



## Words Worth Reading

Welcome to our Summer newsletter.



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#### Reviews

We review some of our favourite books from 2016.

#### What's New?

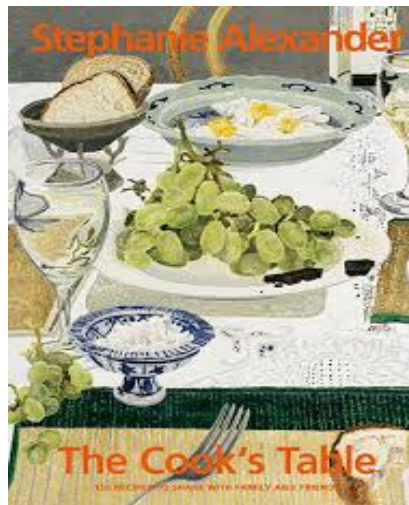
We have new gift vouchers. Not only are they small enough to fit in your wallet but you can also check the balance on our website.

#### Kids

There are heaps of great new books to read these summer holidays and we review some of them here for you.

#### Story Time

Story Time is back on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at our Maling Rd store at 10.30am.



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— HENRY WARD BEECHER

## Tim's Bookshop Top 10 Books

1. *The Good People* by Hannah Kent
2. *The Sellout* by Paul Beatty
3. *Songs of a War Boy* by Deng Thiak Adut
4. *Night School* by Lee Child
5. *The Boy Behind the Curtain* by Tim Winton
6. *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer
7. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* by Michael Connelly
8. *Ghost Empire* by Richard Fidler
9. *The Whistler* by John Grisham
10. *Rather be the Devil* by Ian Rankin

## The Fence by Meredith Jaffe

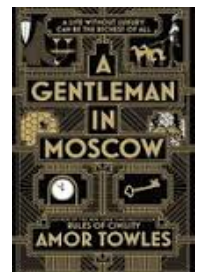
Gwen and Eric Hill moved to Green Valley Avenue as newly-weds more than fifty years ago. They have loved their life in the suburbs, raised their family and made great friendships. Their way of life changes over night however, when a new family move in next door. Francesca and Brandon with their four children and two dogs, seem to have a huge amount of energy, and not all of it good. Gwen and Francesca are strong, opinionated women and both believe the other to be constantly in the wrong. Can they get along or will the fence cause more harm than either of them can foresee?

Set in the suburbs of Sydney, this enjoyable domestic drama is an impressive debut about so much more than just a neighbourly dispute. It reminds us that there is always more going on in other people's lives than what they show the outside world. Perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty.



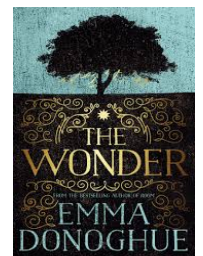
## A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

It is Moscow, 1922, and Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov has been living happily in a suite at the Hotel Metropol for four years when he is sentenced to permanent house arrest by the Bolsheviks for apparently holding counter-revolutionary ideals. During his years confined in the Metropol we meet a colourful cast of characters whilst also being witness to some of the most tumultuous and significant periods in Russia's recent history. There are some fabulous characters in this novel- the unflappable Count in particular. Towles' prose is so subtly skillful you will find yourself rereading sentences because they are so beautifully written. Delightful and charming.



## The Wonder by Emma Donoghue

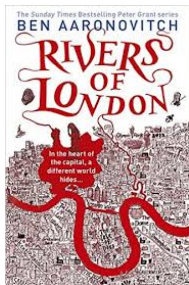
English nurse Elizabeth Wright arrives in Ireland with little idea of what lies in store for her. She believes she is to care for the family member of a wealthy landowner, but instead is informed she is to spend two weeks watching over a young girl who stopped eating four months ago. Sharing the watch in shifts with a local nun, she is to observe the child to see if she is sneaking food, or if she really is the living miracle her family claim. As Lib gets to know the locals, the family and the girl, Anna, she realises that nothing is as it seems and that if she does nothing, Anna will die. This is a haunting historical novel, which explores the gap between science and faith in a domestic setting where women and children were seen but not heard. Donoghue excels at creating characters who may not do much (Anna hardly ever leaves her room), but whose future you become entirely invested in.



## Today will be Different by Maria Semple

The latest novel from Maria Semple, author of cult hit 'Where'd You Go Bernadette?', follows one day in the life of Eleanor Flood, a quirky illustrator, who decides that today is going to be a good day. She will play with her son, she will actually go to Yoga instead of just putting on her yoga pants, and she will have lunch with her friend instead of planning lunch and cancelling at the last minute. Unfortunately, Eleanor's good intentions are hampered when her son pretends to be sick to stay home from school and she finds out her husband has been on holiday from work all week and failed to mention it to her! A funny, warm, and honest read.

