### Biography/Autobiography

**Adams, David**  
**Chasing Liquid Mountains: Adventures of a Solo Yachtsman**  
910.45 ADA  
The story of a lone yachtsman who set himself a goal and overcame enormous setbacks with exceptional determination to achieve that goal.

**Against the Sea: Great Adventure Stories** edited by Louisa Rudeen  
910.45 AGA  
These 24 true tales of adventure tell of heroes who embark on daring missions, situations fraught with danger, and maritime disasters that destroy ships and men. Each account comes from the very people who lived through the events.

**Al-Windawi, Thura**  
**Thura’s Diary**  
920 AL  
What would it really be like to live through the bombing of Baghdad? This poignant diary is a first-hand account of a family in a city living under attack. Written by 19-year-old Thura al-Windawi, it describes the chaos and destruction around her.

**Aliav, Ruth; Long, Peggy**  
**The Last Escape**  
940.5315 ALI  
The true story of how just 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.

**Ansell, Rod; Percy, Rachel**  
**To Fight the Wild**  
904.7 ANS  
An incredible Robinson Crusoe sage of survival who lived for two months in a tree house in the wilds of the Northern Territory.

**Bailey, Maurice & Maralyn**  
**117 Days Adrift**  
910.45 BAI  
After Maralyn and Maurice Bailey’s yacht ‘Auralyn’ sank, they spend 118 days in their small life raft and rubber dinghy. For most of the time they were totally dependent on resources provided by the ocean and the sky.

**Beah, Ishmael**  
**A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier**  
920 BEA  
In 'A long way gone', Beah, now twenty-six years old, tells a riveting story. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognisable by violence. By thirteen, he’d been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. Eventually released by the army and sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center, he struggled to regain his humanity and to reenter the world of civilians, who viewed him with fear and suspicion.

**Benson, Ross**  
**Paul McCartney: Behind the Myth**  
781.66092 MCC:B  
A detailed and authoritative biography of one of the most talented and best loved figures in popular culture.

**Brickhill, Paul**  
**The Great Escape**  
F BRI:P  
One of the most famous true stories from the last war, 'The Great Escape' tells how more than six hundred men in a German prisoner-of-war camp worked together to achieve an extraordinarily daring breakout. Made famous by the Hollywood film of the same name, this is the original story.

**Bryson, Bill**  
**A Walk in the Woods**  
910.4 BRY
The longest footpath in the world stretches from Georgia to Maine, through some of the most arresting and celebrated landscapes in America. Bill Bryson set off to hike through the vast tangled woods which have been frightening sensible people for 300 years, to achieve a lifetime's ambition - not to die outdoors.

**Campese, David; Bills, Peter**  
*On a Wing & a Prayer*  
796.333092 CAM:B  
The story of David Campese, rugby genius, who burst onto the world scene as an 18-year-old unknown on the Wallabies' 1982 tour of New Zealand and who played a vital part in winning the World Cup in 1991.

**Carter, Paul**  
*Don't Tell Mum I Work on the Rigs*  
920 CAR  
A 'take no prisoners' approach to life has seen Paul Carter heading to some of the world's most remote, wild and dangerous places as a contractor in the oil business. Amazingly, he's survived (so far) to tell these stories from the edge of civilization, and reason.

**Clarke, Marcus**  
*For the Term of His Natural Life*  
F CLA:M  
Murder, shipwreck, brutal tortures, cannibalism amongst escaping convicts - this novel brings to life all the horror and suffering of the settlement at Port Arthur and the system under which countless convicts disappeared without trace. The survival of Rufus Dawes is amazing in itself.

**Dahl, Roald**  
*Boy : Tales of Childhood*  
F:DAH:R  
The boyhood adventures of Roald Dahl. Hilariously true are the details of the Great Mouse Plot of 1924, when an eight-year-old Dahl and his gobstopper-loving friends took a just revenge on the disgusting sweetshop owner Mrs. Pratchett. Full of excitement and the unexpected.

**Diver, Stuart**  
*Survival*  
920 DIV  
The story of how one man found the mental and physical strength to live through tragedy and survive against impossible odds. Stuart relives the event that changed his world forever.

**Do, Anh**  
*The happiest refugee*  
920 DO  
The laugh-out-loud, reach-for-your-hanky story of one of Australia's best-loved comedians. Anh Do nearly didn't make it to Australia. But nothing - not murderous pirates, nor the imminent threat of death by hunger, disease or dehydration as they drifted for days - could quench their desire to make a better life in the country they had dreamed about. Life in Australia was hard, an endless succession of back-breaking work, crowded rooms, ruthless landlords and make-do everything. But there was a loving extended family.

**Dowswell, Paul; Ross, Peter; Jackson, Tony**  
*True Escape Stories*  
904.7 DOW  
From convicts in Alcatraz to prisoners in Colditz Castle, these stories celebrate the cunning, determination and courage of the would-be escaper.

**Durrell, Gerald**  
*My Family and Other Animals*  
F DUR:G  
The Durrell family arrives in sun-soaked Corfu and so begins the delightful tales of the extraordinary family and the even more extraordinary menagerie Gerry collects.

