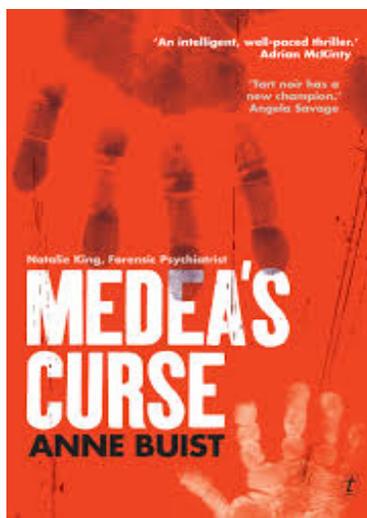
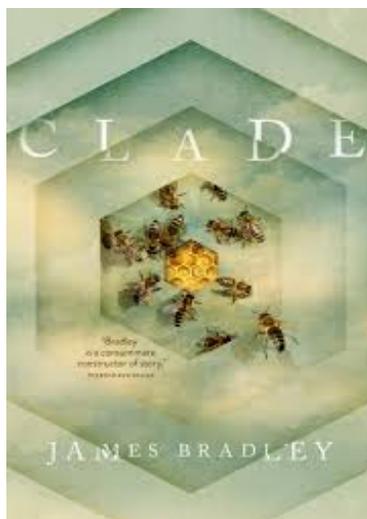




Words Worth Reading

Welcome to our autumnal newsletter, put together for your reading pleasure on a typical Melbourne day - hot in the morning, thunder and rain by lunchtime and rather chilly by tea time!



Inside:

Reviews

Some of the latest releases reviewed by us, just for you.

What's New?

New Harper Lee book to be published this year, half a century after *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Kids

Coming in May, Storytime with Jan! At our Canterbury store, starting on Thursday 7th May at 10.30am, kids can enjoy the stories while Mum and Dad enjoy free tea and coffee!

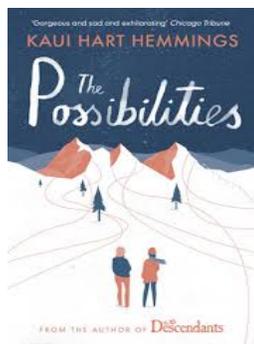
Events

FOOTY'S BACK!
We are so excited we are dedicating a whole day to celebrating AFL. Join us on Saturday 28th March.

Some see nature all ridicule and deformity... and some scarce see nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, nature is imagination itself."
— William Blake

Tim's Bookshop Top 10 Books

1. **We are All Completely Beside Ourselves** by Karen Joy Fowler
2. **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova
3. **The Narrow Road to the Deep North** by Richard Flanagan
4. **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion
5. **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins
6. **That Sugar Book** by Damon Gameau
7. **The Girl in the Photograph** by Kate Riordan
8. **Elizabeth is Missing** by Emma Healey
9. **Nora Webster** by Colm Toibin
10. **The Brain's Way of Healing** by Norman Doidge



The Possibilities by Kauai Hart Hemmings

Sarah's son was killed in an accident three months ago. He was twenty-two. Now she has to start putting her life back together. She goes back to work but it's just not the same. She tries to be sympathetic about her best friend's divorce but the breakdown of a marriage doesn't even come close to the pain of losing a child so how can she possibly empathise? Her slightly eccentric, straight talking father lives with her, which is good because it means she is not alone, but bad because living with your Dad when you are in your early forties is not always a good thing! Then a stranger shows up on the doorstep and changes everything.

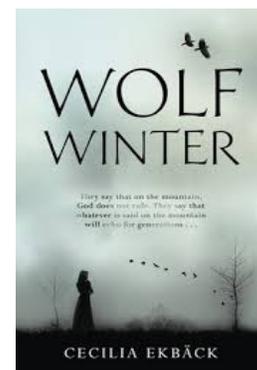
This should be a somewhat depressing book but Hemmings has created wonderful, heartwarming and very real characters who never get too bogged down in their own grief. It is at times laugh out loud funny and rather than being a story about loss it is a story about forgiveness, relationships and letting go.

