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Burning Blue Paul Griffin 2012-10-25 A soulful mystery for fans of *Thirteen Reasons Why* and *Paper Towns* When Nicole Castro, the most beautiful girl in her wealthy New Jersey high school, is splashed with acid on the left side of her perfect face, the world takes notice. But quiet loner Jay Nazarro does more than that—he decides to find out who did it. Jay understands how it feels to be treated like a freak, and he also has a secret: He’s a brilliant hacker. But the deeper he digs, the more danger he’s in—and the more he falls for Nicole. Too bad everyone is turning into a suspect, including Nicole herself.

August Bernard Beckett 2011-08-04 Trapped in a car wreck, upside down, bleeding and in pain, Tristan and Grace are staring at death. When dawn breaks they might be seen from the road and rescued, or not. They wait desperately holding onto life, unravelling the sequence of events that brought them together. Tristan is a philosopher struggling with the question of free will. Grace’s life of hardship allows no place for such ideas. But a brief encounter changes their lives, setting them on a collision course with love and death - and each other.

Mariposa Greg Bear 2011-12-12 The world just keeps getting tougher and more complicated. America teeters on the edge of bankruptcy because of crushing foreign debt and an apparent savior, The Talos Corporation, delivers training for soldiers and security forces around the world, logistical support and badly-needed troops economically, but with a hidden cost that’s both sinister and disturbing. The three rookie FBI agents who survived the challenges portrayed in *Quantico*, have gone their separate ways but seem fated to be drawn back together in an alliance against a surprising challenge for which no one seems prepared. Rebecca Rose is brought back from an extended sabbatical when the President is shot and her second-in-command is implicated in an horrific crime - and all the threads point deeper into Talos’s secretive activities. Fouad Al-Husam, working undercover inside Talos, has uncovered and been forced to hide vital information of a takeover plot that threatens America’s independence. Nathan Trace, victim of a violent incident in the Middle East, struggles with post-traumatic stress and seems to be recovering through participation in a treatment program, code-named Mariposa, which has unexpected side-effects that turn patients into brilliant, detached and sociopathic individuals - very smart and extremely deadly. Only a desperate combination of misfits and survivors can combat an apparently inevitable collapse of American organization that will lead to the fall of democracy.

Acid Song Bernard Beckett 2012-10-01 Forty-eight hours in the lives of characters headed for a showdown, grippingly told by an award-winning novelist. It’s election day in contemporary New Zealand. A young father confronts a teenage burglar. A psychologist’s political stand threatens to see him driven from the university community. A staffroom argument flares up - does a playground fight warrant a student’s expulsion? A young girl sets about mending her broken heart, a skinhead riot erupts, and Richard, the biology lecturer at the heart of this simmering forty-eight hours, must deal with the secret which compels them all, unknowingly, to the same conclusion. In *Acid Song*, an absorbing and daring novel, a varied cast of characters is linked by chance and circumstance. With a powerful, addictive intensity, award-winning writer Bernard Beckett composes a corrosive song of our times.

Antipodean Antiquities Marguerite Johnson 2019-03-21 Leading and emerging, early career scholars in Classical Reception Studies come together in this volume to explore the under-represented area of the Australasian Classical Tradition. They interrogate the interactions between Mediterranean Antiquity and the antipodean worlds of New Zealand and Australia through the lenses of literature, film, theatre and fine art. Of interest to scholars across the globe who research the influence of antiquity on modern literature, film, theatre and fine art, this volume fills a decisive gap in the literature by bringing antipodean research into the spotlight. Following a contextual introduction to the field, the six parts of the volume explore the latest research on subjects that range from the *Lord of the Rings* and *Xena: Warrior Princess* franchises to important artists such as Sidney Nolan and local authors whose work offers opportunities for cross-cultural and interdisciplinary analysis with well-known Western authors and artists.

