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12 Days of Xmas Book List 2018 by Carolyn McDowall

Not in any particular order. The books are all available in hardback or as a download on Amazon or similar sites, and some are available as an audio too.

Michael Caine - What's It All About? – Autobiography

Michael Caine, who has always been a fav actor of mine, writes with astonishing candour about the good years and the lean years. He brings his own 'unique charm and humour to his anecdotes and memories of a sprawling movie-making career'.

Liane Moriarty – Nine Perfect Strangers, a Suspense Thriller

Rose Niland's Review convinced me it should be on the list. She says has an intriguing story line, suspenseful action, pensive tension, and addresses challenging and dramatic questions. It is 'perfect' recreational reading for the holidays ahead.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

A record breaking best seller, about an unrepentant aristocrat who has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. But instead of his usual suite, he must now live in an attic room while Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval.

Arcadia by Australian writer Di Morrissey

A breath taking Tasmanian tale of ancient forests which are integral to the lives of all Australians and contribute to keeping our country, its democratic freedoms and its culture active and alive.

It is also about the art and science of love and friendship and it could be classified as girls own adventure becomes a hunt for the story of the past, to solve the present, and save their future.

Principles: Life and Work by Ray Dalio

A New York Times Bestseller, it is both instructive and very moving. It tells the tale of one of the world's most successful investors and entrepreneurs as he shares the unconventional principles he developed, refined, and used over the past forty years so he would be able to create unique results in both life and business to help achieve his goals.

You Daughters of Freedom - The Australians Who Won the Vote and Inspired the World by Claire Wright

Australia's role in dragging men into the twentieth century via the international struggle for the rights of women. Wright has us view their struggle through the eyes of five remarkable and controversial players; the redoubtable Vida Goldstein, the flamboyant Nellie Martel, indomitable Dora Montefiore, the daring Muriel Matters, and artist Dora Meeson Coates, who painted the controversial Australian banner carried in the British suffragettes' monster marches of 1908 and 1911.

The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka by Claire Wright

Tells the story of Fathers, Brothers and Sons of the Goldfields who stood their ground in a story that is at the essence of the nation Australia was to become in our time. The women were there too in a pivotal role. Historian Claire Wright has become an acclaimed author in a very short time. She is an historian who has worked as a political speechwriter, university lecturer, historical consultant and radio and television broadcaster.

Sun Signs by Linda Goodman

An oldie (1968) but a goodie for those fascinated with gathering knowledge about things beyond our realm of understanding. Goodman's Sun Signs became an introductory bible to astrology for beginner and expert alike. Her simple organizational technique made it easy for everyone to follow and understand, organized sign-by-sign, the Man, Woman, Child, Boss, and Employee, you will join me in the freaked-out zone when you read your own.

Killers of the King: The Men Who Dared to Execute Charles I by Charles Spencer

Best-selling author and historian Charles Spencer explores the violent clash of ideals through the individuals whose fates were determined by that one, momentous decision. To cut off the head of a King of England. This powerful tale of revenge from the dark heart of royal history delivers a fascinating insight into the dangers of declaring your political and religious allegiances in Stuart England.

David Rankin: The New York Years by Dore Ashton

At last, a superbly written work about a living artist; an Australian who has been based in New York since 1989. David Rankin left Gympie, Dore Ashton tells us, 'filled with passion, curiosity, and an inexhaustible energy that finally led him to New York, where he has become a widely read deeply cultured man.

Mythos and Heroes, both by Stephen Fry

A wordsmith in his own right, TV presenter and actor Stephen Fry, penned his version of the legends of ancient Greece, ensure we will '... all fall in love with Zeus, marvel at the birth of Athena, wince at Cronus and Gaia's revenge, weep with King Midas and hunt with the beautiful but ferocious Artemis. Spellbinding, informative and moving, Fry perfectly captures stories for the modern age. His Greek heroes were never 'mere mortals, instead they provided a role model for us all, as they embarked on bold and heart-stirring adventures in order to overcome a myriad of monstrous perils or to outwit the 'scheming vengeful gods, as stylishly and triumphantly as they did'.

Music in the Castle of Heaven – A Portrait of Johann Sebastian Bach by John Eliot Gardiner

John Eliot Gardiner takes us as deeply into the works and mind of composer **Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685-1750) as only wise words can. Another favourite, this novel is all about showcasing the ideas on which Bach drew, how he worked, how his music is constructed, how he achieves his effects – and, what it tells us about the man. The result is a unique book about one of the greatest of all creative artists.

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