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Biography/Memoirs

From the Heart/Cotchin, Trent
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When Trent Cotchin was handed the reins of Richmond Football Club's team in 2013, he was a 22-year-old star, skilful and fearlessly hard at the ball. Coming off a Brownlow Medal-winning season, he embraced the captaincy and continued his quest to get the most out of himself for the benefit of the club. Yet by the end of 2016, Trent was suffering from serious self-doubt. The media and fans were circling, questioning the club's leadership and culture, demanding answers for their poor performance in finals. With nothing to lose and facing down his own fear of failure, Trent put himself on the line in a new way. He laid himself bare and asked his teammates to do the same. Vulnerability - a foreign word to tough footballers back then - gave the players an incredible connection that resulted in the 2017 premiership, breaking a 37-year drought. Trent went on to lead the team to two more flags in 2019 and 2020, cementing his place in Tiger history. Trent's personal journey involved doing the hard work to shift his focus from 'me' to 'we', abandoning the hunt for perfection in his own game for a more selfless - and ultimately more fulfilling - role. By leading with love and empathy, he brought out the best in those around him. With unflinching honesty and generosity, Trent shares the lessons he learnt in the hope that it will help others to live more authentically. This book is his legacy.

Australia According to Hoges/Hogan, Paul
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
288 pages, 20cm
9781460762301
USD : 32.99 / PB
275 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858892>

Stories and yarns about my favourite bits of Down Under Paul Hogan's ancestors were a couple of Irish blow-ins who arrived in the colony of New South Wales by boat, with a little assistance from the judges of the Old Bailey. Blow-ins from everywhere have been coming ever since, and while it hasn't always been a walk in the park, Hoges reckons this mixed-up

mob of old and new inhabitants works most of the time. In fact, according to Hoges, Australia may well be the best country on earth. In Australia, According to Hoges, the comedy legend explores some of the highways and byways of his country's past and present to map out all that is strange, marvellous and majestic about his homeland and why Australia qualifies as the Eighth Wonder of the World. From the rich and ancient culture of the island continent's Original human inhabitants to its prison-farm phase, from a baptism by fire through wars and depression to a passion for sport, gambling and outdoor cookery, and from the influence of Marlon Brando on a teenager from Sydney's western suburbs to the culinary wonders brought by new arrivals from all around the world, Hoges portrays a nation that believes in a fair go for all and never takes itself too seriously. Full of laugh-out-loud yarns from Hoges' and the nation's past, Australia, According to Hoges is a love letter to Down Under. As Hoges says, 'We're not perfect, but we're working on it.'

Flinders - The fascinating life, loves & great adventures of the man who put Australia on the map/Kieza, Grantlee
Australia : ABC Books, Australia 2023
496 pages, 24cm
9780733341557
USD : 52.00 / HB
805 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858883>

The extraordinary life, loves and voyages of the man who put Australia on the map Fearless, sharp-eyed and handsome, Matthew Flinders was one of the greatest of all maritime adventurers and undertook one of the most important voyages of discovery - to circumnavigate and map the famed Great Southern Land. Together with his Aboriginal interpreter and guide, Kuringgai man Bungaree, and his beloved rescue cat Trim, Flinders explored the furthest reaches of Australia and meticulously recorded its rugged coastlines on maps so accurate they are still used today. He also gave our vast island continent its name, turning the centuries-old title 'Terra Australis' into 'Australia' and making the name widely popular through his writing. Growing up in rural England, Flinders became fascinated with the sea, inspired by the adventure story of Robinson Crusoe and the history-making explorations of Captain James Cook. While not much more than a boy, Flinders fought in great naval battles against the French, and from a young age was at the forefront of major maritime voyages that took him right around the globe. With Sir Joseph Banks, England's foremost scientist as his mentor, Flinders set off in 1801 to discover and map the vast reaches of the great continent of the southern ocean. Flinders recorded his work, voyages and adventures in what would become his famous book and atlas, which announced to the world the true nature of the Australian continent's treasures - and its Indigenous people. But rather than bask in the accolades of his extraordinary feat, Flinders then spent years as a virtual political prisoner trapped off the coast of Africa when rushing home to his beloved wife, Ann, in England. His love for her, and his heart-breaking fight to escape his prison bonds to be with her again, was the last great adventure of a fascinating life. From the bestselling, critically acclaimed author of Banks, Banjo, Hudson Fysh and Monash, Flinders is a rollicking adventure tale of a man who loved the sea, and adored his family - and pushed himself to the limits of human endeavour to show it.

