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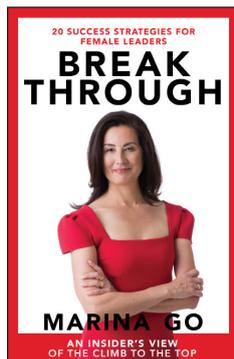


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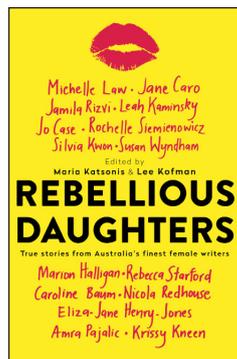


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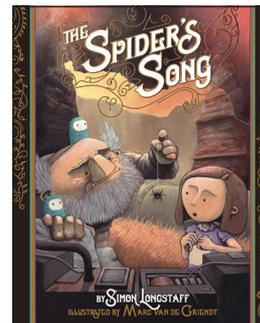
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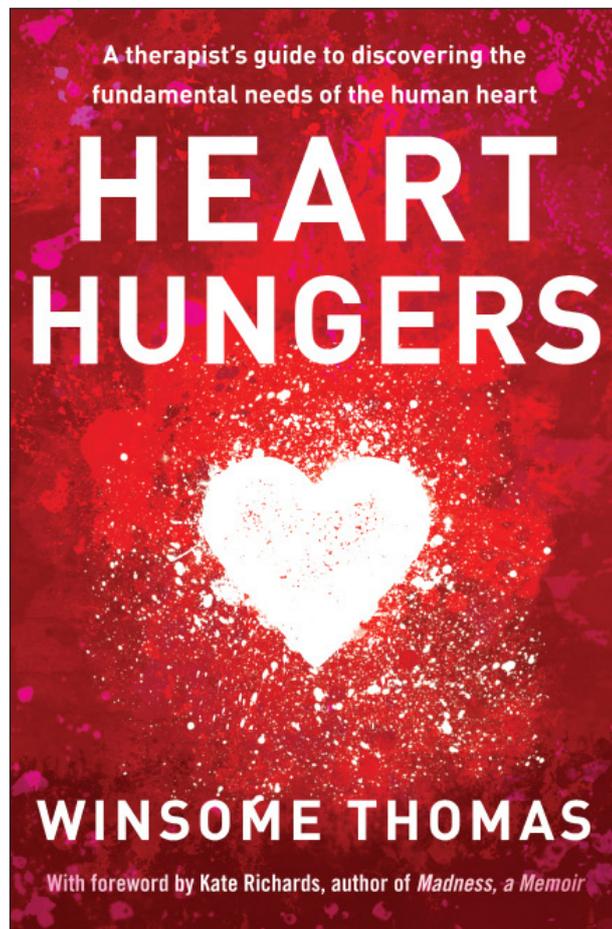
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## HEART HUNGERS

Winsome Thomas

9781925183641 | \$32.99 |  | PB | NON-FICTION

*A psychologist's guide through the eight fundamental human desires that must be met to lead a fulfilled and satisfied life.*

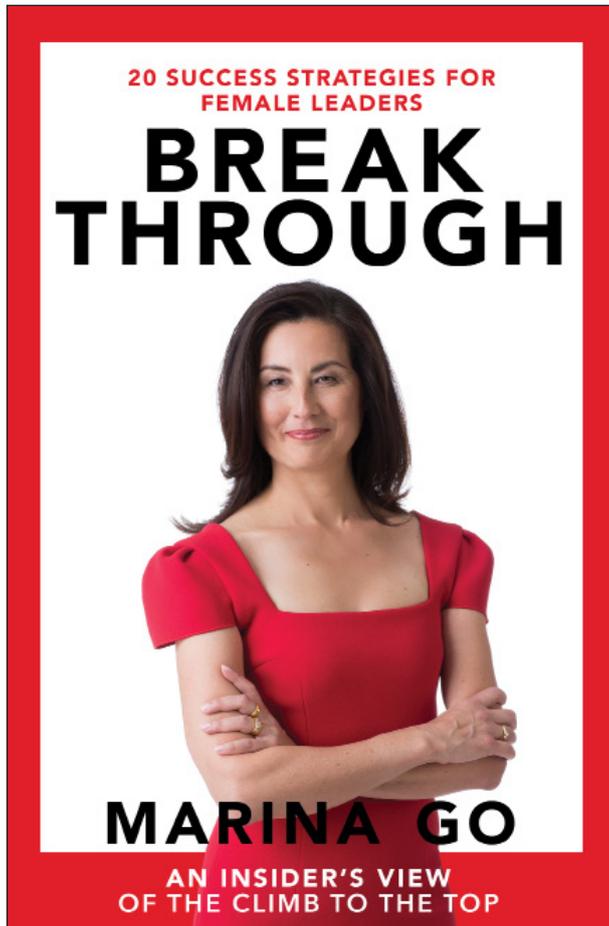
Within us all is the potential to lead a fulfilled and satisfied life. But how to achieve this, or even where to start, is the hard part.

