

## 20 BEST BOOK CLUB READS OF 2017



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Maybe doing the right thing means doing the unthinkable?

### THE GOOD MOTHER

Sinéad Moriarty

Trade paperback

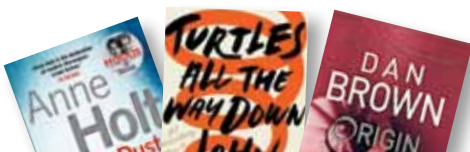
Kate has been through the fire with her three children...

Having been left devastated and homeless after her husband's affair and the break-up of their family, somehow Kate has pulled through. Though times are still tough, she's beginning to see the start of a new life.

But when twelve-year-old Jess is diagnosed with cancer, Kate's resilience is put to the ultimate test. She has an eighteen-year-old son consumed with hatred of his father, a seven-year-old who is bewildered and acting up and an ex-husband who won't face up to his responsibilities. And in the middle of it a beloved child who is trying to be brave, but getting sicker by the day.

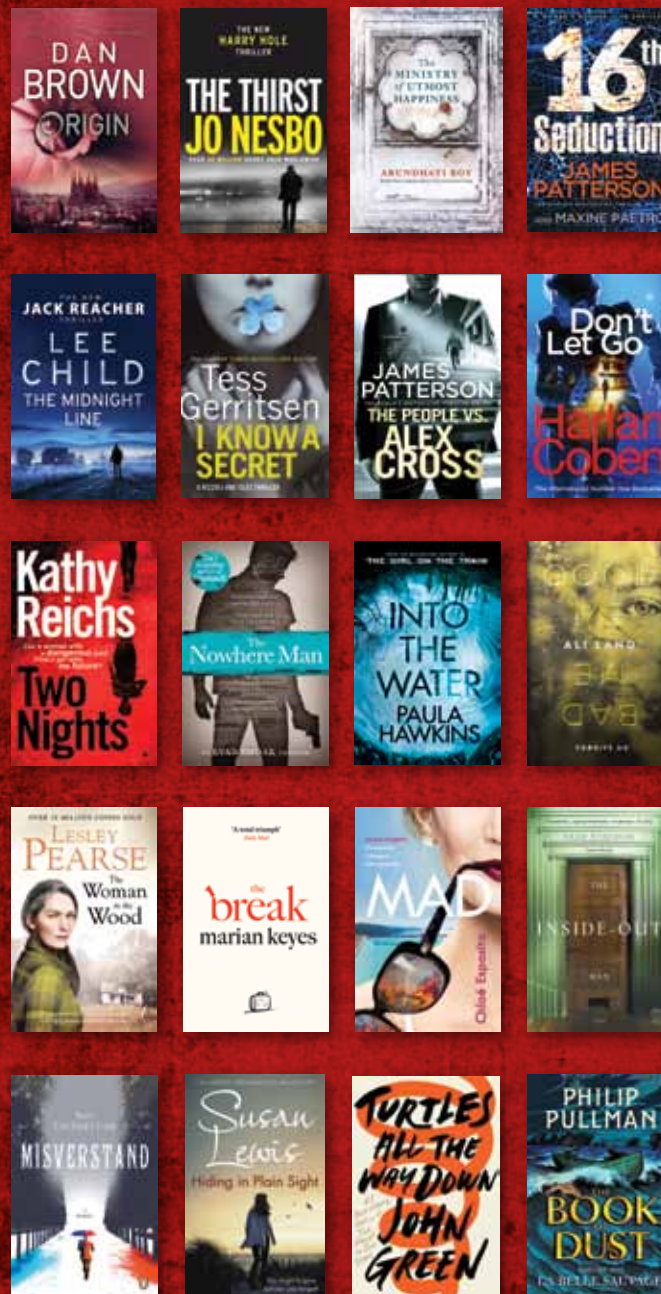
Kate knows she must put to one side her own fear and heartbreak and do right by her children, particularly Jess.