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Ecology/Environment

Kimberley monsoon rainforests/Kenneally, Kevin F.
Australia : University of Western Australia Publishing 2023
184 pages, 23cm
9781760802677
USD : 52.00 / PB
610 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858873>

The plant communities of the Kimberley, including Australia's tropical rainforests, are the most biodiverse ecosystems of Australia and, in many ways, the least understood. Since European settlement Australia has lost 27% of its rainforest. Today, there remains around 1,500 patches of monsoon rainforest, totalling 7,000 hectares, scattered across 170,000 square kilometres of the tropical Kimberley region of Western Australia. These rainforests are small, isolated and embedded within a mosaic of mostly flammable eucalypt savanna woodlands. Mounting evidence of the Kimberley as a historical and significant centre of refugia warrants action from scientists, governments, conservation agencies, Indigenous landholders as well as local communities to protect and conserve its unique biota and the processes responsible for generating and sustaining it. Kimberley monsoon rainforests: Islands in a sea of savanna presents a rich and comprehensive exploration of the unique biodiversity of monsoon rainforests found in the expansive Kimberley region of Western Australia. Distilled from almost 50 years of research by author Kevin F. Kenneally Kimberley monsoon rainforests is a must-have for anyone interested in the conservation of the Kimberley and the protection of Australia's unique natural landscapes. 'A valuable resource for everyone who lives, works or travels in the Kimberley, pulling together all of the

available knowledge of rainforest into one place.' - Catherine Goonack, Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation

History

Saving Lieutenant Kennedy : The heroic story of the Australian who helped rescue JFK/Mason, Brett
Australia : NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2023
272 pages, 20cm
9781742237879
USD : 39.99 / PB
300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858879>

The incredible story of an Australian hero who helped save the life of a future president. On a moonless night in August 1943, a US torpedo boat commanded by Lt John F Kennedy, on patrol in Solomon Islands, was rammed by a Japanese destroyer. Left clinging to wreckage within sight of Japanese encampments, the eleven surviving members of Kennedy's crew eventually struggled ashore on a small uninhabited island. Missing, presumed dead, behind enemy lines, with no food or water, and with several injured, the future looked bleak for the shipwrecked Americans. Fortunately, Australian 'coast watcher' Lt Reg Evans witnessed the immediate aftermath of the collision from his nearby jungle hideaway. Working under the searching eye of the Japanese military, over the next five days Evans and two Solomon Islander scouts Eroni Kumana and Biuku Gasa located Kennedy and his crew and ensured their rescue. This story of wartime bravery and survival helped create JFK's legend and paved his way to the White House. It also shone a spotlight on Australia and America's shared wartime experience. In *Saving Lieutenant Kennedy*, Brett Mason, author of *Wizards of Oz*, sets the heroic rescue and its colourful aftermath against the background of the Pacific war and the birth of the Australia-US alliance, which remains as vital today as when Kennedy and Evans first shook hands.

Rogue Corporations - Inside Australia's biggest business scandals/Beresford, Quentin
Australia : NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2023
432 pages, 23cm
9781742237589
USD : 39.99 / PB
570 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858874>

Crown Resorts, the Bond Group, James Hardie, HIH Insurance, Geoffrey Edelsten's Allied Medical Group, 7-Eleven and Rio Tinto, the list goes on... Australia has suffered from the continual sting of business scandals since corporate cowboys like Alan Bond and Christopher Skase wrought so much damage during the 1980s. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Australians have been affected, with many left traumatised when corporations collapse due to gross mismanagement and profits being put before people. Award-winning author Quentin Beresford takes us inside corporate Australia's highest-profile scandals and the factors that drive them the rise of celebrity CEOs, timid regulators, inept boards, the murky links between big business, governments, banks, media and lobby groups and explores a

path towards higher ethical standards from organisations. It's a wild ride into the heart of corporate Australia.

