

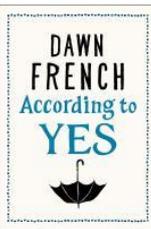
### 44 Scotland Street / Alexander McCall Smith

Welcome to 44 Scotland Street, home to some of Edinburgh's most colorful characters. There's Pat, a twenty-year-old who has recently moved into a flat with Bruce, an athletic young man with a keen awareness of his own appearance. Their neighbor, Domenica, is an eccentric and insightful widow. In the flat below are Irene and her appealing son Bertie, who is the victim of his mother's desire for him to learn the saxophone and Italian—all at the tender age of five. Love triangles, a lost painting, intriguing new friends, and an encounter with a famous Scottish crime writer are just a few of the ingredients that add to this delightful and witty portrait of Edinburgh society, which was first published as a serial in *The Scotsman* newspaper.



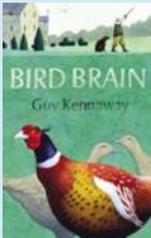
### About Turns / Maggie Rainey-Smith

Irene has a secret. It slips out inadvertently during book club when the wine has been flowing too freely. Her teenage years as a marching girl are not something she had wanted her friend Ferrida to know about. She's always wanted Ferrida's approval, for her friendship is as important and fraught as the one with Paula, when they marched together all those years ago. But friends don't necessarily march to the same beat, and Irene finds it hard to keep step. ABOUT TURNS, with its humorous insights into New Zealand women and their allegiances, will have you laughing



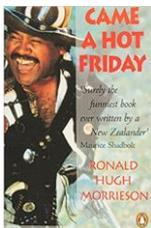
### According to Yes / Dawn French

The Foreign Land of the Very Wealthy otherwise known as Manhattan's Upper East Side has its own rigid code of behaviour. It's a code strictly adhered to by the Wilder-Bingham family. Emotional displays unacceptable. Unruly behaviour definitely not welcome. Fun no thanks. This is Glenn Wilder-Bingham's kingdom. A beautifully-displayed impeccably-edited fortress of restraint. So when Rosie Kitto, an eccentric thirty-eight-year-old primary school teacher from England, bounces into their lives with a secret sorrow and a heart as big as the city, nobody realises that she hasn't read the rule book. For the Wilder-Bingham family, whose lives begin to unravel thread by thread, the consequences are explosive. Because after a lifetime of saying no, what happens when everyone starts saying yes?



### Bird Brain / Guy Kennaway

Banger, who prides himself on running a traditional shoot, dies when his shotgun explodes in his face. A shooting accident thinks the local constable, but Banger's gundogs and Buck, the police dog, suspect murder. To Banger's astonishment he finds himself reincarnated as a pheasant and makes an epic journey to confront his murderer.



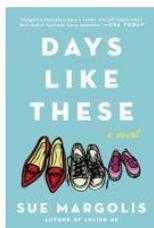
### Came a Hot Friday / Ronald Hugh Morrieson

Arson, murder, sex and hair-raising midnight adventures with the Te Whakinga Kid. It was Friday when Wes and Cyril came to town with a trick to play on the local bookmaker. But there was already other skulduggery afoot.



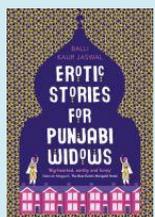
### Chocolate Cake for Breakfast / Danielle Hawkins

Helen McNeil is a vet in the small rural town of Broadview. While taking evasive action from a dull girl at a party one night she falls over - and fails to recognise - national sporting hero, Mark Tipene. For some mysterious reason Helen never really grasps, Mark finds this charming and appears the next day at the front counter of the vet clinic to ask her out. A whirlwind romance follows and everything is going swimmingly until one little hiccup changes everything. *Chocolate Cake for Breakfast* is the funny and heart-warming story of the pros and cons of dating a man whose shirtless picture adorns a wall in every second lunchroom in the country, of calving cows and crazy cat ladies, and of doing your best when life takes an unexpected turn.



### Days like these / Sue Margolis

Recently widowed, Judy Schofield jumps at the chance to look after her two grandchildren for six weeks, while their parents are out of the country. After all, she's already raised one set of children. But all it takes is a few days of private school functions, helicopter parents, video games, and never-ending Frozen sing-a-longs for Judy to feel she's in over her head. As weeks become months, Judy gets on the wrong side of the school's snooty alpha mom. But finding a friend in another grandmother-- and a man who takes her mind off all the stress-- almost make it worthwhile.



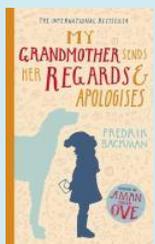
### Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows / Balli Kaur Jaswal

When Nikki takes a creative writing job at her local temple, with visions of emancipating the women of the community she left behind as a self-important teenager, she's shocked to discover a group of barely literate women who have no interest in her ideals. Yet to her surprise, the white dupatta of the widow hides more than just their modesty these are women who have spent their lives in the shadows of fathers, brothers and husbands; being dutiful, raising children and going to temple, but whose inner lives are as rich and fruitful as their untold stories. But as they begin to open up to each other about womanhood, sexuality, and the dark secrets within the community, Nikki realises that the illicit nature of the class may place them all in danger.



