

## April Fools Day Bryce Courtenay

Bryce Courtenay's bestselling novel is based on the true story of an unforgettable woman, Jessica, who rebels against the rules of her society. When a crime is committed Jessica must fight for what she loves until the end - and then at last her secret can be told. Television mini-series to be screened July 2004.

Four fires: passion, religion, warfare and fire itself. Along with love - perhaps the brightest flame of all - these four fires drive the human spirit. In a small town much like any other around Australia live the Maloneys. They are a fifth-generation family of Irish Catholic descent, struggling to reach the first rung of the social ladder. The Maloneys are a family you won't forget: a strong mother, a father broken by war, three boys and two girls, one with an illegitimate daughter. Each of their lives is changed forever by the four fires. **FOUR FIRES** is unashamedly a story of the the power of love and the triumph of human spirit against the odds.

In this sweeping novel of Africa, in all its power, beauty and savagery, Courtenay captures the life of a child and the life of a nation.

It is 1942 in the Dutch East Indies, and Nick Duncan is a young Australian butterfly collector in search of a single exotic butterfly. With invading Japanese forces coming closer by the day, Nick falls in love with the beguiling Anna van Heerden. Their time together is brief, as both are forced into separate, dangerous escapes. They plan to reunite and marry in Australia but it is several years before their paths cross again, scarred forever by the dark events of a long, cruel war. In *The Persimmon Tree*, Bryce Courtenay gives us a story of love and friendship set against the dramatic backdrop of the Pacific during the Second World War.

The story of a drunk, a boy and a cat. Billy O'Shannessy, once a prominent barrister, is now on the streets where he sleeps on a bench outside the State Library. Above him on the windowsill rests a bronze statue of Matthew Flinders' cat, Trim. Ryan is a ten-year-old near-street kid heading for the usual trouble. The two form an unlikely bond. Through telling Ryan the story of Flinders' circumnavigation of Australia as seen through Trim's eyes, Billy is drawn deeply into Ryan's life and into the Sydney underworld. *Matthew Flinders' Cat* is a modern-day story of friendship and redemption by internationally bestselling author Bryce Courtenay. ' ... there is no doubt that [Courtenay] has the power to tell a good yarn.' Sydney Morning Herald

The story of a small-town, fifth-generation, Irish-Australian Catholic family struggling to reach the first rung of the social ladder. Their lives are forged by the "the four fires" - passion, religion, warfare and fire itself.

A drama of three lives brought together - Jack McKenzie is a small- time professional fisherman from a tiny island in Bass

Strait. Nicole Lenoir-Jourdan is a strong-willed woman hiding from an ambiguous past in Shanghai. Private Jimmy Oldcorn was once a gang leader. Together, they reap a vast and not always legitimate fortune from the sea. First with your head and then with your heart ... To Peekay, a seven-year-old boy who dreams of being the welterweight champion of the world, this is a piece of advice that he will carry with him throughout his life. Born in a South Africa divided by racism and hatred, this one small boy will come to lead all the tribes of Africa. And in a final conflict with his childhood enemy, the Judge, Peekay will fight to the death for justice. Bryce Courtenay's classic bestseller is a story of the triumph of the human spirit – a spellbinding tale for all ages. 'The ultimate international bestseller.' New York Times

In the aftermath of the Great Depression few opportunities existed for working-class boys, but at just eighteen Danny Dunn has everything going for him: brain, looks, sporting ability - and an easy charm. His parents run The Hero, a neighbourhood pub, and Danny is a local hero. Luck changes for Danny when he signs up to go to war. He returns home a physically broken man, to a life that will be changed for ever. Together with Helen, the woman who becomes his wife, he sets about rebuilding his life. Set against a backdrop of Australian pubs and politics, The Story of Danny Dunn is an Australian family saga spanning three generations. It is a compelling tale of love, ambition and the destructive power of obsession. 'This classic Aussie story is vintage Courtenay.' - Sunday Mail

Tandia sat waiting anxiously for the fight to begin between the man she loved the most and the man she hated the most in the world. Tandia is a child of Africa: half Indian, half African, beautiful and intelligent, she is only sixteen when she is first brutalised by the police. Her fear of the white man leads her to join the black resistance movement, where she trains as a terrorist. With her in the fight for justice is the one white man Tandia can trust, the welterweight champion of the world, Peekay. Now he must fight their common enemy in order to save both their lives. Visit [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com)

Paperback edition of an historical novel first published in 1997. In the mid-19th century, twin brothers are kidnapped and separated in childhood, and reunited in Hobart at the age of 15. The novel tells of their adventures as they travel through the Pacific Ocean and to various destinations in Australia and New Zealand, and the way in which their relationship develops. The best-selling author's other publications include 'The Power of One' and 'The Potato Factory'.

