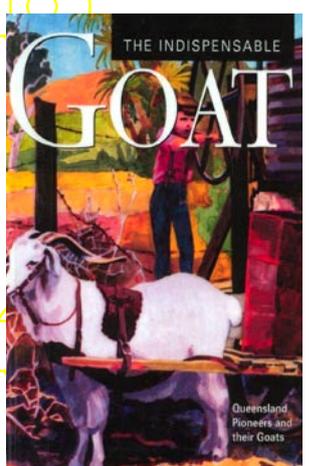
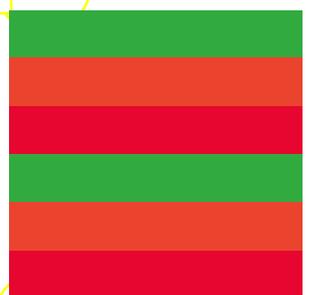
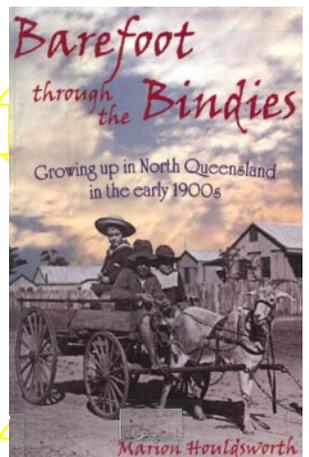
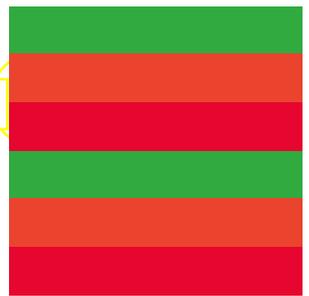
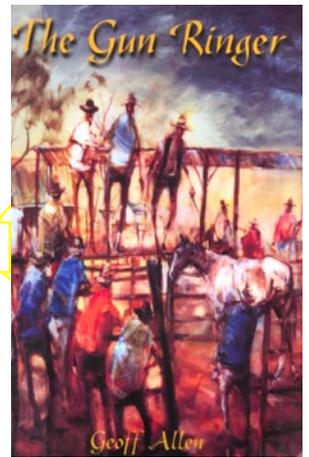


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When a loop of piano wire snuffs out the life of a popular BBC announcer, it is inexperienced temporary Woman Detective Sergeant Susannah Mountford who finds herself investigating the case. Quickly Suzie is involved in a series of crimes that eventually sweeps tragedy upon her own family. It begins to seem as though the killer is in another's control - like a deadly poisonous spider dropped on to its victims.

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This time she's determined to choose someone suitable. Like the delightful Luke Knight, a caring, sharing new man who helps old ladies across the street - rather than throwing them into it. Amanda is smitten and, despite the misgivings of her daughter Clio, she wants him to be her very own knight in shining amour.

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When her grandfather gets six months 'inside' for stealing, who does he leave in charge of his precious black Mercedes? Rosie, who else? And that Merc is going to take her on the ride of her life.

Oldies with scandalous secrets, mobile phone trauma, even a giant teddy bear, it's all here, not to mention a missing diamond ring and TWO (count them) gorgeous boys on her trail.

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Will Charlotte be the woman to tame the enigmatic Hungarian - a rich and glamorous man, with a notorious reputation, a man who regards her as mildly amusing? Will she ever get to the bottom of his masked anguish, and can she help him to lay aside the troubled past which threatens his future happiness?



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Ten years after he first took shelter with the Queensland Aborigines, Jack Drew - an escaped convict - has decided the time has come to return to civilisation.

But while he is unwittingly accepted as a free man, he finds himself at odds with those around him, condemning their treatment of convicts and Aborigines, and intimidated by the basics of civilised society. He finds employment on a back-country farm called Emerald Downs, and when the owner, Major Ferrington, is ordered to take squads of troops into the wilds beyond Brisbane and roust the Aborigines who have been terrorising the area, Jack is horrified to find he must go with him as a scout.

The farm is left in the hands of Adrian Pinnock - the brother of Major Ferrington's fiancée, Jessie - but when Jessie herself insists on accompanying him, dealings on the once well-ordered estate take a very different course. It soon becomes clear that the shattering events of these frontier times will give new meaning to all their lives...

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Fran Varaday fell into private detective work by accident. Now she's got a 'real' job at a trendy pizzeria, she's back on track with her acting ambitions, appearing in an adaptation of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, and she's even found somewhere nice to live. But things aren't all they seem.