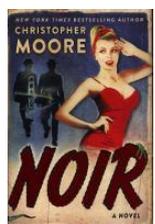
### Lucky Jim / Kingsley Amis

'His mouth had been used as a latrine by some small creature of the night, and then as a mausoleum. During the night, too, he'd somehow been on a cross-country run and then been expertly beaten up by secret police. He felt bad'. Jix Dixon has a terrible job at a second-rate university. His life is full of things he could happily do without: the tedious and ridiculous Professor Welch, a neurotic and unstable girlfriend, Margaret, burnt sheets, medieval recorder music and over-enthusiastic students. If he can just deliver a lecture on 'Merrie England', a moderately successful career surely awaits him. But without luck, life is never simple.



### My Grandmother Sends Her Regards and Apologises / Fredrik Backman

From the author of the internationally bestselling A Man Called Ove, a charming, warmhearted novel about a young girl whose grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters, sending her on a journey that brings to life the world of her grandmother's fairy tales.



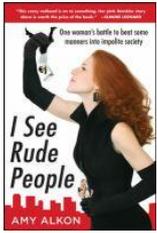
### Noir / Christopher Moore

Madcap, zany noir set on the mean streets of post-World War II San Francisco. Sammy "Two Toes" Tiffin is the bartender in a scruffy gin joint, with street connections that make him the go-to guy for just about everything. When one of his schemes goes south and his lady vanishes, Sammy follows a tortuous trail from Chinatown to Telegraph Hill to a hidden forest enclave in a desperate search to find his girl. Meanwhile, a suspicious flying object has been spotted by the Pacific Coast near Mount Ranier, followed by a mysterious plane crash in Roswell, New Mexico ... but the real weirdness is happening in the City by the Bay.



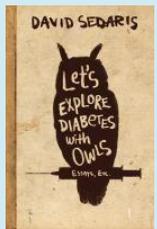
### Old Filth / Jane Gardam

Filth, in his heyday, was an international lawyer with a practice in the Far East. Now, only the oldest QCs and Silks can remember that his nickname stood for Failed In London Try Hong Kong. Long ago, Old Filth was a Raj Orphan - one of the many young children sent 'Home' from the East to be fostered and educated in England. Jane Gardam's new novel tells his story, from his birth in what was then Malaya to the extremities of his old age. In so doing, she not only encapsulated a whole period from the glory days of the British Empire, through the Second World War, to the present and beyond, but also illuminated the complexities of the character known variously as Eddie, the Judge, Fevvers, Filth, Master of the Inner Temple, Teddy and Sir Edward Feathers.



### **I See Rude People / Amy Alkon**

Rude people beware! The Advice Goddess is taking "manners" into her own hands. Had it with inconsiderate cell-phone users on the elevator? Hate those intrusive tele-marketers? So does Amy Alkon, a popular blogger whose syndicated column appears in more than 100 papers around the country. In *I See Rude People*, she goes to extreme lengths to force ill-behaved people to improve their manners, and inspires you to do the same. Instead of stewing in anger, Amy shows you by example, how to confront rude people head-on by calling them out on their impolite ways. With play-by-play accounts of her inspiring and humorous confrontations, Amy outlines the reasons for this misbehavior, provides solid arguments for convincing abusers to change their ways, and exhorts all of us to become better members of society.



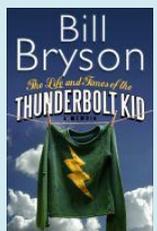
### **Let's Explore Diabetes With Owls / David Sedaris**

This collection of essays by the humorist author traces his offbeat world travel experiences. From the perils of French dentistry to the eating habits of the Australian kookaburra, from the squat-style toilets of Beijing to the particular wilderness of a North Carolina Costco, we learn about the absurdity and delight of a curious traveler's experiences. Whether railing against the habits of litterers in the English countryside or marveling over a disembodied human arm in a taxidermist's shop, Sedaris takes us on side-splitting adventures that are not to be forgotten.



### **Let's Pretend This Never Happened (A Mostly True Memoir) / Jenny Lawson**

When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a childhood of wearing winter shoes made out of used bread sacks. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humour in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments, the ones we want to pretend never happened, are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. Like laughing at a funeral, *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* is both irreverent and impossible to hold back once you get started.



### **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid / Bill Bryson**

In his deeply funny new memoir, Bill Bryson travels back in time to explore the ordinary kid he once was, and the curious world of 1950s America. It was a happy time, when almost everything was good for you, including DDT, cigarettes and nuclear fallout. This is a book about growing up in a specific time and place. But in Bryson's hands, it becomes everyone's story, one that will speak volumes - especially to anyone who has ever been young.



### **Peggy & Me / Miranda Hart**

Hello dear book browser and welcome to *Peggy and Me*. The story of my life since getting a beautiful Shih-Tzu Bichon Frise cross puppy (I call the breed a Shitty Frise fun) in the form of Peggy. Some of you may be thinking: "a book about a dog, how totally brilliant, I need hear no more, I'm sold." In which case we should be best friends and go out to tea together, every day. Others of you may be thinking: "a book about a dog, how totally mad, she must have officially lost it." In which case I completely understand... But I now get why people become so mad about their hounds. It wasn't instant love I have to admit. Getting a puppy when I was at a low ebb in my life wasn't easy; there was a lot of challenging, what I call, dog administration (dog-min), and the humiliating first trip to the vet still haunts me. It's been a bumpy old road, but Peggy has been lovingly by my side through some life changing moments and I wouldn't have coped without her. Most surprisingly she has taught me a huge amount not how to get an old pie packet out of a bin and lick it (I could already do that), but real lessons about life and love and trust and friendship. Put aside any doggy reservations and come walkies with Peggy and me.