Ikey Solomon is in the business of thieving and he's very good at it. Ikey's partner in crime is his mistress, the forthright Mary Abacus, until misfortune befalls them. They are parted and each must make the harsh journey from thriving nineteenth century London to the convict settlement of Van Diemen's Land. In the backstreets and dives of Hobart Town, Mary learns the art of brewing and builds The Potato Factory, where she plans a new future. But her ambitions are threatened by Ikey's wife, Hannah, her old enemy. The two women raise their separate families, one legitimate and the other bastard. As each woman sets out to destroy the other, the families are brought to the edge of disaster.

‘Een openhartig boek. Verplichte kost voor iedereen in de zorg maar ook voor ons allemaal.’ DWDD-Boekenpanel In dit persoonlijke boek onderzoekt Nicci Gerrard alle aspecten van dementie. Wat is het? Hoe gaat de maatschappij ermee om en wat zegt de wetenschap erover? Ze put uit kunst, literatuur en filosofie, neemt je mee in de belevingswereld van de buitenstaander en in de ervaringen van mensen die zelf deze ziekte hebben. Want wat betekent het om mens te zijn, om een identiteit te hebben, om jezelf te zijn en jezelf vervolgens kwijt te raken? ‘Dementie is een ontmanteling, een uitdoving – een verdwijnen van betekenis. Sinds ik mijn vader in slow motion heb zien sterven, tot zijn werkelijke dood in november 2014, ben ik veel bezig geweest met dementie: met degenen die het hebben en degenen die voor hen zorgen. Dit is een boek vol verhalen van mensen, zowel verdrietig als optimistisch. Het is een reis door de schemering en dan de duisternis – en dan verder naar de andere kant.’ De pers over Woorden schieten tekort ‘Een boek vol liefde en hartstocht, en met een boodschap: mensen met dementie moeten met veel meer respect en waardigheid worden behandeld dan nu gebeurt.’ NRC Handelsblad ‘Gerrard schrijft op een prettige, bewogen manier. Ze is scherp en nietsontziend tegenover alle ellende die het alzheimerdomein kenmerkt, maar ze blijft steeds zoeken naar de mogelijkheid om liefde te ontdekken tussen de slachtoffers en de omgeving.’ Bert Keizer, Trouw ‘Aangrijpend en tot-op-het-beenmerg openhartig verhaal over het lot van mensen met dementie. Prachtige, bedremmelde zinnen.’ De Correspondent

Simon Koo is an ambitious Australian-born Chinese who goes to Singapore in the mid-sixties to work for an advertising agency. But the Wing brothers, who run the agency, are not what they seem. There is soon trouble when Simon falls in love with the forbidden Mercy B. Lord. With no family or connections, this beautiful young woman is powerless to resist the evil influence of Beatrice Fong, a manipulative businesswoman who, in league with the Wing brothers, lures her into the international trade in sex workers and heroin trafficking involving the American CIA. Simon must save her at any cost. Set against the wretched trade in drugs and human misery operating during the Vietnam War, Fortune Cookie is a spellbinding thriller, with a story of love against impossible odds at its heart. 'A multi-layered, cross-genre epic with tremendously broad appeal.' Sun-Herald [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com) [facebook.com/BryceCourtenay](https://www.facebook.com/BryceCourtenay)

‘Dit is een belangrijk werk, Sontags onderzoek naar ons denken over ziek zijn is nog altijd relevant en soms onverwacht troostrijk. Geschreven met een gedrevenheid die imponeert én ontroert.’ – Hanna Bervoets Elk tijdperk kent volgens Sontag een ziekte die het symbool van het kwaad in de wereld wordt, in onze tijd zijn dat kanker en aids. Deze ziekte fungeert als zondebok, waaraan oorzaken, eigenschappen en gevolgen worden toegeschreven die meer in het rijk der mythen thuishoren dan in de werkelijkheid van het menselijk lichaam. ‘Een invloedrijk, karakteristiek vurig pleidooi tegen het gebruik van wat voor metaforen dan ook rondom ziekte.’ – De Correspondent ‘Een uitstekend beeld van de kracht

van het intellect in het zicht van de dodelijke metaforen van angst.' – The New Republic 'Een van de meest bevrijdende boeken van zijn tijd.' – Newsweek

April Fool's Day is controversial, painful and heartbreaking, yet has a gentle humour. It is also life-affirming, and, above all, a testimony to the incredible regenerative strength of love - how when we confront our worst, we can become our best. April Fool's Day will change the way you think.

