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THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 15% OFF ALL OUR STOCK PLUS MANY MORE BARGAINS.

And on SATURDAY 13TH IT'S PARTY TIME with music, lucky shopper prizes, balloons, the staff in costumes (yes you can dress up too) and general silliness.

Welcome to the spring edition of ESB News. The sap is rising, the days are getting warmer and longer and everyone seems to come out of their winter hibernation with a smile – who doesn't love the promise of spring!

But this year we have an extra reason to celebrate spring – it is our 20th Birthday – and we've got some great competitions for you and we are having a giant birthday sale, so please, read on...

✦ ✦ ✦ BETTING ON THE BOOKER ✦ ✦ ✦

Every year the Man Booker Prize for fiction elicits tremendous excitement and speculation in the literary world. We know that the British even bet on the outcome so this year we are going one better in Braddon. With the generous assistance of our publishing friends at Random House, Penguin Books, Macmillan, Allen & Unwin, Hachette Livre and Harper Collins we have put together a fabulous collection of the last 20 years of Booker Prize winning novels. All you have to do to go in the draw to win this basket of Bookers (valued at \$500) is to nominate your winner from this year's shortlist, and support it by your reasoning why that book should win. The first correct entry will win outright, however if there is no correct entry then the best argued selections will be scrutinised by our judges and go into a further draw. So put your best literary feet and arguments forward!

THE 6 SHORT LISTED NOVELS ARE



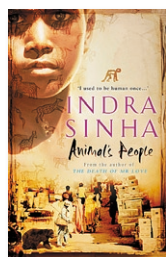
Mister Pip
by Lloyd Jones
\$29.95pb

My tip is *Mister Pip* – it is quite simply one of the best books I've read in a very long time and it has already won this year's Commonwealth Writers' Prize. But then again *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* could be the surprise outsider ... (AH)



On Chesil Beach
by Ian McEwan
\$29.95hb

My tip is *On Chesil Beach*, a short novel of remarkable depth, let's see if he can do it again! (KP)



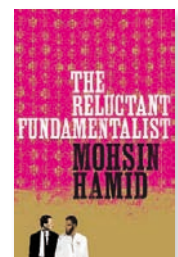
Animal's People
by Indra Sinha
\$32.95pb



Darkmans
by Nicola Barker
\$55.00hb



The Gathering
by Anne Enright
\$32.95pb



The Reluctant Fundamentalist
by Mohsin Hamid
\$29.95pb



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MADMAN DVD SALE



To help us celebrate our 20th Birthday our friends at Madman Entertainment have come up with this fantastic birthday sale DVD offer :

SAVE 30% on the RRP of a great selection of their best selling world cinema titles, including – *The Leopard*, *Tokyo Story*, *Allegro Non Troppo*, *Man With a Movie Camera*, *The Battle of Algiers*, *Metropolis*, *Lacombe Lucien*, *Earth*, *Walk on Water*, *In Search of Mozart*, *Goodbye Lenin* and more. Titles that were \$34.95 will be \$24.95 and those that were \$29.95 will be \$19.95. Stocks are limited so don't miss out. This offer is exclusive to ESB.



Drop in with or email your entries to esb@electricshadowsbookshop.com.au but hurry as the Man Booker Prize is announced on Tuesday, 16th October.

AUGUST –
SEPTEMBER 2007



Braddon Bestsellers

BOOKS

- 1 ***His Master's Voice: Public Debate in Howard's Australia***
(Quarterly Essay 26) by David Marr, \$14.95pb
- 2 ***Carpentaria***
by Alexis Wright, \$29.95tpb
- 3 ***A Thousand Splendid Suns***
by Khaled Hosseini, \$32.95tpb
- 4 ***Making Your Home Sustainable: a guide to retrofitting***
by Derek Wrigley, \$42.95pb
- 5 ***God is Not Great***
by Christopher Hitchens, \$29.95pb
- 6 ***The Road***
by Cormac McCarthy \$22.95pb

DVDs

- 1 ***Ten Canoes*** Dir. Rolf De Heer, \$34.95
- 2 ***Dersu Uzala*** Dir. Akira Kurosawa, \$34.95
- 3 ***L'Avventura*** Dir. Michelangelo Antonioni, \$34.95
- 4 ***Babel*** Dir. Alejandro Inarritu, \$39.95
- 5 ***Pan's Labyrinth*** Dir. Guillermo Del Toro, \$39.95
- 6 ***The Seventh Seal*** Dir. Ingmar Bergman, \$29.95

NEW FILM BOOKS — please see our website for the latest titles available
www.electrichadowsbookshop.com.au

SPRING INTO ACTION!



Now is the time to think about the garden, so we've put together a great selection to get you motivated so that in summer you can reap the rewards of your hard yet pleasurable work!