Linguistics

Yaru! Gudjal Learner's Guide and Dictionary/William Santo, Alex Anderson, Cassy Nancarrow, Myfany Turpin
Australia : Aboriginal Studies Press, Australia 2023
116 pages, 24cm
9781922102447
USD : 39.95 / PB
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858872>

Gudjal is the language of the people of the Mural (Charters Towers) region, in western inland north Queensland. The beginnings of this dictionary and learner's guide were in the 1970s when Gudjal people began working with linguists to record their language. The first dictionary of Gudjal, by William Santo and Cassy Nancarrow, was published in 2006; and so, a language that had been sleeping started to awaken. In Yaru!, the dictionary has been expanded and the first-ever Gudjal grammar is included, as well as four songs and a Welcome to Country. The book has been compiled by Gudjal elder William Santo and linguists Alex Anderson, Cassy Nancarrow and Myfany Turpin. It includes accompanying audio read by Keesha Gordon and Shakira Kelly. The audio is accessed through QR codes in the book and can be downloaded from the associated website. Yaru! will be essential to the Gudjal community and schools in the Charters Towers region to build a new generation of language speakers. It will also be of value to people interested in Australia's first peoples, their languages and language revival.

Literature

Telling - Stories of Resistance from Nairm Marr Djambana/Nairm Marr Djambana Aboriginal Corporation, Sina Summers (Editor)
Australia : Magabala Books 2023
129 pages, 23cm
9781925768022
USD : 34.99 / PB
205 gm.

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'Our Songlines continue through our lived experiences. The strength, resilience, hope and love is heard and felt deeply within each of these stories. Our Elders share their culture and wisdom through their knowledge. We are forever grateful.' - Kutcha Edwards The 12 short life stories in Telling are grounded in First Nations storytelling traditions and reveal the diverse and complex nature of the experience of living in the wake of colonialisation. Telling fits with this year's NAIDOC theme, For Our Elders. It also speaks to the contemporary political movement for truth-telling and Treaty in Victoria and nationally. The voices of First Nations Elders living in Victoria are prioritised and honoured in this work. These stories are

from all over Australia. Each Elder reflects on intergenerational trauma, Stolen Generations, reconnection and resistance, demonstrating their deeply felt Black pride and joy and celebrating their stories of survival. Aunty Yvonne Luke recounts her reconnection to Alyawerre country after several generations of removal. Koori leader Uncle Mik Edwards describes his brave story of survival after being removed forcibly from his family in 1967, and Marion Hansen tells of her surprise at being crowned Miss NAIDOC in 1969. The evocative photographs provided by the authors bring an intimacy to this vital historical testimony that will be enjoyed by Indigenous and non-Indigenous readers alike.

The Queen's Apprenticeship/Ryan, Tracy
Australia : Transit Lounge, Australia 2023
361 pages, 24cm
9781923023031
USD : 39.99 / PB
465 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858875>

Two women from different worlds in Renaissance France cross paths in a way that changes both their lives. One is Marguerite de Navarre, a King's sister. Powerful, privileged and widely admired, Marguerite must nonetheless marry where she is told to, regardless of her feelings, and – despite the thrilling new ideas of religious reform causing upheaval in France – must toe the line for the good of her brother's kingdom. Ever a risk-taker, she does what she can to protect her reformist friends. But she has always loved to write, and when disaster strikes in her personal life, she picks up her pen – but some of what she writes will get her into trouble. The other is a cast out, itinerant child who longs to be a printer like her late father. Jehane goes dressed as a male by the name of Josse, at first for safety's sake and then by choice, fending off the risks of being alone, unprotected and born female, poor but trying to live in freedom. Eventually Josse joins a group of printers and publishers in Paris. Despite her suspicion of men, she comes to idolise one among them. But can they be 'true friends', and can she share her whole self with him? Long before #MeToo, women were telling their 'unspeakable' stories, and these two, both rich and poor, are no exception. They come together in the most unexpected of ways. In The Queen's Apprenticeship one of our very best writers brings to fully realised and magnificent life a world of drama and intrigue.

Returning/Saunders, Kirli
Australia : Magabala Books 2023
163 pages, 20cm
9781922613707
USD : 34.99 / PB
340 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858880>

'Mate, you're standing on stolen land.' Returning is a stunning work – a poetic and visual feast that takes you on Kirli's journey of rediscovering self, Country and Connection. Kirli's heartfelt experiences address large contemporary themes of decolonisation, self-determination, Identity, First Nations matriarchy, queerness, justice, love, liberation, and truth-telling. The backdrop to Returning is a time of huge upheaval with natural disasters, COVID and the Black Lives Matter Movement. Each poem is accompanied by evocative and

poignant artwork that was created in response to its poem and vitalises its meaning. The artworks, visual poems, were originally shown at SHAC Gallery, Gundungurra land, in 2021 in the exhibition named Returning. Kirli's multi-disciplinary artworks span across a range of mediums and displays, including but not limited to water colour, ink on hand-dyed silk, synthesising digital imagery with text, and installations of hand-crafted possum skin cloaks and weavings. Returning was developed with consultation and guidance from First Nations Elders, Custodians, academics and artists.

