

Welcome to our Staff Picks newsletter where we will share with you what we are reading, listening to or watching.

## Bony and the Mouse

Author: Arthur Upfield

Format: Large Print, Compact Disc

Arthur Upfield's Inspector Napoleon 'Boney' Bonaparte mysteries, set and published in the middle of the 20th century, are an interesting look at Australian outback country culture. The main character is a part-Aboriginal man, Boney, who investigates crimes in rural Australia and always gets the culprit – he's not unlike a light-footed Poirot, if you swap the green of England for dust, flies and rugged homesteads! These are short, easy-reading novels.

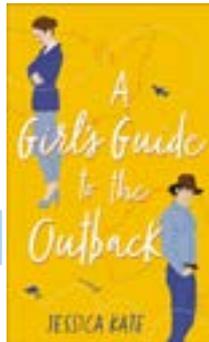


## A Girl's Guide to the Outback

Author: Jessica Kate

Format: eBook

Samuel Payton is a passionate youth pastor in Virginia, but below the surface, he's still recovering from the blow of a failed business and insecurities he can't shake. His coworker, start-up expert Kimberly Foster, is brilliant, fearless, and capable, but years of personal rejection have left her defensive and longing for a family. Two people have never been more at odds—or more attracted to one another. And every day at work, the sparks sure do fly.



When Kimberly's ambitious plans for Sam's ministry butt up against his risk-averse nature, Sam decides that obligations to family trump his work for the church. He quits the ministry and heads home to Australia to help his sister, Jules, save her struggling farm. As Kimberly's grand plans flounder, she is forced to face the truth: that no one can replace Sam. Together they strike up a deal: If Kimberly comes to work on Jules's dairy farm and lends her business brains to their endeavor, then maybe—just maybe—Sam will reconsider his future with the church.

## Outback Sisters

Author: Rachael Johns

Format: eBook, Book

Frankie and Simone are sisters and best friends. Could a new man in town drive a wedge between them for the first time ever? Cafe owner Frankie has been unlucky in love all her life. It's hard in a small town like Bunyip Bay to meet prospective partners. Her sister, Simone, lost the love of her life years before and is now devoted to raising their two teenage girls, leaving little time for romance. When Frankie is kissed by a handsome stranger who calls her Simone, it's a case of mistaken identity -- but who is this man and how does he know Simone? Logan Knight is in town to meet up with a woman he has met online. Although raised on a farm with his brother Angus, he has travelled the world as a journalist and is now looking forward to meeting a girl and settling down. The girl in the cafe was an amazing kisser -- but not the one he thought he was meeting! Reclusive farmer Angus wants nothing to do with Logan's plans for improving the property's finances and finding a partner -- until he meets the sisters at a wedding. Who is attracted to whom? More importantly, can Frankie and Simone sort out their feelings for the two brothers without destroying their very close bond?



## Charlotte Pass

Author: Lee Christine

Format: eBook, eAudiobook, Compact Disc

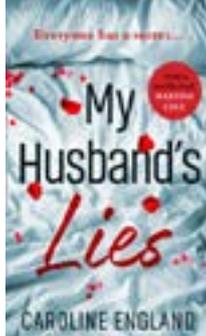
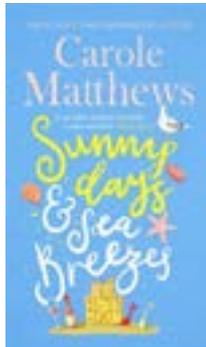
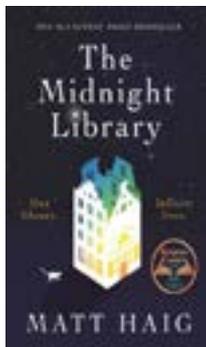
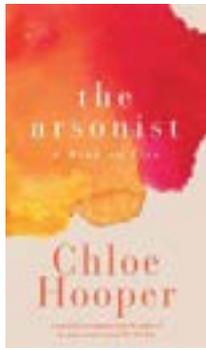


When ski patroller, Vanessa Bell, discovers human bones high on Mount Stilwell at Charlotte Pass ski resort, Detective Sergeant Pierce Ryder of Sydney Homicide Squad is called to lead the investigative team. Arriving in the isolated, snowed-in village with Winterfest Celebrations underway, Ryder soon determines that the bones are those of Celia Delaney, a young woman who disappeared from the ski resort in 1964, during the biggest winter storm in Australian alpine history. When a second murder takes place, Ryder suspects that the deaths are related, and the person responsible is still in the village. Amid the escalating tension, Ryder is desperate to make an arrest before the stakes rise even higher.

## The Last Mrs. Parrish

Author: Liv Constantine  
Format: Book

Some women get everything. Some women get everything they deserve. Amber Patterson is fed up. She's tired of being a nobody: a plain, invisible woman who blends into the background. She deserves more--a life of money and power like the one blond-haired, blue-eyed goddess Daphne Parrish takes for granted. To everyone in the exclusive town of Bishops Harbor, Connecticut, Daphne--a socialite and philanthropist--and her real-estate mogul husband, Jackson, are a couple straight out of a fairy tale. Amber's envy could eat her alive ... if she didn't have a plan. Amber uses Daphne's compassion and caring to insinuate herself into the family's life--the first step in a meticulous scheme to undermine her. Before long, Amber is Daphne's closest confidante, traveling to Europe with the Parrishes and their lovely young daughters, and growing closer to Jackson. But a skeleton from her past may undermine everything that Amber has worked towards, and if it is discovered, her well-laid plan may fall to pieces. With shocking turns and dark secrets that will keep you guessing until the very end, *The Last Mrs. Parrish* is a fresh, juicy, and utterly addictive thriller from a diabolically imaginative talent.



## The Arsonist

Author: Chloe Hooper  
Format: eBook, Book

A heart-stopping piece of true-crime reportage of the Black Saturday bushfires in Latrobe Valley. It couldn't have been more interesting if it were written as a novel. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of this book.

## The Midnight Library

Author: Matt Haig  
Format: eBook

When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change. The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger.

## Warrock Station

Author: Adam Robertson  
Format: Book

If you've ever wondered about the heritage-listed Warrock Station, north of Casterton, which is composed of some thirty or so structures built by a Scottish cabinetmaker, delve into this book written and compiled by a young local who grew up only a few kilometres from Warrock. The book includes current and historic photos and supporting text, and information about the origins of the Kelpie sheepdog on the property.

## My Husband's Lies

Author: Caroline England  
Format: eBook

On the afternoon of Nick and Lisa's wedding, their close friend is found poised on a hotel window ledge, ready to jump. As the shock hits their friendship group, they soon realise that none of them are being as honest with themselves – or with each other – as they think. And there are secrets lurking that could destroy everything. Tense, disturbing and clever, *My Husband's Lies* is a breath-taking read, perfect for fans of Lucy Clarke and Erin Kelly.