PLOT by
Meredith Kirton
Full of workable and imaginative ideas about garden design and can be used as both

a comprehensive reference guide and a constant source of inspiration. The first section provides a historical background to garden design before covering the basics. The second section explores five different palettes of garden design. \$45.00pb



GROWERS MARKET by
Leanne Kitchen
A colourful celebration of fruit, vegetables, herbs and nuts and the

revival of interest in locally grown and hand-picked fresh seasonal produce. More than a cookbook, *Grower's Market* is bursting with practical information on how to select and prepare fresh produce and offers useful advice on storage, basic cooking techniques, nutritional information and companion foods. \$45.00pb



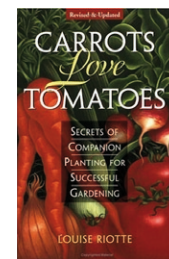
AUSTRALIAN FRUIT & VEGETABLE GARDEN by
Clive Blazey & Jane Varkulevicius
Dig up your front

lawn – that is all the space you will need to grow the best fruit trees and vegetables. At last an authoritative Australian gardening guide that shows gardeners how to integrate food and flowers to create the Garden of Eden for the 21st century. Covering all Australian conditions and advice from local experts for each climate, makes this a gardener's delight! \$39.95hb



GARDEN FEAST
by Melissa King
Horticulturalist, gardening writer and ABC TV presenter Melissa King invites you to join a feast

in which the garden provides inspiration for mouth-watering meals based on fresh seasonal ingredients. Detailed, practical information for the gardener on everything from climate and soil type to watering and harvesting means everyone can enjoy these reliable, productive, easy-to-grow garden treasures. With additional features on the health and nutrition benefits and creating gardens in small spaces, a guide to bottling and preserving, and information on complementary herbs, this is an essential reference for the gourmet gardener. \$49.95pb



CARROTS LOVE TOMATOES

by Louise Riotte
This gardening classic was first published in 1975, and now a second generation of gardeners who prefer

pest-resistant planting to chemicals will find a place for it on the shelves. Not only does it tell what to plant with what, but also how to use herbal sprays to control insects, what wild plants to encourage in the garden, how to grow fruit and nut trees, how to start small plots or window-box gardens, and much more. It's one of the most practical books around for any gardener of edibles, no matter how serious or casual. \$26.95pb

FEATURED SOUNDTRACK



Once \$29.95
The soundtrack from the delightful Irish musical featuring songs by Czech Republic-born Marketa Irglova and Frames frontman Glen Hansard. A real winner!

THE ESB POTTED HISTORY PRIZE



Correctly name the 4 Canberra locations of Electric Shadows Bookshop in its 20 year history and go in the draw to win a \$100 ESB gift voucher. Here are your clues:

- ▶ It started in a theatre foyer in Civic.
- ▶ It next sub-let from an independent record store that had a big impact in its day.
- ▶ It was there for 16 years.
- ▶ It is there now.

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Competition closes 15th November, 2007.

UNICEF CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE SOON

Christmas is really about children, so for the past 8 years we have supported the important humanitarian work of Unicef by selling their delightful Christmas cards. Please help us to help them again this year. All proceeds from the purchase of Unicef cards goes back to Unicef. For more information on how you can donate go to www.unicef.com.au

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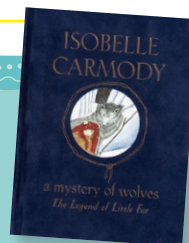


This is a stand out DVD – even both Mum & Dad watched it! *Tales From Earthsea* (2 Disc Set \$34.95). From the makers of two of my favourite films, *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Spirited Away*, this time Studio Ghibli have gone to the amazing world of Ursula K. Le Guin. The story is about a wise old wizard, a young prince and an evil witch. It was wonderful but my three year old brother had a few problems with the dragon – the next DVD was more enjoyable for him – *Little Princess: Spring* (\$19.95). Geee, when she is not happy, SHE IS NOT HAPPY! She loves doing things her way and just like my brother she is pretty vocal about it too. It made all of us laugh.

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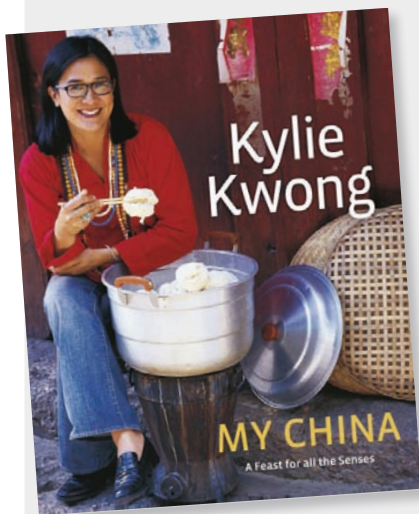


Now here is one of my favourites books *Mystery of Wolves – The Legend Of Little Fur* by Isobelle Carmody (\$24.95hb). Not only is it a favourite of mine to read but also to look at.... to hold and feel. This is book 3 in the series. The first one is just called *Little Fur*, \$24.95hb And the second *A Fox Called Sorrow* (and are just as beautiful if you ask me!). Little Fur discovers that her friend, the cat Ginger, is in terrible danger. Advised by the wise Sett Owl to seek out the Mystery of Wolves, Little Fur takes as her guide an old wolf who she frees from the zoo. Greysong leads her high into the frozen mountains where she must face the deadly peril that lies at the heart of the Mystery of Wolves.



