

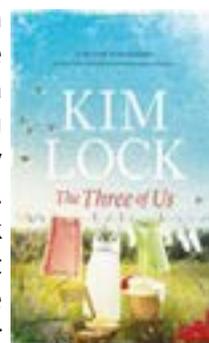
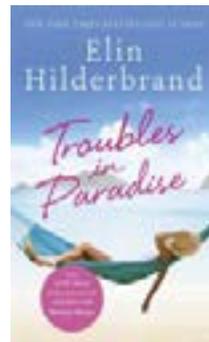
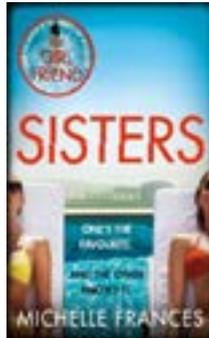
Welcome to our Staff Picks newsletter where we will share with you what we are reading, listening to or watching.

Sisters

Author: Michelle Frances

Format: eBook

Sisters is an unsettling story of sibling rivalry by the number one bestselling author of *The Girlfriend*, Michelle Frances. Is blood really thicker than water? Abby and Ellie were never close as children. Now in their thirties, they each harbour deep-rooted resentment for the other - Abby for her sister's looks and her status as their mother's favourite. Ellie meanwhile is envious of Abby's perfect husband and picturesque home, a villa on the sun-soaked Italian island of Elba. When Abby invites Ellie to stay, both sisters see the break as a chance to relax and put aside their differences. But with their mother Susanna there too, all the simmering tensions of the past quickly rise to the surface. And Ellie suspects that Abby and their mother are keeping a dangerous secret . . . But after a shocking act, the sisters have only each other to rely on. Vulnerable and scared, trusting each other will be the biggest risk of all . . .



Troubles in Paradise

Author: Elin Hilderbrand

Format: Book

After uprooting her life in the States, Irene Steele has just settled in at the villa on St. John where her husband Russ had been living a double life. But a visit from the FBI shakes her foundations, and Irene once again learns just how little she knew about the man she loved. With help from their friends, Irene and her sons set up their lives while evidence mounts that the helicopter crash that killed Russ may not have been an accident. Meanwhile, the island watches this drama unfold -- including the driver of a Jeep with tinted windows who seems to be shadowing the Steele family. As a storm gathers strength in the Atlantic, surprises are in store for the Steeles: help from a mysterious source, and a new beginning in the paradise that has become their home. At last all will be revealed about the secrets and lies that brought Irene and her sons to St. John -- and the truth that transformed them all.

Infinite Splendours

Author: Sofie Laguna

Format: eBook, Book

This book's main character is a boy called Lawrence. Something terrible happens to him in childhood that renders him almost incapable of speech for the rest of his life. He grows into a hermitic man, always remembering this damaging incident. He turns to nature and painting as a way of escaping from his own mind. Art as catharsis. I had the strongest emotional reaction to a book that I had ever experienced, due to the subject matter. Sometimes I didn't want to turn the page because of what I feared I might read on the other side. Laguna is a master of creating tension & apprehension.

The Four Winds

Author: Kristin Hannah

Format: eBook, eAudiobook, Book

Set in the dustbowl of Texas, 1934. A story of resilience, survival, and hope.

The Three of Us

Author: Kim Lock

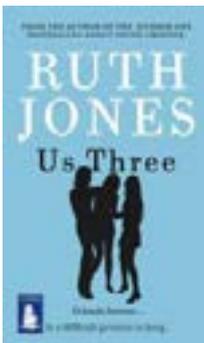
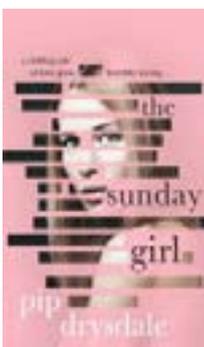
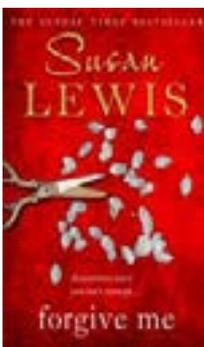
Format: eBook, Book

In the small town of Gawler, South Australia, the tang of cut grass and eucalyptus mingles on the warm air. The neat houses perched under the big gum trees on Church Street have been home to many over the years. Years of sprinklers stuttering over clipped lawns, children playing behind low brick walls. Family barbecues. Gossipy neighbours. Arguments. Accidents. Births, deaths, marriages. This ordinary street has seen it all. Until the arrival of newlyweds Thomas and Elsie Mullet. And when one day Elsie spies a face in the window of the silent house next door, nothing will ever be ordinary again...

The Grand Tour

Author: Olivia Wearne
Format: eBook

When Ruby and Angela embark on a Grey Nomads road trip, the last thing they expect is a tiny stowaway; one who will turn them from unsuspecting tourists into wanted kidnappers and land them in a world of trouble. As their leisurely retirement plans unravel, Angela's relationship with her brother Bernard goes from bad to worse. Bernard has his own problems to contend with. Adrift in life, his career as a news presenter has been reduced to opening fetes and reading Voss as an audio book (a seemingly impossible task). His troubles are compounded when his wife starts dating a younger man and a drink-driving incident turns him into a celebrity offender. As Angela and Ruby set about repairing burnt bridges and helping their unexpected guest, and Bernard attempts to patch together his broken life, they discover that even after a lifetime of experience, you're never too old to know better. A warm, funny, sharply observed story about aging disgracefully and loving the one you're with.



Forgive Me

Author: Susan Lewis
Format: Book

Archie Colbrook spends his time writing letters. Letters to the stranger to whom he committed terrible harm. Archie knows he doesn't deserve forgiveness. Yes, he didn't mean to hurt anyone. But does that matter? He still did it. Claudia Winters hopes to feel safe for the first time in years, it's her chance for a new beginning. But Claudia knows that the past won't stay hidden for long - and she can't help but feel that it's all about to catch up with her...

Crackenback

Author: Lee Christine
Format: eBook, Compact Disc

Detective Sergeant Pierce Ryder of the Sydney Homicide Squad is on the hunt for notorious fugitive Gavin Hutton. After months of dead-ends, the breakthrough Ryder has been hoping for leads him back to the New South Wales Snowy Mountains on the trail of the suspected killer. Meanwhile, when an injured man bursts into the remote Thredbo lodge managed by Eva Bell, her first instinct is to protect her daughter, Poppy. The terrifying arrival of Jack Walker turns Eva's world upside down as the consequences of Jack's presence become clear. With a killer on the loose, Jack Walker and Ryder are tangled in the same treacherous web-spun across the perilously beautiful Crackenback Range.

Us Three

Author: Ruth Jones
Format: Large Print

Meet Lana, Judith, and Catrin. Best friends since primary school when they swore an oath on a Curly Wurly wrapper that they would always be there for each other, come what may. After the trip of a lifetime, the three girls are closer than ever. But an unexpected turn of events shakes the foundation of their friendship to its core, leaving their future in doubt - there's simply too much to forgive, let alone forget. An innocent childhood promise they once made now seems impossible to keep.