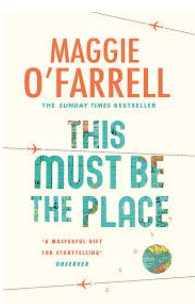
## Rivers of London by Ben Aaronovitch



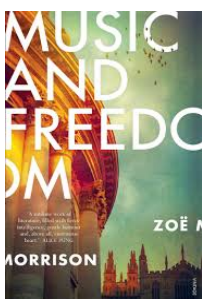
Peter Grant is a young police constable in London. His usual occupation is breaking up bar fights and patrolling the streets, trying to keep the crime rate down and his hands off his partner Lesley. His career takes a turn for the interesting however when he meets a ghost who witnessed a murder and Grant finds himself seconded to an elite and secret task force, headed by the mysterious and wise Thomas Nightingale. As they follow a trail of bodies, a whole new world opens up before them, one that Grant could never have imagined in his wildest dreams.

This wonderfully quirky mystery series is a refreshing mix of Terry Pratchett and Jim Butcher-esque humour and the paranormal. Magic and crime meet and combine in an unforgettable debut.

## This Must Be The Place by Maggie O'Farrell



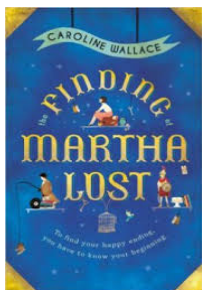
When you pick up this book be prepared to be taken on a journey. As you do, the characters will come to life around you, and there are many characters and many threads to follow, and paths to travel down, and gates to open. Essentially a novel about a man and a woman and their marriage and family, this basic tale becomes anything but when it is told from several different perspectives and in many different ways. The seamless and captivating storytelling, together with an intriguing cast, elegant prose, and clever plotting make for a wonderful reading experience. Delightful, moving and original.



## Music and Freedom by Zoë Morrison

When Alice is sent to England from Australia for schooling at the age of seven, all she ever wants to do is go back home. Little does she know it will be 68 years before she sees her family farm again. From school she receives a scholarship to the Royal College of Music where she trains as a concert pianist and she meets Edward that same year. Still determined to return home, she refuses Edward's first offer of marriage but when her circumstances become suddenly reduced she realises she has no choice but to accept his second. As Alice loses just about everything that has ever meant anything to her, including her self-worth, she survives against the odds. This is a novel full of emotion, and of hope, and of course, music. It is about never giving up and that it is never too late to do something for yourself, to make life worth living.

## The Finding of Martha Lost by Caroline Wallace

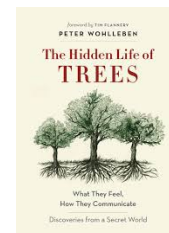


Martha's been lost since she was a baby. She was abandoned in a suitcase on the train from Paris to Liverpool. She has lived in Lime Street Station's lost property office, waiting to be found. Martha is still hopeful after 16 years, but time is running out. Now, Martha needs to find out who she is and where she's from before the authorities force her out of the only home she knows. With the help of a special group of friends, and her Library of Lost Books in the basement of the lost property office, Martha finally starts to discover her beginnings. This charming novel tells a loveable story of friendship, fairytales and finding your sense of identity.

## With the warmer weather comes the great outdoors...

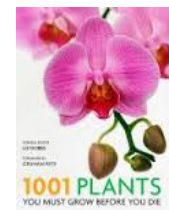
### **The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben**

Have you ever thought about a forest as a place where trees interact and in their own way, communicate with each other? No? Then read this book and you will never be able to look at the trees around you in the same way again. Wohlleben worked for the German forestry commission for over two decades and is now in charge of re-establishing primeval woodlands. He uses science and ecology to demonstrate how important our ecosystems are, and his passion for his subject will convince and charm you.



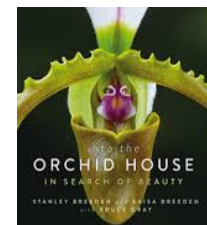
### **1001 Plants You Must Grow Before You Die edited by Liz Dobbs**

This compact, hardback book full of photographs is the perfect gift for the garden lover, or for yourself! From Pelargoniums to Zinnias, Aspidistra to Allium (also known as garlic) this book has a huge range of options for the beginner gardener to the most experienced, with every taste catered for.