**Emmerich, Elsbeth**  
*My Childhood in Nazi Germany*  
940.5482:EM  
M
A fascinating story of the author who was only 5 years old when WWII broke out. It tells of her childhood on the German home front, with all its unhappiness, excitement, terror and joy.

**Facey, Albert**  
_A Fortunate Life_  
920 FAC

A book about a real Australian and how he coped with WWI. This is the autobiography of Albert Facey and tells of his early life in WA before the war and how he went on to fight at Gallipoli.

**Frank, Anne**  
_The Diary of a Young girl_  
940.53161 FRA

The story of a Jewish girl during the Second World War in the Netherlands. She and her family hide from the Nazis in an attic. Her diary records their true story.

**Freeman, Cathy**  
_Born to Run_  
920 FRE

Cathy Freeman shares with younger readers the incredible tale of how she became a true Australian champion.

**Galway, James**  
_An Autobiography_  
788.3092 SPR:F

The story of one of music’s most unconventional, most engaging stars, from his apprenticeship in Uncle Joe’s flute band to fame and fortune alongside some of the greatest names in world music.

**Grogan, John**  
_Marley and Me_  
920 GRO

John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wriggly yellow fur ball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.

**Harris, David ; Jones, Max**  
_A Man Called Possum_  
F HAR:D

He was a loner. He hid from his pursuers in wild bush country. He was one of the greatest survivors of the 20th century. People along the Murray River called him Possum, but who was he really? Max Jones, country detective, was determined to find out - even if it took him thirty years.

**Harris, Richard**  
_The Will to Climb_  
920 HAR

Christopher Harris, at just eight-years-of-age, started mountaineering with his father Richard. It was on their very first mountain that they made the decision to climb the highest mountain on each of the world's seven continents.

**Heyerdahl, Thor**  
_The Kon-Tiki Expedition : By Raft Across the South Seas_  
910.9164:HE Y

This book tells the enthralling story of crossing the Pacific on a balsa-wood raft.

**Hughes, John**  
_The Idea of Home_  
828.43:HUG

John Hughes writes about growing up in the Hunter Valley coal-mining town of Cessnock, in a household dominated by memories of the Ukraine, which his mother and grandparents were forced to flee during the Second World War. Hughes charts the effect their stories and routines had on him as a child, the way they shaped his imagination and determined his idea of himself, as a student in Newcastle and later as the holder of a prestigious scholarship at Cambridge University.
Jim Martin was 14 years old when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima on 28 June 1915, bound for Gallipoli. This is the true story of how an inexperienced and enthusiastic schoolboy became Australia's youngest known Anzac.

Kent, J.A. One of the Few 940.548341 KEN
Johnny Kent is perhaps best known as flight commander of the ace 303 Squadron of Fighter Command, RAF, which played such a decisive part in the Battle of Britain. This book tells how the author welded the individual pilots into a crack unit, and also of his career in the RAF.

Knecht, G Bruce The Proving Ground 797.140994 KNE
The worst disaster in recent ocean racing history began on Boxing Day 1998 on Sydney Harbour. Soon 112 competitors were battered by hurricane-force winds and 25-metre waves. What made these sailors risk all in some of the world's most treacherous waters?

Knoke, Heinz I Flew For the Fuhrer : the story of a German Airman 940.544943 KNO
The autobiography of Heinz Knoke, an outstanding German fighter pilots of WWII. As a contrast to the many accounts of British and American war experiences, this record from the other side makes fascinating reading.

Krakauer, Jon Into Thin Air: a Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster 796.522 KRA
A riveting story, which reveals the harsh realities of mountaineering and echoes with the frantic calls of climbers lost high on the mountain and way beyond help.

Kuhne, Cecil On the Edge: Adventurous Escapades From Around the World 910.4 KUH
A 'Lonely Planet' publication which follows the fortunes and misfortunes of the world's best travel writers in jungles and on the seas, off the beaten track and even off the planet. On foot, on camel or on a sailing ship: this book will enthrall you from start to finish.

Kuroyanagi, Tetsuko Totto-Chan: the Little Girl At the Window 920 KUR
The story of the unconventional early education of a popular Japanese television personality.

Lord, Walter A Night to Remember 910.45 TIT:L
On April 14, 1912, the ‘unsinkable’ Titanic struck an iceberg and began to sink. By 8.50am on April 15, it was all over. The Titanic sank on its maiden voyage, and the last of 705 survivors had been pulled out of the freezing sea. This book is the result of 28 years of research by Lord on that ill-fated voyage.

Lowe, Pat In the Desert : Jimmy Pike As a Boy 920 PIK:L
Jimmy Pike is one of Australia's most famous Aboriginal artists. He grew up in the Great Sandy Desert during the 1940s and 1950s. This is his story as told by his lifetime partner, who spent three years in the desert with him, and many more years listening to his stories.

Mah, Adeline Yen Chinese Cinderella F MAH:A
When Adeline Yen Mah's mother died giving birth to her, the family considered Adeline bad luck and she was made to feel unwanted all her life. This is the story of her struggle for acceptance and how she overcame the odds to prove her worth.

