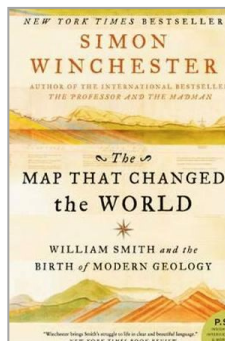


Wednesday, 15th January 2020

***The Enchantment of the Long-haired Rat* (2019) by Tim Bonyhady**

The book tells the story of a small Australian rodent known for its fast and prodigious spread after big rains. Tim Bonyhady's account, from the earliest evidence of it, found in caves and overhangs, to its most recent boom triggered by the immense rains across Australia of 2010-11 and current research of its mysterious life-

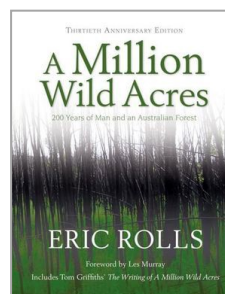
presents a fascinating view of Australia's history, illuminating a species, a continent, its climate and its people. (Angusrobertson)



Wednesday, 15th April 2020

***The Map that Changed the World* (2002) by Simon Winchester**

In 1793, William Smith found that by tracing the placement of fossils one could follow layers of rocks as they dipped and rose and fell ... to draw a chart of the hidden underside of the earth. Smith spent 22 years piecing together the fragments of this unseen universe to create an epochal and remarkably beautiful hand-painted map. But instead of receiving accolades and honours, he ended up in debtors' prison, the victim of plagiarism, and virtually homeless for ten years more. - With a keen eye and thoughtful detail, Simon Winchester unfolds the poignant sacrifice behind this world-changing discovery. (Booktopia)

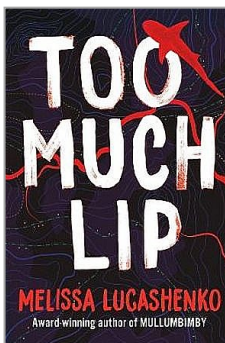


Wednesday, 20th May 2020

***A Million Wild Acres* (1981) by Eric Rolls**

Thirty years ago, a bomb landed in the field of Australian consciousness of itself and its land in the form of this book. The ensuing explosion has caused extensive and heated debate ever since amongst historians, ecologists, environmentalists, poets and writers. Here is a contentious story of men and their passion for land; of occupation and settle-

ment; of destruction and growth. By following the tracks of these pioneers who crossed the Blue Mountains into northern New South Wales, Eric Rolls has written the history of European settlement in Australia. He evokes the ruthlessness and determination of the first settlers who worked the land — a land they knew little about. (Goodreads)

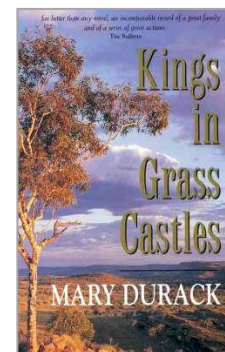


Wednesday, 17th June 2020

***Too Much Lip* (2018) by Melissa Lucashenko**

Wise-cracking Kerry Salter has spent a lifetime avoiding two things — her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south.—Kerry plans to spend twenty-four hours, tops, over the border. She quickly discovers, though, that Bundjalung country has a funny way of grabbing on to people. Old family wounds open as the Salters fight to stop the development of their beloved

river. And the unexpected arrival on the scene of a good-looking dugai fella intent on loving her up only adds more trouble — but then trouble is Kerry's middle name.—Gritty and darkly hilarious, *Too Much Lip* offers redemption and forgiveness where none seems possible. (Booktopia)

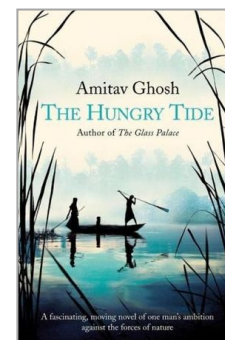


Wednesday, 15th July 2020

***Kings in Grass Castles* (1959) by Mary Durack**

When Patrick Durack left Ireland for Australia in 1853, he was to found a pioneering dynasty and build a cattle empire across the great stretches of Australia. With a profound sense of family history, his grand-daughter, Mary Durack reconstructed the Durack saga - a story of intrepid men and groundbreaking adventure. (Penguin) '... far better than any novel; an incomparable record of a great family and of a series

of great actions.' *The Bulletin*

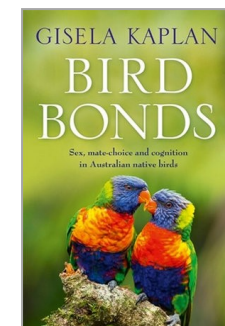


Wednesday, 19th August 2020

***The Hungry Tide* (2004) by Amitav Ghosh**

Off the easternmost corner of India, in the Bay of Bengal, lies the immense labyrinth of tiny islands known as the Sundarbans, where settlers live in fear of drowning tides and man-eating tigers. Piya Roy, a young American marine biologist of Indian descent, arrives in this lush, treacherous landscape in search of a rare species of river dolphin and enlists the aid of a local fisherman and a translator. Together the three of

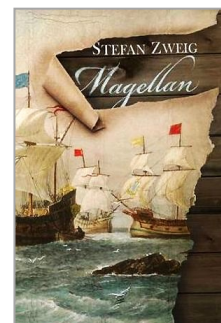
them launch into the elaborate backwaters, drawn unawares into the powerful political undercurrents of this isolated corner of the world that exact a personal toll as fierce as the tides. (Goodreads)