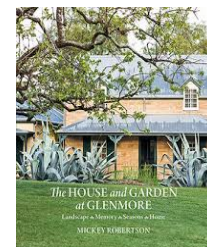
### **Into the Orchid House by Stanley & Kaisa Breeden with Bruce Gray**

In a Queensland glasshouse belonging to orchid expert Bruce Gray, there lives a wide and varied collection of orchids, around 1100 species currently. The Breeden's are photographers who have captured an exquisite selection of the flowers, full of colour and life, and presented them in this beautiful hardback book. You don't have to be an orchid devotee to appreciate the beauty of these stunning plants.



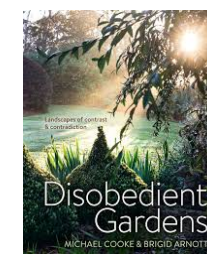
### **The House and Garden at Glenmore by Mickey Robertson**

In 1988, Mickey Robertson's husband Larry, purchased a rural property in New South Wales. The property came complete with several old outbuildings and a run down cottage. It was a spur of the moment decision, one he didn't even tell Mickey about until after the auction, but it changed the family's lives forever. Now the house has been fully restored and renovated and every room is a comfortable, beautifully designed treat. And the gardens are just as lovely, with the kitchen garden a focus and some of the Robertson's favourite recipes are included.



### **Disobedient Gardens by Michael Cooke and Brigid Arnott**

Showcasing five gardens designed by landscape designer Michael Cooke, this attractive book allows us to appreciate contrast. By 'disobedient', Cooke doesn't necessarily mean messy, but rather the difference wild plantings can make to a garden when contrasted with more a more formal look. He also admires the way a weathered finish looks as though it belongs in a garden. He also doesn't believe that gardens should be all work and no play and his designs allow gardens to take their own shape, to grow and mingle, without the need for constant pruning and maintenance. And of course, nature is disobedient, so a bit of mess is perfectly okay!

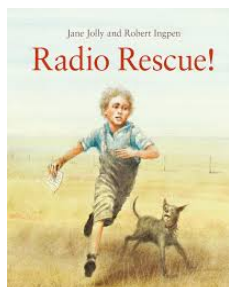


### **Paul Bangay's Country Gardens with photography by Simon Griffiths**

What more can we say? It's TWENTY of the most beautiful Paul Bangay designed gardens in one glorious book. You know you want one.

## Books for Kids

### Radio Rescue! By Jane Jolly and Robert Ingpen



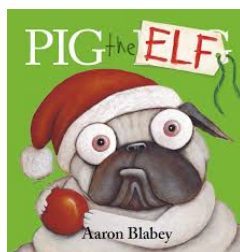
In the late 1920's Reverend John Flynn (the man who brought the flying doctor service to rural Australia) and Alf Traeger, worked together to create a way for people in the outback to communicate with each other and the outside world. The pedal radio meant isolated stations could swap recipes, share farming knowledge and most importantly, call for help when they needed it most. This picture book brings history to life through the work of Robert Ingpen and Jane Jolly's story of a young boy who steps up when his father is hurt. For ages 4+.

### The Tales of Mrs Mancini by Natalie Jane Prior



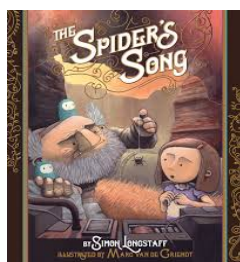
Mrs Mancini knows all of the customers who come to her cake shop each day. It makes her feline heart very happy to see them enjoying the delicious muffins, buns and eclairs. In fact nothing makes Mrs Mancini happier than seeing her friends happy, so when Claudette loses her brother's hat, Mrs Mancini knows she must help her. Her skills at climbing are not the best, due to the size of her stomach after eating so many cakes with cream, but she manages to retrieve the hat from the rooftop, and even land again safely. Because cats can do anything when they put their minds to it! Three delightful stories in one book with sweet illustrations and sweet treats!

### Pig the Elf by Aaron Blabey



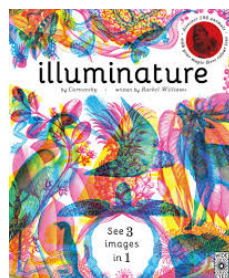
Pig the Pug has really outdone himself this time. In his little red suit he refuses to go to sleep on Christmas Eve. Instead, he is determined to wait up for Santa and make sure he brings him everything on his VERY long list. Whilst the lovely Trevor is fast asleep in bed, Pig nips "poor old Santa's big rosy red bum!" Could this be the best Pig the Pug book yet? We think it might be!

### The Spider's Song by Simon Longstaff



A picture book for older children, this fascinating debut tells the story of The Boffin, an inventor who wanted to create his own perfect world and surrounded himself with machines instead of nature or people. When his world is unwittingly invaded by a tiny spider and a girl called Poppy, he has to learn that he is not quite as clever as he thought he was and that not everything needs to be perfected upon. With subtle lessons about acceptance, friendship and humanity this is a book to be read and explored over and over again.

