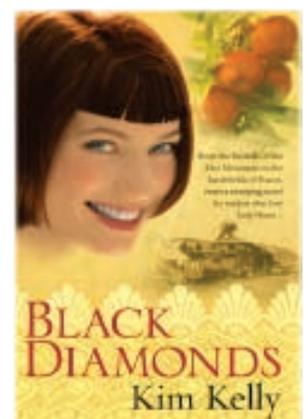
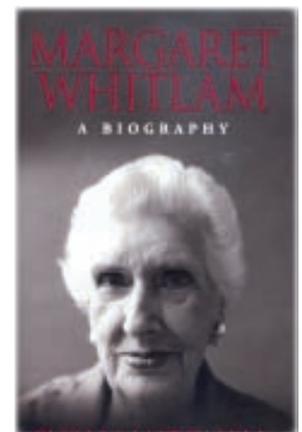


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### Manly Pursuits

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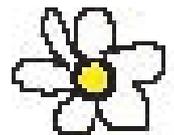
**Narrated by Henry Rodger**  
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In the summer of 2005, Beard traveled to Australia and found himself at the heart of the problem, in the Sydney suburb of Manly. He took on the locals at bowls, shooting, golf, swimming, surfing, running, and trivia, finding out why they are so good and if they really are invincible. By the time he finished his exploration of this one Australian community through its sports clubs, England had regained the Ashes. So he must have done something right.

Mixing travel, sport, and history from before the First Fleet to the present day, Manly Pursuits is funny, smart, and beautifully written.

**BIRCH,  
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### Shadowboxing



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Shadowboxing is a collection of ten linked stories in the life of a boy growing up in the inner-Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy in the 1960s. A beautifully rendered time capsule, it captures a period of decay, turmoil and change through innocent, unblinking eyes.

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**Tegan Bennett**

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**Narrated by Barbara Duncan**  
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Elizabeth has fallen in love in her early adulthood, but with a lack of conviction and disturbing results. In her late twenties she embarks on a new affair with Ross, a fellow academic at her university. Their relationship blooms and offers her the safety she has been searching for since childhood. She moves into his big, old house by the Parramatta River and becomes pregnant. Then Ross's father, who was violent to both Ross and his mother, and disappeared while Ross was still at school, resurfaces. He has been in Spain for fifteen years, and now is dying. Elizabeth persuades Ross that the family should make a journey to see him, to make peace with him and to show him Anna, their new daughter. But their holiday lays bare discomfoting truths and frailties, both in their relationship and their past.

**ELLIS,**                              **Boats in the Desert**  
**Rex**

**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Australiana**  
**6 cassettes \$49.60 Cat. No. 3523**

**Narrated by Clem Fechner**  
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When it comes to outback travel, this safari guide makes an art form out of making the seemingly impossible, possible. Not content with running exciting four-wheel safaris to every corner of the outback, and criss-crossing the deserts with his camel expeditions, Rex's desert boat safaris often defy description. The experiences are value-added by Rex's extensive knowledge of flora and fauna, and the country that he loves so deeply.

**GRAHAM,**                         **Beside the River**  
**Sally**

**Genre: Adult Fiction General**  
**9 cassettes \$74.40 Cat. No. 3504**

**Narrated by Lyn Ellison**  
**9 cds \$79.40 Cat. No. 3504CD**

Celia, a young English immigrant, finds life in a remote Australian township lonely and dull. Then she becomes caught up in local affairs and finds that beneath the surface, things are not all what they seem.

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**HOULDSWORTH, From the Gulf to God Knows Where  
Marion**

**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Australiana** **Narrated by Barbara Duncan**  
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Charlie and Pauline Rayment wouldn't live anywhere but in the Outback. Charlie brought Pauline as a bride to 'Kurran', in the ranges of the Diamantina catchment. Pauline faced the wilderness while Charlie carved a property from the harsh environment.

Their story typifies this new collection by Marion Houldsworth. Readers share the Outback experience at one remove; wake face-to-face with a rock-python, are sucked down in a whirlpool, trapped inside a water-tank, help a neighbour bury a dead child. They swim cattle across the flooded Burdekin, and, like Clancy of old, tail 'twelve-fifty fats' down the Cooper. Brumby hunts, droughts, floods and fires' even a trip by Cobb & Co. Told with compassion and humour; this is more than a valuable addition to the social history of the Outback. These are Australia's stories at their liveliest and best.