I am Sylvia Honeyeater; I think myself born around 1196, and this is the story of my life. I am cursed by folk as an optimist and a dreamer, which is a dangerous combination...' "sylvia" is the story of the Children's Crusade, which occurred in the year 1212, and is perhaps the strangest true event to have taken place in European history. It is also a story of how, throughout some of the darkest medieval times, the redeeming power and strength of a young woman's love and intelligence prevail over poverty, brutality and bigotry. Sylvia was a remarkable, talented and eccentric young woman and this is her story.

Nicholas Duncan is a semi-retired shipping magnate who resides in idyllic Beautiful Bay in Indonesia, where he is known as the old patriarch of the islands. He is grieving the loss of his beautiful Eurasian wife, Anna, and is suffering for the first time from disturbing flashbacks to WWII, the scene of their first meeting and early love. His other wartime lover is the striking Marg Hamilton, a powerful and influential political player in Australia who has remained close to Nick. Marg suspects Nick is suffering the onset of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and organises for a specialist to meet with him in Sydney. But when they meet, Tony Freedman stirs long-buried emotions in Nick and the two men don't hit it off. Nick leaves in an explosion of anger and finds himself in hospital after being hit by a car. Tony visits and encourages Nick to write as a form of therapy - to write about Anna. So he sets about writing about the woman who has inspired him since his late teens, and in doing so draws us into the compelling tale of the life he has lived post war-hero days building a shipping empire, navigating international corruption, supporting his wife's third-world education crusade and loving the women who inspire him.

Twee gezinnen delen een vervallen huis in een Australische stad: de Pickles zijn geboren verliezers terwijl de Lambs hard werken om van hun leven iets te maken.

During the Great Depression there was little hope for a boy born into the slums of Cabbagetown, Toronto. But Jack Spayd is offered a ticket out in the form of a Hohner harmonica, won by his brutal drunken father in a late-night card game. Jack makes music as a way of escaping his surroundings, and his talent leads him to a jazz club and, eventually, to the jazz piano. Jack is a virtuoso and hits the road, enchanting audiences in Canada, wartime Europe and Las Vegas, where he is caught up in the world of elite poker and falls under the spell of his boss, the enigmatic Bridgett Fuller. Vegas is a hard town ruled by the Mafia, but Jack prospers, until his luck turns bad and he falls foul of the Mob. Forced to run for his life from Vegas, he must also leave the woman he adores. His adventuring takes him to the far reaches of Africa, to a rare and valuable bird that may seal his fate - and to the love of a very different woman. Set across three continents, Jack of Diamonds is a spellbinding story of chance, music, corruption and love - and Bryce Courtenay's last novel. 'Jack of Diamonds is classic Courtenay.' The Age

April Fools Day was first published in 1993. This commemorative edition celebrates one of Bryce Courtenay's most loved, enduring and life-affirming books. Damon Courtenay died on the morning of April Fool's Day. In this tribute to his son, Bryce Courtenay lays bare the suffering behind this young man's life. Damon's story is one of lifelong struggle, his love for Celeste, the compassion of family, and a fight to the end for integrity. A testimony to the power of love, April Fool's Day is also about understanding: how when we confront our worst, we can become our best. 'April Fool's Day is one of those rare, wholly beautiful books that lets life speak for itself without any attempt at artifice . . . yet stands as a powerful work of literature . . . Damon certainly lives in the pages of this vital book.' Weekend Australian 'Some books have such a powerful story to tell . . . [April Fool's Day] is written with sustained rage, grief, raw love, and thank god, some dark humour . . . I cannot remember when a book has moved me so deeply.' Weekend Telegraph [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com) [facebook.com/BryceCourtenay](https://www.facebook.com/BryceCourtenay)

