PRETTY BABY

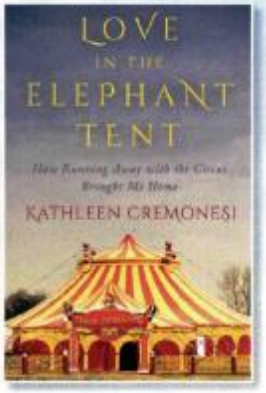
Mary Kubica
Harlequin MIRA, $29.99

Heidi Wood is kind and good. At least she tries to be. However, is she taking altruism too far when she brings home a seemingly desperate and homeless teenager called Willow with her four-month-old baby?

Is this a feel-good opportunity to prove she truly is an impeccably selfless person or has Heidi just made the biggest mistake of her life?

Her husband and daughter are horrified that a possible criminal has infiltrated their cosy home. Yet for Heidi there's no turning back.

An edge-of-your-seat thriller that will have you wondering, 'What would I do if this happened to me?'



LOVE IN THE ELEPHANT TENT

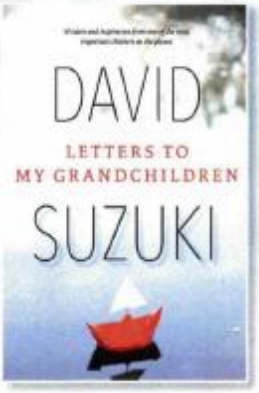
Kathleen Cremonesi
NewSouth, $29.99

This memoir tells of the young, spirited Kathleen who sees life through a kaleidoscopic, romantic lens.

In her early 20s, she leaves Oregon to travel around the Mediterranean, and soon meets Stefano, an elephant keeper in an Italian circus.

Falling in love and a life overflowing with *vive la différence* await as Kathleen dons ruby stilettos and a rhinestone bikini to become an 'ostrich-riding, shark-taming showgirl' in a circus.

Brave and heartfelt, this book is an inspiration if you're looking for a push to take your own walk on the wild side. Lots of fun!



LETTERS TO MY GRANDCHILDREN

David Suzuki
NewSouth, $29.99

At 79, award-winning scientist and environmental activist David Suzuki has made a decision. Instead of leaving important things unsaid, he has written a thoughtful 'love letter' to his six grandchildren (Tamo, Midori, Jonathan, Ganhi, Tiis and Ryo).

There's grandfatherly advice; talk of the unconditional love he feels for his family; a walk through his personal history with insightful stories from his work in the media; and pages on 'the state of the world'. His mostly wise words are truly inspirational.

His best advice? 'Follow your heart.' A wonderful gift for someone you love.

THE PERFUMER'S SECRET

Fiona McIntosh
Michael Joseph, $32.99

Do you love novels that completely transport you into another world? Best-selling Australian author Fiona McIntosh has delivered another compelling historical read, this time based in France in 1914, on the eve of WWI.

Fleurette Delacroix is about to marry Aimery De Lasset, under severe duress, to join two families whose future riches lie in perfume.

When the men of the village are sent to war Fleurette has a chance to forge a life she has dreamed of – for a time, at least. Passion lies in her future with a *Romeo and Juliet*-style love affair. A fabulous Sunday afternoon read.

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Hungry for adventure, or just hungry?
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