Wednesday, 16th September 2020

***Bird Bonds* (2019) by Gisela Kaplan**

Australian birds have a special place in the evolution of modern birds. They live unusually long lives, form long-lasting bonds and are overall exceptionally intelligent. In this highly compelling book, the author explores the evolution of abilities that make the emotional and sex lives of birds work to their advantage. How Australian birds choose mates makes fascinating reading. The author uncovers motivations and attractions in partner choice, shows how humans and birds may be more alike in attachment and mating behaviour than we think. For birdwatchers, researchers and nature lovers alike, *Bird Bonds* is a valuable resource and a beguiling insight into the world of the birds around us. (QBD Books)

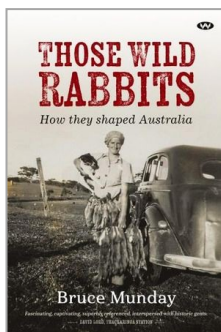


Wednesday, 19th February 2020

***Magellan* (1937) by Stefan Zweig**

The Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan (1480-1521) is one of the most famous navigators in history. He was the first man to sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and led the first voyage to circumnavigate the globe, although he was killed en route in a battle with natives in the Philippines. In this biography, Zweig brings to life the Age of Discovery by

telling the tale of one of the era's most daring adventurers. In typically flowing and elegant prose he takes us on a fascinating journey of discovery ourselves. (Penguin)

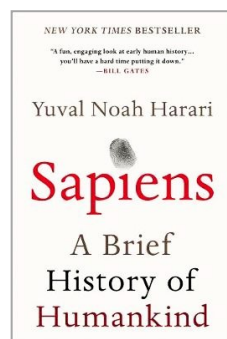
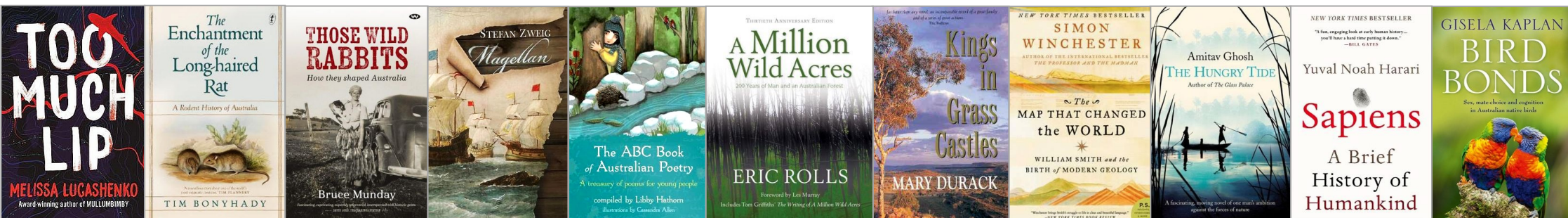


Wednesday, 18th March 2020

***Those Wild Rabbits* (2017) by Bruce Munday**

A century ago Australia was home to 10 billion rabbits, thriving in their adopted home. Storyteller Bruce Munday finds the rabbit saga irresistible - the naive hopes of the early settlers, the frustration, environmental damage, cost to agriculture, dreams shattered, and the lessons learned and ignored. The book highlights not only the damage done but also Australia's missed opportunities

for real rabbit control. It recognises the bush's paradoxical love affair with an animal that was at one time a significant rural industry and is still recalled with nostalgia. More importantly, it offers hope for a brighter future, making the case for continued research to drive the next rabbit-control miracle, because rabbit plagues of the past will become the future unless we capture the history and embrace the lessons. (Booktopia)

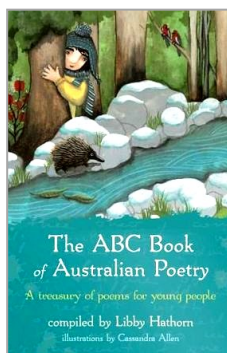


Wednesday, 21st October 2020

Sapiens. A Brief History of Humankind (2011) by Yuval Noah Harari

Harari spans the whole of human history, from the very first humans to walk the earth to the radical – and sometimes devastating – breakthroughs of the Cognitive, Agricultural and Scientific Revolutions. Drawing on insights from biology, anthropology, palaeontology and economics, he explores how the currents of history have shaped our human societies, the animals and plants around us,

and even our personalities. Have we become happier as history has unfolded? Can we ever free our behaviour from the heritage of our ancestors? And what, if anything, can we do to influence the course of the centuries to come? (goodreads)



Wednesday, 18th Nov 2020

Favourite Nature Poetry—Your personal selection

For the last book club session of the year participants are invited to choose and present their personal favourites—individual poems or collections. Previous book club poetry session followed that pattern. They have all been highly enjoyable afternoons with surprising gems from Australia and other countries introduced and (re)discovered, ranging from Les Murray to Oodgeroo

Noonuccal, to C.J. Dennis and others, sometimes combined with illustrations, sometimes with music. We expect nothing less during our 2020 November session.

The CWCN Book Club began in 2014. We are thrilled about its success. Regular participants are looking forward to the third Wednesday of each month (except December). Two hours of informal, wide ranging and lively discussion are combined with loads of fun. A cup of coffee/tea and some tasty morsels contribute to the atmosphere.

We are pleased to offer another varied and interesting program for 2020 and hope you will find the chosen titles to your liking. They can usually be obtained through your library.

Fee per session: \$5.00.

For further information can be obtained by contacting us on 3378 1465 or email office@cwcn.org.au.



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