Leading psychologist Winsome Thomas believes that to achieve true contentment eight fundamental human desires need to be met. They are called heart hungers: basic needs that stem from security, service, esteem, enjoyment, love, limits, freedom and spirituality.

When one or more heart hunger isn't fulfilled, especially over a long period of time, we experience anxiety, despair or depression.

Using remarkable true stories from the people Winsome has treated, most notably the author of *Madness: A Memoir*, Kate Richards, *Heart Hungers* will help you uncover your own heart hungers, and inspire the confidence to fulfill them.

*Winsome Thomas is a registered psychologist focusing on the treatment of depression, anxiety and psychosis and an Authorised Lay Minister for the Anglican Church.*



# BREAK THROUGH

Marina Go

9781925183542 | \$32.99 |  | PB | NON-FICTION

*Leading Australian media executive Marina Go provides her personal tools, tips and advice to becoming a successful leader in this motivational career guide for women.*

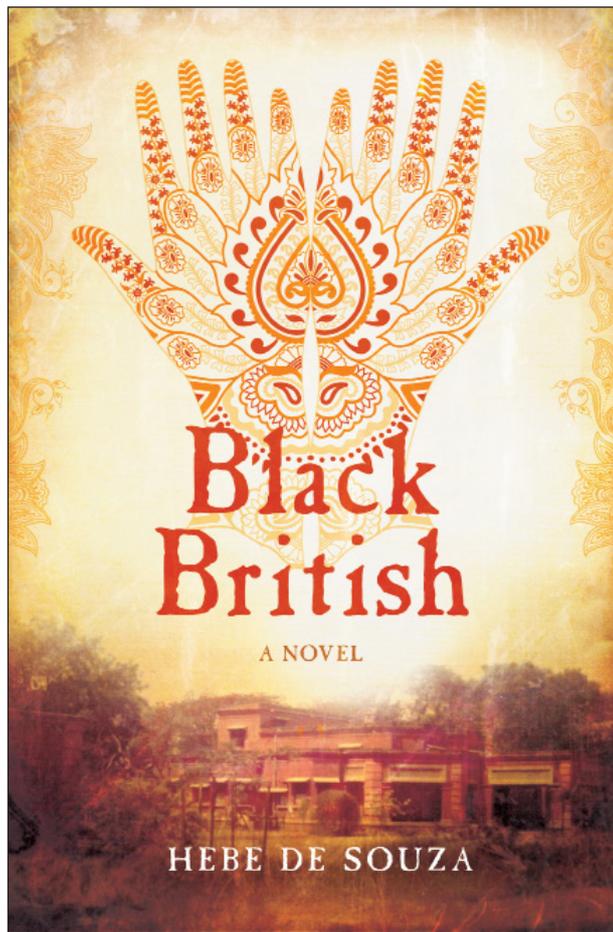
From editor of *Dolly* at the age of 23 to CEO of Australia's leading digital publisher by her forties, Marina Go is here to inspire the next generation of female leaders to take their rightful place at the top.

In *Break Through*, Marina Go, general manager of *Harper's Bazaar*, *ELLE* and *Cosmopolitan* and the first female chair of Wests Tigers NRL Club, shares an in-depth analysis of the 20 leadership traits that make a successful woman – providing the tools to turn your personal vision of success into a reality.