### Illuminature by Rachel Williams



From Milan design duo, Carnovsky, comes this original and bright work of art. Look for plants and animals in ten locations around the world using three different coloured lenses. Each lens allows the reader to see different things, the creatures who only roam at night, or the critters who explore during daylight hours or the wild flowers of the Simpson Desert. This big colourful book provides the very best kind of learning, the fun kind! For ages 6 - 106.

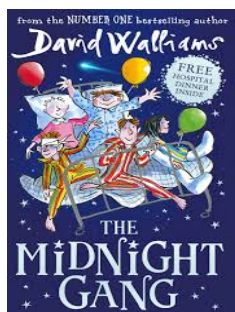
### Ruby Redshoes Goes to London by Kate Knapp



Ruby the white hare and her grandmother Babushka Galina Galushka are off to visit their relatives in London. Whilst there they see all the sights, bump into the Queen, wake up to a world of snow and experience all sorts of new foods. Ruby has a wonderful time and absorbs every new experience in her sweet and thoughtful manner until eventually, it is time to head home again.

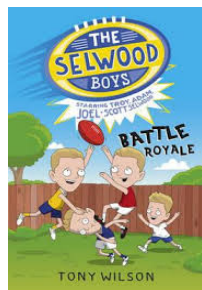
"Ruby feels a deep peace settle within her as she realises that wherever in the wonderful universe she may go, home is a treasure she always carries in her heart." This delightful and much anticipated next installment in Ruby's adventures has been well worth the wait and will become an instant favourite. For ages 3 to 103

### The Midnight Gang by David Walliams



When Tom gets hit on the head by a cricket ball and ends up in hospital he thinks his life has just gone from bad to worse. With a scary porter, a terrifying matron and the hospital suffering cut backs, it looks like this stay in the children's ward will be utterly miserable, until Tom discovers that the other kids sneak out at night in search of adventure. A simple, funny and magical story about friendship and fun in the tradition of Matilda. Fans of David Walliams will devour this one, and for those who have not yet read any of his books this would be a fantastic place to start.

### The Selwood Boys #1 Battle Royale by Tony Wilson



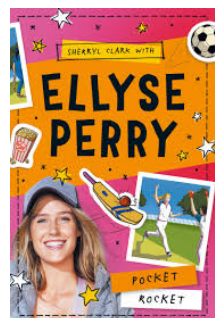
A new footy adventure for kids about the four Selwood brothers. We know Troy, Adam, Joel and Scott from their days as AFL players, but now we get to share in the mischief they got up to in their childhood. The first two books are available now with two more to follow shortly, for ages 7+

### Big Bash League #1 Switch-Hit Showdown by Michael Panckridge



After the huge success of the Big Bash cricket series last summer, what young cricket fan wouldn't want to read a fun series of books about their favourite sport? Michael Panckridge ramps up the excitement as the league expands to include the first School Cup. With only one spot left in the competition it's school against school, team against team. Who will make the grand final? There are four books in the series so far, each with playing tips and team stats. Perfect for kids 7+.

### Ellyse Perry #1 Pocket Rocket with Sheryl Clark



Ellyse loves sport more than anything else and she's pretty good at it too! She's an all-round athlete but cricket and soccer are closest to her heart. When she starts high school however, there are other things taking up her time, like homework, and she is left off the cricket team because she is too small! This is a great series for kids aged 10+ who love their sport.

## Tim's Bookshop's Top 10 for Kids

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid #11 Double Down* by Jeff Kinney
2. *The Midnight Gang* by David Walliams
3. *Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London* by Kate Knapp
4. *The 78-Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton
5. *Pig the Elf* by Aaron Blabey
6. *Girl Online #3 Going Solo* by Zoe Sugg
7. *What Do They Do With All The Poo From All The Animals At The Zoo?* by Ahn Do
8. *Artie and the Grime Wave* by Richard Roxburgh
9. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* Illustrated by Jim Kay
10. *Wormwood Mire #2 Stella Montgomery* by Judith Rossell

## Tim's Bookshop Vouchers

Always a great gift for any occasion, we now have new, smaller cards with their own presentation wallet. We have also made them even easier to use as you can check the balance on your card on our website at any time.

Give your friends and family the greatest gift,  
the gift of books!



Don't forget Story Time is back at our Canterbury store from February 2nd 2017 at 10.30am and will return on the first Thursday of every month. Bring the kids from ages 0-5 for a fun half hour of stories and a free craft activity.

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