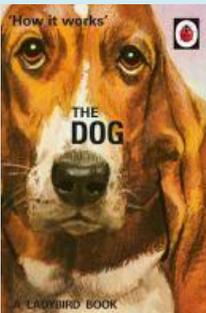


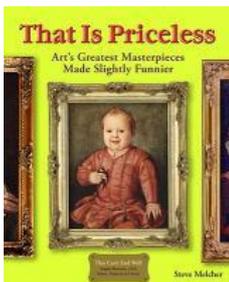
The dragon with the girl tattoo / Adam Roberts

Lizbreath Salamander is young and beautiful. Her scales have an iridescent sheen, her wings arch proudly, her breath has a tang of sulfur. And on her back a tattoo of a mythical creature: a girl. But when Lizbreath is drawn into a dark conspiracy she will have to rely on more than her beauty and her vicious claws the size of sabres ...A dragon has disappeared, one of a secretive clan. As Lizbreath delves deeper into their history she realises that these dragons will do anything to defend their secrets. Welcome to the world of The Dragon With The Girl Tattoo.



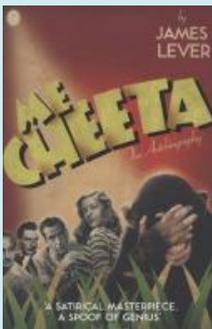
How it works : the dog / by J.A. Hazeley and J.P. Morris

As part of the Ladybirds for Grown Ups Series, How it Works: The Dog pairs classic illustrations from Penguin's archive with hilarious satirical anecdotes about our reliable, loyal and loving furry companions.



That is priceless : art's greatest masterpieces-- made slightly funnier / Steve Melcher

More than 150 images are gathered inside the book's full-color pages--from Courbet's The Desperate Man reimagined as Johnny Depp Realizing He Left the Oven On to Degas's Portrait of the Artist James Tissot retitled as Portrait of the Artist in Mom Jeans. Part art history, part parody, and entirely laugh-out-loud funny, "That Is Priceless" gives musty old paintings a 21st-century pop culture face-lift, enlivening the artist's canvas with playful comic irreverence.



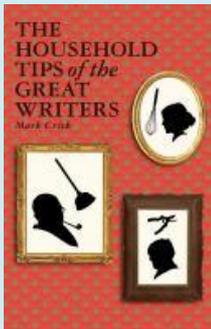
Me Cheeta : the autobiography / [James Lever]

Parody of a Hollywood "tell-all" biography purported to be written by the chimpanzee animal star, Cheeta, who supposedly played opposite Johnny Weissmuller in Tarzan films, Ronald Reagan in Bedtime for Bonzo, and Rex Harrison in Dr. Doolittle, and survives to paint in retirement in Palm Springs. In 1984, Johnny Weissmuller, Hollywood's greatest Tarzan, passed away. His coffin was lowered into the ground to the recorded sounds of his famous jungle call. Maureen O'Sullivan, his Jane, followed him in 1998. But their co-star Cheeta the chimpanzee, the 'World's Funniest Animal', lives on.



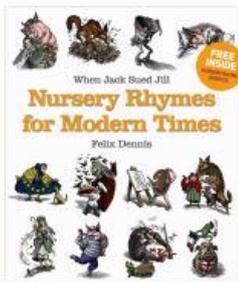
Zombie McCrombie : from an overturned Kombi / Michael Ward

In the tradition of illustrated children's books for adults, such as Go the F**k to Sleep and Were Going on a Bar Hunt, Zombie McCrombie is a hilarious parody of the well loved childrens book Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, by Lynley Dodd.



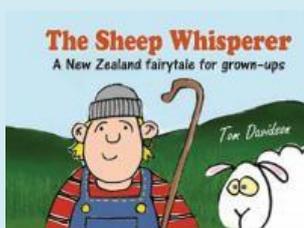
The household tips of the great writers / Mark Crick

As with the commander of an army, or the leader of any enterprise, so it is with a Great Writer and his house. 'Great Writer's Household Tips covers all your household needs, indoors and outdoors, from pruning a rose bush with Pablo Neruda to mending a dripping tap with Jean-Paul Sartre. Throwing a tea-party? Irvine Welsh has the recipe for the perfect chocolate cake, though that's not all he's cooking. Brilliant, hilarious, and always pitch-perfect, this omnibus edition of Mark Crick's wonderful books of literary pastiche will inform and entertain the most erudite of householders.



When Jack sued Jill : nursery rhymes for modern times / Felix Dennis

Taking the innocence of nursery rhymes & turning them into something darker, this work focuses on the follies & absurdities of modern life. It talks about ASBOs, Osama Bin Laden, crack houses, creationism, Tony Blair, & more. This is a useful collection of twisted nursery rhymes for the 21st century.



The sheep whisperer : a New Zealand fairytale for grown-ups / by Tom Davidson

Layabout Kevin Dolittle is looking forward to a summer on the dole when WINZ thrusts him into action as a trainee shepherd. Kevin soon discovers he can communicate with a flock of renegade sheep, led by Jonkey (who replaced an old ewe called Helen). It's not just the sheep who get roasted in this satire of New Zealand politics.

Heritage item:

Photo of Petone Library from 2004 – ready to change again with a refurbishment later this week

Also mentioned:

Fifty shades of chicken : a parody in a cookbook / FL Fowler
The herring seller's apprentice / L.C. Tyler
The people next door / by J.A. Hazeley and J.P. Morris
Snowball's chance / John Reed ; foreword by Alexander Cockburn
Where the Wild Dads Went / Katie Blackburn
The zombie apocalypse / by J.A. Hazeley and J.P. Morris