Marina defines success as the ability to achieve the goals she sets for herself. In this deeply personal book, she talks candidly about the challenges and triumphs she has faced over her 30-year career as a leader in the media and publishing industry.

Venture inside the cutthroat world of Kerry Packer-era women's magazines, the challenges of balancing a career with two sons and the backlash she's received since becoming chair of a major NRL team.

*Marina Go is the General Manager of Hearst/Bauer brands ELLE, Cosmopolitan and Harper's Bazaar, and is the first female Chair of Wests Tigers NRL Club. @marinasgo*



# BLACK BRITISH

Hebe de Souza

9781925384901 | \$29.99 | 🇦🇺 | PB | FICTION

*A sharply funny yet poignant debut novel about a courageous girl growing up in 1960s North India, from an exciting new voice in Australian fiction.*

It is 1958 and India is coming alive in the turbulent years that follow the exit of the defunct British Empire. Lucy, the youngest of three daughters, is born into an affluent Indian family who once prospered under the Raj. Having forsaken their roots to adopt English language and culture, her family lives isolated from hostile locals who see them as black British – remnants of an oppressive regime who have no place in modern India.

As the rebellious and inquisitive Lucy grows up she finds refuge within her family's vast, crumbling mansion among the dry plains of Kanpur, surrounded by her loving parents and mischievous older sisters. But as time draws her toward adulthood, she struggles to find her place in this gentle country ravaged by poverty and hardship, and discovers why the search for home can sometimes take a lifetime.

A richly visceral and observant debut novel, based on the author's own childhood, *Black British* is an unflinching and beautiful narrative about feminism, family and the importance of identity amidst the backdrop of 1960s North India.

*Hebe de Souza spent her formative years growing up in an affluent Goan family in post-Independence India. She now lives with her husband in the beautiful Tweed Valley.*



# FATHER TIME: 3RD EDITION

Daniel Petre

9781925183405 | \$29.99 |  | PB | NON-FICTION

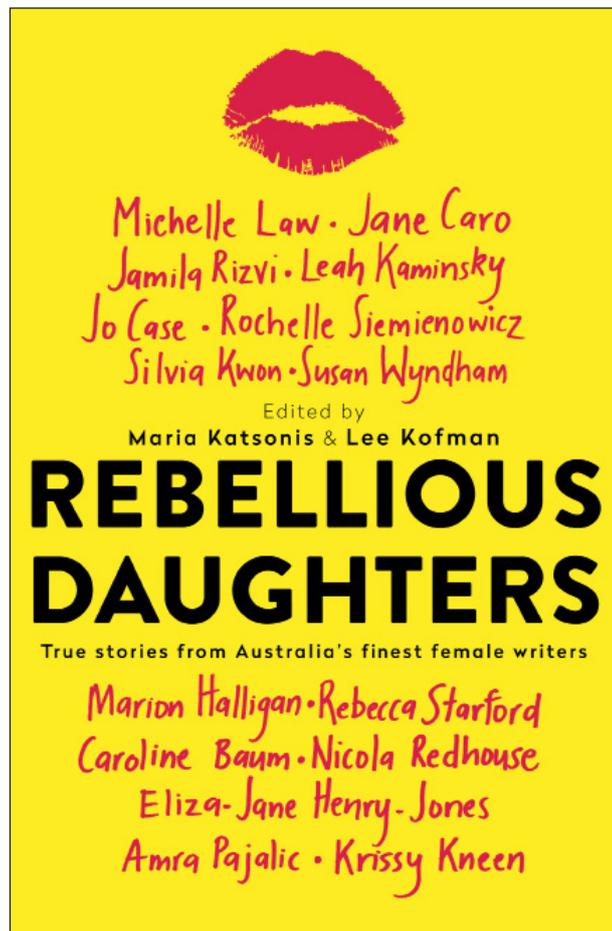
*'Brilliant, readable and revealing. One day we will live in a different world, and this will be one of the books that made it so.'* Steve Biddulph, author of *Raising Boys*

First published in 1998, *Father Time* revolutionised fatherhood by helping men work toward what really matters – balancing work and family.