Nick Duncan is a semi-retired, wealthy shipping magnate who lives in idyllic Beautiful Bay, Vanuatu, where he is known as the old patriarch of the islands. He is grieving the loss of his Eurasian true love, Anna, and is suffering for the first time from disturbing flashbacks to the Second World War. So he puts pen to paper and tells the compelling tale of the life he has lived since his war-hero days - a life of adventure, ambition, and fortunes made and lost. A life that has had at its heart the love of two passionate and unforgettable - but very different women. The seductive Anna Til and the beguiling Marg Hamilton have spent a lifetime in contest for Nick's devotion. Nick remains torn between them, and struggles between their two opposing worlds of economic exploitation and environmental crusade - until he is called upon to referee...Moving between the exotic Pacific Islands, Japan and Australia over several decades, Fishing for Stars is an epic drama, and the stunning sequel to Bryce Courtenay's bestselling The Persimmon Tree.

Follows Peekay, a white British boy in South Africa during World War II, between the ages of five and eleven, as he survives an abusive boarding school and goes on to succeed in life and in the boxing ring.

April Fool's Day A Modern Tragedy April Fool's Day Viking

Half-African, half-Indian and beautiful, Tandia is just a teenager when she is brutally attacked and violated by the South African police. Desperately afraid and consumed by hatred for the white man, Tandia seeks refuge in a brothel deep in the veld. There she learns to use her brilliant mind and extraordinary looks as weapons for the battles that lie ahead: she trains as a terrorist. But then Tandia meets a man with a past as strange as her own: Peekay, an Oxford undergraduate who is also the challenger for the world welterweight boxing championship - and a white man. And in a land where mixed relationships are outlawed, their growing love can only have the most explosive consequences.

First with your head and then with your heart ... So says Hoppie Groenewald, boxing champion, to a seven-year-old boy who dreams of being the welterweight champion of the world. For the young Peekay, it's a piece of advice he will carry with him throughout his life. Born in a South Africa divided by racism and hatred, this one small boy will come to lead all

the tribes of Africa. Through enduring friendships with Hymie and Gideon, Peekay gains the strength he needs to win out. And in a final conflict with his childhood enemy, the Judge, Peekay will fight to the death for justice.

In the end, love is more important than everything and it will conquer and overcome anything. Or that's how Damon saw it, anyway. Damon wanted a book that talked a lot about love. Damon Courtenay died on the morning of April Fool's Day. In this tribute to his son, Bryce Courtenay lays bare the suffering behind this young man's life. Damon's story is one of lifelong struggle, his love for Celeste, the compassion of family, and a fight to the end for integrity. A testimony to the power of love, April Fool's Day is also about understanding: how when we confront our worst, we can become our best. This life-affirming book will change the way you think. 'April Fool's Day is one of those rare, wholly beautiful books that lets life speak for itself without any attempt at artifice ... yet stands as a powerful work of literature ... Damon certainly lives in the pages of this vital book.' Weekend Australian 'Some books have such a powerful story to tell ... [April Fool's Day] is written with sustained rage, grief, raw love, and thank god, some dark humour ... I cannot remember when a book has moved me so deeply.' Weekend Telegraph [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com) [facebook.com/BryceCourtenay](https://www.facebook.com/BryceCourtenay)

Mrs Moses is a small woman with a big heart and enormous courage. The only survivor of a Cossack raid on her village she takes with her a big cast-iron frying pan.

???? ADEen onschuldig uitje verandert in een nachtmerrie wanneer Michelle Spivey wordt ontvoerd terwijl ze met haar dochter aan het winkelen is. De politie zet een grote zoekactie op touw en haar partner doet een emotionele oproep in de media, maar Michelle is en blijft spoorloos. Een paar weken later, op een rustige zondagmiddag, worden Will Trent en Sara Linton plotseling opgeschrikt door het geluid van explosies. Ze gaan erop af, maar binnen no time loopt alles volledig uit de hand: Sara wordt gekidnapt en Will moet noodgedwongen undercover. De situatie voert hen naar een afgelegen plek in de bergen, naar de vreselijke waarheid over het lot van Michelle en een moordzuchtige radicale groepering...Over Laatste weduwe'Laatste weduwe is een heerlijke Slaughter: actueel, uitstekend uitgewerkte karakters en een even mysterieuze als ingenieuze plot.' – ????? VN Detective- en Thrillergids'Haar personages blijven ook na zovele boeken boeien' – ????? Nieuwsblad'Slaughter schrijft zo behendig dat je special agent Will Trent met zweet in je handen volgt in zijn poging te infiltreren in de terreurgroep.' – ????? AD'Met dit boek is Karin Slaughter opnieuw haast beangstigend actueel' – ????? NoordHollands Dagblad'Laatste Weduwe is dé must-read thriller van deze zomer: brandend actueel, razend spannend en zoals altijd geweldig geschreven.' – ?????1?2 Het Laatste Nieuws'Karin Slaughter bewijst alweer waarom ze al jaren tot de beste thrillerauteurs behoort.' – Feeling'De Queen of Crime heeft weer een bloedstollende thriller geschreven met Will Trent in de hoofdrol' – Margriet'Karin Slaughter geeft haar personages zo veel inhoud en ontwikkeling dat haar boeken, ook al loopt de serie al jaren, nog steeds blijven boeien.' –

