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### **The Human Spirit**

- Aliav, Ruth ; Long, Peggy**      **The last escape**      **940.5315 ALI**  
The true story of how ten people managed to save the lives of many thousands of Jews who were doomed to die in Hitler's concentration camps. Describes Ruth Kluger's desperate and exciting adventures.
- Arias, Ron**      **Five against the sea : a true story of courage and survival**      **910.45 ARI**  
The crew of the tiny Costa Rican fishing boat began drifting helplessly after a violent storm in January, 1988. Five months later, their battered craft was within hours of sinking when the five men were plucked to safety 600 miles south of Honolulu. The story of an epic battle with nature and a lasting testament to human courage.
- Armstrong, Diane**      **Winter journey : a novel**      **F ARM:D**  
Halina returns to Poland as part of a war crimes investigation team. She is forced to confront the worst of evils, but also the truth about her own past. She discovers that the human spirit is a far bolder and more courageous thing than she could ever have imagined ...
- Armstrong, Lance**      **It's not about the bike**      **796.62092 ARM**  
The story of a journey, from inauspicious beginnings through to triumph, tragedy, transformation and transcendence. It is the personal story of Lance Armstrong's life from childhood through early success, nearly fatal cancer, recovery, survival, marriage and first-time fatherhood.
- Arneil, Stan**      **One man's war**      **940.547252 ARN**  
The day-to-day diary of a soldier who spent almost all of World War II as a prisoner of the Japanese in SE Asia. Stan Arneil lived through the defence and capitulation of Singapore, Changi prison camp, working in the Burma-Thailand railway after to which he was returned to Changi and survived to return home to Australia after liberation.
- Attwood, Alan**      **Burke's soldier**      **F ATT:A**  
The young Irishman had already endured the horrors of the Indian Mutiny when he signed on with the erratic Burke to explore a land he knew little about. King was with Wills as he penned his final letter, and at Burke's side when he died. Then he was alone, the sole survivor, though barely alive when rescued by Alfred Howitt.
- Baillie, Allan**      **Little brother**      **F BAI:A**  
Set in war-torn Kampuchea, this is the powerful story of Vithy's search for his brother, lost when they were forced to flee from the Khmer Rouge.
- Baker, Mark**      **The fiftieth gate**      **F BAK:M**  
Moving from Poland and Germany to Jerusalem and Melbourne, the author travels across the silence of 50 years, through the gates of Auschwitz, and into a dark bunker where a little girl hides in fear. This is the story of a journey from despair and death towards hope and life.
- Balchin, Nigel**      **The Small Back Room**      **F BAL:N**

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A classic 20th-century novel. Sammy Rice, a weapons scientist and one of the "backroom boys" of World War Two, suffers from a crippling disability that has left him cynical, disillusioned, and riddled with self-doubt. But, when the enemy begins dropping a new form of booby bomb, causing terrible casualties, Sammy alone has the know-how to defuse it. Face to face with real danger, he must confront his inadequacies — if he is to succeed.

**Bennett, Lerone, What manner of man : Martin Luther King, Jr. 323.092 KIN:B  
Jr.**

An outstanding biographical study that won the Patron Saints Award of the Society of Midland Authors in 1965. After Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968, Lerone Bennett amended the text and added a chapter which recorded the events of the last fateful weeks of Martin Luther King's life.

**Bickel, Lennard This accursed land 998.9 BIC**

Tells the story of how Mawson declined to join Captain Scott's ill-fated British expedition in order to lead the Australasian party and the three-man team -- Mawson, Ninnis and Mertz -- who set out with husky teams to explore the far eastern coastline of the Antarctic continent. The hazardous trek turned into a nightmare.

**Bird, Carmel Stolen children; their stories 305.89915 STO**

A collection of documents and personal stories of Indigenous people that appear in the 'Report from the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission', 'Bringing Them Home'.

**Boyne, John The boy in the striped pyjamas F BOY:J**

A story of innocence existing within the evil of life in Nazi Germany. This is the fictional tale of two young boys caught up in an event beyond their control whose life and circumstances are very different from each other.

**Briley, John Cry Freedom F BRI:J**

This is the story of a man's fight with the government of South Africa. It is the story of all people who prefer truth to lies. It is the story of all people who cry 'Freedom', and who are not afraid to die.

**Brickhill, Paul The great escape F BRI:P**

The true story of Douglas Bader, Britain's most courageous war-flier - hero of the Battle of Britain. The real fight for Bader was not in the deadly dog-fights in the 1940 skies, but in the battle fought in a hospital ward learning to cope with two artificial legs.

