

NEWSLETTER

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Available now at Blue Mountains Books:

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson

Volume III of the Millennium Trilogy, the book that everyone has been waiting for. Crusading author and liberal journalist Stieg Larsson died after delivering the manuscripts to his Swedish publisher which is now the Millennium Trilogy. Tragically, Stieg Larsson did not live to experience the phenomenon that his work has become. In fact, this third and final volume of the Millennium Trilogy is the culmination of one of the most mesmerising fictional achievements of our time.

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

Get your conspiracy fix by best selling author of The Da Vinci Code.

The Lost Symbol is a masterpiece of storytelling - a deadly race through a real-world labyrinth of codes, secrets, and unseen truths, all under the watchful eye of Brown's most terrifying villain to date. Set within the hidden chambers, tunnels, and temples of Washington DC, *The Lost Symbol* accelerates through a startling landscape toward an unthinkable finale.

Recommended reading:

Shanghai Girls by Lisa See

The Shanghai Girls are Pearl and May Chin. In 1937, they're living privileged lives in Shanghai when their family goes bankrupt due to their father's gambling debts. To settle those debts, the girls are sold as wives to two Chinese brothers in the US.

The girls and their mother deliberately miss the boat, only to find themselves caught in the Japanese invasion. Eventually, they make their way to Angel Island where all immigrants to Los Angeles are kept. They find themselves second-class citizens in both their new families and their new country. Despite occasional rivalries, the two sisters know they'll always have each other.

Day After Night by Anita Diamant

Day After Night is based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for illegal immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast south of

Haifa. The story is told through the eyes of four young women at the camp, each with profoundly different perspectives.

All of them survived the Holocaust: Shayndel, a Polish Zionist; Leonie, a Parisian beauty; Tedi, a hidden Dutch Jew and Zorah, a concentration camp survivor. Haunted by unspeakable memories and losses, afraid to begin to hope, these women find salvation in the bonds of friendship and shared experience, even as they confront the challenge of re-creating themselves in a strange new country.

Her Fearful Symmetry by Audrey Niffenegger

Author of one of the most beloved first novels in recent years *The Time Traveller's Wife*, Niffenegger returns with an unnerving, unforgettable and enchanting ghost story. A novel about love and identity, secrets and sisterhood and the tenacity of life - even after death.

Julia and Valentina Poole are normal American teenagers, normal at least for identical mirror twins who have no interest in college or jobs or possibly anything outside their cosy suburban home. But everything changes when they receive notice that an aunt whom they didn't even know existed has died and left her flat to them in an apartment block overlooking Highgate Cemetery in London. They feel that at last their own lives can begin but have no idea that they've been summoned into a tangle of fraying lives, from the obsessive-compulsive crossword setter who lives above them to their aunt's mysterious and elusive lover who lives downstairs and even to their aunt herself, who never got over her estrangement from the twins' mother and who can't even seem to quite leave the flat.

Book club recommended: This book contains helpful reading group questions.

Ghost Child by Caroline Overington

In 1982, Victorian police were called in to a home on a housing estate west of Melbourne, where they found a five year old boy lying still and silent on the carpet. Although there were no obvious signs of trauma, the child Jacob, died the next day. Jacob's mother and her boyfriend went to prison for the crime. This is an intriguing tale which picks up twenty years later with Lauren, the boy's sister, who was six at the time of his death. Lauren struggles with the ghosts from her childhood and the past is always close behind.