Clade by James Bradley

Adam and Ellie's relationship seems perfect, until Ellie decides they need to have a child. Adam is a scientist with concerns for the future of the planet and is not so sure bringing a baby into such an uncertain world is a very good idea. After several rounds of IVF, Summer is born. Unfortunately, things only go down hill from there, not only for Adam and Ellie, but for humankind. This is an intelligent, unsettling and poetic novel, which weaves through the next fifty years, via natural disasters, disease, birth, death and new beginnings, and somehow still manages to leave the reader with at least a little hope for the future.

Wolf Winter by Cecilia Ekbäck

When Maija's husband Paavo can no longer bear life in the little fishing village where they both grew up, moving to the forests of Sweden seems like a way out and new beginning for them and their two young daughters. Unfortunately, life at the base of the Blackasen Mountain is not quite what they had expected. A man has been murdered and none of the other settlers seem to want to find out who did it or why. As Maija and her eldest daughter Frederika are drawn into the secrets, lies & mysteries of the mountain and its people, the worst winter in years arrives with a vengeance. Intriguing and darkly atmospheric this historical novel with its strong female characters, is a fascinating mix of mystery and magic.

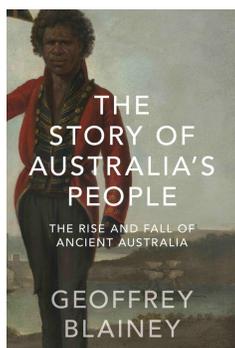


Medea's Curse by Anne Buist

Natalie King is a feisty, motorbike-riding, bi-polar singer in a band. She is also a forensic psychiatrist and has a cockatoo for a pet. She's not your average crime-fighting heroine, but that's probably what makes her so intriguing. Her patients are even more so. These women all have horror stories from their past and some are still living them in the present. Usually Natalie can separate her work life from her professional life but some cases hit too close to home and when someone starts stalking her she has to find out who it is before her own life is under threat.

This is Buist's first foray into mainstream crime fiction but her own experiences as a psychiatrist and her previous writing background mean she does it well. Hopefully there will more Natalie King books to follow!

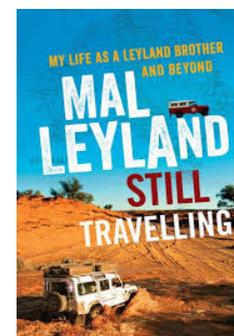
The Story of Australia's People : The Rise and Fall of Ancient Australia by Geoffrey Blainey



From one of Australia's most well-known and highly regarded historians, comes the first volume of his ambitious two part work on the last 50,000 years of human habitation on this continent. Although some of the information in this volume comes from two previous books published by Blainey, much of it is updated and new, thanks to discoveries made over the last thirty years and information that has come to light since the last time Blainey wrote about the Aboriginal people. This is a very comprehensive work on ancient Australia, and fortunately it is also one of the most accessible for the layperson. If you love history of any kind, but especially that of the country in which we live, this is a must read.

Still Travelling by Mal Leyland

Most people over the age of twenty-five would remember the Leyland brothers and their televised travels all over our wide brown land. In fact most of us are probably still able to hum, if not sing, the theme song from their TV program. ("Ask the Leyland, ask the Leyland, ask the Leyland Brothers!") This is Mal's story, from his early childhood in England to growing up in Newcastle and his need for adventure, to making documentaries with his brother and eventually becoming Aussie icons. This fascinating memoir explores the highs and lows of a life lived to the full.

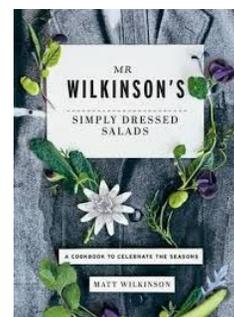


The Paleo Chef by Pete Evans

Pete Evans is convinced that just because you want to eat healthy, that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice flavour. Paleo's biggest convert believes that it is not just a diet but a whole way of life and he is determined to provide delicious recipes for anyone looking to explore this new lifestyle with him. He covers everything from breakfast to dessert in his latest cookbook, including Sweet Potato Rostis with Poached Eggs, Portuguese Pork Burgers with Piri Piri Sauce and Pumpkin Pie with Bacon Bark.

