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Kit	Author	Title	Synopsis	Availability as at 1/12/2013
K1	Zusak, Markus.	The book thief	It is 1939. Nazi Germany. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel learns to read. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish fist-fighter in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down.	Available Mar - Dec.
K2	Grenville, Kate.	The lieutenant	The Lieutenant is a story about a man discovering his true self in extraordinary circumstances. This powerful novel will enthral readers of Kate Grenville's bestselling The Secret River, winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.	Available Mar - May & mid Aug - Dec.
K3	Toltz, Steve.	A fraction of the whole	'A Fraction of the Whole' follows the Deans on their freewheeling, scathingly funny and finally deeply moving quest to leave their mark on the world	Available Jan - April, July - Aug & Nov-Dec.
K4	Gilbert, Elizabeth.	Eat, pray, love	It's 3 a.m. and Elizabeth Gilbert is sobbing on the bathroom floor. She's in her thirties, she has a husband, a house, they're trying for a baby - and she doesn't want any of it. A bitter divorce and a turbulent love affair later, she emerges battered and bewildered and realises it is time to pursue her own journey in search of three things she has been missing: pleasure, devotion and balance.	Available.
K5	Flanagan, Richard.	The unknown terrorist	Gina Davies is a 26-year-old pole dancer in Sydney. When she has a one-night stand with a man suspected of plotting to plant bombs, Gina finds that she, too, is a wanted person who must endure trial by an increasingly hysterical media, as every truth of her life is turned into a lie.	Available Jan - Jul & mid Sep - Dec.
K6	Li, Cunxin.	Mao's last dancer	One day, not so very many years ago, a small peasant boy was chosen to study ballet at the Beijing Dance Academy. His mother urged him to take this chance of a lifetime. But Li was only eleven years old and he was scared and lonely. All he wanted to do was go home. But soon Li realised that his mother was right. He had the chance to do something special with his life - and he never turned back.	Available.
K7	Kingsolver, Barbara.	The poisonwood bible	A fiery evangelist takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959, carrying all they need from home, but find it is calamitously transformed on African soil. The tale recounts the family's tragic undoing and reconstruction.	Available.
K8	Roberts, Gregory David.	Shantaram	Shantaram is narrated by Lin, an escaped convict with a false passport who flees maximum security prison in Australia for the teeming streets of a city where he can disappear. Accompanied by his guide and faithful friend, Prabaker, the two enter Bombay's hidden society of beggars and gangsters, prostitutes and holy men, soldiers and actors, and Indians and exiles from other countries, who seek in this remarkable place what they cannot find elsewhere.	Available.
K9	Jones, Lloyd.	Mister Pip	A small village on a lush tropical island in the South Pacific. War is encroaching from the other end of the island. When the villagers' safe, predictable lives come to a halt, Bougainville's children are surprised to find the island's only white man, a recluse, re-opening the school. Pop Eye, aka Mr Watts, explains he will introduce the children to Mr Dickens	Available Jan - Mar & Jun - Dec.
K10	Adiga, Aravind.	The white tiger	This rambunctious story of contemporary India shows how religion doesn't create morality and money doesn't solve every problem but a person can get what he wants out of life by	Available.

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K11	Atwood, Margaret.	Alias grace	A decade and a half has passed since Grace was locked up, at the age of 16, for the cold-blooded murders of her employer Thomas Kinnear and his housekeeper/lover Nancy Montgomery. Her alleged accomplice, James McDermot, was hanged in 1843. Dr Simon Jordan attempts to uncover the truth.	Available.
K12	Garner, Helen.	The first stone	Bestselling title in which the author examines the issue of sexual harassment through the true story of two women who accused the master of Ormond College, University of Melbourne, of indecent assault. The book focuses on Garner's personal response to the event and greater issues of sex and power.	Available Jun - Dec.
K13	Hanff, Helene.	84 Charing Cross Road	'This book is the very simple story of the love affair between Miss Helene Hanff of New York and Messrs Marks and Co, sellers of rare and second hand books, at 84 Charing Cross Road, London'. Told in a series of letters this true story has touched the hearts of thousands.	Available Jan - Apr & Jul - Dec.
K14	Hemingway, Ernest.	A farewell to arms	In 1918 Ernest Hemingway went to war, to the 'war to end all wars'. He volunteered for ambulance service in Italy, was wounded and twice decorated. Out of his experiences came A FAREWELL TO ARMS. Hemingway's description of war is unforgettable. Hemingway has also created a love story of immense drama and uncompromising passion	Available.
K15	Jolley, Elizabeth.	Miss Peabody's inheritance	In this powerful tale of love and loneliness, Elizabeth Jolley has woven two parallel stories into a dazzlingly original novel.	Available Jan - mid Mar & Jun - mid Oct.
K16	Lindsay, Hilarie.	The washerwoman's dream	Born in London, Winifred emigrated to Australia in 1891 and had an adventurous and interesting life. Hilarie Lindsay has reconstructed Winifred's life through her memoirs, newspaper articles, short stories, letters and 14 unpublished novels. Winifred Steger was a battler, a survivor, a true pioneer and, above all, a woman of indomitable spirit.	Available Jan & mid Mar - Dec.
K17	Off, Carol.	Bitter chocolate	Begins by tracing the fascinating origins and lore of the cocoa craze while showing that exploitation and inequity have always been closely tied to chocolate production throughout its history. The modern heart of Bitter Chocolate is Off's inside look at the situation on the Ivory Coast, which produces nearly half of the world's cocoa beans	Available.
K18	Joyce, James.	Dubliners	Joyce's first major work, written when he was only twenty - five, brought his city to the world for the first time. His stories are rooted in the rich detail of Dublin life, portraying ordinary, often defeated lives with unflinching realism. He writes of social decline, sexual desire and exploitation, corruption and personal failure, yet creates a brilliantly compelling, unique vision of the world and of human experience.	Available Jan - Feb & mid Apr – Dec.