**Brown, Christie My left foot 920 BRO**

This is Christy Brown's story of being born a victim of cerebral palsy. He recounts his childhood struggle to learn to read, write, paint and finally type, with the toe of his left foot.

**Bruckner, Karl The day of the bomb F BRU:K**

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Vivid accounts of what happened to the people of Hiroshima, before, and after the bomb was dropped on the city in August, 1945.

**Brudenell-Woods, Basil**      **Four packs to freedom**      **F BRU:B**

Basil Brudenell-Woods, a private in the Australian Infantry Forces was taken captive after just a few days action in North Africa. He endured over three years as a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany before he volunteered for duty at a labour camp with the sole intention of making a break for freedom.

**Carr, Roger Vaughan**      **Firestorm!**      **F CAR:R**

For Ben, his family, and many other people, the bushfires that broke loose on Ash Wednesday could never be forgotten. Neither could the emotions that erupted in the township afterwards.

**Caswell, Brian**      **Only the heart**      **F CAS:B**

An epic saga of a Vietnamese family's struggle for survival immediately following the Vietnam war. They make a desperate and tragic escape to the squalor and dehumanising environment of a Malaysian refugee camp and then undertake a desperate fight for placement in the promised land of Australia.

**Chang, Jung**      **Wild swans : three daughters of China**      **951.05092 CHA**

Jung Chang describes the life of her grandmother, a warlord's concubine; her mother's struggles as an idealistic Communist; her parents' experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution.

**Chase, Diana**      **No More Borders for Josef**      **F CHA:D**

Orphaned in the brutal Balkans conflict, thirteen-year-old Josef is forced to flee dramatically through the forest to the border. Frightened, angry and deeply traumatised, he then suffers the uncertainty and boredom of a refugee camp before finally being plucked to safety in Australia by an uncle he never knew existed.

**Child, Greg**      **Over the edge : a true story of kidnap and escape**      **364.154 CHI**

The story of four American rock climbers, who were taken at gunpoint by fanatical militants linked to Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network. Here they tell of their nightmarish ordeal, from the first ricocheting bullets to the climactic and agonizing decision the climbers had to make in order to gain their freedom and survival.

**Clendinnen, Inga**      **Reading the holocaust**      **940.5318 CLE**

Explores the experience of the Holocaust from both the victims' and the perpetrators' point of view. Includes survivor testimonies, 'resistance' in the camps and the motivations of the Nazi leadership. She also considers how the Holocaust has been portrayed in poetry, fiction, and film.

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**Children of Cambodia's killing fields: memoirs of survivors** 959.6042 CHI  
Each witness was a child at the time of Cambodia's holocaust, and each tells of families torn apart, loss of innocence, a ceaseless struggle to survive against all odds, and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

**Chotjewitz, David**      **Daniel half human** F CHO:D  
Daniel and Armin admire Hitler as an underdog and revolutionary hero. The boys talk about joining the Hitler Youth - until Daniel learns to his horror that his mother is Jewish.

**Corder, E.M.**      **The deer hunter** F COR:E  
He was a young steelworker from Pennsylvania, drafted into the armed forces and sent to fight in Vietnam. Despite all the skills he had acquired in his years as a hunter in the mountains, nothing had prepared him for war in the jungles of Asia ...

**Dechian, Sonja**      **Dark dreams : Australian refugee stories by young writers aged 11-20 years** F DAR  
An anthology of essays, interviews and short stories written by children and young adults aged 11-20 years who recreate the story of someone who came to Australia as a refugee. Some focus on survival, some on horrors, some on the experiences and alienation of a new world, including refugees still living in detention centres in Australia.

**Dembo, Margot**      **The girl in the red coat : surviving survival** 940.5318 LIG  
**Bettauer**  
Roma was one of the "hidden children" to survive the Holocaust. But memories of childhood trauma were deep-seated and, despite her successful life, the resonating effects of her past gradually took their toll. In this book she writes honestly about rising above the sorrow.

**Duff, Alan**      **Once were warriors** F DUF:A  
This hard hitting story is a frank and uncompromising portrayal of a Maori family in New Zealand society. It is a raw and powerful story in which everyone is a victim until the strength and vision of one woman transcends brutality and leads the way to a new life. The themes in the book have universal resonance that transcends class and culture.

**Ebury, Sue**      **Weary : the life of Sir Edward Dunlop** 920 DUN:E  
Weary turned his back on a brilliant surgical career and volunteered in 1939. He served in Palestine, Greece, Crete, Tobruk and Egypt before sailing to Java in 1942. Captured by the Japanese, his care of his fellow prisoners and his defiance of his captors in the face of brutality, starvation and death made him a legend in his lifetime.

