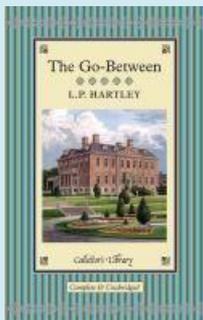


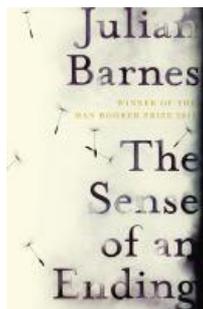
The mechanical devil / Kate Ellis (Barb's Pick)

When archaeologist Neil Watson unearths a long-buried mechanical figure in a Dartmoor field, he is determined to discover the truth behind the bizarre find. Soon, however, the village becomes the focus of press attention when two people are found shot dead in nearby Manor Field. DI Wesley Peterson is called in to investigate, but the murders aren't his only problem. The daughter of a local MP has gone missing. And a woman Wesley helped on a previous investigation finds herself subjected to a campaign of terror. Is there a link between the double murder and the accidental death of a young history student in Manor Field 20 years ago? And just what is the true identity of the Mechanical Devil?



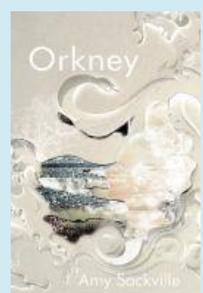
The go-between / L.P. Hartley (Robert's pick)

Tells a tale of nostalgia, the reawakening of lost memories and sexual awareness. This title features a haunting story of a young boy's awakening into the secrets of the adult world that is also an evocation of the boundaries of Edwardian society.



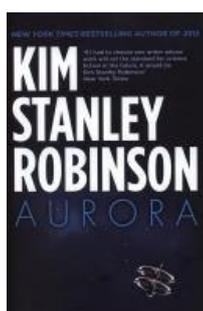
The sense of an ending / Julian Barnes (Elly's pick)

Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is in middle age. He's had a career and a single marriage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove.



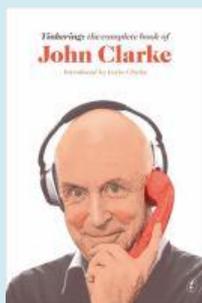
Orkney / Amy Sackville (Nic's Pick)

On a remote island in Orkney, a curiously-matched couple arrive on their honeymoon. He is an eminent literature professor; she was his pale, enigmatic star pupil. Alone beneath the shifting skies of this untethered landscape, the professor realises how little he knows about his new bride and yet, as the days go by and his mind turns obsessively upon the creature who has so beguiled him, she seems to slip ever further from his yearning grasp. Where does she come from? Why did she ask him to bring her north? What is it that constantly draws her to the sea?



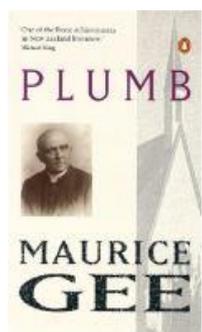
Aurora / Kim Stanley Robinson (Matthew's pick)

Generations after leaving earth, a starship draws near to the planet that may serve as a new home world for those on board. But the journey has brought unexpected changes and their best laid plans may not be enough to survive.



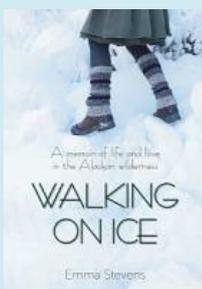
Tinkering : the complete book of John Clarke (Carrie's Pick)

The sudden death of John Clarke in April 2017 cut short the life of a man who was not only a great and much loved entertainer and satirist but a wonderful writer. Tinkering- The Complete Book of John Clarke represents his work from the 1970s in both Australia and New Zealand, and includes his writing for radio, television, stage and screen, as well some previously unpublished pieces.



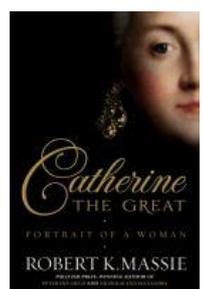
Plumb / Maurice Gee (Gareth's Pick)

Maurice Gee's acclaimed novel Plumb was the winner of the Wattie Book Award and the New Zealand Fiction Award. His brilliant picture of the intolerant, irascible clergyman George Plumb is regarded as one of the very finest New Zealand novels.



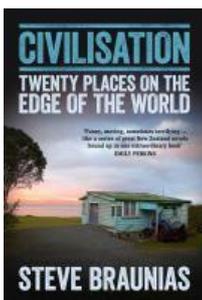
Walking on ice / Emma Stevens (Albert's Pick)

Walking on Ice is the 1st book in a trilogy of memoirs which are part romance and part "girl's own adventure". The story begins in the warm climes of New Zealand in the South Pacific when an on-line friendship between an American & a New Zealander blossoms into romance, and concludes among the Eskimo in the wintry wilds of remote Alaska. For adventurous romantics and arm-chair travellers alike.



Catherine the Great : portrait of a woman / Robert K. Massie (Elly's pick)

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Peter the Great, Nicholas and Alexandra, and The Romanovs returns with another masterpiece of narrative biography, the extraordinary story of an obscure young German princess who traveled to Russia at fourteen and rose to become one of the most remarkable, powerful, and captivating women in history.



Civilisation / Steve Braunias (Gareth's pick)

Steve Braunias travels off the grid to capture weird and wonderful goings-on in small-town New Zealand. Civilisation is full of fascinating - and sometimes disturbing - stories about people living in 20 places - their lives, loves, aspirations, and sometimes dark secrets. Places featured include- Apia, Collingwood, Greymouth, Hauraki Plains (Elstow, Te Aroha & Kerepehi), Hicks Bay, Maromaku Valley, Mercer, Miranda, Mosgiel, Mt Roskill Auckland, Ohinemutu, Pegasus, St Bathans, Scott Base, Tangimoana, Wainuiomata, Waiouru, Wanaka, Whakarewarewa, Whanganui, Winton.