Home Boys Bernard Beckett 2014-09-19 The powerful young adult novel about two boys forced to leave London after the Second World War, and who take off on the run. Imagine you live in London immediately following the Second World War. Imagine you’ve been told to pack your bag, but not told where you’re going. Or for how long. Imagine you are sent halfway across the world because someone thinks it will be better for you. This is what happened to Colin. This is his story. And Dougal’s. Bernard Beckett’s powerful novel *Home Boys* captures the world of two boys on the run. Two boys who need each other. Two boys in search of a place to belong. An exceptional story by an award-winning writer for young adults, as tender as it is brutal, as spirited as it is heart-breaking.

Grimus Salman Rushdie 2009-09-30 “A mixture of science fiction and folktale, past and future, primitive and present-day . . . Thunderous and touching.” –*Financial Times* After drinking an elixir that bestows immortality upon him, a young Indian named Flapping Eagle spends the next seven hundred years sailing the seas with the blessing—and ultimately the burden—of living forever. Eventually, weary of the sameness of life, he journeys to the mountainous Calf Island to regain his mortality. There he meets other immortals obsessed with their own stasis and sets out to scale the island’s peak, from which the mysterious and corrosive Grimus Effect emits. Through a series of thrilling quests and encounters, Flapping Eagle comes face-to-face with the island’s creator and unwinds the mysteries of his own humanity. Salman Rushdie’s celebrated debut novel remains as powerful and as haunting as when it was first published more than thirty years ago. “A book to be read twice . . . [Grimus] is literate, it is fun, it is meaningful, and perhaps most important, it pushes the boundaries of the form outward.” –*Los Angeles Times*

Havoc Jane Higgins 2015-02-25 Book 2, *Southside Novels* The ceasefire is barely holding. Southside waits, with a kind of hope that feels like defeat. Then *Cityside* blows up the bridge. And amid the chaos and rubble Nik and Lanya are drawn into a complex web of power, fear and betrayal. Who is the girl found crying out from the bombed bridge? What is her connection to the secret experiments taking place at Pitkerrin Marsh? And why does she cry 'havoc'? But before Nik can find out he must find his father, and face the hardest decision of his life.

Dunger Joy Cowley 2013-10-21 From the beloved New Zealand writer, Joy Cowley, *DUNGER* is a great holiday read for pre-teens. William and Melissa have been roped into helping their old hippie grandparents fix up their holiday home in the middle of the Sounds. They’ll have no electricity, no cellphone reception, and only each other for company. As far as they’re concerned, this is not a holiday. A finalist in the 2014 New Zealand Post Book Awards in the Junior Fiction category.

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Max Sarah Cohen-Scali 2017-03-07 Nazi Germany 1936. The Lebensborn program is going strong as German women are carefully selected by the Nazis and recruited to give birth to new representatives of the Aryan race. Inside one of these women is Max, a fetus waiting to be born and fulfill his destiny as the

perfect Aryan. Max is taken away from his birth mother as soon as he enters the world. He will be raised under the leadership and ideologies of the Nazi Party. As he grows up without a mom, without any affection or tenderness, according to Nazi educational precepts, he soon becomes the mascot of the program. But things don't go according to plan. Originally published in French, Sarah Cohen-Scali's touching, illuminating, and heartbreaking book has been translated for an English-speaking audience. A Neal Porter Book

Lullaby Bernard Beckett 2015-05-27 I remember the machine by his bed. It made a sound like sighing. Numbers twitched, unable to settle. A jagged line sawed across the screen. At least it was something to look at. Something that wasn't him. They'd brushed his hair, as if he were already dead. A song came into my head, I couldn't chase it away. 'Girlfriend in a Coma'. I pretended to smile, pretended to be brave. 'Twin brother in a coma,' I mouthed, 'I know it's serious.' He would have laughed. He would have been better than me at this. Rene's twin brother Theo lies unconscious in hospital after a freak accident left him with massively disrupted brain function. There is hope though. An experimental procedure—risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable—could allow him to gain a new life. But what life, and at what cost? Only Rene can give the required consent. And now he must face that difficult decision. But first there is the question of Rene's capacity to make that decision. And this is where the real story begins.