Best Australian Science Writing 2023, The/Donna Lu (editor)
Australia : NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2023
336 pages, 20cm
9781742238005
USD : 39.99 / PB
360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858878>

Should we alter animals' DNA to save them from extinction? What secrets will old ice reveal to us about the Earth's deep past? How is the world's most expensive - and explosive - substance made? Great science writing offers fascinating insights into our surrounding environments, inspires awe at the wonders of the natural world, and also seeks to understand and address some of the biggest problems of our time. Science writing encompasses the vastness of the universe and all the diverse life forms within it. Stories abound in both the microscopic and the astronomical, from the scientists trying to reverse-engineer brain circuitry to the largest radio telescope of its kind on Earth which could help us detect alien life. This much-loved anthology - now in its thirteenth year - selects the most thought-provoking, poignant and dazzling science stories and essays from Australian writers, poets and scientists. With a foreword by scientist and engineer Professor Mary O'Kane AC, The Best Australian Science Writing 2023 covers another remarkable year filled with watershed moments in science. INCLUDES THE SHORTLISTED ENTRIES FOR THE 2023 UNSW PRESS BRAGG PRIZE FOR SCIENCE WRITING, AND THE 2022 STUDENT PRIZE WINNING ESSAY. CONTRIBUTORS: Jo Chandler Angus Dalton Nicky Phillips Jacinta Bowler Helen Sullivan Heather Taylor-Johnson Sara Webb Meredi Ortega Drew Rooke Amalyah Hart Alice Klein Lauren Fuge Zoe Kean Miki Perkins Bianca Nogrady Rebecca Giggs Alice Gorman Belinda Smith and Alan Weedon Felicity Plunkett Clare Watson Fiona McMillan-Webster Euan Ritchie Paul Biegler Tabitha Carvan Karlie Noon and Krystal De Napoli Jane McCredie Elizabeth Finkel Smriti Mallapaty Anne Casey Jackson Ryan Carl Smith

Critic swallows book : ten years of the Sydney review of books/edited by Catriona Menzies-Pike
Australia : Sydney Review of Books 2023
373 pages, 21cm
9780648062196
USD : 39.95 / PB
420 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858877>

In 2023 the Sydney Review of Books celebrates a decade online and the publication of more than a thousand essays and longform reviews of Australian and international literature.

Over these ten years the SRB has cleared a unique space for serious reflection on literature and for critical thinking about our culture more broadly. The journal has been shaped by the diverse aesthetic, political and critical dispositions of our contributors, each of whom has different questions to ask contemporary literature. As they've asked these questions, they've guided a bold and independent public conversation about literature, and especially about the many forms of Australian literature. Critic Swallows Book brings together twenty-two essays that together demonstrate the eclecticism of the Sydney Review of Books. It includes essays on decolonising Australian literature and revisiting the classics, on blockbuster fiction and book-length poetry, on modernism in the Antipodes and reading during the pandemic. Essays on Susan Sontag and Rita Felski sit alongside critical considerations of Murray Bail and Joan London, of Evelyn Araluen and Samia Khatun. Contributors: Timmah Ball, Paola Balla, Alix Beeston, Tegan Bennett Daylight, Andrew Brooks, Bonny Cassidy, Mridula Nath Chakraborty, Tom Clark, Ali Cobby Eckermann, Ben Etherington, Ross Gibson, Ivor Indyk, Yumna Kassab, Louis Klee, Jeanine Leane, James Ley, Catriona Menzies-Pike, Drusilla Modjeska, Alys Moody, Suneeta Peres da Costa, Oliver Reeson. Open Secrets is edited by Catriona Menzies-Pike, former editor of the Sydney Review of Book. It follows the collections Open Secrets, Second City and The Australian Face, all published by the Sydney Review of Books.