**Facey, A.B.**      **A fortunate life** F FAC:A





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David has known no other life but that of a concentration camp. Then he escapes. Silent, watchful, he wanders through Europe, fearful that the Nazis will catch him, David's journey is long and dangerous and he only gradually finds hope and loses his fear and mistrust of the kindness of strangers.

**Isaacs, Anne**                      **Torn thread**    **F ISA:A**  
Eva's life takes a terrifying turn when she and her sister are torn from their father and imprisoned in a Nazi work camp. Eva is forced to spin thread to make blankets and uniforms. Amid ever-worsening dangers to save her life and that of her sick sister, Eva's world tears apart like the weak threads on her spinning machine...

**Keenan, Brian**                      **An evil cradling**    **364.154 KEE**  
Brian Keenan became headline news in 1985 when he was kidnapped by fundamentalist Shi'ite militiamen and held in the suburbs of Beirut for the next four and a half years. For much of that time he was shut off from all news and contact with anyone other than his jailers and, later, his fellow hostages, amongst them John McCarthy.

**Klemperer, Victor**                      **Klemperer diaries to the bitter end 1942-45**    **940.53 KLE:C**  
Covers the period from the beginning of the deportations to the camps of Jews in Germany to the end of the war, telling the story of Klemperer's increasing isolation, his near miraculous survival, and his growing awareness of the Holocaust as his friends and associates disappeared.

**Keneally, Thomas**                      **Schindler's Ark**    **F KEN:T**  
In the shadow of Auschwitz, a flamboyant German industrialist grew into a living legend to the Jews of Kracow. This is the story of Oskar Schindler who risked his life to protect the beleaguered Jews in Nazi - occupied Poland, who continually defied the SS and who was transformed by the war into a man with a mission.

**Laseron, Charles**                      **Antarctic eyewitness**    **998.9 LAS**  
Two 19th century expeditions to Antarctica stand out in terms of raw, sustained survival and the triumph of the human spirit against seemingly impossible odds. One is Mawson's 1911-14 Australasian Antarctic expedition and the other is Shackleton's unsuccessful attempt to cross the Antarctic continent 1914-16. Here are both accounts.

**Landau, David**                      **Caged : a story of Jewish resistance**    **940.5318 LAN**  
David Landau was among a small number of Jewish fighters who staged an uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. For the first three heroic days they forced the SS and the German Army to run from the Jews of Warsaw. Even after the Germans' overwhelming retaliation and brutal suppression, resistance lasted for months.

**Lengyel, Olga**                      **Five chimneys**    **940.5318 LEN**  
Olga Lengyel tells, frankly and without compromise, one of the most horrifying stories of all time. The true, documented chronicle is the record of a beautiful woman who survived Auschwitz and Birchenau. An explicit account that provides comprehensive and intimate detail of the initiation processes and life in the death camp itself.

**Lerangis, Peter**                      **Antarctica : journey to the Pole**    **F LER:P**

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The voyage south was not an easy one. Conditions were harsh. Tensions escalated. And when the bottom of the world was reached, things became even worse. In their race for the Pole, Winslow and his party faced the ultimate test of endurance, loyalty and survival.

**Lerangis, Peter**                      **Antarctica : escape from disaster**                      **F LER:P**

In the darkest hours of 1910, mutiny, doubt and disaster threatened to destroy Jack Winslow's secret American expedition to discover the South Pole. When the explorers' ship, the Mystery was frozen in the Antarctic ice, Winslow and his sons were forced to make a daring and dangerous rescue attempt...

**Levine, Karen**                      **Hana's suitcase: a true story**                      **F LEV: K**

When Hana's suitcase arrives from Germany at the small Holocaust Education Centre in Japan, all the children want to know what happened to Hana. Fumiko decides to find out. She embarks on a journey across Europe and America, and seventy years of history. What Fumiko finds in Hana's suitcase is a story of terrible sadness and great joy.

**Levi, Primo**                      **The drowned and the saved**                      **F LEV:P**

Primo Levi draws extensively on his own experiences to delve into the minds and motives of oppressors and oppressed alike. Describing the difficulty and shame of remembering, the limited forms of collaboration between inmates and SS gaolers, the exploitation of "useless violence" and the plight of the intellectual.

**Levi, Primo**                      **If this is a man ; The truce**                      **F LEV:P**

"With the moral stamina and intellectual prose of a twentieth - century Titan, this slightly built, dutiful, unassuming chemist set out systematically to remember the German hell on earth, steadfastly to think it through and then to render it comprehensible in lucid, unpretentious prose." [Philip Roth]

**Levi, Primo**                      **If not now, when?**                      **F LEV:P**

Based on a true story, this novel chronicles the adventures, crises and moral struggles of a group of Russian and Polish refugees trying to return home, but stranded by the German Army in retreat in the final phases of WWII.