The Manual of Detection Jedediah Berry 2009-03-05 In this tightly plotted yet mind-expanding debut novel, an unlikely detective, armed with only an umbrella and a singular handbook, must untangle a string of crimes committed in and through people's dreams. In an unnamed city always slick with rain, Charles Unwin is a humble file clerk working for a huge and imperious detective agency, and all he knows about solving mysteries comes from filing reports for the illustrious investigator Travis Sivart. When Sivart goes missing, and his supervisor turns up murdered, Unwin is suddenly promoted to detective, a rank for which he lacks both the skills and the stomach. His only guidance comes from his new assistant, who would be perfect if she weren't so sleepy, and from the pithy yet profound Manual of Detection. The Manual of Detection defies comparison; it is a brilliantly conceived, meticulously realised novel that will change what you think about how you think.

The House on River Terrace James Moloney 2007 Ben Fielding is the sixteen year old son of a conservative politician. He is a dreamer and an artist whose friendship with the wild spirited street kid, Jess, draws him inevitably into conflict with his father. Watching him, brooding and beckoning is derelict Gwendolan House. There are stories within its walls - stories hidden by the dust of time - stories waiting for Ben Fielding to uncover.

Genesis Bernard Beckett 2008

Genesis Bernard Beckett 2011-01-31 In the year 2075 the island Republic has emerged from a ruined world. Its citizens are safe but not free. They live in complete isolation from the outside world. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescues a girl from the sea. Anaximander, a young Academy student, is put through a gruelling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. What secrets has she discovered and what is her own surprising link to Adam? She is forced to confront the horrifying truth about her totalitarian world. Genesis is a thriller that asks the big questions. What is it to be human? What makes a soul?

Genesis Bernard Beckett 2011-11-29 A brilliant and chilling dystopia for a new generation in the tradition of Brave New World. "Explain to us why you wish to enter The Academy." Anaximander, a young Academy candidate, is put through a gruelling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. It's late in the 21st century and the island Republic has emerged from a ruined, plague-ridden world, its citizens safe, but not free, and living in complete isolation from outside contact. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescued a girl from the sea. "Anaximander, we have asked you to consider why it is you would like to join the Academy. Is your answer ready?" To answer that question, Anaximander must struggle with everything she has ever known about herself and her beloved Republic's history, the nature of being human, of being conscious, and even what it means to have a soul. And when everything has been laid bare, she must confront the Republic's last great secret, her own surprising link to Adam Forde, and the horrifying truth about her world.

Beckett: Waiting for Godot David Bradby 2001-11-15 Explores the impact of Waiting for Godot on the theatre and its many interpretations.

Out There Tom Sullivan 2019-05-14 This stunning picture book will have young readers wondering about outer space and life on other planets while imparting a surprising and profound message of empathy. From the author/illustrator of Blue vs. Yellow and I Used to Be a Fish. Do you ever look up at the night sky and wonder if there is anybody else out there? Are there evil robots or cool aliens? Do they fly in UFOs or live in futuristic cities? Or maybe . . . they are just like us. Out There is a wonder-filled, surprising journey of imagination and empathy, a book that will inspire readers of all ages to reflect on how much we all have in common, despite our differences.

Malcolm & Juliet Bernard Beckett 2012-10-01 Beckett's young adult novel not only tackles the contentious subject of sex, it undercuts, subverts and sends it up as well. Sex was a latecomer to the party of Malcolm's life, and when it did arrive, it didn't come dressed in any of the usual guises. With the mind of a science nerd and the body of a teenager, sixteen-year-old Malcolm embarks upon his latest documentary project: sex. Join Malcolm on his hilarious journey, as he meets the cast of idiosyncratic characters who will take him a little closer to the centre of life's mystery. Will Charlotte find true love? Will Kevin get his guy? How did Juliet lose her virginity and will the school principal succeed in having Malcolm's project banned?