K19	London, Joan.	The good parents	Maya de Jong, an eighteen-year-old country girl from the West, comes to live in Melbourne and starts an affair with her boss, the enigmatic Maynard Flynn, whose wife is dying of cancer. When Maya's parents, Toni and Jacob, arrive to stay with her, they are told by her housemate that Maya has gone away and no one knows where she is. As Toni and Jacob wait and search for Maya in Melbourne, everything in their lives is brought into question.	Available Jan-Jun & late Aug – Dec.

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K20	Rushdie, Salman.	Midnight's children	Saleem Sinai was born at midnight, the midnight of India's independence, and found himself mysteriously 'handcuffed to history' by the coincidence. He is one of 1,001 children born at the midnight hour, each of them endowed with an extraordinary talent. Through Saleem's gifts we are drawn into a fascinating family saga set against the vast, colourful background of the India of the 20th century.	Available July – Dec.
K21	Austen, Jane.	Persuasion	Eight years earlier, Anne Elliot and Frederick Wentworth fell in love, but Anne allowed herself to be persuaded that the young man wasn't an adequate match. Anne soon realized this to be a terrible mistake. Then Captain Wentworth walks back into her life. By turns achingly sad and intensely romantic, this is a timeless tale of love lost and regained.	Available.
K22	Bryson, Bill.	Down under	After tales from the USA and Britain, Bill Bryson turns his roving eye to Australia, the only island that is also a continent and the only continent that is also a country. He tries to find out why Aussies are so cool, digging up a past that reveals convicts, explorers, gold diggers and outlaws.	Available Jan - Feb & mid Apr - Dec.
K23	Eliot, George.	Adam Bede	In Adam Bede (1859) George Eliot took the well-worn tale of a lovely dairy-maid seduced by a careless squire, and out of it created a wonderfully innovative and sympathetic portrait of the lives of ordinary Midlands working people--their labours and loves, their beliefs, their talk.	Available.
K24	Larsson, Steig.	The girl with the dragon tattoo	Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared off the secluded island owned and inhabited by her family. Harriet's uncle, Henrik, is convinced that she was murdered by someone in her own deeply dysfunctional family. This is a violent and bloody thriller, a sinister family saga, a mystery of massive financial fraud and an ambiguous and haunting love story.	Available.
K25	Le, Nam.	The boat	Takes us from a tourist in Tehran to a teenage hit man in Columbia; from an aging New York artist to a boy coming of age in a small Victorian fishing town; from the city of Hiroshima just before the bomb is dropped to the haunting waste of the South China Sea in the wake of another war.	Available.
K26	Malouf, David.	Ransom	Retells Homer's Iliad. Focusing on the unbreakable bonds between men, Priam and Hector, Patroclus and Achilles, Priam and the cart-driver hired to retrieve Hector's body. Pride, grief, brutality, love and neighbourliness are explored. And, this retelling has a few surprises.	Available Jan - May & late Jul - Dec.
K27	Obama, Barack.	Dreams from my father	In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. He retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.	Available Jan - Sep & Dec.
K28	Niffenegger, Audrey.	Time traveller's wife	This is the story of Henry and Clare, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was 36, and were married when Clare was 22 and Henry was 30. This is possible only because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with chrono-displacement-disorder.	Available.

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K29	Mary Ann Shaffer.	The Guernsey literary and potato peel pie society	It's 1946, and as Juliet Ashton sits at her desk in her Chelsea flat, she is stumped. A writer of witty newspaper columns during the war, she can't think of what to write next. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey and they begin a correspondence. Dawsey is a member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, and it's not long before the rest of the members write to Juliet. She comes to know the extraordinary personalities of the Society and their lives under the German occupation of the island. Juliet decides to visit the island - and unwittingly turns her life upside down.	Available.
K30	Shriver, Lionel.	We need to talk about Kevin	Focusing on a boy who kills seven of his fellow students, Shriver tells a resonant story while framing the horrifying tableaux of teenage carnage as metaphors for the larger tragedy--the tragedy of a country where everything works, nobody starves, and anything can be bought but a sense of purpose.	Available.
K31	Toibin, Colm.	Brooklyn	It is Enniscorthy in the southeast of Ireland in the early 1950s. Eilis Lacey is one among many of her generation who cannot find work at home. When a job is offered in America, Eilis leaves her family and country, and heads for unfamiliar Brooklyn. Slowly the pain of parting is buried beneath the rhythms of her new life until she begins to realize that she has found a sort of happiness. As she falls in love, news comes from home that forces her back to Enniscorthy, not to the constrictions of her old life, but to new possibilities which conflict deeply with the life she has left behind in Brooklyn.	Available.
K32	Trevor, William.	Love and Summer	It is summer and a stranger has come to quiet Rathmoye. He is noticed by Ellie, the young convent girl, who is married to Dillahan, a farmer still mourning his first wife. Over the long and warm days, Ellie and the stranger form an illicit attachment. And those in the town can only watch, holding their tongues, as passion, love and fate take their inevitable course.	Available Jan - Jul & mid Sep - Dec.
K33	Tsiolkas, Christos.	The slap	A powerful, haunting novel about love, sex and marriage, parenting and children, and the fury and intensity that family can arouse. At a suburban barbecue, a man slaps a child who is not his own. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, mostly friends, who are directly or indirectly influenced by the event.	Available.
K34	Winton, Tim.	Breath	Breath is a story about the wildness of youth - the lust for excitement and terror, the determination to be extraordinary, the wounds that heal and those that don't - and about learning to live with its passing. Breath confirms Winton as one of the world's finest storytellers, a writer of novels that are at the same time simple and profound, relentlessly gripping and deeply moving.	Available Feb - Apr & mid Jun - Dec.
