

BOOK REVIEW SUMMARY - 2022

Rating Scale:

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

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

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

FICTION

COMEDY/HUMOUR

***1/2 "The Woke Illiad" by George Boreas

COSY MYSTERY/CRIME

***** "Deadly Intent" by Laraine Stephens

**** "Ruddy Gore" by Kerry Greenwood

***1/2 "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

CRIME/HARD BOILED/NOIR

***** "Mad, Bad and Dead" by Sherryl Clark

***** "The Unbelieved" by Vikki Petraitis

*** "The Bowtow" by Joe O'Neill

LITERARY/CONTEMPORARY WOMEN'S FICTION

***** "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante

***** "My Evil Mother" by Margaret Atwood

***** "The Animals in That Country" by Laura Jean McKay

***** "The Inseparables" by Simone de Beauvoir

***** "The Story of a New Name" by Elena Ferrante

***** "The Story of the Lost Child" by Elena Ferrante

***** "Those who leave and those who stay" by Ellen Ferrante

***** "Today a woman went mad in the supermarket" by Hilma Wolitzer

ROMANCE/RURAL ROMANCE

- ***** "Fast Forward" by Juliet Madison
- ***** "Haunted Ever After" by Juliet Madison
- ***** "The January Wish" by Juliet Madison
- ***** "Twelve Gifts of Christmas" by Susan M. Smith
- **** "A Very Country Christmas" by Alissa Callen et al
- **** "Christmas at Brigadier Station" by Sarah Williams
- **** "Christmas Eve and Cranberry Cross " by Kate Forster
- **** "Falling in Love, Again" by Marilyn Forsyth
- **** "I dream of Johnny" by Juliet Madison
- **** "Memories of May" by Juliet Madison
- **** "On The Same Page" by Penelope January
- **** "Starstruck in Seattle" by Juliet Madison

THRILLER SUSPENSE/MYSTERY

- ***** "Billy Summers" by Stephen King
- **** "The Hidden Girl" by Louise Miller
- **** "The Spirit Phone" by Arthur Shaltuck O'Keefe

YOUNG ADULT/JUNIOR

- ***** "The Hidden Girl" by Louise Bassett
- ***** "When I'm an Astronaut" by Dr Samantha Pillay

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NON-FICTION

ART/FASHION/CULTURE

***** "Blue Note: Uncompromising Expression" by Richard Harris

***** "Gabrielle Chanel: Fashion Manifesto" Edited by NGV

**** "My Cool Scooter" by Chris Haddon

MEMIOR/BIOGRAPHY

***** "True Friends" by Patti Miller

***** "Untamed" by Glennon Doyle

**** "Seven kinds of people you find in bookshops" by Shaun Bythell

SATIRE/COMEDY

***** "You're doing it wrong: A history of bad & bonkers advice to women" by Kaz Cooke

SELF HELP/EDUCATIONAL/REFERENCE

***** "Retirement Planning at 40 and Beyond" by Richard Holt

**** "Making Your Mark, Leaving a Legacy, And then...A Grand Exit That'll Have Their Tongues Wagging" by Peter Davidson

**** "The Fast 800 Keto" by Dr Michael Mosley

HISTORY

***** "Adrift in Melbourne" By Robyn Annear

***** "Old Vintage Melbourne" by Chris Macheras

**** "Melbourne: Then and Now" by Heather Chapman & Judith Stillman

TRUE CRIME

**** "Angel of Death: Dulcie Markham, Australia's most beautiful bad woman"
by Leigh

**** "CSI told you lies" by Meshel Laurie

**** "The Rhynie Poisoning Case" by Samantha Battams

**** "The Snapshot Killer" by Duncan McNab

WRITING/LANGUAGE

***** "The Writer Laid Bare" by Lee Kofman

**** "Opening Pandora's box" by Ferdie Addis

**** "The Writer Says: Quotes, Quips and Words of Wisdom" ed Kevin Lippert