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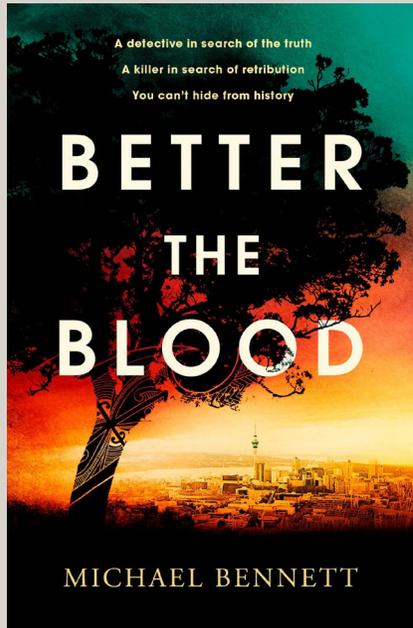
# First Edition

New titles from HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster

August 2022



# General Fiction



## Better the Blood Michael Bennett

Simon & Schuster  
RRP: \$35.00

Hana Westerman is a tenacious Māori detective juggling single motherhood and the pressures of her career in Auckland's Central Investigation Branch. When she's led to a crime scene by a mysterious video, she discovers a man hanging in a secret room. As Hana and her team work to track down the killer, other deaths lead her to think that they are searching for New Zealand's first serial killer.

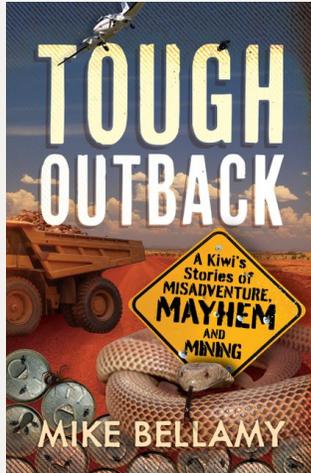
Set in Auckland, *Better the Blood* explores its bloody colonial history and the oppression of its indigenous population; and introduces readers to a compelling and distinctive new voice in crime fiction.

Michael Bennett (Ngati Pikia, Ngati Whakaue) is an award-winning screenwriter, director and author. He teaches screenwriting at numerous tertiary institutions, and mentors emerging Maori and Pasifika filmmakers. He lives in Auckland.

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New Zealand

# Non-Fiction



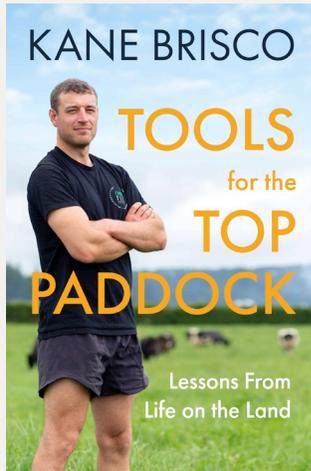
## Tough Outback Mike Bellamy

HarperCollins Publishers NZ  
RRP: \$36.99

A Kiwi's stories of misadventure, mining and mayhem.

In 1989 Mike Bellamy set off for the remote town of Wiluna, on the edge of the Western Desert. Keen to make a buck from Australia's mining boom, the fledgling Kiwi soon realised he'd walked across a frontier into a roughshod world where anyone trying to last longer than a desert sunrise had to watch their back, play by the rules, and keep their wits about them.

Mike Bellamy is a New Zealand author and earthworks contractor who lives in Taupo, New Zealand. His first book, *Tough Country*, was about the lives of loggers, hunters, scrub-cutters, fencers and bushmen in the New Zealand hinterland.



## Tools for the Top Paddock Kane Brisco

HarperCollins Publishers NZ  
RRP: \$37.99

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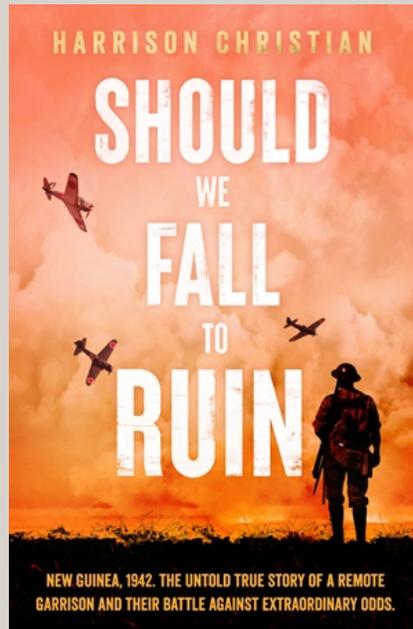
Farmer Kane Brisco's tools for the physical and mental strains of life on the land.

Kane shares the experiences that almost made him quit farming, along with the simple methods he developed for dealing with the mental and physical strains of life on the land. He offers advice for people doing it tough, as well as how to build the fitness required to thrive in good times and bad.

Brisco started his farmer-support page, Farm Fit, to create awareness around the importance of talking about the daily pressures of farming.

General

# Non-Fiction



## Should We Fall to Ruin Harrison Christian

Ultimo Press  
RRP: \$39.99

New Guinea, 1942. The untold true story of a remote garrison and their battle against extraordinary odds.