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### UNDER GLASS

**Claire Robertson**

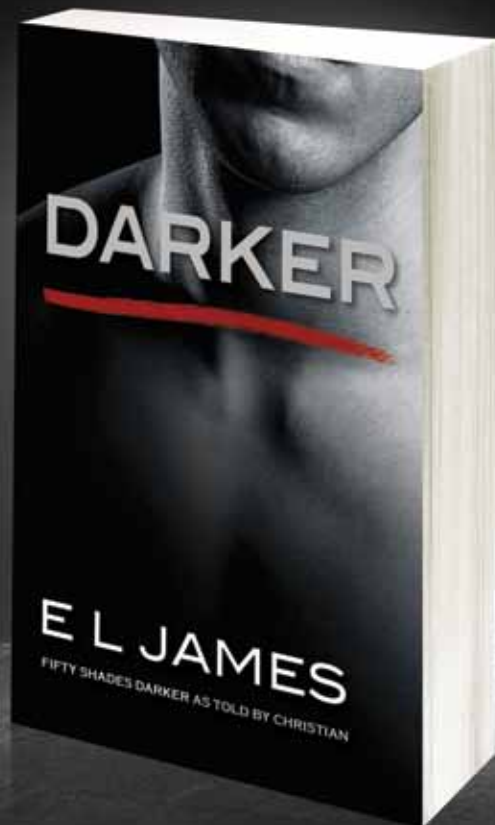
Hardcover

Set in Natal in the nineteenth century among the settlers and the homesteaders and the sugar-cane farmers, Claire Robertson's masterful new novel *Under Glass* tells the story of Mrs Chetwyn, who arrives in Port Natal from India in 1856. She is with her eldest daughter and her ayah, and has been travelling for eleven months to join her husband, already deep in the hinterland.

Her father-in-law has staked them their passage, a sum for settlement and an arrangement for the purchase of land, but there are conditions to his generosity that will have a lasting effect on the Chetwyns, specially on their fifth child, Cosmo, born years later.

It is on the Chetwyns' sugar-cane farm that the reader begins to understand that there is something strange about Cosmo, something that must be kept secret or hidden.

At once a deeply researched historical novel and an intriguing mystery, *Under Glass* is a high-stakes narrative of deception and disguise that will appeal to a range of readers of literary fiction by one of the country's finest novelists.



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### DARKER

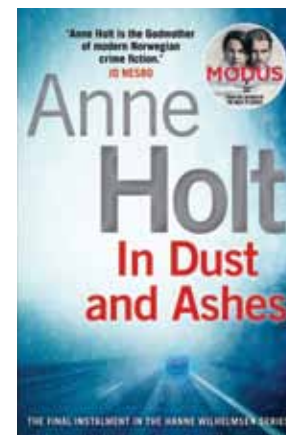
**E L James**

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Their scorching, sensual affair ended in heartbreak and recrimination, but Christian Grey cannot get Anastasia Steele out of his mind, or his blood. Determined to win her back, he tries to suppress his darkest desires and his need for complete control, and to love Ana on her own terms.

But the horrors of his childhood still haunt him, and Ana's scheming boss, Jack Hyde, clearly wants her for himself. Can Christian's confidant and therapist, Dr. Flynn, help him face down his demons? Or will the possessiveness of Elena, his seducer, and the deranged devotion of Leila, his former submissive, drag Christian down into the past?

And if Christian does win Ana back, can a man so dark and damaged ever hope to keep her?



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The explosive finale to Anne Holt's bestselling Hanne Wilhelmsen series

### IN DUST AND ASHES

**Anne Holt**

Trade paperback

In 2001, three year old Dina is killed in a tragic car accident. Not long thereafter Dina's mother dies under mysterious circumstances, and Dina's father Jonas is convicted of her murder.

In 2016, the cold case ends up on the desk of Detective Henrik Holme, who tries to convince his mentor Hanne Wilhelmsen that the father might have been wrongly convicted. Holme and Wilhelmsen discover that the case could be connected to the suicide of an eccentric blogger as well as the kidnapping of the grandson of a EuroJackpot millionaire.

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### UNSTOPPABLE

**James Patterson**

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It's payback time.

A devastated soldier's wife wants special ops veteran Owen Taylor to avenge her broken husband. And she won't have to ask twice.