**Li, Cunxin**                      **Mao's last dancer**                      **920 LI**

A young peasant boy from a small, desperately poor village in China is chosen by Madame Mao's cultural delegates to be moulded into a faithful guard of Chairman Mao's great vision for China. A true story of how the course of a small boy's life changed in ways beyond description.

**Lindsay, Martin**                      **The epic of Captain Scott**                      **998.9 SCO:L**

The unforgettable story of Captain Robert Scott's ill-fated attempt to be the first Antarctic Expedition to reach the South Pole.

**McCarthy, Cormac**                      **All the pretty horses**                      **F MCC:C**



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The incredible story of Varian Fry, the American who saved more lives than Schindler - great literary, scientific and artistic figures who represented the political and cultural elite of Europe. It is a tale full of surreal and heart-stopping episodes as Fry tried to keep ahead of the Nazis.

**Martin, J. ; Gannon, Lionheart : a journey of the human spirit** 910.41 MAR  
E.

On 31 October 1999, Jesse Martin, in his yacht "Lionheart", completed the last great adventure of the twentieth century, becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world. He was 18 years old and didn't know the meaning of impossible.

**Moon, Chris One step beyond** 920 MOO

Chris Moon was captured by the Khmer Rouge when he joined the UN mine-clearance team in Cambodia. He went on to supervise mine clearance in Mozambique where he lost his lower right leg and right arm. Less than a year later he ran the London Marathon, raising money for charity.

**Naidoo, Beverley Chain of fire** F NAI:B

When the villagers of Bophelong discover that they are to be forcibly evicted from their houses by the Apartheid government of South Africa, they decide to resist. Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, join a school demonstration and discover that the government is ready to treat even children who protest with brutality.

**Naidoo, Beverley No turning back** F NAI:B

Escaping from his violent stepfather, twelve-year-old Siphon heads for Johannesburg, where he has heard that gangs of children live on the streets. Surviving hunger and the bitter-cold winter nights is hard enough, but Siphon also has to learn, in the 'new' South Africa, who to trust.

**Nasar, Sylvia A beautiful mind** 920 NAS

At 31, John Nash, mathematical genius, suffered a devastating breakdown and was diagnosed with schizophrenia. After decades of leading a ghost-like existence, he re-emerged to win a Nobel Prize and world acclaim. A drama about the mystery of the human mind, triumph over incredible adversity, and the healing power of love.

**Pausewang, Gudrun The final journey** F PAU:G

"The sliding-door of the railway truck closed with a deafening clang." So begins Alice's journey. But where is she going? The men who come to her house to take Alice and her grandparents away in the middle of the night will only say that they are being taken 'to the east'.

**Pfetzer, Mark; Galvin, Within reach : my Everest story** 796.522 PFE  
Jack



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**Remarque, E. M.**      **All quiet on the Western Front**      **F REM:E**  
Four German youths are abruptly pulled out of school to serve at the front as soldiers in WWI. One of the most famous and celebrated novels of WWI, the themes in this story are universal to all soldiers, in all armies, in all wars in its delineation of the devastating experiences of the common soldier.

**Robinson, Derek**      **Goshawk Squadron**      **F ROB:D**  
For Stanley Woolley, commanding officer of Goshawk Squadron, the romance of chivalry in the clouds is just a myth. So, he drums into his men a simple and savage code: shoot the enemy in the back before he knows you're there. Even so, he believes the entire squadron will be dead within three months.

**Roth, Arthur**      **The iceberg hermit**      **F ROT:A**  
When Allan's ship is totally destroyed, he is stranded alone on a giant iceberg. Without food or any warmth, how can he survive? A marvellous story based on fact.

**Ryan, Peter A.**      **Fear drive my feet**      **940.548 RYAN**  
This is the story of one of the Australians who patrolled isolated regions of New Guinea during World War II. It tells an impressive story of endurance and quiet courage. It also paints an unforgettable picture of the savage beauty of New Guinea and the charm and nobility of its people.

**Schwarz, Zoltan**      **The Army-cap boy**      **940.5092 SCH**  
The chilling true story of Zoltan Schwarz's survival during WWII, after having lived in a peaceful Hungarian village until he was 15. This story describes how Zoltan survives Belsen concentration camp and he experiences adjusting to life after the war in Australia.