**JAGGARD, Between the Flags  
Ed**

**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Australiana** **Narrated by Geoff Bartholomew**  
**11 cassettes \$87.60 Cat. No. 3514** **11 cds \$92.60 Cat. No. 3514CD**

Between the Flags reveals the 100 year history of Surf Life Saving Australia: the nation's best-known and most successful volunteer movement. As the foundation for Australia's world-renowned and unique beach culture, which embraces millions each summer, the surf lifesaving movement - with its 300 plus clubs and more than 100 000 members - has always given beachgoers a sense of security as they enjoy the surf.

The historians who have contributed to Between the Flags provide a refreshingly candid view of a national icon whose story was in danger of being obscured by myths and legends.

**KELLY, Black Diamonds  
Kim**

**Genre: Adult Fiction Romance** **Narrated by Margaret Nielson**  
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It is 1914 and Lithgow is booming. Daniel is a young German - Australian, a coal miner and a socialist; Francine is the bourgeois, Irish-Catholic, too-good-for-this-place daughter of one of the mine's owners. When their paths collide, they fall in love despite themselves - raising eyebrows all around town.

But before the signatures on their marriage certificate are dry, war erupts, confronting them with a new and much more terrifying obstacle. Against his principles but driven by a sense of solidarity, Daniel enlists; Francine, horrified, has no choice but to support him.

As they hurtle towards a daunting world of war, separation and grief, they learn things about themselves and one another that they would never have expected in more certain times - about heroism, sacrifice, the thin line between courage and stupidity, and, most of all, about the magical power of love.

**LUNN,  
Hugh**

**Lost for Words**

**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction**

**8 cassettes \$62.80 Cat. No. 3519**

**Narrated by Clem Fechner**

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If these words ring a bell, then you remember the wonderful, colourful, candid lingo of 1940s, 50s and 60s Australia.

Hugh Lunn has spent sixteen years collecting the words and phrases that Australians once used everyday. As he points out, we have slowly given away our own rich language and have allowed it to be replaced by global TV shorthand.

Filled with humour and delightful surprises, reading 'Lost for Words' is like bumping into long-lost but dearly loved friends. Let's keep in touch with them - and ask for our language back!

**LYNCH,  
Gay**

**Cleanskin**

**Genre: Adult Fiction General**

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**Narrated by Christine Nichols**

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Five women share their lives at a playgroup, desperate for the company of adults. Madelaine looks forward to the meetings, but they put her on edge. Amaretto biscuits, designer clothes, unwelcome advice - nothing seems to fit. Her relationships are forcing her out of control.

When one of the group begins an illicit affair, everyone gets caught in the deadly crossfire.

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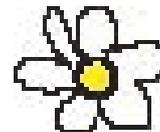
**Genre: Adult Fiction General** **Narrated by Henry Rodger**  
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Chris Andersen loves cricket. He may not be a legend like Waugh or Bradman but in the Yarraville West fourths, Chris Andersen is king. He is the captain, the coach, the manager and, thankfully, a player. They are getting hard to find...players.

Every Saturday Chris ropes together a motley team of men (and a few boys) to turn up in their cricket whites. Everyone has a different reason for being there: to hear the music from a nearby house, to block out the memories of another place, to have fun, or just to have a go.

On the Cec Bull Memorial Oval on a blisteringly hot Saturday these men will play a game. From a nearby house, a bride will watch and remember growing up in the family home listening to the sounds of cricket. Rick Springfield and Kevin Bacon will act as inspiration, and as the wickets fall and the ball is bowled, everyone will learn more about themselves and each other than they did at the start of the day.

**MITCHELL, Susan Margaret Whitlam**



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Margaret Whitlam has been in the public eye for over forty years. As the controversial wife of a prime minister she is a household name and an Australian identity in her own right. Many people already feel as if they know her and they do, in a sense. However, this biography reveals, for the first time, the private life behind the public events to which she was both a witness and a participant.

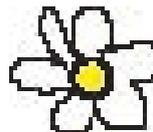
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**O'BRIEN,  
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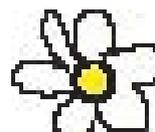
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The unmistakable and inimitable Jeanne Little - she of the amazing eyelashes and fabulous, if somewhat startling, dress sense (remember the green garbage bag frock?) - is one of Australia's most loved and best known show business celebrities.