Meet at the Ark at Eight! Ulrich Hub 2015-09-01 A hilarious and sweetly philosophical twist on a classic tale—three penguin pals refuse to enter the ark two by two.

Chi Alexander Beshar 1999 In the third novel in the "Rim" series, the head of a drug cartel in the year 2038 controls the world's supply of chi-essence, derived from human slaves

The Tunnel of Dreams Bernard Beckett 2020-09-29 A hidden world, mysterious villains, two sets of twins and one epic competition set the scene for this magical middle-grade adventure by an award-winning NZ author.

The Life of Elves Muriel Barbery 2016-02-24 A moving and deeply felt homage to the power of nature and art by one of the world's most beloved authors. Do two young girls have the power to change the world? Maria, raised by powerful older women, lives in a remote village in Burgundy, where she discovers her gift of clairvoyance, of healing and of communicating with nature. Hundreds of miles away in Italy, Clara discovers her musical genius and is sent from the countryside to Rome to nurture her extraordinary abilities. Who are the mysterious elves? Will they succeed in training the girls for their higher purpose in the face of an impending war? Barbery's The Life of Elves is the story of two children whose amazing talents will bring them into contact with magical worlds and malevolent forces. If, against all odds, they can be brought together, their meeting may shape the course of history. Seven years after the publication of her international bestseller, The Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery returns with an inspiring novel about finding the divine in the domestic, about the quest for enchantment. With its cast of unforgettable characters, each fighting to preserve the idea of an enhanced life, The Life of Elves is a luminous novel about art, nature, dreams, the power of love, and how imagination can help us build a bridge to a better future.

Jolt Bernard Beckett 2012-10-01 A bestselling YA thriller exploring death, revenge and morality. 'The challenge of the Coast to Coast was for the whole PE class to get itself from one side of the island to the other in under six days. "Where to?" "The bush," I croaked. "Hide." We cut back to the right, down off the track, crashing through the undergrowth and sliding down steep slopes. After a couple of minutes we stumbled to a stop, pressed in close . we waited and listened, the others with their heads bursting with questions, mine spinning with answers I didn't want to believe.' Marko surfaces from a drug-induced haze to find himself hidden from the world in a psychiatric ward. He is certain the 'Doctor' means to kill him, but he in turn has vengeful plans of his own. Who are these people and what happened to the others? Who can Marko trust and how much time does he have? Time enough to write it all down, his story of a coast to coast trip and the earthquake that ripped his world apart. A 'top-notch thriller'

Genesis Bernard Beckett 2010-05-27 The island Republic has emerged from a ruined world. Its citizens are safe but not free. Until a man named Adam

Forde rescues a girl from the sea. Fourteen-year-old Anax thinks she knows her history. She'd better. She's sat facing three Examiners and her five-hour examination has just begun. The subject is close to her heart: Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. In a series of startling twists, Anax discovers new things about Adam and her people that question everything she holds sacred. But why is the Academy allowing her to open up the enigma at its heart? Bernard Beckett has written a strikingly original novel that weaves dazzling ideas into a truly moving story about a young girl on the brink of her future.

The Ghost and the Goth Stacey Kade 2010-06-29 After a close encounter with a bus, Alona Dare goes from homecoming queen to Queen of the Dead. She's stuck as a ghost in the land of the living with no sign of the big, bright light to take her to a better place. To make matters worse, the only person who might be able to help her is Will Killian, a total loser outcast. More than anything, Will wishes he didn't have the rare ability to communicate with the dead, especially the former mean girl of Groundsboro High. He's not filling out any volunteer forms to help her cross to the other side, though it would bring him some welcome peace and quiet./DIV DIV Can they get over their mutual distrust -- and quasi-attraction -- to work together? Readers of this spirited paranormal comedy won't want this odd couple to ever part.