How are men supposed to work hard and have time to enjoy their children? In this revised and updated edition, Daniel Petre, who has experienced first-hand both fatherhood and corporate success, shares his experience of parenting three daughters from childhood to adulthood in this how-to for busy fathers.

*Father Time* empowers every father to become more involved in their kids' lives, with essential information on becoming a better father, fathers and corporate life, creating family-friendly companies, and achieving a successful, balanced life.

*The father of three girls, philanthropic internet entrepreneur Daniel Petre is also one of Australia's most successful technology and media executives. A former Managing Director of Microsoft Australia, in 2001 Daniel and his wife Carolyn founded the Petre Foundation. @dpetre*



## REBELLIOUS DAUGHTERS

Edited by Maria Katsonis and Lee Kofman

9781925183528 | \$32.99 |  | PB | NON-FICTION

★★★★ *A stellar line-up of Australian female writers'*  
*Books+Publishing*

Good daughters hold their tongues, obey their elders and let their families determine their destiny. *Rebellious Daughters* are just the opposite.

In *Rebellious Daughters*, some of Australia's most talented female writers share intimate stories of defiance and independence as they find their place in the world.

Powerful, funny and poignant, these true tales explore everything from getting into trouble in seedy nightclubs, to lifelong family conflicts and marrying too young. Beautifully written, profoundly honest and always relatable, every story is a unique retelling that celebrates the rebellious daughter within us all.

*Rebellious Daughters* contributors: Jane Caro, Jamila Rizvi, Susan Wyndham, Rebecca Starford, Marion Halligan, Amra Pajalic, Jo Case, Leah Kaminsky, Michelle Law, Caroline Baum, Rochelle Siemienowicz, Nicola Redhouse, Krissy Kneen, Silvia Kwon and Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones.

*Maria Katsonis* is a senior executive in the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet. Her debut memoir, *The Good Greek Girl*, was published in 2014. @mariakatsonis. *Lee Kofman* is a Russian-born Israeli-Australian author, writing teacher and mentor. Her most recent book, *The Dangerous Bride*, was published in 2014. @leekofman



# NOT GUILTY

Nicolette Rubinsztein

9781925384918 | \$32.99 |  | PB | NON-FICTION

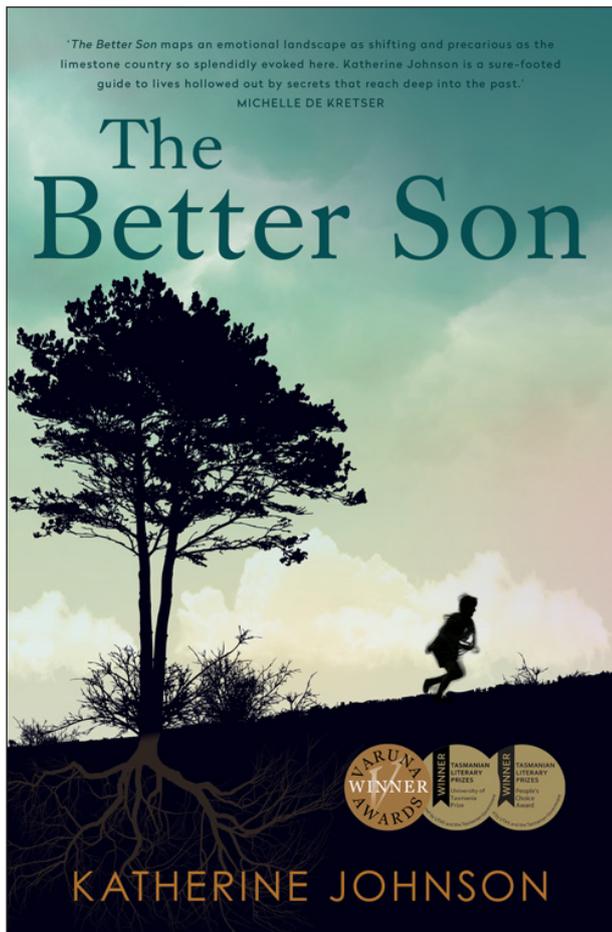
*One of Australia's most powerful part-timers shares her top strategies for women who want to raise a loving family and enjoy a successful career.*

Corporate strategist and mother of three, Nicolette Rubinsztein, experienced the tough journey of juggling motherhood and her career. Both were important to her, but the reality of “having it all” was a myth. It was only when she applied the same strategic thinking she used in business to her plight as a harassed, guilt-ridden career mum that she was able to create a framework that would help not only her, but ALL working women successfully navigate the work/life balance.