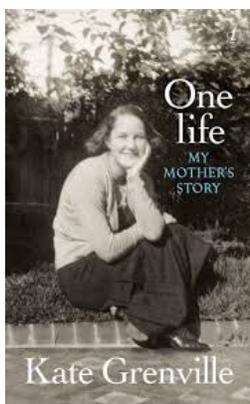
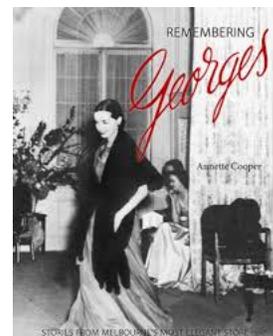
Mr Wilkinson's Simply Dressed Salads by Matt Wilkinson

Salads can be made up of so many different ingredients and flavours and textures that they most certainly deserve their own books. Matt Wilkinson's latest offering is a beautiful cookbook brimming with ideas to make sure the humble salad is never boring again. The book begins with his "essential" homemade dressings, followed by salads for each of the four seasons. The recipes are simple and all look fresh, inviting and delicious and could all be used as either a side dish or a main. And never forget, "The most joyous part of dining is not the food itself... but the table and the sharing of the food."



Remembering Georges by Annette Cooper

It may be twenty years since the doors to Georges Department Store in Collins Street closed forever, but the memories remain. This stylish hardcover book includes stories from many of the employees, images of the store over the 115 years it served the Melbourne community and is a truly wonderful window into an elegant past. A must have!



One Life My Mother's Story by Kate Grenville

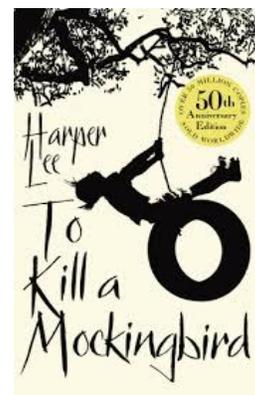
Best known for her works of fiction such as *The Secret River*, Kate Grenville's writing is evocative and haunting and her descriptions of the Australian landscape and its people are always so rich and moving. This time she writes about an Australia seen by her mother and by her mother's generation.

It was a time of great change and Nance Russell saw it all, not just from the kitchen of a housewife like so many women her age, but as a successful businesswoman as well. It is an insight into a world not often recorded, and an intimate tribute from a beloved daughter.

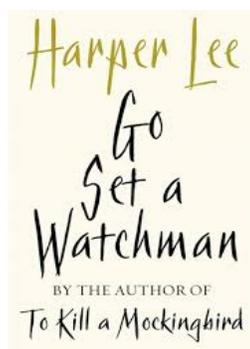
The hardback edition RRP \$29.99 is available from 25th March.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

It's hard to believe the story of Scout and Atticus Finch is over fifty years old. This classic novel was way ahead of its time and its themes of racism, cruelty, hatred, humanity, fear, innocence and love are just as relevant today as they ever were. Thousands of readers have been inspired and moved by Harper Lee's masterpiece and now is the time to re-read it and experience that sleepy Southern town and its cast of unforgettable characters one more time, before you read the recently discovered second novel, *Go Set a Watchman*!



Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Out 14 July)



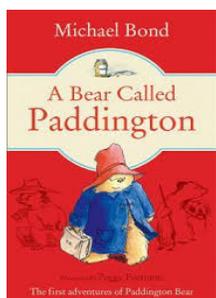
Could this be *the* publishing event of the century? Probably! We cannot wait to read the new book from the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Can it possibly compare to one of the most beloved books of the 20th century? It was written at the same time as the first book so the voice of Scout should ring just as true. The publishers claim it "casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee's enduring classic" and "...stands as a magnificent novel in its own right." Pre-order your copy now and make sure you are one of the first to find out if that's true!