Genesis Proof Bernard Beckett 2009-09-01

The Bamboo Flute Garry Disher 2013-05-01 'musical and haunting' Publisher's Weekly Paul is a dreamer, his head alive with rippling pianos, gentle violins and the smiles of Margaret, the one he loves. But in the cold light of day, Margaret snubs him at school, the piano has been sold, his father is battling to keep the farm, and dejected men are tramping the roads...looking for work, a sandwich, a cup of tea... No one has time for music or dreams. Then Eric the Red comes along. Eric the Red, with his silver flute, his knowing wink and boots held together with wire. Eric the Red, just a step ahead of the law. Eric the Red, who knows how to make a flute from a piece of bamboo... The Bamboo Flute is an evocative story of hardship, hope, respect and recognition, set during the Depression. Amongst many acclamations it has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year for Younger Readers.

The Midnight Dance Nikki Katz 2017-10-17 Set against the fascinating and moody backdrop of a mysterious boarding school, this intricately crafted novel is filled with magical realism, gothic settings, and the perfect hint of romance. Seventeen-year-old Penny is a lead dancer at the Grande Teatro, a finishing school where she and eleven other young women are training to become the finest ballerinas in Italy. Tucked deep in the woods, the school is overseen by the mysterious and handsome young Master, who keeps the girls ensconced in the estate – and in the only life Penny has ever known. But when flashes of memories – memories of a life very different from the one she thinks she's been leading – start to appear, Penny begins to question the Grande Teatro and the motivations of Master. With a kind and attractive kitchen boy, Cricket, at her side, Penny vows to escape the confines of her school and the strict rules that dictate every step she takes. But at every turn, Master finds a way to stop her, and Penny must uncover the secrets of her past before it's too late. Debut author Nikki Katz delivers a unique and haunting twist on a classic fairy tale with *The Midnight Dance*, chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads. Praise for *The Midnight Dance*: "Deliciously dark and twisty, taking you on a luscious ride."—Suzanne Lazear, author of the *Aether Chronicles* series "Well-written and charming." —Jennifer McKenzie, reader on SwoonReads.com "A beautifully written story." —Chen Yan Chang, reader on SwoonReads.com

No Alarms Bernard Beckett 2016-02-01 A story that speaks to a whole generation of disillusioned teenagers - and reveals something to those who are not. Sixteen-year-old Sharon's had enough. School sucks and even in her repeat year, she just doesn't get it. Her mother Kaz behaves more like a teenager than a mum, and Sharon gets left too often with her young brother Zinny. She wants out. Along comes Justin who offers a way. His hand's on the door to a glittery new world where the risks are high. But it's a world that could pay for her wildest dreams. A dangerous world that could put an end to everything.

Lullaby Bernard Beckett 2015-05-27 Rene's twin brother Theo lies unconscious in hospital after a freak accident left him with massively disrupted brain function. There is hope though. An experimental procedure—risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable—could allow him to gain a new life. But what life, and at what cost? Only Rene can give the required consent. And now he must face that difficult decision. But first there is the question of Rene's capacity to make that decision. And this is where the real story begins. Bernard Beckett is a multi-award winning author of books and plays for young adults and one of New Zealand's most outstanding writers. In 2006 Bernard was awarded a fellowship for a project examining DNA mutations. This new direction in his life led to the publication of the sophisticated sci-fi novel *Genesis*, which has since been published in over twenty countries and was the winner of the 2010 Prix Sorcier. He lives near Wellington with his wife and twin sons. 'Lullaby is an amazingly complex novel, exploring the nature of identity and shared memories as well as how we shape the story of ourselves. The questions it raises stay with the reader for a long time after the book is finished.' *New Zealand Herald* 'This book is promoted as Young Adult, but many older adults will enjoy it too. Clever and thought-provoking.' *BookMooch* 'It was incredible. The complexity of the storyline was nothing short of delicious and encouraged that deep, emotional thinking that is lacking in the majority of young adult novels.' *Divya Booknerd* 'It is a rare kind of young adult book that aims to leave the reader with more than just the usual afterthoughts of the story. Beckett encourages the reader on his or her own philosophical journey.' *Book Kat* 'This is a fascinating exploration of the notion of self, how far people will go to save those they love, and what scientists will do to advance their research. Well worth reading, and when you've finished, let me know what you thought of the end because I'm dying to discuss it!' *Nicole Has Read, Blog* 'This book is a beautiful example of a thought experiment, with characters you feel for, and stories that you enjoy every moment of.' *Booksellers NZ* 'Lullaby is very eerie science fiction which, in the telling of the story, discusses the dilemmas that medicine could find itself in when the desire to break new frontiers clashes with ethical principles...Confronting, terrifying and challenging.' *Reading Time* 'Bernard Beckett's biggest strength isn't that he is able to convey high-minded sci-fi concepts to his usual audience of young adult readers – it is the power of the concepts themselves...It's exciting to see a recent scientific concept such as the connectome (a map of neural connections in the brain) used to drive dramatic tension and ask big questions.' *Cosmos*