K35	Byrski, Liz.	Bad behaviour	One mistake can change a life forever. Zoe is living a conventional suburban life in Fremantle. She works, she gardens and she loves her supportive husband Archie and their three children. In Sussex, Julia is feeling nostalgic as she nurses her best friend through the last painful stages of cancer. These two women's lives have been shaped by the decisions they made back in 1968 - a time of politics and protest, consciousness raising and sexual liberation, Zoe and Julia were looking for love, truth and happy endings. They soon discover that life is rarely that simple	Available.

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K36	Greene, Graham.	Human factor	Written late in his life, The Human Factor displays Greene's gift for suspense at its most refined level, and his understanding of the physical and spiritual vulnerability of the individual at its deepest.	Available.
K37	Jones, Caroline.	An authentic life	An Authentic Life is a deeply thoughtful, uplifting guide to life which suggests how to feel happier and more at home in yourself; how to identify your unique gifts; and how to live life to the full with generosity, compassion, peace of mind, a sense of belonging and an increased awareness of your natural spirituality.	Available.
K38	Rankin, Ian.	Knots and crosses	With the brutal abduction and murder of two young girls, Detective Sergeant John Rebus, smoking and drinking too much, his own young daughter spirited away south by his disenchanted wife, is one of many policemen hunting the killer. And then the messages begin to arrive: knotted string and matchstick crosses - taunting Rebus with pieces of a puzzle only he can solve.	Available Jan - mid Jul & early Sep - Dec.
K39	Zafon, Carlos Ruiz.	Shadow of the wind	Barcelona 1945: young Daniel Sempere is taken to a fabulous secret library called the Cemetery of Forgotten Books where he is told he must 'adopt' a single book, promising to care for it and keep it alive always. Entranced by his chosen book, The Shadow of the Wind by Julian Carax, Daniel begins a quest to find the truth about the life and death of its mysterious author	Available.
K40	Sara, Sally.	Gogo mama	Gogo Mama intimately profiles the lives of 12 African women. These include a genocide survivor from Rwanda, a pygmy from the Congo, a former child soldier from Liberia and a grandmother fighting AIDS. This book is a journey across Africa from the townships of Johannesburg to the back alleys of Zanzibar.	Available.
K 41	Ali, Ayaan Hirsi.	Nomad: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations	Weaving together memoir and reportage, Ayaan confronts the complacency and ignorance that often colour intellectual debate on Islam. With disarming honesty, she shares her experiences, doubts and insights.	Available Jan - late Sep & mid Nov - Dec.
K42	Armstrong, Diane.	Mosaic: a chronicle of five generations	This true story begins in Krakow in 1890 and spans 100 years and four continents. God blessed Lieba and Jewish patriarch Daniel Baldinger with 11 children and this portrait follows their lives down the decades, through the terrifying years of the Holocaust, to the present time.	Available.
K43	Brooks, Geraldine	People Of The Book	When Hannah Heath gets a call in the middle of the night in her Sydney home about a Jewish manuscript which has been discovered in war-torn Sarajevo, she knows she is about to embark on the experience of a life time.	Available Jan - mid May & mid Oct - Dec.
K44	Carey, Peter.	Parrot and Olivier in America	Olivier is a young aristocrat, one of an endangered species born in France just after the Revolution. Parrot, the son of an itinerant English printer, wanted to be an artist but has ended up in middle age as a servant.	Available Jan - Mar & Oct - Dec.

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K45	Collins, Wilkie.	The Moonstone	A priceless diamond has been stolen from an Indian temple and bequeathed to Rachel Verinder. On her birthday, her beau Franklin brings her the gift, only to have it stolen again. No one is above suspicion, as Franklin and Sergeant Cuff piece together the riveting puzzle.	Available Feb – Dec.
K46	Doidge, Norman.	The Brain that Changes Itself:	An astonishing new scientific discovery called neuroplasticity is overthrowing the centuries-old notion that the adult human brain is fixed and unchanging. It is, instead, able to change its own structure and function, even into old age.	Available Jan - mid Aug & Nov – Dec.
K47	Du Maurier, Daphne.	The Breaking Point and Other Stories	The apathy of Sunday lay upon the streets. Houses were closed, withdrawn. 'They don't know,' he thought, 'those people inside, how one gesture of mine, now, at this minute, might alter their world.'	Available.
K48	Hosseini, Khaled.	A Thousand Splendid Suns	A riveting and powerful story of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship and an indestructible love.	Available Jan - mid Oct.
K49	Kingsolver, Barbara.	The Lacuna	From the Mexico City of Frida Kahlo to the America of J. Edgar Hoover, The Lacuna tells the poignant story of a man pulled between two nations. When Harrison Shepherd goes to work for Diego Rivera, his wife, exotic artist Kahlo, and exiled leader Lev Trotsky, Shepherd inadvertently casts his lot with art and revolution.	Available.
K50	Lee, Harper.	To Kill a Mockingbird	The story of one community's injustice in small-town America, the consequences of which resonate throughout society at large. Jem and Scout are delightful, and their father, Atticus Finch, is the man to beat all men: the ideal father, the ideal man. He stands for justice, righteousness and for fighting back even when you know you have lost.	Available Mid Jan - mid Aug & Oct - Dec.
K51	Levy, Andrea.	The Long Song	You do not know me yet. My son Thomas, who is publishing this book, tells me, it is customary at this place in a novel to give the reader a little taste of the story that is held within these pages.	Available Mid Feb - Jul & Nov - Dec.
K52	Mantel, Hilary.	Wolf Hall	Thomas Cromwell was a man with a delicate and deadly expertise in manipulating people and events and ruthless in the pursuit of his own ambitions. His agenda in the court of Henry VIII is carried out in the grip of a self-interested parliament and a king who fluctuates between romantic passions and murderous rages.	Available.