In *Not Guilty*, Nicolette offers practical and straightforward strategies that will transform you from exhausted, headless-chicken to happy career woman, wife and mother.

Based on the McKinsey 7-S framework, learn tips on going part-time, how to keep your star status, how to get on the same page as your partner, curating your “childcare jigsaw”, the importance of outsourcing and how to have a good relationship with your boss.

*Nicolette Rubinsztein is an experienced wealth management executive and strategy expert. She was the General Manager of strategy for ten years at Colonial First State, and was named one of the top 10 powerful part-time workers in Australia by Business Insider.*



# THE BETTER SON

Katherine Johnson

9781925183399 | \$29.99 | 🇦🇺 | PB | FICTION

*WINNER - The University of Tasmania Prize and People's Choice Award (Tasmanian Literary Awards)*

*WINNER - Varuna HarperCollins Manuscript Development Award*

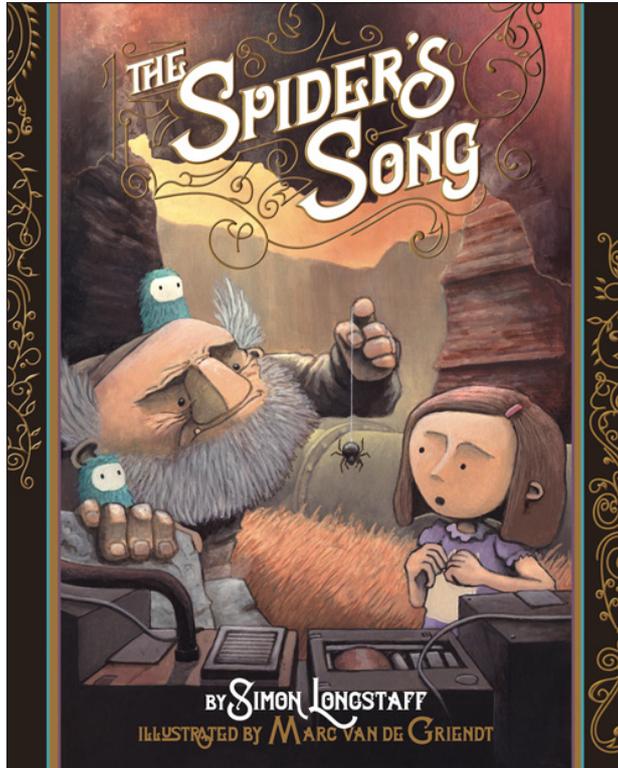
1952. Tasmania. The green, rolling hills of the dairy town Mole Creek have a dark underside — a labyrinthine underworld of tunnels that stretch for countless miles, caverns the size of cathedrals and underground rivers that flood after heavy rain. The caves are dangerous places, forbidden to children. But this is Tasmania — an island at the end of the earth. Here, rules are made to be broken.

For two young brothers, a hidden cave a short walk from the family farm seems the perfect escape from their abusive, shell-shocked father — until the older brother goes missing. Fearful of his father, nine-year-old Kip lies about what happened. It is a decision that will haunt him for the rest of his life.

Fifty years later, Kip — now an award-winning scientist — has a young son of his own, but cannot look him without seeing his lost brother, Tommy. On a mission of atonement, he returns to the cave they called Kubla to discover if it's ever too late to set things right. To have a second chance. To be the father he never had.

*The Better Son* is a richly imaginative and universal story about the danger of secrets, the beauty in forgiveness and the enthralling power of Tasmania's unique natural landscapes.