A zany comedian with the voice of a truck driver, Jeanne got her start as a guest on the Mike Walsh Show in 1974 and never looked back. For more than a decade, she was the queen of Australian daytime television and beyond. With her distinctive presence, off-beat humour and flair for the innovative and unusual, Jeanne Little is an extraordinary woman. From Gold Logies to the Order of Australia to the hearts of Australian television and cabaret audiences alike, Jeanne wins them all. There's no one else quite like her.

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The Half Moon Valley is not easy to farm, nor are its inhabitants easy to know. But the valley produces the best superfine merino wool in the country, and Dan Stafford is its top woolgrower.

Dan relies on his capable son, Jim, and his two eye-catching daughters, Bella and Beth, to help run the property. Now he is battling to retain its prize-winning status. When Bella marries and moves away, and the neighbouring property is sold to an outsider, Dan is unnerved. At least Beth seems content to remain on the land.

But Dan's new woolclasser, the intriguing Rod Cameron, turns out to be more than Dan had bargained for. With Rod on the scene, Dan's status and Beth's future are far from assured.

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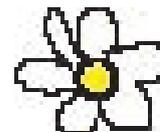
The Ragged Thirteen were expert horsemen and cattle-duffers, who dined on cleanskins, indulged in rum and bare-knuckle fighting and recited the bush verse of Olgilvie and Barcroft Boake. They are in the heartland of Australian legends about mateship, bushmanship and survival in the vast reaches of Australia's mighty outback.

Harry "Captain Starlight" Redford was a close friend of the Ragged Thirteen. Harry's exploits were celebrated by Rolf Boldrewood in his novel, 'Robbery Under Arms'.

The Ragged Thirteen were outback Australia's equivalent of Robin Hood. In harmony with the Jolly Swagman of our unofficial national anthem they defied the wealth and property of the rich squatters. The Swagman stole a jolly jumbuck and they helped themselves to cleanskin beef. Now, one hundred years later, they are still celebrated for their horsemanship, their chivalrous support of the poor and their cheeky defiance of the law.

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It's 1959, and Boots Adams and his wife Polly are at their favourite Camberwell pub when they witness with horror a sudden and vicious attack on the barman, Joe, by a knife-wielding thug.

And while Gemma is courted by one of the young men who works for her father, her twin brother James finds himself affected by his girlfriend's intriguing family secrets. And just who is the mysterious new student from Finland who arrives at Gemma's college?

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**STREVENS,  
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**Slow River - A Journey Down the  
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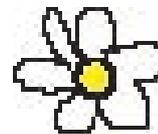
**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction Australiana**  
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Steve Strevens has lived on the Murray for almost 40 years. During that time he has fished and swum in its waters, climbed and swung from its trees, collected firewood from its forests, kicked a footy along the flats nearby, and made some of his most important decisions sitting on its banks. And he has watched the river change as pollution has become more obvious and irrigation dramatically increased. Slow River is his ode to the Murray and an exploration of why and how it is more than just a river.

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Kate Webster is a loveable larrikin who likes to play hard now and worry about the consequences later. She can't help mucking up the opportunities life gives her. Rocked by the death of her mother, she takes a dare at one of Australia's wildest rural social events - a Bachelors & Spinsters ball - to 'scalp' gorgeous farm boy Nick McDonnell. It's a dare that changes everything. For just as Kate is ready to start her new life, away from her grieving father and the pressures of the family farm, she discovers she is pregnant.

Now, several years later, with toddler Nell by her side, it's time for Kate to come home to face the music - and the father of her child....

**WALLACE,  
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It begins with the influence the English novelists, (Charles Dickens, Harry Kingsley and Anthony Trollope) had in inspiring many a young man to emigrate and try their luck in Australia and ends with a discussion of English, Australian and Aboriginal place names.

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Hattie has a difficult if loving partner, Martyn, an absentee mother, Lallie, and a cynical if attentive grandmother Frances. She tries to do the right and moral thing in a tricky world, and always has. But she now has a baby, Kitty, which makes true morality rather harder to achieve.

Martyn works for a political magazine, Hattie for a literary agency. At work too, integrity is suffering as the need for compromise becomes ever more pressing. And always in the background is Frances, tracing the family and social history which have made Hattie what she is.

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