K53	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia.	Chronicle of a Death Foretold	'On the day they were going to kill him, Santiago Nasar got up at five-thirty in the morning to wait for the boat the bishop was coming on' When newly-wed Angela Vicario and Bayardo San Roman are left to their wedding night, Bayardo discovers that his new wife is no virgin.	Available Mar - Dec.
K54	McDermid, Val.	The Wire in the Blood	Young girls are disappearing around the country and there is nothing to connect them to one another, let alone the killer whose charming manner hides a warped and sick mind.	Available Jan - mid Nov.
K55	McEwan, Ian.	Solar	Michael Beard, a Nobel Prize winning physicist and global warming sceptic fears his best work is behind him. In any case he prefers to spend his time philandering. His capacity for opportunism matches his ego but that is also his downfall.	Available Jan - Sep & late Nov - Dec.
K56	Melville, Professor	Moby Dick	The classic story of the ill-fated voyage of a whaling ship led by the fanatical Captain Ahab in search of the white whale that had crippled him.	Available.

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K57	Miller, Alex.	Lovesong	Strangers did not, as a rule, find their way to Chez Dom, a small Tunisian cafe in Paris. Run by the widow Houria and her young niece, Sabiha, the cafe offers a home away from home for the North African immigrant workers at the great abattoirs of Vaugirard. When one day a lost Australian tourist, John Patterner seeks shelter in the cafe.	Available.
K58	Posselt, Steve.	Cry Me A River: One Man's Journey down the Murray Darling with a Kayak on Wheels	This book is the account of one man's journey to the heart of Australia's water crisis. Steve Posselt put everything on the line to paddle or drag a kayak from Brisbane to Adelaide down the length of the Darling and lower Murray so he could see first hand what is happening to Australia's rivers.	Available.
K59	Sobel, Dava.	Longitude	This book tells the story of John Harrison, an Englishman who imagined a mechanical solution to the longitude problem - unable to measure their longitude, sailors were lost as soon as they lost sight of land.	Available Mar - Sep & Dec.
K60	Stockett, Kathryn.	The Help	There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from college, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it.	Available Jan - Aug & mid Nov - Dec.
K61	Fry, Stephen.	The Fry chronicles	Perfect prose and excruciating honesty. A grand reminiscence of college and theatre and comedyland in the 1980s, with tone-perfect anecdotes and genuine readerly excitement. What Fry does, essentially, is tell us who he really is. Above all else, a thoughtful book.	Available Jan - May & mid Aug - Dec.
K62	Le Carre, John.	The constant gardener	Tells a moving story of a man ennobled by his wife's tragic murder, exploring the dark side of unbridled capitalism.	Available Feb, mid Jun - Sep & Dec.
K63	Funder, Anne.	All that I am	Two years after Hitler came to power in Germany, the bodies of Dora and her friend Mathilde, prominent anti-Hitler activists in exile, lie poisoned in a flat in Bloomsbury. The room is locked from the inside; the place appears undisturbed	Available Jan - Jul & Oct - Dec.
K64	Franzen, Jonathan.	Freedom	The perfect Berglund family have become a mystery. Why has their teenage son moved in with the aggressively Republican family next door? Why has Walter environmental lawyer taken a job working with Big Coal? Most of all, what has happened to Patty, the wife of Walter's dreams?	Available Jan - mid Sep.
K65	Brooks, Geraldine.	Caleb's crossing	Geraldine Brooks takes an unlikely shard of little-known history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young Indian named Caleb from the island of Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College.	Available Jan - mid Apr & Jul - Dec.
K66	de Waal, Edmund.	Hare with the amber eyes	264 wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox: potter Edmund de Waal was entranced when he first encountered the collection in the Tokyo apartment of his great uncle	Available Apr & mid Aug - Dec.

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K67	Donoghue, Emma.	The room	Jack is five. He lives with his Ma. They live in a single, locked room. They don't have the key. Jack and Ma are prisoners.	Available.
K68	Jones, Lloyd.	Hand me down world	A woman washes ashore in Sicily. She has come from North Africa to find her son, taken from her when he was just days old by his father and stolen away to Berlin. With nothing but her maid's uniform and a knife stashed in a plastic bag, she relies on strangers; some generous, some exploiting& to guide her passage north.	Available Jan - mid May, July - mid Oct & Dec.
K69	Silvey, Craig.	Jasper Jones	Full of unforgettable characters, a page-turning pace and outrageously good dialogue, this is a glorious novel - thoughtful, funny, heartbreaking and wise - about outsiders and secrets, and what it really means to be a hero.	Available Jan - Feb & Jul - Dec.
K70	Mortenson, Greg.	Three cups of tea	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i> is one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time. Greg Mortenson's dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is not only a thrilling read, it's proof that one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, really can change the world	Available Jan - mid Apr & Nov - Dec.
K71	Dickens, Charles.	Great expectations	Dicken's famous story about orphaned Pip, his meeting with Miss Havisham, his rise to wealth and the consequences.	Available Jan - late July & mid Sep - Dec.
K72	Ishiguro, Kazuo.	Never let me go	In one of the most acclaimed and strange novels of recent years, Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England.	Available Mid Feb - mid Mar & May - Dec
K73	McCarthy, Cormac.	The road	A father and his young son walk alone through burned America, heading slowly for the coast. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. They have nothing but a pistol to defend themselves against the men who stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food - and each other.	Available Jan - mid Aug & early Oct – Dec.
K74	Rodriguez, Deborah.	Little coffee shop of Kabul	In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. Sunny, the proud proprietor, Yaxmina, a young pregnant woman, Candace, a wealthy American, Isabel, a determined journalist, and Halajan, a sixty-year-old den mother. They form a unique bond that will for ever change their lives.	Available Early Jan - Mar, mid May - Jul & mid Sep - Dec.
