

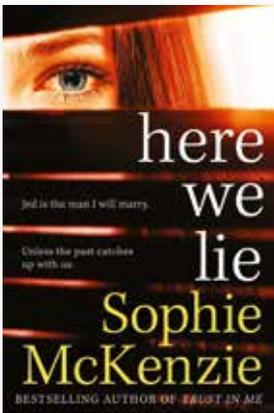
# BOOK BITES

INCITE's round-up of books out this month.



**The Mountain Shadow**  
Gregory David Roberts

*Shantaram*, the epic first novel by Gregory David Roberts, introduced millions of readers to a cast of unforgettable characters in the hidden heart of Bombay through Lin, an Australian fugitive who worked as a passport forger for a branch of the Bombay mafia. In *The Mountain Shadow*, the long awaited sequel, Lin must find his way in a Bombay run by a different generation of mafia dons who play by a different set of rules.



**Here We Lie**  
Sophie McKenzie

On holiday with family and her dotting fiancé, Jed, Emily couldn't be happier. But overnight, the idyllic getaway turns into a waking nightmare when one of the group is found dead in what appears to be a shocking accident.

New revelations cast a confronting and astonishing light on the holiday tragedy and set

Emily on a dangerous journey to discover the truth about what really happened.



**Plain-speaking Jane**  
Jane Caro

She first came to our attention as a panelist on ABC TV's *The Gruen Transfer*, and since then Australians have taken to the forthright Jane Caro. In an era when public figures behave evasively and hide behind a veil of obfuscating words, Jane frankly says what she thinks. Speaking honestly and straightforwardly

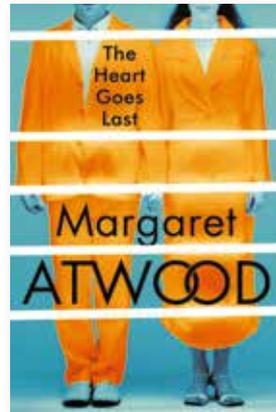
was once a perfectly normal course of action in public life, but in today's world it's almost radical. In her memoir, Jane talks frankly about her battle with anxiety and the bullying she endured during her long advertising career.



**The Natural Way of Things**  
Charlotte Wood

Two women wake from a drugged sleep to find themselves imprisoned on an abandoned property in the midst of a desert. Strangers to each other, they have no idea how they came to be there with eight other girls, guarded by two inept yet vicious armed jailers and a 'nurse'. Doing hard labour under a sweltering sun, the prisoners soon learn what links

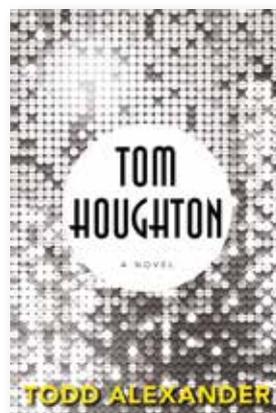
them: in each girl's past is a sexual scandal with a powerful man.



**The Heart Goes Last**  
Margaret Atwood

Charmaine and Stan are young and in love. Victims of a growing divide between the haves and the have-nots, they see an advertisement for a social experiment offering security and community and a respite from the daily grind of their hardscrabble lives. They sign up for the immaculately manicured lawns of Consilience, with its stable

jobs and protection from the increasingly unruly and furious population outside. All they have to do in return is give up their freedom every second month – with a voluntary imprisonment. But what seems at first to be a worthwhile investment soon turns into a nightmare.



**Tom Houghton**  
Todd Alexander

His whole life has been a fantasy. So who is Tom Houghton?

As a boy growing up in the western suburbs of Sydney, Tom Houghton escapes the harshness of the schoolyard by cocooning himself in the cinema of the golden age of Hollywood.

When he discovers that his favourite actress, Katharine Hepburn, modelled herself on her brother, Thomas Houghton Hepburn, Tom sinks deeper into his fantasy life. Determined to reveal his true identity to the world, Tom is propelled on a torturous path with disastrous consequences.