Lost Bernard Beckett 2007

The Longest Kill Craig Harrison 2016-02-16 It takes a tough mindset to be a successful sniper, to be able to dig in for days on your own as you wait for your target, to stay calm on a battlefield when you yourself have become the target the enemy most want to take out. Craig Harrison has what it takes and in November 2009 in Afghanistan, under intense pressure, he saved the lives of his comrades with the longest confirmed sniper kill - 2,475 meters. In this unflinching autobiography, Craig catapults us into the heat of the action as he describes his active service in the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan, and gives heart-stopping accounts of his sniper ops as he fought for his life on the rooftops of Basra and the barren hills of Helmand province. Craig was blown up by an IED in Afghanistan and left battling severe PTSD. After his identity was revealed in the press he also had to cope with al Qaeda threats against him and his family. For Craig, the price of heroism has been devastatingly high. Powerful and compelling, *The Longest Kill* is a must-read for fans of military memoirs.

Red Cliff Bernard Beckett 2000 There is a new feeling now when I wake in the morning. A feeling I am moving forward. I can tell I am growing stronger, and it's not just physical. Soon, when people think of Carissa, the most popular girl at Stanway, they will think of me too. Samuel and Carissa. Nothing can ruin it. Not the stupid new house, not the designer valley that surrounds it. If I am patient, if I work to a plan, this will be my year. But plans have a way of falling over, and other people have a bad habit of getting in the way. People like Kurt, with his made-to-order smile, or Leon, bigger than any teenager has a right to be. People like Carissa, who has her own nightmare to live. Then there's Samuel himself, and all the trouble he attracts. He'll need to be even stronger than he imagines. This is some year. Whether or not it's Samuel's won't be decided until the very end. Here is a remarkable new novel from Wellington teacher and writer, Bernard Beckett, to follow his stand-out debut, *Lester*. *Red Cliff* explores themes of revenge and the unveiling of secrets through the eyes of a teenage boy. Unlike the tragic *Lester*, this novel ends on a high note, in which the best of human nature wins out. The themes and incorporation of different narrative styles should appeal to teachers while the authentic voice and powerful climax - in which families and friendships and the force of nature

erupt imultaneously - ensure it's a genuine page-turner for its target readership.

Sapphique Catherine Fisher 2010-09-02 Finn has escaped from the terrible living Prison of Incarceron, but its memory torments him, because his brother Keiro is still inside. Outside, Claudia insists he must be king, but Finn doubts even his own identity. Is he the lost prince Giles? Or are his memories no more than another construct of his imprisonment? And can you be free if your friends are still captive? Can you be free if your world is frozen in time? Can you be free if you don't even know who you are Inside Incarceron, has the crazy sorcerer Rix really found the Glove of Sapphique, the only man the Prison ever loved. Sapphique, whose image fires Incarceron with the desire to escape its own nature. If Keiro steals the glove, will he bring destruction to the world? Inside. Outside. All seeking freedom. Like Sapphique.

