FICTION IN THE LIBRARY

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**Jasper Jones: a novel**
By Craig Silvey
Level 6  825.3 SIL

Late on a hot summer night in the tail end of 1965, Charlie Bucktin, a precocious and bookish boy of thirteen, is startled by an urgent knock on the window of his sleepout. His visitor is Jasper Jones, an outcast in the regional mining town of Corrigan. Rebellious, mixed-race and solitary, Jasper is a distant figure of danger and intrigue for Charlie. So when Jasper begs for his help, Charlie eagerly steals into the night by his side, terribly afraid but desperate to impress. Jasper takes him through town and to his secret glade in the bush, and it's here that Charlie bears witness to Jasper's horrible discovery. In the simmering summer where everything changes, Charlie learns why the truth of things is so hard to know, and even harder to hold in his heart.

**Brooklyn**
By Colm Toibin
Level 6  823.9 TOI

Young Eilis Lacey dreams of life beyond the confines of her tiny Irish village, but unlike her beautiful sister, Rose, Eilis' gifts are of a more practical nature: she has a head for numbers, and is a loving and dutiful daughter. Yet her ambition cannot be hidden and soon is noted by the Parish Priest, Father Flood. Via a church contact, he arranges for Eilis to travel to America where a job opportunity has arisen in New York with a reputable "merchant of Italian origin". Eilis finds lodgings in an eccentric boarding house and ekes out an existence in the cosmopolitan melting pot that is 1950s Brooklyn, impressing her employer, outwitting her landlady, and even falling in love. But then fate intervenes: a family crisis back home forces Eilis to make a choice between the past and the future, the old world and the new.

**Seven Ancient Wonders**
By Matthew Reilly
Level 6  825.3 REI

It is the biggest treasure hunt in history with contesting nations involved in a race to locate the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Exactly 4500 years ago, a gold capstone, a source of immense power, was divided into seven pieces and hidden within the seven greatest structures of the age. It is now time to locate the seven pieces.

**The Norseman’s Song**
By Joel Deane
Level 6  825.3 DEA

An ancient man with no past hails a taxi driven by a petty crim with no future. Reluctantly, the pair embarks on a journey in search of a legendary whaler and murderer known as The Norseman. To guide them they have only a half remembered sea-farer's tale, an antique carved whalebone and a hundred year old journal bound in human skin. The Norseman's Song is a stylistically brilliant novel that evokes the tradition of Joseph Conrad and Edgar Allen Poe to produce a dark, gothic mystery.
Joel Deane creates a violent and lyrical vision of contemporary Australia with the pace and energy of a road movie and the haunting atmosphere of a nightmare.

A Waltz for Matilda
By Jackie French
Level 5  825.3 FRE

Set against drought, flood, bushfire, war and jubilation, this is a story rooted in the words of our most famous national song. It is a love-song to a land and to a nation, told from the points of view of those who had no vote in 1901: the women, the Indigenous people, the Chinese market-gardeners, the Afghan traders.