Nederlands Dagblad'Vanaf de eerste bladzijden zit de spanning en beklemming erin en is het boek niet meer weg te leggen.' – Wendy

THE NIGHT COUNTRY an enchanting and inspiring story from one of Australia's most popular authors, Bryce Courtenay, which draws on the author's childhood in Africa. Towards the end of the Great Depression a young boy goes with his sister to stay at a farm while their mother is ill. There, during a scorching African summer, he witnesses a trial and punishment which will forever remind him of white men's cruelty to black people. Beautifully packaged with striking watercolour illustrations, THE NIGHT COUNTRY is a fable for all ages – a powerful account of the strength that lives within us all.

Bryce Courtenay's classic trilogy of novels, The Potato Factory, Tommo & Hawk and Solomon's Song, has won the hearts of Australians. The Australian Trilogy brings together these three much-loved novels from one of Australia's bestselling authors. Visit [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com) for more.

When Mary Abacus dies, she leaves her business empire in the hands of the warring Solomon family. Hawk Solomon is determined to bring together both sides of the tribe - but it is the new generation who must fight to change the future. Solomons are pitted against Solomons as the families are locked in a bitter struggle that crosses battlefields and continents to reach a powerful conclusion. "solomon's Song" is a novel of courage and betrayal in which Bryce Courtenay tells the story of Australia's journey to nationhood.

Each of us has a place to return to in our minds, a place of clarity and peace, a place to think, to create, to dream. For Bryce Courtenay this place was a waterhole in Africa where he used to escape to as a boy, in search of solitude. One evening, while lingering there, he witnessed the tallest of the great beasts drinking from the waterhole in the moonlight, and was spellbound. Ever since, he drew inspiration from this moment. The Silver Moon gathers together some of the most personal and sustaining life-lessons from Australia's favourite storyteller. In short stories and insights, many written in his final months, Bryce reflects on living and dying, and how through determination, respect for others and taking pleasure in small moments of joy, he lived life to the fullest. From practical advice on how to write a bestseller to general inspiration on how to realise your dreams, The Silver Moon celebrates Bryce Courtenay's lifelong passion for storytelling, language and the creative process, and brings us closer to the man behind the bestsellers.

Brutally kidnapped and separated in childhood, Tommo and Hawk are reunited at the age of fifteen in Hobart. Together they escape their troubled pasts and set off on a journey into manhood. From whale hunting in the Pacific to the Maori wars of New Zealand, from the Rocks in Sydney to the miners' riots at the goldfields, Tommo and Hawk must learn each other's strengths and weaknesses in order to survive. Especially in their last, worst confrontation between good and evil. Brilliantly evoking a time of struggle and triumph in the young colonies, Bryce Courtenay has created an unforgettable tale of the enduring bond between two

brothers.

Collection of articles from 'The Pitch' column in 'The Australian', divided into sections covering topics which are either of general interest or which cover advertising and other related subjects. The author is an advertising expert whose previous books, 'The Power of One' and 'Tandia', have been international bestsellers.

A Recipe for Dreaming is a little treasure of wise words and beautiful images. With insight, humour and a deep sense of humanity, Bryce Courtenay inspires us to become dreamers and questioners, creators of lives that are rich and rewarding. Illuminating these musings are the superb visual poems of Anie Williams. 'Whatever the dream, no matter how daring or grand, somebody will eventually achieve it. It might as well be you.' Bryce Courtenay [brycecourtenay.com](http://brycecourtenay.com) [facebook.com/BryceCourtenay](https://facebook.com/BryceCourtenay)

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