

Book Reviews - 2021

Rating Scale:

***** *Fantastic! You've gotta read this one!*

**** *Great. Well worth a look*

*** *OK. You may enjoy it.*

FICTION

Contemporary Women's Fiction (including Romance)

***** "Christmas Wishes at Pudding Hall" by Kate Forster

**** "A Bookshop Christmas" by Rachel Button

**** "Above the Mistletoe" By Juliet Madison

**** "Finding Love at Mermaid Terrace" by Kate Forster

**** "Love Objects" by Emily Maguire

**** "The Clause in Christmas" by Rachael Bloom

Crime (including Cosy, Noir, Thriller et al)

***** "Midnight Atlanta" by Thomas Mullen

***** "The Whitworth Mysteries" by Ruth Morgan

**** 1/2 "Parabellum" by Greg Hickey

**** 1/2 "The Lady with The Gun Asks The Questions" by Kerry Greenwood

**** "Consolation" by Garry Disher

**** "Death in Daylesford" by Kerry Greenwood

**** "Widespread Panic" by James Ellroy

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Horror/Suspense

***** "Ghost Story" by Peter Straub

***1/2 "Karliquai" by Rosie Crannie-Higgs

Literary

***** "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart

***** "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich

***1/2 "Factory 19" by Dennis Glover

**** "Fifty-Two Short Stories" by Anton Chekov

**** "The Vulture" by Gill Scott-Heron

Young Adult & Junior Fiction

***** "The Grandest Bookshop in the World" by Amelia Mellor

***** "The Stone in My Pocket" by Matthew Keeley

**** "The World of Adam Dunne" by Tobor Eichmann

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NON-FICTION

Art/Music

***** "Detroit 67: The year that changed soul" by Stuart Cosgrove

***** "Memphis 68: The Tragedy of Southern Soul" by Stuart Cosgrove

**** "Pig City: From the Saints to Savage Garden" by Andrew Stafford

Gift Books

**** "Little Grey Cells: The Quotable Poirot" by Agatha Christie

History

**** "Berlin: The story of a city" by Barney White-Spunner

**** "Shadows and Cypress: Southern Ghost Stories" by Alan Brown

Instructional/Reference

***** "The Definitive Guide to Screen Writing" by Syd Field

***** "Word Perfect: Curious Coinages and Etymological First Aid For Every Day of The Year" by Susie Dent

***** "Writing the Cozy Mystery" by Nancy J. Cohen

**** "How to Write One Song" by Jeff Tweedy

**** "The No Recipe Cookbook" by Samantha Pillay

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**** "Save the Cat!® Writes for TV: The Last Book on Creating Binge-Worthy Content You'll Ever Need" by Jamie Nash

Memoir/Biography

**** "Truth's Daughter" by Barbara Santarelli

**** "Who Killed John Lennon" by Lesley-Ann Jones

Movies/Television/Media

***** "Best wishes and warmest regards: The story of Schitt's Creek" by Daniel & Eugene Levy

**** "Glossy" by Nina Sophia Miralles

Social History/Politics

***** "Meet America's Presidents" by Scott Peters

***** "Stasiland" by Anna Funder

****1/2 "The Believer" by Sarah Krasnostein

**** "Melbourne" by Sophie Cunningham

True Crime

***** "Joe Cinque's Consolation" by Helen Garner

**** "The Family" by Chris Johnston & Rosie Jones