K75	Hooper, Chloe.	The tall man: death and life on Palm Island	<i>The Tall Man</i> is the story of Palm Island, the tropical paradise where one morning Cameron Doomadgee swore at a policeman and forty minutes later lay dead in a watch-house cell. It is the story of that policeman, the tall, enigmatic Christopher Hurley who chose to work in some of the toughest and wildest places in Australia, and of the struggle to bring him to trial.	Available.
K76	Salinger, J. D.	Catcher in the rye	The Catcher in Rye is the ultimate novel for disaffected youth, but it's relevant to all ages. The story is told by Holden Caulfield, a seventeen- year-old dropout who has just been kicked out of his fourth school.	Available mid Apr - mid Jun.

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K77	Barnes, Julian.	Sense of an ending	Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life.	Available mid Aug - Dec.
K78	Forster, E. M.	Passage to India	Dr Aziz is a young Muslim physician in the British Indian town of Chandrapore. One evening he comes across an English woman, Mrs Moore, in the courtyard of a local mosque; she and her younger travelling companion Adela are disappointed by claustrophobic British colonial culture and wish to see something of the 'real' India	Available Aug - Dec.
K79	Scott, Kim.	That deadman dance	Explores the early contact between the Aboriginal Noongar people and the first European settlers. A young Noongar man named Bobby Wabalanginy who is clever, resourceful and eager to please, befriends the new arrivals. But slowly things begin to change. Not everyone is happy with how the colony is developing.	Available.
K80	Bragg, Melvyn.	12 books that changed the world	Presents a variety of human endeavour and a great diversity of characters. This work features famous books by Darwin, Newton and Shakespeare - and also presents the stories behind some less well-known works, such as Marie Stopes' "Married Love", and the original radical feminist Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman".	Available Jan - July.
K81	Lewis, M.	Boomerang	'Chock-full of extraordinary characters, amusing anecdotes and shocking insights' Observer 'A tour de force . . . All those questions you've half-asked yourself: nowhere else will you find them answered with such incisive wit or terrifying clarity' Mail on Sunday Right now, Europe is in serious financial chaos.	Available.
K82	Mantel, Hilary.	Bring up the bodies	Sequel to Wolf Hall (Kit 52). Man Booker Prize Winner	Available Jul - Dec.
K83	Pratchett, Terry.	Equal rites	Humourous fantasy. A wizard on the brink of death comes to the small town of Bad Ass to pass along his staff and power to the eighth son of an eighth son. This he does with all due gravity and in the nick of time. The problem is, the son is a daughter, and no one has any idea what to make of that.	Available Jan - mid Aug.
K84	Jordan, Toni.	Nine days	It is 1939 and although Australia is about to go to war, it doesn't quite realise yet that the situation is serious. Deep in the working-class Melbourne suburb of Richmond it is business - your own and everyone else's - as usual. And young Kip Westaway, failed scholar and stablehand, is living the most important day of his life.	Available Apr - Aug.
K85	See, Lisa.	Snow flower and the secret fan	Lily is the daughter of a humble farmer, and to her family she is just another expensive mouth to feed. Then the local matchmaker delivers startling news: if Lily's feet are bound properly, they will be flawless. In nineteenth-century China, where a woman's eligibility is judged by the shape and size of her feet, this is extraordinary good luck.	Available Jan - Sep.
K86	Rowling, J. K.	Casual vacancy	When Barry Fairweather dies unexpectedly in his early forties, the little town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, but what lies behind the pretty façade is a town at war. Blackly comic, thought-provoking and constantly surprising, The Casual Vacancy is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults.	Available Aug - Oct.

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K87	Mawer, Simon.	Glass room	Cool. Balanced. Modern. The precisions of science, the wild variance of lust, the catharsis of confession and the fear of failure: these are the things that happen in the Glass Room. Shortlist Man Booker Prize 2009.	Available.
K88	Stedman, M L.	Light between oceans	This is the story of right and wrong, and how sometimes they look the same. On a remote island off Western Australia, Tom and Isabel Sherbourne - a young, childless couple - run the Janus lighthouse.	Available Jan - April & Sep - Oct.
K89	Tartt, Donna.	Secret history	Richard Papen arrived at Hampden College in New England and was quickly seduced by an elite group of five students, all Greek scholars, all worldly, self-assured, and, at first glance, all highly unapproachable. As Richard is drawn into their inner circle, he learns a terrifying secret that binds them to one another...a secret about an incident in the woods	Available Apr - Dec.
K90	Perlman, Elliot.	Street sweeper	How breathtakingly close we are to lives that at first seem so far away. From the civil rights struggle in the United States to the Nazi crimes against humanity in Europe, there are more stories than people passing each other every day on the bustling streets of every crowded city. Only some survive to become history.	Apr - May & Aug - Dec.
K91	Cook, Kenneth.	Wake in fright	The controller stood back. 'Right,' he said. 'Spin 'em!' The man flipped the piece of wood and the coins spun up into the air above his head and dropped down on to the carpet. There was silence. Wake in Fright tells the tale of John Grant's journey into an alcoholic, sexual and spiritual nightmare.	Available.
K92	Worth, Jennifer.	Call the midwife	The conditions of which many women gave birth to just half a century ago were horrifying, not only because of their grimly impoverished surroundings, but also because of what they were expected to endure. Jennifer tells the story not only of the women she treated, but also the community of nun and the camaraderie of the midwives.	Available Feb - Aug & mid Oct - Dec.