A Woman of Courage/Blanchard, Tania
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
448 pages, 23cm
9781460764091
USD : 39.99 / PB
550 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858884>

A gripping, moving story of love, tenacity and the right to be heard by bestseller Tania Blanchard, inspired by a true story 1890, Northern England. Hannah Todd dreams of a future where women have the right to vote. Fresh from her teaching studies in Durham, the university city, she joins her parents in a rural village, brimming with newly found passion and the groundswell towards women's suffrage unfolding in London. Working tirelessly to help women and children in the county, Hannah is determined to make the fight for the vote her life's work, adding her voice to the rising chorus across the nation and hopes of a new world and a new way of thinking. But soon she must fight a new, unexpected battle - that of the yearning of her own heart - and discovers that when power is threatened, darkness, brutality and dangerous, closely guarded secrets are never too far from the surface. How far can she go to fight for what's right? From the exciting, progressive hive of London to the traditional villages of the rural north, A Woman of Courage rings with the strength and struggles of women at time of momentous change ... and the choices one woman must make to help forge a new future.

Watering the Marigolds/Bergel, Muriel
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
48 pages, 20cm
9781761096181
USD : 29.00 / PB
60 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858891>

'Poetry has the ability to cover a lot of ground in a few lines, and Muriel Bergel's book deals with so many questions and conundrums. In these pages we find goddesses, dreams, music, mothers and even ugg boots. Mythology and the everyday are combined to great effect. This is a remarkably poised first collection, inviting us to travel with the poet as she navigates her way through loss, labyrinths and the art of kissing. Vivid images and memorable phrases will linger in the reader's mind.' - PS Cottier 'Personal reveries free the spirit. Poems unfold memories, send postcards that weave a delicate web. Reveal ancient mythologies of love and sadness, "a cord still attaches us, I've tried to cut it but my scissors are rusty, so I keep coming back." Words caress family, lovers, nature, with a gentle kiss and release of "dandelion wishes". A beautiful collection.' - Jenni Nixon 'In this debut collection, the world of spirits and nature flows alongside the domestic and the everyday. Muriel Bergel journeys through a maze of grief, yet is resuscitated by the startling energy of the "fiery orange blooms" of the marigolds, by gum trees, cicadas and dragonflies. Accompanied by the power of goddesses, she navigates through life, finding her way toward regeneration, renewal and new beginnings. As well, often light and playful, this satisfying collection is infused with vamos - a Spanish word meaning "let's go, come on".' - Jane Skelton

Sounds & Silences/Eldridge, Brenda
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
56 pages, 20cm
9781761096242
USD : 32.00 / PB
75 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858890>

Vivid memories prompted by hearing a few stray notes playing sent me wandering through my very rich life to renew my love of particular pieces of music and songs. When I started writing poems, I recognised that, for me, music is like ekphrastic poetry. A composer responds to something and in turn there is my response to the composer. From my own experiences, I was reminded how my mental image or emotional response to a piece of music was not necessarily what the composer had in mind. Being more aware of the silences throughout a piece of music or when it comes to an end, I started to write about silence. In doing that, I realised that in our ordinary lives it doesn't exist. What is silence? It appears to be a momentary pause between one sound and the next - a heartbeat. Even if everything else can be blocked out, we can still feel or hear our own heart beating. Having got that far, I explored places where there was 'silence' and discovered what I could really hear.

Roundabout/Furphy, Roger
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
130 pges, 20cm
9781761096228
USD : 42.00 / PB
150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858889>

Roundabout, life's journey, memories, and contemplation that rest on small shelves of my dreams. At times seem mundane yet somehow remain catalogued, until in the stutter of nights connect come selected through a sepia of drift. And so a roundabout of dreams interrupt my day, demand storage in folds of writing.

Lost in the Pleiades/Summers, Carmel
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
102 pages, 20cm
9781761096235
USD : 39.99 / PB
120 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858888>

'Who would not want to time-travel through the night sky? This is exactly what Carmel Summers offers us in her latest book *Lost in the Pleiades*. This is much more than a collection of verse - it is a compilation of careful poetic research into a cluster of stars that has fascinated humanity since its first discovery. Summers takes us through the present and mythological past in a journey of awe as it we learn to read star maps and explore the mysteries of the Pleiades. There is plenty of whimsical beauty in this collection. Venus photobombs the Seven Sisters. Joanna Lumley attends a hypothetical Javanese sacred dance. Galileo writes a treatise. We revisit a childhood fairy tale. This selection of poetry is Carmel Summers' best yet. She has a gift for choosing the most appropriate form for each poem and her writing is humorous, poignant, wildly exciting and always respectful. It's a must for every bookcase. *Lost in the Pleiades* twinkles with wonder like Jane Taylor's well known children's poem. I'm still hankering after that Seven Sisters bracelet with Orion's stone set in the middle' - Hazel Hall, Australian poet and musicologist
'Lost in the Pleiades by Carmel Summers is a stylistically diverse and meditative poetic exploration of the seven sister jewels in the night sky. She brings a feminist perspective to historical sources and mythological tales that have woven stories around the constellation of the Pleiades. From Galileo to the Australian First Peoples, we are taken on an historical and geographic journey that is yet deeply personal and reflective of contemporary life. We are invited to look heavenward to see "those lost girls glow and glitter" and to realise that "they shine to remind us - to love".' - Julie Thorndyke