Written off by their government as 'hostages to fortune', the little-known garrison on Australia's tropic frontier has been left with no modern equipment, no lifeline to the outside, and no means of escape. Most are captured and killed in the sinking of the prison ship *Montevideo Maru*, which remains Australia's worst sea disaster.

Harrison Christian is a New Zealand journalist and writer. His reporting career has seen him travel extensively in the Pacific and beyond, covering such topics as rising sea levels in Arctic Alaska and the escape of political refugees from China. He is a direct descendant of Bounty mutineer, Fletcher Christian.

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# Fiction

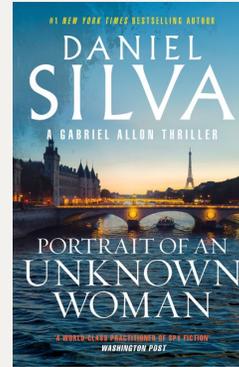


**The It Girl**  
**Ruth Ware**

**Simon & Schuster**  
**RRP: \$37.99**

It was Hannah who found April's body ten years ago.  
It was Hannah who didn't question what she saw that day.  
Did her testimony put an innocent man in prison?

Ruth Ware is back after a two-year break. She is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Woman In Cabin 10*, *The Turn of the Key*, and *One by One*.



**Portrait of an Unknown Woman**  
**Daniel Silva**

**HarperCollins Publishers**  
**RRP: \$35.00**

Restorer and spy Gabriel Allon embarks on a dangerous hunt across Europe for the secret behind the forgery of a 17th century masterpiece that has fooled experts and exchanged hands for millions.

Daniel Silva is the award-winning, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the beloved Gabriel Allon novels. This series has just had its rights purchased by the same company that produced *The Handmaid's Tale*.



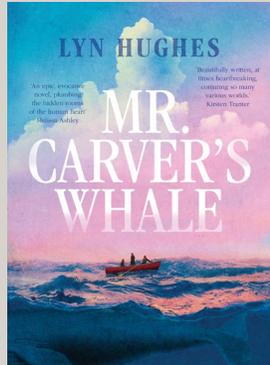
**Her Majesty's Royal Coven**  
**Juno Dawson**

**Voyager**  
**RRP: \$35.00**

The first in a supernatural new series from the author of *Wonderland*, *Her Majesty's Royal Coven* follows a top-secret government department of witches and the deadly threat to the nation that they must confront.

Juno Dawson is the international bestselling author of young adult novels and non-fiction as well as a novelist, screenwriter, journalist, and a columnist for *Attitude Magazine*. This is her first fiction novel for adults.

# Fiction



Mr. Carver's Whale  
Lyn Hughes

4<sup>th</sup> Estate  
RRP: \$32.99

This is the story of clever, crippled Antonio Mateus João Carvalho Cabral, his handsome, seafaring, whale-harpooning brother Marcelinho, and the beautiful, tempestuous woman they both love, Margarida.

Lyn Hughes settled in Australia in 1982. She is the author of the critically acclaimed novels, *The Factory*, shortlisted for the National Book Council's New Writing Award, *One Way Mirrors*, *The Bright House* and *Flock*.



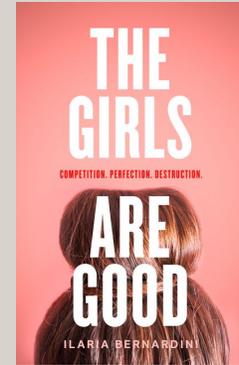
Fire and Blood (TV Tie-In)  
George R.R. Martin

Voyager  
RRP: \$25.00

With all the scope and grandeur of Gibbon's *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, this is the ultimate game of thrones, giving readers a whole new appreciation for the dynamic, often bloody, and always fascinating history of Westeros.

HBO's *House of the Dragon*, the prequel to *Game of Thrones*, will be released on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Tv Tie-In cover yet to be revealed.

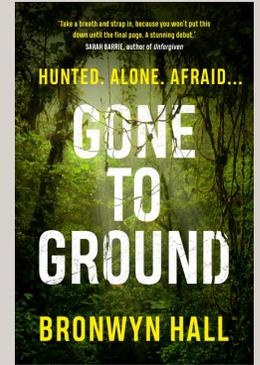


The Girls are Good  
Ilaria Bernadini

HarperCollins Publishers  
RRP: \$32.99

Martina wants to be the best gymnast in the world. But so does everyone around her. By the end of the week, one of the gymnasts will be dead. Every girl will do anything to win...but at what cost?

This book is based on Bernadini's novel *Corpo Libero* which subsequently morphed into a cult reality show. It was inspired by Ilaria's exclusive behind-the-scenes exposure to the controversies that have gripped the world of gymnastics over the past decade. The book has already been optioned by Indigo Productions.



Gone to Ground  
Bronwyn Hall

HarperCollins Publishers  
RRP: \$32.99

UN surgeon Rachel Forester is posted at a remote medical clinic in the jungle of Democratic Republic of the Congo. On the cusp of her final desperate chance to leave, a soldier is carried into the camp, his condition so critical, his airlift must take priority over hers.

Born and bred in Australia, Bronwyn has a love for new cultures and environments, having lived for several years in both Papua New Guinea and Brazil.