Only available in hardback from 14th July. RRP \$45.00.

Tim's Bookshop's Top 10 for Kids

1. Paper Planes by Steve Worland
2. 52 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton
3. Thelma the Unicorn by Aaron Blabey
4. Kaboom Kid #1 The Big Switch by David Warner
5. Wonder by RJ Palacio
6. Withering by Sea by Judith Rossell
7. The Book with No Pictures by BJ Novak
8. The Tale of Rodney the Ram by Sarah Brennan
9. Awful Auntie by David Walliams
10. Alice Miranda at the Palace by Jacqueline Harvey

Paddington By Michael Bond



The Classic Adventures of Paddington – Beautiful hardback edition in a slipcase \$79.99 with eleven stories, each illustrated in both colour and black and white. This is the perfect keepsake for older children. We also have each of the stories in paperback novel form for \$12.99 beginning with A Bear Called Paddington when the Brown family meet Paddington for the first time.

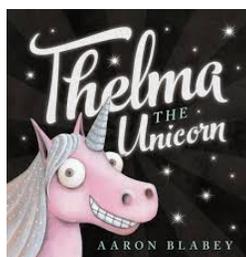
For the younger kids there are a range of colourful picture books available for \$14.99, including Paddington in the Garden, possibly the only story ever to feature a rock garden made from marmalade flavoured concrete.

A Tale of Two Beasts by Fiona Robertson

A young girl thinks she is doing the right thing when she takes home a strange little creature from the woods. She gives him food and warmth and loves him but he escapes as soon as he can. In the second part of the book, we see the same events from the point of view of the creature and learn that there are always two sides to every story! A fun, bright hardcover picture book for children 4+.



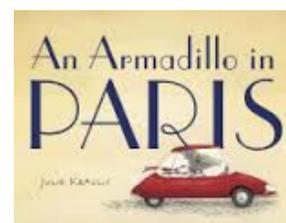
Thelma the Unicorn by Aaron Blabey

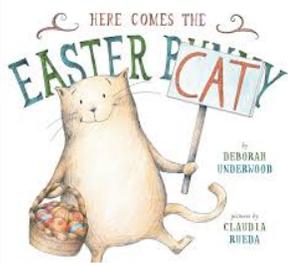


Thelma the pony just isn't happy the way she is. She wishes she could be something more, something special, like a unicorn! When her dream comes true she discovers that being a bit too special can lead to fame which leads to constant attention and suddenly being a unicorn just isn't fun anymore. In the end she tells her friend Otis "...when he asked about her trip, beneath their favourite tree, she simply said, "Oh, it was fun... but I'd rather just be me." This is a fun, rhyming story for ages 4+ about loving who you are, from the author of Pig the Pug.

An Armadillo in Paris by Julie Kraulis

Arlo the Armadillo loves an adventure and when his grandfather sends him off in search of the Iron Lady he can't wait to meet her. He travels all over Paris, visits cafes and bakeries, the Champs-Elysees, the Louvre, walks along the Seine until finally he realizes the Iron Lady is actually le Tour Eiffel! With beautiful illustrations and lots of information this book will be a treat for parents as well as kids. A hardback picture book for ages 7+.



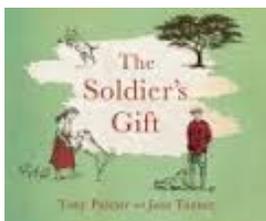


Here Comes the Easter Cat by Deborah Underwood & Claudia Rueda

Cat isn't a huge fan of the Easter Bunny and thinks he could do the job much better himself, until he learns that the Easter Bunny doesn't get to take a single nap when he is out delivering the eggs. That's terrible! No naps? But wait, perhaps Cat can help. An entertaining story with fun illustrations for ages 3+.

Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

A Peter Rabbit book might be the perfect gift all year round, but at Easter he really is a classic. Our range of books starring Peter is huge, from a Peter Rabbit Finger Puppet book to the original Tale of Peter Rabbit or even a playbook for the very young and, while stocks last, whenever you buy two Peter Rabbit books you will receive a free soft toy. Get your Easter presents now!

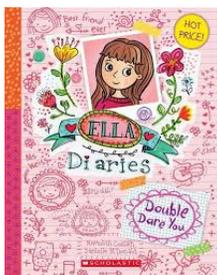
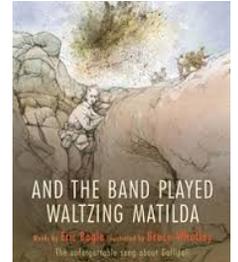


The Soldier's Gift by Tony Palmer and Jane Tanner

Explaining war to children isn't easy but there are several excellent picture books now available that explore the history of World War One, and this is one of them. Emily lives with her father and her big brother Tom on a farm. War has little impact on them until it is Tom's turn to enlist. He writes his little sister letters from the trenches and even sends her some seeds from a pine tree, but then one day his letters stop coming. A hardback picture book for ages 7+.

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda by Eric Bogle & Bruce Whatley

The heart-wrenching classic song by Eric Bogle has been illustrated by Bruce Whatley to commemorate the centenary of the battle at Gallipoli. Poignant and sad this hardcover picture book is not for young children, but will teach older ones that war is devastating and that the effects can last for generations to come.

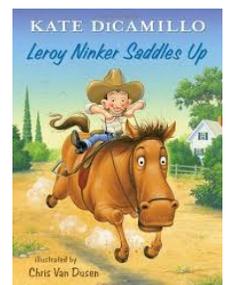


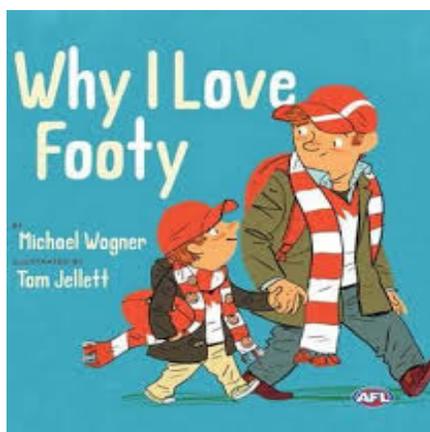
Ella Diaries #1 Double Dare You by Meredith Costain

Ella's back! Olivia's big sister from the Ella & Olivia stories, is going into Grade Five and has decided to use the diary she was given for Christmas. She has a new teacher this year and is a little worried. Her best friend hasn't shown up and she has to sit next to Peach and she is SO mean! But worse than either one of these disasters is the fact that all her classmates are acting really weird and playing a new, secret game at recess. Ella isn't even sure she wants to know what it is! Books 1 & 2 in this sweet new series are out now, with book 3 coming in May. For ages 7+.

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up by Kate DiCamillo

Leroy's dream is to become a cowboy. He's got the hat, the boots and the lasso. He just desperately needs a horse. When he sees an ad for a horse for sale he can see his dream coming true and when he meets Maybelline, it's love at first sight. But there are three very important rules for looking after her and if he doesn't follow them exactly, Leroy may well rue the day he met her. A fun first chapter book for ages 6+, the first in the Tales of Deckawoo Drive series.





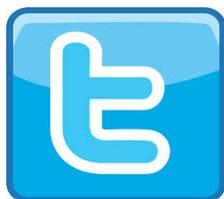
Footy's Back!

at Tim's Bookshop
Saturday 28th March

Meet author Michael Wagner at our Canterbury store at 10.30am and 2pm, or at our Kew store at 12pm and get your copy of his new children's picture book signed.

Join in the handball competition, enjoy the free activities, win prizes and get your face painted between 12pm and 1.30pm (Canterbury store only). Wear your team colours, tell us why you love footy and win!

Footy's back and we love it!



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