treasure-hunting father has always been a dream for Theodora. She's read every book in his library, has an impressive knowledge of the world's most sought-after relics, and has all the ambition in the world. What she doesn't have is her father's permission. That honor goes to her father's nineteen-year-old protégé—and once-upon-a-time love of Theodora's life—Huck Gallagher, while Theodora is left to sit alone in her hotel in Istanbul. Until Huck returns from an expedition without her father and enlists Theodora's help in rescuing him. Armed with her father's travel journal, the reluctant duo learns that her father had been digging up information on a legendary and magical ring that once belonged to Vlad the Impaler—more widely known as Dracula—and that it just might be the key to finding him. Journeying into Romania, Theodora and Huck embark on a captivating adventure through Gothic villages and dark castles in the misty Carpathian Mountains to recover the notorious ring. But they aren't the only ones who are searching for it. A secretive and dangerous occult society with a powerful link to Vlad the Impaler himself is hunting for it, too. And they will go to any lengths—including murder—to possess it.

[Where the Stars Still Shine](#) Puffin

In the tradition of *High Fidelity* and *Empire Records*, this is the literary soundtrack to Skylark Martin's strange, mysterious, and extraordinary summer. This is the story of a wild girl and a ghost girl; a boy who knew nothing and a boy who thought he knew everything. It's a story about Skylark Martin, who lives with her father and brother in a vintage record shop and is trying to find her place in the world. It's about ten-year-old Super Agent Gully and his case of a lifetime. And about beautiful, reckless, sharp-as-knives Nancy. It's about tragi-hot Luke, and just-plain-tragic Mia Casey. It's about the dark underbelly of a curious Australian neighborhood. It's about summer, and weirdness, and mystery, and music. And it's about life and death and grief and romance. All the good stuff.