*Katherine Johnson's first novel Pescador's Wake (Fourth Estate) was published in 2009 and received rave reviews.*



# THE SPIDER'S SONG

Simon Longstaff

Illustrated by Marc van de Griendt

9781925183122 | \$29.99 |  | PB | CHILDREN'S PICTURE

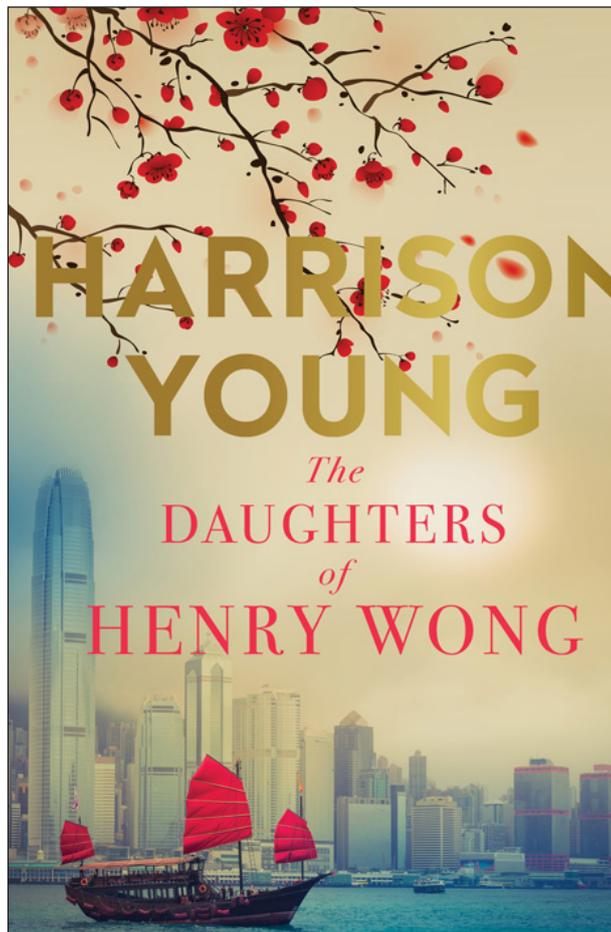
*From the director of The Ethics Centre and the curator of The Festival of Dangerous Ideas comes a compelling and intelligent new children's picture book that brings the subtlety of ethics into Australian and New Zealand homes.*

*The Spider's Song* follows the story of the Boffin, a young scientist who dares to compete with Mother Nature and build his own perfect world. Believing in his exceptional brain and grandiose abilities, the Boffin retreats into an enchanted world of woralot's, midbit's, PhtPht's and nuffin grass — weird and wonderful creatures all of his very own creation.

That is until one common little spider ventures into his world and teaches the Boffin the most important lesson of all, one he can't learn in any textbook.

With subtle messages woven throughout, *The Spider's Song* teaches children about the value of self-confidence, the power of nature and the need for human connectedness in an increasingly technological world. Age group 6-9.

*The go-to commentator on ethical dilemmas in Australia, Dr Simon Longstaff has been director of The Ethics Centre for 25 years, is the curator of The Festival of Dangerous Ideas and has been named an Australian Financial Review True Leader'. His second book, Everyday Ethics, will be released in July 2017.*



## THE DAUGHTERS OF HENRY WONG

Harrison Young

9781925384970 | \$29.99 |  | PB | FICTION

*A story of money, power, passion and betrayal, Hong Kong Confidential is the fourth book from banker and novelist Harrison Young.*

Hotshot American Wendy Lee married into a powerful Hong Kong banking family straight out of Harvard and turned himself into an indolent eccentric.

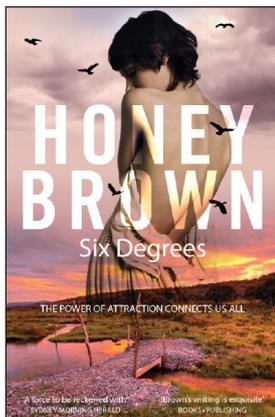
Renown for wearing loose-fitting, cream-coloured suits from the '30s, he spends languid days lunching alone within the affluent clubs of Hong Kong's high society.

Then his father-in-law, the infamous and influential Henry Wong, disappears.