For a start, there's something rather sinister about the way the pizzeria is run. And the play rehearsals aren't going well: the cast members are at odds and the director is having a nervous breakdown. On top of all this Fran has rashly undertaken to help a young boy, illegally in the country, find an elusive people-trafficker called Max.

When the trail Fran is following is tragically interrupted by a horrifying death, she finds herself up against dangerous men and a ruthless organisation. Fran's in big trouble this time.

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It is 1947, the worst winter in England since records began, and even the sea is frozen. For the women living in the little fishing port of Bexham, the chronic lack of everything from fuel to food has left them reeling.

When Waldo Astley drives through thick Sussex snow into the village in his large American Buick, it is to find Bexham filled not just with grumbling residents but with frustrated wives and mothers, forced back behind their stoves after the joy of the victory for which they fought so hard on the home front. Government directives have ensured that the returning men resumed the jobs their women managed so brilliantly through the gruelling years of war.

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Settling into a new life as a private forensic consultant, Scarpetta is soon deep into a case that has left colleagues in Louisiana profoundly disturbed. A woman is found dead in a seedy hotel, dressed to go out, keys in her hand. Her history of blackouts and her violent outbursts while under their spell, offer more questions than clues about the cause of her death.

Then Scarpetta receives news that chills her to the core: from his cell on death row, Jean-Baptiste Chandonne - the vicious and unrepentant Wolfman, who pursued her to her very doorstep - demands to see her. Only to her will he tell the secrets he knows the authorities desire: the evidence that will bring a global investigation to a swift conclusion. Scarpetta, her niece Lucy, and her colleague Detective Pete Marino are left to wonder: after all the death and destruction, what sort of endgame could this violent psychopath have in mind?

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Australian children of this new millennium take for granted a lifestyle that includes videos, TV soaps, DVDs, computer games, rock concerts, brand-name clothing and Mum's taxi service.

But the Australian children of a hundred years ago, the Federation era, had a different set of expectations. Many of them walked barefoot through the bindi-eyes to school. Their homes were bark-huts with ant-bed floors. They harnessed their billy-goat carts to fetch wood and water, and on starting work at thirteen, gave their pay-packets to mothers struggling to feed large families. Narrators of this book remember mothers who cooked on open fires and made bread, or damper, that staple of bush life, in camp-ovens. Evenings at home were lit, not by electricity but by kerosene-lanterns or candles. When times were hard they improvised with fat-lamps. This earlier generation of North Queenslanders lived with floods and droughts. They knew grinding poverty and they knew hard work. But they revelled in the freedom of the bush and the mateship it engendered. They were proud of their independence and self-reliance; of their resilience. It was the spirit that the boys of the period took with them to the heights of Gallipoli and the mud of France, and which came to embody all that was finest about the newly-formed nation, Australia.

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Arriving in Sydney after a difficult voyage, sixteen-year-old Elizabeth Drummond meets her husband-to-be and discovers that he frightens and repels her. Offered no choice, she marries him and is whisked at once across wild, uninhabited countryside to Alexander's own town, named Kinross after himself. In the crags above it lies the world's richest gold mine.

Isolated in Alexander's great house and with no company save Chinese servants, Elizabeth finds that the intimacies of marriage do not prompt her husband to enlighten her about his past life - or his present one. She has no idea that he still has a mistress, the sensuous, tough, outspoken Ruby Costevan.

Captured by their very different natures, Alexander resolves to have both Elizabeth and Ruby - why should he not? He has the fabled 'Midas Touch', a combination of curiosity, boldness and intelligence that he applies to every situation and which only fails him when it comes to these two women. For while Ruby loves Alexander desperately, Elizabeth does not.

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But Dart has made a vow to never again become involved with another woman. So why, instead of enjoying the pleasures of his home in St Louis, does he find himself shepherding a small company of women, children, oxen, goats and hens across the icy wastes in pursuit of an ideal?

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With the young Queen now on the throne, times are changing for the Adams family.

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'If I could write the curriculum I would begin with language: from the first hour of the first day at school and every day thereafter for twelve years children would study "the beautiful arrangement of words". If, at the end of their schooling, they could not understand the language of their likely employers, I would feel that some of education's duty had been done.'

'Whatever your business - brain research, rabbit trapping, underwear manufacturing - you must be equal to the world's best practice, and responsive to customer needs, strategic (of course) and accountable and so on. So you must also be prolix and utterly predictable. You are trapped in the language like a parrot in a cage.'

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