

Newsletter- March, April 2010

2010 has already provided us with many new and interesting titles and plenty to read for all tastes.

Among the new and fabulous, we have the very special collector's **Red Book**, a manuscript written and illustrated by Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung between approximately 1914 and 1930 and unpublished until 2009.

This is the most influential unpublished work in the history of psychology. It is an astonishing example of calligraphy and artwork and is where Jung developed his principle theories of the archetypes, the collective unconscious and the process of individuation that transformed psychotherapy from a practice concerned with the treatment of the sick into a means for higher development of the personality.

The books are sealed in plastic to protect them but we have a sample to view in the shop. It is well worth a look.

New Book synopsis'

Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel – winner of the 2009 Man Booker prize

Set in England in the 1520s, Henry VIII is on the throne, but has no heir. Cardinal Wolsey is his chief advisor, charged with securing the divorce the pope refuses to grant. Into this atmosphere of distrust and need comes Thomas Cromwell, first as Wolsey's clerk, and later his successor.

Cromwell is the son of a brutal blacksmith, a political genius, a briber, a charmer, a bully, a man with a delicate and deadly expertise in manipulating people and events. Ruthless in pursuit of his own interests, he is as ambitious in his wider politics as he is for himself. His reforming agenda is carried out in the grip of a self-interested parliament and a king who fluctuates between romantic passions and murderous rages.

The novel explores the intersection of individual psychology and wider politics. With a vast array of characters and richly overflowing with incident, it peels back history to show us Tudor England as a half-made society, moulding itself with great passion and suffering and courage.

In the young adult section we have **Fallen by Lauren Kate**

There's something achingly familiar about Daniel Grigori. Mysterious and aloof, he captures Luce Price's attention from the moment she sees him on her first day at the Sword & Cross boarding school in sultry Savannah, Georgia. He's the one bright spot in a place where even mobile phones are forbidden. The other students are all strange and security cameras watch their every move. Even though Daniel wants nothing to do with Luce and goes out of his way to make that very clear, she can't let it go. Drawn to him like a moth to a flame, she has to find out what Daniel is so desperate to keep secret, even if it kills her. This is a dangerously exciting and dark romance.

Maralinga by Judy Nunn

Maralinga is a story of British Lieutenant Daniel Gardiner, who accepts a twelve month posting to the wilds of South Australia on a promise of rapid promotion; Harold Dartleigh, Deputy Director of MI-6 and his undercover operative Gideon Melbray; Australian Army Colonel Nick Stratton and the enigmatic Petraeus Mitchell, bushman and anthropologist. They all find themselves in a violent and unforgiving landscape; infected with the unique madness and excitement that only nuclear testing creates.

Maralinga is also a story of love; a love so strong that it draws the adventurous young English journalist Elizabeth Hoffmann halfway around the world in search of the truth. And **Maralinga** is a story of heartbreak; heartbreak brought to the innocent First Australians who had walked their land unhindered for 40,000 years.

Committed by Elizabeth Gilbert

At the end of her bestselling memoir *Eat, Pray, Love*, Elizabeth Gilbert fell in love with Felipe, a Brazilian-born man of Australian citizenship. The couple swore eternal fidelity to each other, but also swore to never, under any circumstances get legally married. Both were survivors of previous horrific divorces. But providence intervened one day in the form of the United States government, which gave the couple a choice. They could either get married, or Felipe would never be allowed to enter the country again.

Having been effectively sentenced to wed, Gilbert tackled her fears of marriage by delving into this topic completely, trying to discover through research, interviews and personal reflection what this old institution actually is.

A Secret Country by John Pilger

Expatriate journalist and film maker, Sydney born John Pilger writes about his homeland, with life long affection and a passionately critical eye.

This is a fully updated edition of *A Secret Country* where Pilger pays tribute to a little known Australia and tells a story of high political drama. It presents a harsh narrative of class, race and power; of oppression and resistance, the betrayal and amnesia that lie behind the sunny illusions of the Australian self image.

Coming soon to Blue Mountains Books:

Our Family Table by Julie Goodwin

Since taking out the coveted title of Australia's first MasterChef, Julie Goodwin has been cooking, testing and writing away like mad, preparing to publisher first cookbook. Some of the recipes are heirlooms passed down in Julie's family through generations, while others were given to her by friends and neighbours.

There are lazy weekend breakfasts, special occasion dinners, barbecue and camp cooking, cakes, biscuits and puddings galore, including recipes Julie created on MasterChef!