K93	de Crespigny, Robin.	People smuggler	After his father, brother and he were incarcerated and tortured in Saddam's Abu Ghraib, Ali al Jenabi escaped from Iraq first to work with the anti-Saddam resistance in Iran and then to help his family out of the country all together.	Available Jan - Jul & Oct - Dec.
K94	Grenville, Kate.	Sarah Thornhill	From the beginning Jack and I was friends. Somehow our way of looking at things fitted together. He never called me Dolly, the way the others did, only my full and proper name. Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River.	Available mid Nov - Dec.
K95	Hamid, Mohsin.	Reluctant fundamentalist	Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. He thrives on the energy of New York, his work at an elite firm and his budding relationship. For a time, it seems that nothing will stand in the way of his meteoric rise to success. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his relationship crumbling.	Available Oct - Dec.
K96	McEwan, Ian.	Sweet tooth	Serena Frome, the beautiful daughter of an Anglican bishop, has a brief affair with an older man during her final year at Cambridge, and finds herself being groomed for the intelligence services	Available Nov - Dec.
K97	Mears, Gillian.	Foal's bread	The long-awaited new novel from the award-winning author of The Grass Sister tells the story of two generations of the Nancarrow family and the high-jumping horse circuit prior to the Second World War.	Available Jan - Feb & May - Dec.

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K98	Funder, Anna.	Stasiland	A book of travel, history and biography that reads like a documentary novel. Anna Funder tells astonishing stories from the underbelly of the former East Germany. As her narrative builds, Stasiland records heartbreaking tales of bravery and betrayal, of suffering and stoicism amid the daily chaos.	Available Mid Apr - Jul & Oct - Dec.
K99	Sobel, Dava.	Galileo's daughter	Inspired by a long fascination with Galileo, and by the remarkable surviving letters of Galileo's daughter, a cloistered nun, Dava Sobel has written a biography unlike any other of the man Albert Einstein called "the father of modern physics- indeed of modern science altogether." <i>Galileo's Daughter</i> also presents a stunning portrait of a person hitherto lost to history, described by her father as "a woman of exquisite mind, singular goodness, and most tenderly attached to me."	Available mid Oct - Dec.
K100	Ondaatje, Michael.	Cat's table	In the early 1950s, an eleven-year-old boy boards a huge liner bound for England - a 'castle that was to cross the sea'. At mealtimes, he is placed at the lowly 'Cat's Table' with an eccentric group of grown-ups and two other boys, Cassius and Ramadhin.	Available Jan - Feb & Sep - Dec.
K101	Park, Ruth.	Harp in the south	Covering a span of over thirty years in the life of the Darcy family, these three iconic novels from Ruth Park take us from first love to hardship via outback Australia and the streets of Surry Hills. In <i>Missus</i> , we read about the adolescence and courtship of Hughie Darcy and the innocent Margaret in the dirt and dust of rural Australia. We next meet the pair in <i>The Harp in the South</i> , where they run a flea-bitten boarding house in Surry Hills with their two daughters, Roie and Dolour. Making ends meet is hard in the slums of Sydney, and love is not kind to Roie as she takes her first steps into adulthood. Lastly we watch Dolour grow up all too fast in <i>Poor Man's Orange</i> , as Hughie and Margaret struggle to keep their relationship alive after so many years together. At times confronting, often affectionate, this is a remarkable portrait of an Australian working-class family of the time.	Available May.
K102	Hunt, David.	Girt: the unauthorised history of Australia	Girt. No word could better capture the essence of Australia... In this hilarious history, David Hunt reveals the truth of Australia's past, from mega fauna to Macquarie - the cock-ups and curiosities, the forgotten eccentrics and Eureka moments that have made us who we are. Girt introduces forgotten heroes like Mary McLoughlin, transported for the crime of "felony of sock", and Trim the cat, who beat a French monkey to become the first animal to circumnavigate Australia. It recounts the misfortunes of the escaped Irish convicts who set out to walk from Sydney to China, guided only by a hand-drawn paper compass, and explains the role of the coconut in Australia's only military coup. Our nation's beginnings are steeped in the strange, the ridiculous and the frankly bizarre. Girt proudly reclaims these stories for all of us. Not to read it would be un-Australian.	Available Jan & Aug - Dec.
K103	De Crespigny, Richard.	QF32	On 4 November 2010, a flight from Singapore to Sydney came within a knife edge of being one of the world's worst air disasters. Shortly after leaving Changi Airport, an explosion shattered Engine 2 of Qantas flight QF32 – an Airbus A380, the largest and most advanced passenger plane ever built. Hundreds of pieces of shrapnel ripped through the wing and fuselage, creating chaos as vital flight systems and back-ups were destroyed or degraded. In other hands, the plane might have been lost with all 469 people on board, but a supremely experienced flight crew, led by Captain Richard Champion de Crespigny, managed to land the crippled aircraft and safely disembark the passengers after hours of nerve-racking effort. Tracing Richard's life and career up until that fateful flight, QF32 shows exactly what goes into the making of a top-level airline pilot, and the extraordinary skills and training needed to keep us safe in the air. Fascinating in its detail and vividly compelling in its narrative, QF32 is the riveting, blow-by-blow story of just what happens when things go badly wrong in the air, told by the captain himself.	Available Aug - Dec.

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K104	Tiffany, Carrie.	Mateship with birds	On the outskirts of an Australian country town in the 1950s, a lonely farmer trains his binoculars on a family of kookaburras that roost in a tree near his house. Harry observes the kookaburras through a year of feast, famine, birth, death, war, romance and song. As Harry watches the birds, his next door neighbour has her own set of binoculars trained on him. Ardent, hard-working Betty has escaped to the country with her two fatherless children. Betty is pleased that her son, Michael, wants to spend time with the gentle farmer next door. But when Harry decides to teach Michael about the opposite sex, perilous boundaries are crossed. <i>Mateship with Birds</i> is a novel about young lust and mature love. It is a hymn to the rhythm of country life – to vicious birds, virginal cows, adored dogs and ill-used sheep. On one small farm in a vast, ancient landscape, a collection of misfits question the nature of what a family can be. This novel is also about how we see (or don't see) the landscape around us. Like Tiffany's first novel, it's about the impact we have on the land sometimes without even knowing.	Available Jan & mid Nov - Dec.