Breaking the Surface/Reid, Ian
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
138 pages, 20cm
9781761096204
USD : 42.00 / PB
155 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858887>

Rhumbs, Woods Hole, Mass. (USA), Pourboire Press 'I like best his tough humorous approach and nearly epigrammatic style, his intelligence in using words and his width of focus - taking in not just the immediate situation but its context too. That's rare, now that so much verse is self-preoccupied, concentrating on the personal at the expense of thinking and feeling outwards, and without bringing up enough to justify the inwardness. Reid has always been able to relate in the opposite direction. To be humble and humorous about oneself is a lost art, but he has it. To look at the not-me with love and real interest and say

something valid - Reid knows what poetry's for.' - Judith Wright Undercover agent, Adelaide, Adelaide University Union Press 'Throughout Undercover Agent Reid places this uneasiness about living up to the Romantic ideal of man and poet insistently at the centre of his poetry, till we recognise in his procedure a dogged honesty. He becomes a keen and hard quester after what makes opportunities for poetry...a series of startling and versatile prose poems...an assured and authoritative syntax.' - Christopher Pollnitz in Southerly The Shifting Shore, Grange Press (Vancouver, Canada) and Mattoid (Geelong) 'There's a great deal of verbal flair, at times almost pyrotechnics, but the poems also have a terrific sense of place, of being located in a physical world inhabited by real people. All this gives the collection a human and physical solidity which is very appealing, and all the more because the language is full of tricks and surprises.' - Andrew Taylor 'Reid approaches his subject with humour, precise imagery, and an emphasis on the aural... The poems discuss the self through extended metaphors so thoroughly that self and seashore merge, diverge and merge again. This is poetry of the littoral regions. In reading it one finds oneself standing on the physical, wet sand or in the conceptual territory of the individual psyche, depending on the tidal movements of each stanza and line... Not only a fine sense of the interstices between self and world, but an exceptional sense of imagery [moving] towards the fascinating territory that Reid calls "the ruffled edges of the real".' - Michael Wiley in Antipodes (USA)

Alfred Brendel's Studies in Contrary Motion/Watson, John
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
28 pages
9781761096419
USD : 14.00 / PB
30 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858893>

Picaro Poets

Chekhov's a happy ending/Watson, John
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
28 pages.
9781761096266
USD : 14.00 / PB
30 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858897>

Picaro Poets

Solar system oracles/Thérèse Corfiatis
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
28 pages
9781761096273
USD : 14.00 / PB
30 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858898>

Picaro Poets

Anne's copy of poems by Kenneth Slessor/John Watson
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
28 pages
9781761096389
USD : 14.00 / PB
25 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858894>

Picaro Poets

Alluvium/Daley, Carlie
Australia : Ginninderra Press, Port Adelaide, Australia 2023
28 pages
9781761096310
USD : 14.00 / PB
25 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858895>

Picaro Poets

Politics

The Consultancy Conundrum/Jaspan, Andrew
Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023
96 pages, 17cm
9781922979322
USD : 24.95 / PB
80 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858882>

In mid-2023, Australia was rocked by a scandal surrounding the local affiliate of business management consultancy PricewaterhouseCoopers. The crisis raised serious concerns about the role of consultancy and audit firms within our public service, and caused governments to re-evaluate their relationships with these agencies. The key question emerged: are the big four consulting firms truly neutral advisers, or do their ties to corporate interests compromise the public sector's integrity? The Consultancy Conundrum is a compelling examination of the role consultancy firms have played in shaping our current crisis of confidence in public institutions. Andrew Jaspan and Lachlan Guselli have brought together authoritative contributions from across the world to provide unique insights into the evolving role and expectations of our civil service, and the Faustian bargain it has made with the corporate world's instant experts. Collectively, the writers ask: if we can't trust the

consultants, then who will give our governments the advice they need to secure our future? How do we rebuild a robust civil service to support positive change in a volatile world? And how do we go about shaping this new vision of our public service?

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