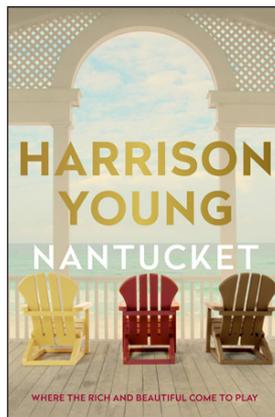
Within days, he must respond to a run on the bank, a blackmail attempt, a take-over threat and his wife's disloyalty. Under the guidance of a comical investment banker who may be a spy and a series of wise friends and alluring women, he discovers what's happening under his nose – and becomes the man he was born to be.

*Harrison Young is a non-executive director of The Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the author of three novels: Partners, Submission and Nantucket.*

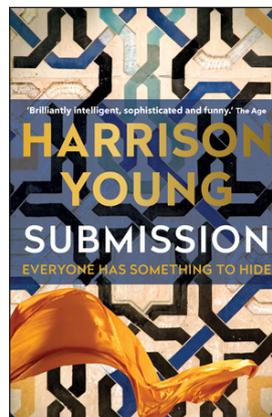
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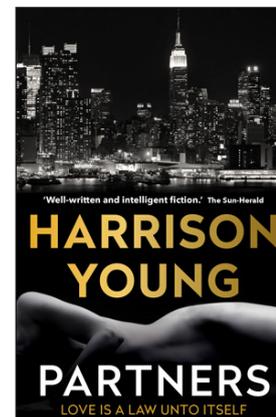
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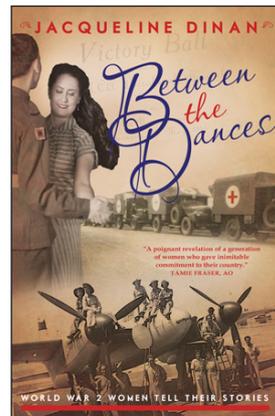


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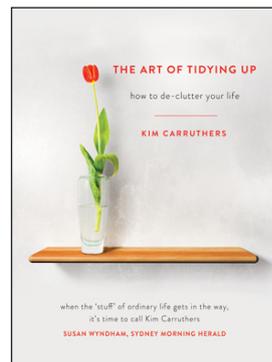
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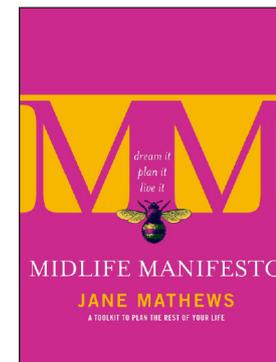
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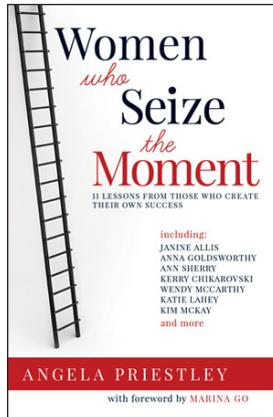


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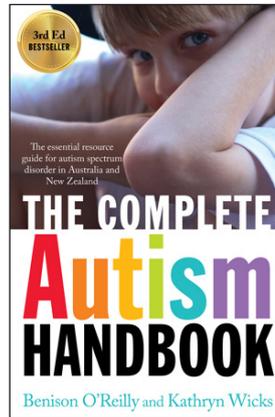