K105	Summers, Anne.	Misogyny factor	In 2012, Anne Summers gave two landmark speeches about women in Australia, attracting more than 120,000 visits to her website. Within weeks of their delivery Prime Minister Julia Gillard's own speech about misogyny and sexism went viral and was celebrated around the world. Summers makes the case that Australia, the land of the fair go, still hasn't figured out how to make equality between men and women work. She shows how uncomfortable we are with the idea of women with political and financial power, let alone the reality. Summers dismisses the idea that we should celebrate progress for women as opposed to outright success. She shows what success will look like.	Mid Jan - mid July & Sep - Dec.
K106	Galbraith, Robert.	The cuckoo's calling	When a troubled model falls to her death from a snow-covered Mayfair balcony, it is assumed that she has committed suicide. However, her brother has his doubts, and calls in private investigator Cormoran Strike to look into the case. Strike is a war veteran - wounded both physically and psychologically - and his life is in disarray. The case gives him a financial lifeline, but it comes at a personal cost: the more he delves into the young model's complex world, the darker things get - and the closer he gets to terrible danger. A gripping, elegant mystery steeped in the atmosphere of London - from the hushed streets of Mayfair to the backstreet pubs of the East End to the bustle of Soho - <i>The Cuckoo's Calling</i> is a remarkable book. Introducing Cormoran Strike, this is the acclaimed first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.	Available Jan, May, mid Jul - Aug & Nov - Dec.
K107	Murakami, Haruki.	Norwegian wood	When he hears her favourite Beatles song, Toru Watanabe recalls his first love Naoko, the girlfriend of his best friend Kizuki. Immediately he is transported back almost twenty years to his student days in Tokyo, adrift in a world of uneasy friendships, casual sex, passion, loss and desire - to a time when an impetuous young woman called Midori marches into his life and he has to choose between the future and the past.	Available.
K108	De Kretser, Michelle.	Questions of travel	Laura travels the world before returning to Sydney, where she works for a publisher of travel guides. Ravi dreams of being a tourist until he is driven from Sri Lanka by devastating events. An enthralling array of people, places and stories surround these superbly drawn characters - from Theo, whose life plays out in the long shadow of the past, to Hana, an Ethiopian woman determined to reinvent herself. Michelle de Kretser illuminates travel, work and modern dreams in this brilliant evocation of the way we live now. <i>Questions of Travel</i> is infused with wit, imagination, uncanny common sense and a deep understanding of what makes us tick.	Jan - Mar, Aug - Sep & Dec.
K109	Simsion, Graeme.	Rosie Project	The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion is a story about love, life and lobsters... Meet Don Tillman. Don is getting married. He just doesn't know who to yet. But he has designed a very detailed questionnaire to help him find the perfect woman. One thing he already knows, though, is that it's not Rosie. Absolutely, completely, definitely not. Telling the story of Rosie and Don, Graeme Simsion's <i>The Rosie Project</i> is an	

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			international phenomenon, sold in over thirty countries - and counting. Don Tillman is a socially challenged genetics professor who's decided the time has come to find a wife. His questionnaire is intended to weed out anyone who's unsuitable. The trouble is, Don has rather high standards and doesn't really do flexible so, despite lots of takers - he looks like Gregory Peck - he's not having much success in identifying The One. When Rosie Jarman comes to his office, Don assumes it's to apply for the Wife Project - and duly discounts her on the grounds she smokes, drinks, doesn't eat meat, and is incapable of punctuality. However, Rosie has no interest in becoming Mrs Tillman and is actually there to enlist Don's assistance in a professional capacity: to help her find her biological father. Sometimes, though, you don't find love: love finds you...	Available Jan - Jun.
K110	Jonas, Jonasson.	The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window and disappeared	It all starts on the one-hundredth birthday of Allan Karlsson. Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, he is waiting for the party he-never-wanted-anyway to begin. The mayor is going to be there. The press is going to be there. But, as it turns out, Allan is not...Slowly but surely Allan climbs out of his bedroom window, into the flowerbed (in his slippers) and makes his getaway. And so begins his picaresque and unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, a suitcase full of cash, and incompetent police. As his escapades unfold, we learn something of Allan's earlier life in which - remarkably - he helped to make the atom bomb, became friends with American presidents, Russian tyrants, and Chinese leaders, and was a participant behind the scenes in many key events of the twentieth century. Already a huge bestseller across Europe, The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared is a fun, feel-good book for all ages. Translated by Rod Bradbury.	Available Jan.
K111	Shute, Nevil.	Requiem for a wren	Alan Duncan returns to his family home in Australia after the war and several years of study in England. But his homecoming is marred by the mysterious suicide of his parents' quiet and reliable parlour-maid. A search through her belongings in search of clues leads to heartbreaking revelations about the woman's identity, the death of Alan's brother Bill, and, above all, the disappearance of his brother's fiancée, Janet.	Available Mar-Jul & mid-Sep-Dec.
K112	Atwood, Margaret.	The handmaid's tale	The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one option: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like all dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs. The Handmaid's Tale is a brilliant and astutely perceived evocation of twenty-first-century America.	Available Jan-Jun & Dec.