And finally let me tell you about *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Gris Grimly (\$24.95hb). Are all the lights on? Is there a parent in the house? Are the windows shut and locked? Double-check. They HAVE to be if you are going to read this book. While you may have heard of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman, you've never SEEN them quite like this. So, take a deep breath and take a long look. And you may want to bring a flashlight to bed with you....or your little brother....teddy.....anything!

Get Cooking with Kylie Kwong



MY CHINA by Kylie Kwong, \$79.95hb (Penguin Books Australia)

Travel with Kylie Kwong as she rediscovers her Chinese heritage, exploring the food and culture of a vast and enigmatic country. Her inspiring journey takes her from the rural simplicity of her ancestral village in China's southwest to the wilds of the Tibetan plateau and the stylish modernity of Hong Kong and Shanghai. With the purchase of her latest book, you can go in a draw to win her previous gems such as *Simple Chinese* (RRP \$59.95pb) & *Heart & Soul* (RRP \$39.95pb).

ESB RECOMMENDS



2008 Calendars and Diaries Now Available

You love our cards and now our fantastic & unique (if we do say so ourselves) selection of 2008 wall calendars and diaries have arrived. We don't stock multiples of many designs, preferring to have a bigger range, so you will need to be quick to make your selection for that perfect calendar that will keep you visually delighted throughout the year.



NEW to buy ON DVD



Some real rarities have surfaced in the past few weeks, including the long unavailable '70s bizarre cult classics:

The Films of Alejandro Jodorowsky box set \$79.95 (*El Topo* and *The Holy Mountain* are also available individually at \$34.95 each)

Universal Pictures have also released a stash of 10 titles by the French New Wave auteur Jean-Luc Godard, including *Breathless*, *Contempt*, *Alphaville*, *Pierrot le Fou*, all priced at \$19.95.

Other interesting releases in October and November include:

La Haine Dir. Mathieu Kassovitz, 1995, \$19.95

The White Sheik Dir. Federico Fellini, 1952 (his first solo feature), \$19.95

The Science of Sleep Dir. Michel Gondry, \$29.95

Paris, Je T'Aime — stories of love from the heart of the city. Features segments by 18 of the world's most renowned directors, including the Coen Brothers, Gus Van Sant & Tom Tykwer. \$34.95

The Valet Dir. Francis Veber, \$29.95

Medea Dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1970, \$34.95

Paris Vu Par Dirs. Godard/ Chabrol/ Rohmer, etc, 1965. \$34.95

Wim Wenders' Road Movies (Alice in the Cities/ Wrong Move/ Kings of the Road) \$59.95

Notes on a Scandal Dir. Richard Eyre, \$39.95
DUE 10TH OCT

The Namesake Dir. Mira Nair, \$39.95
DUE 10TH OCT

Becoming Jane Dir. Julian Jarrold, \$34.95
DUE 7TH NOV

Volver Dir. Pedro Almodovar, \$32.95
DUE 7TH NOV

Unfolding Florence: the many lives of Florence Broadhurst Dir. Gillian Armstrong, \$32.95
DUE 7TH NOV

Plus more TV gems, with the release of:

Cadfael series 3, \$34.95

The Complete Minister box set (both Yes Minister and Yes Prime Minister) \$99.95

The Dennis Potter box set \$199.95

Hamish Macbeth series 1-3 box set, \$69.95

Shakespeare Retold box set \$79.95

RENTAL ROUNDUP



October sees the release of a couple of really impressive French films, starting with the understated but absolutely gripping thriller, *The Page Turner*, directed by Denis Dercourt on the 10th. Then on the 17th two



of France's acting heavyweights, Daniel Auteuil and Deny Boon join forces to produce a really charming comedy — *My Best Friend*.

Slipping in without a lot of fanfare is another film about Truman Capote, *Infamous*, directed by Douglas McGrath. Although eclipsed by the



earlier release and Oscar-winning, *Capote*, this has a different slant on the bizarre Capote story and it is well worth a look.

Another film that deserves some attention is a quirky British coming of age tale, *Driving Lessons*, starring Julie Walters as an eccentric aging actress and Rupert Grint (from the *Harry Potter* films) and Laura Linney as his sanctimonious and domineering mother.

There are also two fine Australian films to look out for. The first is *Noise*, directed by Matt Saville released on 10th October. This is an impressive drama about a police officer suffering from tinnitus and the parallel investigation of



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a brutal suburban mass killing. The soundtrack alone is fascinating.

The other title is *Romulus, My Father* directed by Richard Roxburgh and based on the critically acclaimed memoir by Raimond Gaita. This one is an absolute knockout so



don't miss it. Due 7th November. Also released that day is *Four Last Songs* a romantic comedy about life, love and music directed by Francesca Joseph and starring Stanley Tucci and Jena Malone (from *Donnie Darko*).

Perhaps the most anticipated November release is Lars Von Trier's sequel to *Dogville* — *Manderlay*. Set in the US in the Deep South in 1933 and although the Civil War ended more than 70 years earlier Manderlay is a plantation which is run as if slavery still exists...

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