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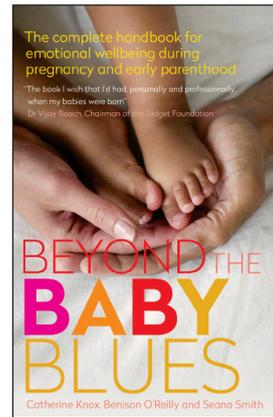
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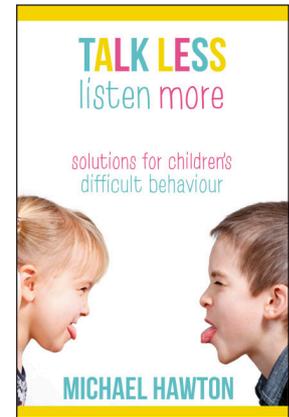
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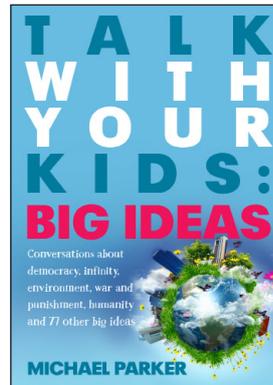
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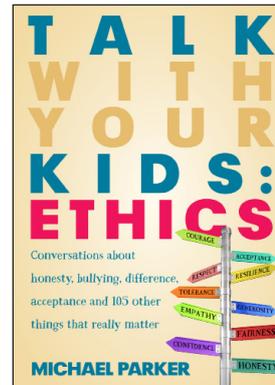
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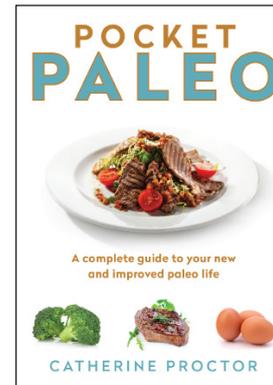
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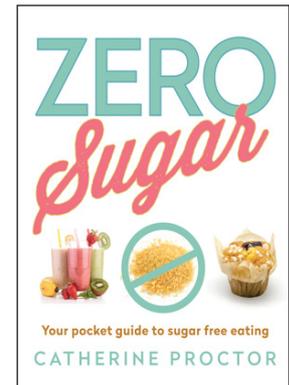
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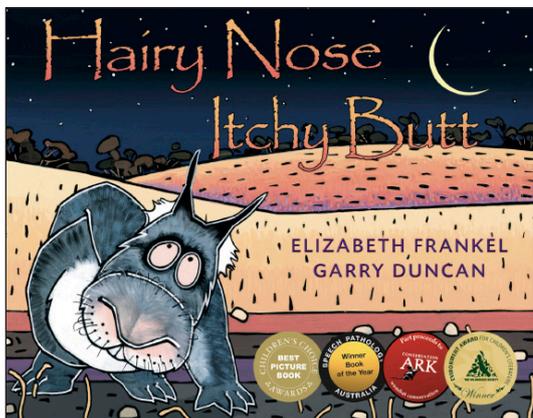


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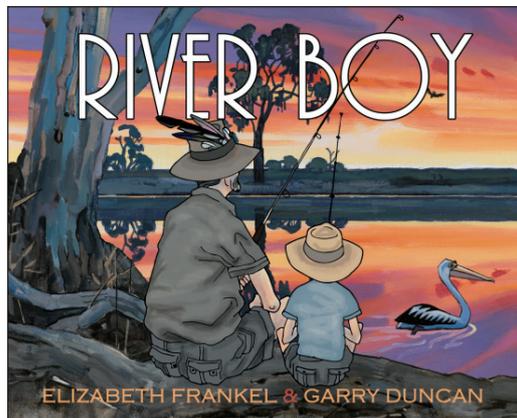


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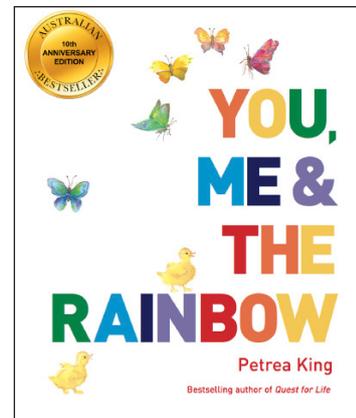
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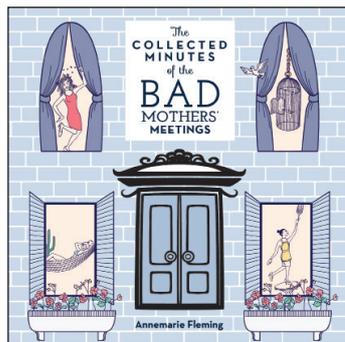


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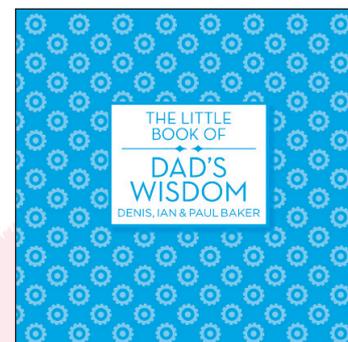
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