K113	Gaiman, Neil.	Ocean at the end of the lane	It began for our narrator forty years ago when the family lodger stole their car and committed suicide in it, stirring up ancient powers best left undisturbed. Dark creatures from beyond this world are on the loose, and it will take everything our narrator has just to stay alive: there is primal horror here, and menace unleashed - within his family and from the forces that have gathered to destroy it. His only defence is three women, on a farm at the end of the lane. The youngest of them claims that her duck pond is an ocean. The oldest can remember the Big Bang.	Available Mar-Aug & Dec.
K114	Coetzee, J.M.	Childhood of Jesus	After crossing oceans, a man and a boy arrive in a new land. Here they are each assigned a name and an age, and held in a camp in the desert while they learn Spanish, the language of their new country. As Simón and David they make their way to the relocation centre in the city of Novilla, where officialdom treats them politely but not necessarily helpfully. Simón finds a job in a grain wharf. The work is unfamiliar and backbreaking, but he soon warms to his stevedore comrades, who during breaks conduct philosophical dialogues on the dignity of labour, and generally take him to their hearts. Now he must set about his task of locating the boy's mother. Though like everyone else who arrives in this new country he seems to be washed clean of all traces of memory, he is convinced he will know her when he sees her. And indeed, while walking with the boy in the countryside Simón catches sight of a woman he is certain is the mother, and persuades her to assume the role. David's new mother comes to realise that he is an exceptional child, a bright, dreamy	Available Jan-Mar & Jun.

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K115	Flyn, Gillian.	Gone girl	Who are you? What have we done to each other? These are the questions Nick Dunne finds himself asking on the morning of his fifth wedding anniversary, when his wife Amy suddenly disappears. The police suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him, that she kept secrets from him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they weren't made by him. And then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone. So what really did happen to Nick's beautiful wife?	Available Apr. July & Oct.
K116	Keneally, Thomas.	Daughters of Mars	In 1915, two spirited Australian sisters join the war effort as nurses, escaping the confines of their father's dairy farm and carrying a guilty secret with them. Used to tending the sick as they are, nothing could have prepared them for what they confront, first in the Dardanelles, then on the Western Front. Yet they find courage in the face of extreme danger and become the friends they never were before. And eventually they meet the kind of men worth giving up their precious independence for - if only they all survive. At once epic in scope and extraordinarily intimate, The Daughters of Mars brings the First World War to vivid life from an unusual perspective. Profoundly moving, it pays tribute to the men and women who voluntarily risked their lives for peace.	Available Mar & Dec.
K117	Skloot, Rebecca.	The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks	Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. Born a poor black tobacco farmer, her cancer cells -- taken without her knowledge -- became a multimillion-dollar industry and one of the most important tools in medicine. Yet Henrietta's family did not learn of her 'immortality' until more than twenty years after her death, with devastating consequences . . . Balancing the beauty and drama of scientific discovery with dark questions about who owns the stuff our bodies are made of, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks is an extraordinary journey in search of the soul and story of a real woman, whose cells live on today in all four corners of the world.	Available Jan-Aug.
K118	Linstead, Hilary.	Growing old outrageously : a memoir of travel, food and friendship	Two old school friends reconnect unexpectedly after thirty-five years and discover that they both love travelling - and the more exotic and far-flung the location, the better! Not having a clue whether they will get along, the eccentric pair embark on a trial journey to Morocco. That tentative beginning has turned into a series of wonderfully unusual holidays, and Hil and Liz have been circumnavigating the globe ever since. Among many other destinations, they have taken in Marrakech, Fez and the Atlas Mountains; Patagonia and the Galapagos Islands; Istanbul and Cappadocia. They've been on safari in Namibia, Botswana and the Serengeti, attended music festivals in Naples and Prague and made a pilgrimage to the western isles of Mull and Iona. Along the way they have encouraged, enraged and entertained each other, while living through countless adventures. This is a book for thrill seekers and armchair travellers alike, a celebration of friendship and laughter - and an inspiration for anyone who's longed to venture outside their comfort zone and travel to exotic places.	Available Jun, Sep-Oct.
K119	Kent, Hannah.	Burial rites	In northern Iceland, 1829, Agnes Magnúsdóttir is condemned to death for her part in the brutal murder of her lover. Agnes is sent to wait out her final months on the farm of district officer Jón Jónsson, his wife and their two daughters. Horrified to have a convicted murderer in their midst, the family avoid contact with Agnes. Only Tóti, the young assistant priest appointed Agnes's spiritual guardian, is compelled to try to understand her. As the year progresses and the hardships of rural life force the household to work side by side, Agnes's story begins to emerge and with it the family's terrible realization that all is not as they had assumed. Based on actual events, Burial Rites is an astonishing and moving novel about the truths we claim to know and the	Available mid Jul-Dec.

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			ways in which we interpret what we're told. In beautiful, cut-glass prose, Hannah Kent portrays Iceland's formidable landscape, in which every day is a battle for survival, and asks, how can one woman hope to endure when her life depends upon the stories told by others? <i>Burial Rites</i> is perfect for fans of <i>Alias Grace</i> by Margaret Atwood and <i>The Lifeboat</i> by Charlotte Rogan.	
K120	Barbery, Muriel.	The elegance of the hedgehog	Renée is the concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building, home to members of the great and the good. Over the years she has maintained her carefully constructed persona as someone reliable but totally uncultivated, in keeping, she feels, with society's expectations of what a concierge should be. But beneath this façade lies the real Renée: passionate about culture and the arts, and more knowledgeable in many ways than her employers with their outwardly successful but emotionally void lives. Down in her lodge, apart from weekly visits by her one friend Manuela, Renée lives resigned to her lonely lot with only her cat for company. Meanwhile, several floors up, twelve-year-old Paloma Josse is determined to avoid the pampered and vacuous future laid out for her, and decides to end her life on her thirteenth birthday. But unknown to them both, the sudden death of one of their privileged neighbours will dramatically alter their lives forever.	Available most of Aug. and Sept.