Genesis Bernard Beckett 2010-05-11 A thought-provoking tale of the future set on an isolated island fortress: "The ending is an absolute mind-blower" (Booklist). Anax thinks she knows history. She has studied the stories of the distant twenty-first century very diligently. Her grueling all-day examination has just begun, and if she passes, she'll be admitted into the Academy—the elite governing institution of her utopian society. But Anax is about to discover that for all her learning, the history she's been taught isn't the whole story. And the Academy isn't what she believes it to be. In this brilliant and suspenseful novel, Anax's examination leads us into a future where we are confronted with unresolved questions about technology and humanity, artificial intelligence and the nature of consciousness. "A philosophical inquiry of sorts into a favorite and time-tested conundrum: Can a machine achieve consciousness, and if so, what should its relationship with its creators be?" —The Wall Street Journal

The Unit Ninni Holmqvist 2010-03-01 'I liked *The Unit* very much... I know you will be riveted, as I was.' Margaret Atwood 'Echoing work by Marge Piercy and Margaret Atwood, *The Unit* is as thought-provoking as it is compulsively readable.' Jessica Crispin, NPR.org Ninni Holmqvist's eerie dystopian novel envisions a society in the not-so-distant future where men and women deemed economically worthless are sent to a retirement community called the Unit. With lavish apartments set amongst beautiful gardens and state-of-the-art facilities, elaborate gourmet meals, and wonderful music and art, they are free of financial worries and want for nothing. It's an idyllic place, but there's a catch: the residents – known as dispensables – must donate their organs, one by one, until the final donation. When Dorrit Weger arrives at the Unit, she resigns herself to this fate, seeking only peace in her final days. But she soon falls in love, and this unexpected, improbable happiness throws the future into doubt. Clinical and haunting, *The Unit* is a modern-day classic and a spine-chilling cautionary tale about the value of human life.

The Quiet Earth Craig Harrison 2013-07-24 'I was sitting bolt upright in bed breathing fast and staring at the wall. The daylight was streaming into the motel room through the slats of the blinds. I seemed to have been awake, and asleep, for ages...' John Hobson, a geneticist, wakes one morning to find his watch stopped at 6.12. The streets are deserted, there are no signs of life or death anywhere, and every clock he finds has stopped: at 6.12. Is Hobson the last person left on the planet? Inventive and suspenseful, *The Quiet Earth* is a confronting journey into the future—and a dark past. This new edition of Craig Harrison's highly sought-after 1981 novel—which was later made into a cult film starring Bruno Lawrence, Pete Smith and Alison Routledge—comes with an introduction by Bernard Beckett.

Juno Of Taris Fleur Beale 2010-12-01 What happens when life in a perfect, protected bubble unravels? The heroine of the first novel in an exciting sci-fi / fantasy series for young adult readers is about to find out. This exciting, futuristic novel with a strong heroine and a compelling storyline won Fleur Beale the Esther Glen Award 2009 and was shortlisted for the 2009 NZ Post Children's Book Awards. It explores the struggle of Juno, a young teen on the verge of adulthood, who is torn between her need to fit in and belong in her society, and her growing discomfort and questioning of that society's rules. Your ordinary teen? Not quite! Because Juno lives — in the not-too-distant future — on Taris, a bubble-covered island in the Pacific, to which a select few hundred people were evacuated when Earth's inhabitants took everything just a bit too far and began to self-destruct. On Taris there are many rules governing appearance, behaviour, even procreation ... but all are for the good of the community, to ensure the survival of humankind. Or are they? As Taris' protected environment begins to break down and Juno's questioning nature takes hold, she uncovers some startling inconsistencies in many of the 'factual' histories she has grown up with. She also begins to develop some quite startling, almost supernatural, abilities. As Juno faces increasing danger, she finds allies in the most surprising places. *Juno of Taris* examines many themes: peer pressure, environmental breakdown, the fictionalization of history, societal control and challenging authority. But perhaps most important of all, it is a thoroughly good read from one of New Zealand's very best writers for young adults.