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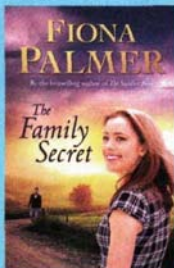
**BOOKS SPECIAL**

# Sizzling HOLIDAY READS

From drama to thrillers and romance, these are the page-turners to pack for the beach

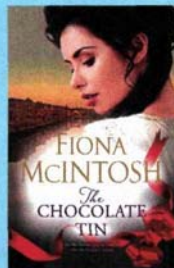
**RURAL ROMANCE**

After watching the man she loves marry someone else, Kim Richards is left heartbroken as her dreams of starting a family appear to be over. But then when businessman Charlie McNamara visits her home town, she develops an unexpected connection with the older man. Their romance is intertwined with dark rumblings of turbulence as local Vietnam veteran Harry, something of a hermit, is haunted by his memories from the war. As their murky pasts are explored, these three lost souls are bound together by tragedy, loss, forgiveness and friendship.  
**The Family Secret** by Fiona Palmer, RRP \$32.99, Penguin Random House



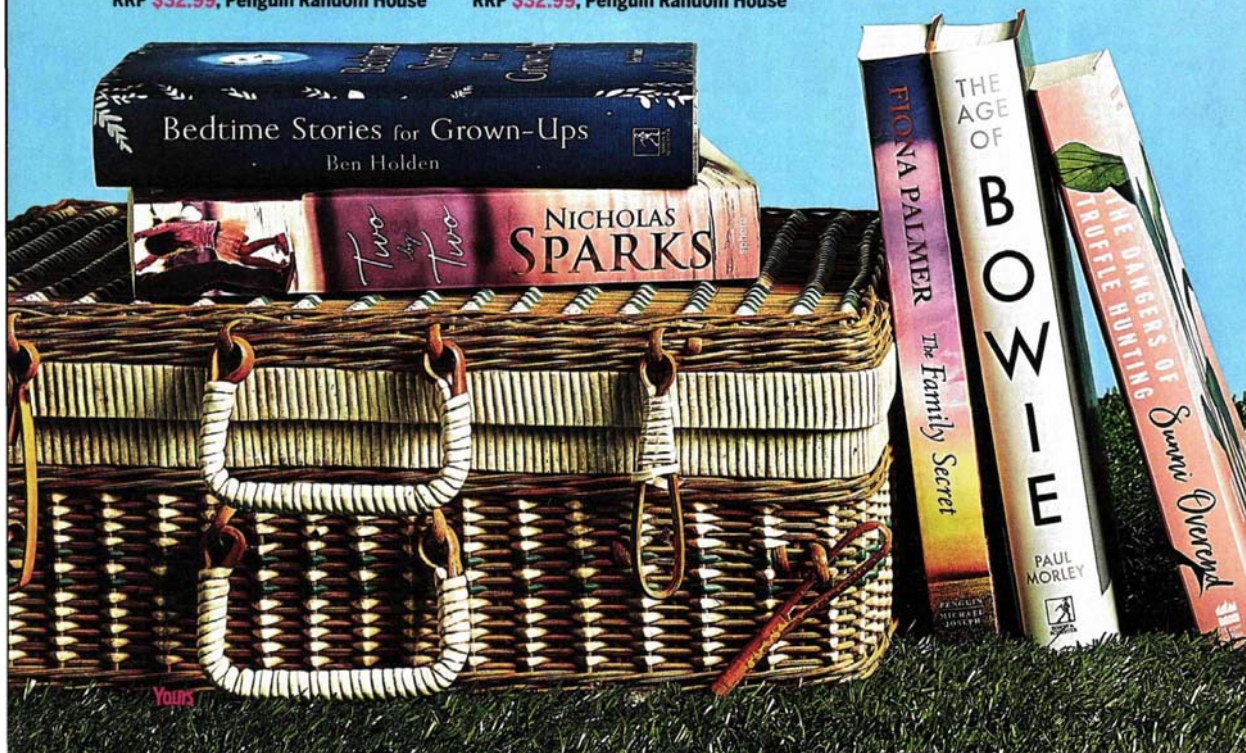
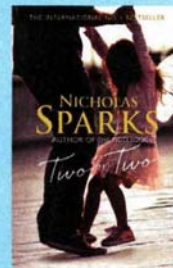
**LOVE STORY**