**Scott, James**      **Lost in the Himalayas**      **796.522 SCO**  
The story of James Scott's survival in the Himalayas after becoming stranded because of an accident. Describes how he focused his mind to sustain hope and exercised his body to keep himself alive.

**Sevela, Ephraim**      **We were not like other people**      **F SEV:E**  
This is the story of Jewish teenager in Russia when he is separated from his Red Army parents by the Stalinist purges during World War II. Spanning a time period of six years the boy wanders from city to countryside, from Siberia to Germany, meeting incredible people and experiencing life to the full.

**Simpson, Joe**      **Touching the void**      **796.522 SIM**  
In June 1985, Joe Simpson and Simon Yates, two young but experienced climbers, set out to ascend an unclimbed mountain in the Peruvian Andes. They managed to achieve the summit before disaster struck, leaving Simon Yates with an agonising decision to make - to cut the rope holding Joe or to surely die with him.

**Solzhenitsyn, Alexander**      **One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich**      **F SOL:A**  
This brilliant novel describes a single prisoner's day in a remote Siberian labour camp. The deprivation and hardship is hard to comprehend.



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Set in the harsh, segregated world of the Deep South between the wars, this is the story of Celia, abused and violated by the man she calls father. She was forced into an ugly marriage. Her two children were taken away. In letters she writes to God, she reveals the brutality of her life. Written with humour, fortitude and love for her family.

**Watson, James**                      **No surrender : a story of Angola**                      **F WAT:J**

Set in Angola at the time of free elections in Namibia: Malenga Nakale, the idealistic, poetry writing daughter of a local political figure, and Hamish, a white South African deserter are both captured by a band of guerrillas. This is the story of their sufferings and the constant threat of death as they are passed from group to group.

**Watson, James**                      **Talking in whispers**                      **F WAT:J**

Set in Chile, Sixteen-year-old Andres becomes a wanted man, but finds friends who risk their lives to help him. This intensely written novel depicts the reality of the Pinochet military dictatorship and pays homage to the courage of those who continue to struggle for human rights.

**Weil, Jiri**                              **Life with a star**                              **F WEI:J**

The experience of living in hiding during the Nazi occupation of Prague furnished Jiri Weil with the inspiration for this remarkable and intensely moving novel. It is the story of Josef Roubicek, an unemployed bank clerk, who has been reduced to a meagre existence by the arbitrary regulations of a nightmarish, Kafkaesque world.

**West, Morris**                      **Eminence**                              **F WES:M**

Rossini suffered torture and personal degradation as a young priest in Argentina before being exiled to Rome, where he eventually achieved high office and the distinction of papal candidacy. This novel explores the nature of belief, love and commitment and how these came to be tested during a time of crisis and change.

**Williams, Eric**                      **The tunnel**                              **F WIL:E**

Peter Howard was shot down and captured by the Germans. He was sent to a high-security prison camp in Poland where the only hope was escaping through the tunnel.

**Wilson, Leslie**                      **Last train from Kummersdorf**                      **F WIL:L**

Set in Germany in 1945. Hanno is on the run, having just seen his twin brother killed. Effi has learned the hard way that she must be vigilant and she's not keen to trust Hanno. They join forces to protect each other from the far more dangerous people on the road, Russian soldiers, German deserters - and Major Otto, who likes to kill - randomly.

**Whelan, Gloria**                      **Goodbye, Vietnam**                      **F WHE:G**

When Mia's family learns that her grandmother is about to be arrested, they decide to flee for their lives. Leaving Vietnam behind, they sail for Hong Kong in a rickety boat full of refugees. The captives can't navigate and the boat continually breaks down. Mia's hope of reaching Hong Kong and freedom start to dwindle.

**Yep, Laurence**                      **Dragon's gate**                              **F YEP:L**

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In February 1867, many Chinese immigrated to San Francisco - the Land of the Golden Mountain. Otter's dream is to learn all he can, take the technology back to the Middle Kingdom, and free China from the Manchu invaders. This is the story of the Chinese railroad workers in America - of their survival and courage.

**Zephaniah, Benjamin**      **Refugee boy**

**F ZEP:B**

Life is not safe for Alem. His father is Ethiopian and his mother Eritrean - and with both countries at war, he is welcome in neither place. So his father does an astonishing thing, which at first appears callous, but is in fact the ultimate gift of love from a parent to their child.

**Zusak, Marcus**              **The book thief**

**F ZUS:M**

Death has never been busier. Liesel's father has been arrested, her mother is in grave danger and her brother is dead. Liesel is taken to live with strangers. Liesel will have many encounters with fear, death, and despair. Books and reading become both an escape and stealing them an obsession.