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A riveting portrayal of Ali's spirit and courage. It also exposes the hazards of boxing - the sport Ali lived, but which ultimately damaged him and many others beyond repair. This is the story of Ali's childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinson's disease.

Newby, Eric
A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush
No mountaineer, Newby set out with a friend to explore the formidable peaks of the Nuristan Mountains in northeast Afghanistan. His witty, unorthodox report is packed with incidents both ghastly and ecstatic as he takes us where few Western feet have trod. This tale is a classic of travel adventure.

Newman, Bernard
Real Life Spies
This book is full of anecdotes about real-life spies who operated during the Second World War, the work they did and what happened to them if they were caught.

O'Brien, Raud
Little Wing : Eastabout the Southern Oceans
The story of Raud O'Brien's single-handed circumnavigation of the world in his yacht Little Wing, a journey of 20,000 miles. In a vessel totally designed, predominantly built, and entirely financed by his own efforts, no life-raft, no means of communication, no engine, and no modern technology to help him.

O'Neill, Susie
Choose to Win
Susie O'Neill talks about the highs and lows of her extraordinary swimming career. An insight in one of Australia’s greatest swimmers and essential reading for anyone who faces challenges.

Paton, Alan
Towards the Mountain: an Autobiography
In this book, Alan Paton reviews the formative years of his life, from his formal education and upbringing in Natal, to the publication of his highly acclaimed novel, Cry, the Beloved Country, in 1948.

Paulsen, Gary
Harris and Me
A boy spends his tenth summer on his aunt and uncle's farm. From sunrise to sunset, his days are filled with backbreaking chores, gut-busting meals, and crazy escapades with his cousin Harris. Hilarious!

Pausewang, Gudrun
The Final Journey
"The sliding-door of the railway truck closed with a deafening clang." So begins Alice's journey. But where is she going? As she gets to know her fellow passengers, Alice's eyes are opened to the facts of life, the horrors of death and the terrifying truth about her final destination.

Pele
Pele : the Autobiography
The extraordinary life story of the greatest footballer ever to play the game.

Read, Pauliers
Alive : the Story of the Andes Survivors
In 1972, an aircraft carrying a party of Uruguayan rugby players took off from Argentina to fly over the Andes to Chile. In the middle of those jagged mountains, the aircraft crashed. Some passengers were killed on impact, others seriously injured. This is the tale of how they survived.

Saturday Evening Post
Battle: True Stories of Courage in Action in the Second World War
Fifteen true stories of courage in action in the Second World War.

**Scott, James**  
Lost in the Himalayas  
Lost in the Himalayas is the detailed story of James Scott’s survival in the Himalayas after an accident, of how he focused his thoughts to sustain hope, how he exercised his body and his mind as he kept himself alive.

**Shears, Richard**  
Wildlife Warrior : Steve Irwin  
Charts Steve Irwin's amazing life - from his childhood, catching snakes in Victoria, through to his work in the wilderness and in his zoo. It follows his love story with his wife Terri and his rise to fame. A down-to-earth adventurer with a love of all animals and passionate about wildlife conservation.

**Smith, Gilly**  
Jamie Oliver : Turning Up the Heat  
Encouraging an international audience of fast food fans to cook rather than just defrost, Jamie Oliver has put the passion back into eating. Grabbing no-hope kids off the street, training them up and giving them jobs in his own restaurant as well as some of the best restaurants in the world, he has inspired a new generation of chefs.

**Stone, Irving**  
The Agony and the Ecstasy  
The story of Michelangelo set in the turbulent Renaissance, the years of poisoning princes, warring popes and the all-powerful de’Medici family and the fanatic monk Savonarola.

**Southall, Ivan**  
Fly West  
This is the story of Ivan Southall's war as a Sunderland pilot of 461 Squadron, Plymouth.

**Sullivan, George**  
Great Escapes of World War II  
7 true stories of daring escapes by prisoners of war during WWII, including an escape from Colditz Castle, a German fortress; from Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp; and the incredible tunnel escape by dozens of Allied prisoners from Stalag Luft III which became known as The Great Escape.

**Vassilieva, Tatiana**  
Hostage To War  
Tania is 13 when Russia is invaded by Nazi troops. After enduring months of starvation, she is transported to a labour camp in Germany. For 3 years Tania has to work in the fields and factories of the Third Reich. Throughout the hardship she is kept going by the thought that her mother and sister might still be alive.

**Vondra, Josef**  
No-Name Bird  
Jose Rodrigus was 14 years old when the Indonesians came to East Timor in 1975. This is the story of his Uncle Adolfo and the fighting bird they train as their daily lives changed forever. Jose is caught up in adventure and danger, and the fighting bird becomes a symbol of courage which he clings to.

**Walker, Kathrine Sorley**  
Saladin: Sultan of the Holy Sword  
The struggle between Christianity and Islam as well as Saladin’s own success story. Saladin was a Kurd, the son of a local official in Mesopotamia who became the greatest prince of Islam in the twelfth century.

**Williams, Eric**  
The tunnel  
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.