After Alexandra watches the charming Matthew Britten-Jones head off to fight in the Great War, she starts working at Rowntree's chocolate factory, where she packs tins that are sent to soldiers fighting on the frontline in France. When Captain Henry Blake discovers a chocolate tin on the body of a dead soldier in the trenches, he feels compelled to return it – along with its tender love letter – to the sender. He later finds himself inextricably connected with Alexandra and Matthew as they unlock secrets of the past in a bittersweet tale of life, love, war... and chocolate.  
**The Chocolate Tin** by Fiona McIntosh, RRP \$32.99, Penguin Random House



**MOVING**

Russell Green has everything a 32-year-old could hope for: a loving marriage to Vivian, a beautiful six-year-old daughter, a lavish home in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a successful advertising career. But in a twisted turn of events, cracks begin to appear in his perfect existence and in just a matter of months Russell finds himself a jobless single father! His new life is terrifyingly difficult and he faces challenges that test his abilities and his emotional resources beyond anything he could've ever imagined.  
**Two by Two** by Nicholas Sparks, RRP \$32.99, Hachette





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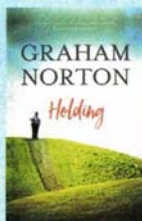


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**MYSTERY**

Chat show host Graham Norton's debut novel certainly doesn't disappoint! Life in the remote Irish village of Duneen is usually pedestrian and uneventful. That is, until human remains – suspected to be those of Tommy Burke, a former love of two village locals – are found by the school. Now Sergeant PJ Collins has to deal with his first real case and it's not long before he unearths a whole lot more about the supposedly quiet community.  
**Holding by Graham Norton, RRP \$32.99, Hachette**



**BIOGRAPHY**

English music journo Paul Morley offers the definitive story of David Bowie and explores how he worked, played, aged, structured his ideas, invented the future and made history as one of the great artists. The author's biographical critique highlights Bowie's magical music and the greatest moments of his career, from the recording studio to iconic live performances, and the relationships he developed with rock legends Iggy Pop, John Lennon and Lou Reed.  
**The Age of Bowie by Paul Morley, RRP \$45, Simon & Schuster**



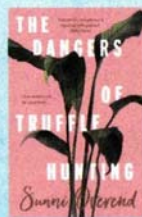
**DREAMY**

We all know the benefits of getting a good night's rest. But this beautifully written anthology filled with tears, laughter, joy and magic will take you on the journey of a single night's sleep, as you're enlightened by works from the likes of Ben Holden, Nora Ephron, William Shakespeare, Haruki Murakami, Charles Dickens. By weaving together short stories, poems, fairytales and fables, we learn the science of sleep and why it's essential.  
**Bedtime Stories for Grown-Ups by Ben Holden, RRP \$35, Simon & Schuster**



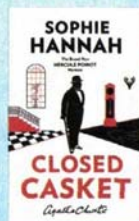
**HIGH DRAMA**

At first glance, Kit Gossard seems to have the perfect life: a dream photographic job and an amazing partner, with a vineyard wedding on the way. But she still yearns for something else. When a complete stranger enters her life and brings out feelings she has long suppressed, Kit is hopelessly seduced. But just as she is about to give herself over to temptation, she's betrayed. Should she slip back to the safety and comfort of her old life, or continue moving forward on her journey of discovery?  
**The Dangers of Truffle Hunting by Sunni Overend, RRP \$29.99, HarperCollins**



**WHODUNNIT**

"What I intend to say will come as a shock," says Lady Athelinda Playford, as she welcomes her guests to her Irish mansion, explaining that she and her lawyer have made urgent changes to her will. Feeling certain that the announcement will prove the catalyst for a crime, she also invites detective Hercule Poirot, and Inspector Edward Catchpool of Scotland Yard. But when a murder is committed, will they be able to identify the killer and unveil the real reason behind Lady Playford's sudden change of heart?  
 One to keep you guessing...  
**Closed Casket by Sophie Hannah, RRP \$29.99, HarperCollins**



**THRILLER**

When two boys are kidnapped from wealthy families and disappeared without a trace, their loved ones are left with nothing but their grief and despair. But 10 years later, the families, still struggling with painful memories of the past, receive news that Myron Bolitar and his friend Win believe they have located one of the boys! Where has he been for a decade and what does he remember about the day he was taken? Most critically, what is the fate of his missing friend?  
**Home by Harlan Coben, RRP \$32.99, Penguin Random House**



**PAGE-TURNER**

Perfectly crafted characters make this book impossibly hard to put down. When six strangers from across the world meet in Bali to attend a course designed to help them overcome their fears, none of them could imagine it would turn into something far more serious. Disaster strikes the tropical island, leaving the group fighting for their lives in ways no course could ever prepare them for; a harrowing, compelling read.  
**Fearless by Fiona Higgins, RRP \$29.99, Allen & Unwin**



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