

December 2021 Friends of the Alexandra Library Newsletter

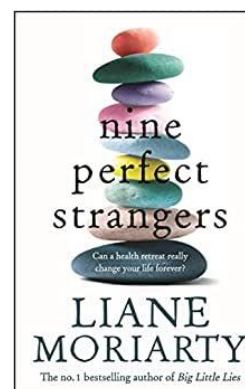


Sally Dean's Book review. NINE PERFECT STRANGERS

by Liane Moriarty.

This is the fourth book since June, that I have read of Liane's. I'd come to expect a "who done it" from her, but this is different.

9 people go to a health farm, to lose weight, to detox, for marriage counselling, in other words, all for very different reasons. The book is narrated in each chapter by a different character. Some have more chapters than others. At first I found this a bit confusing, and kept referring back, but it wasn't long before it all flowed. The different back stories and the characters, is what hooked me. Some sad and tragic, others successful and the rest, more "normal" if I can say that. Liane can really develop a character, and their emotions and feelings, so accurately. This is what saves the book for me. The treatment given at the health farm was, quite unorthodox and the ending I felt was a little twee, or convenient. But overall I still found it a great book to read.



Contributions to your Friends of the Alexandra Library newsletter welcome.

Book reviews, reviews of events, photos, stories of how libraries affected or changed your life, recipes...

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Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

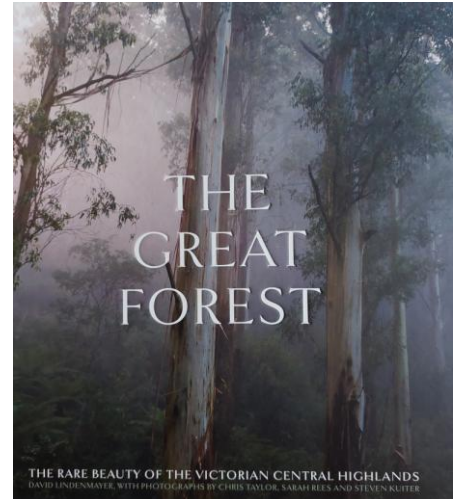
Jill Sanguinetti Book review on *The Great Forest*

The Rare Beauty of the Victorian Central Highlands

By David Lindenmayer with photographs by Christ Taylor, Sarah Rees, and Steven Kuitert

This superb book is a tribute, a guide and a dazzling photographic record of the mountains and forests of the national parks, state parks and state forests to the north-east of Melbourne.

Once you have dipped into it, you will want to read it all – and learn about the history, the geology, the different landscapes and types of forests, the mosses, ferns and fungi of the forest floor, the animals and birds that live there, the role of forests in harvesting water supplies, the impact of fire, and the impact of present-day logging.



I've always loved forests, but this book has made me see the beauty of forests and mountain landscapes in a new way – and has made me realise that there is so much more for me to see, and that it's all so close to home. It also shows the fragility and vulnerability of our precious natural heritage when so much is already lost to logging and massive fires of the last twenty years.

If you love this book, as I do, you too will want to go into the forests and mountains of the Central Highlands to experience their diverse beauty and the magical sights that we sometimes take for granted.



DECEMBER AT YOUR LIBRARY



Murrindindi
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Special Event: Big Summer Read Sign Up

ALL MONTH! Win prizes reading books!

Threads: Santa Sack

Wednesday 1 December at 3.30 pm

Thursday 2 December at 3.30 am

Mindfulness Monday: Goal Setting

Monday 6 December at 2.00 pm

Movie Tuesday: 'Morris from America'

Tuesday 7 December at 4.00 pm

Mindfulness Monday: Vision Boards

Monday 13 December at 2.00 pm

Transit Lounge: Barge en France

Tuesday 14 December 6.00 pm

Wellness Wednesday: Holiday Workout

Wednesday 15 December at 11.00 am

Movie Tuesday: 'How I Live Now'

Tuesday 21 December at 4.00 pm

Friends Of the Library Alexandra: Regular Meeting

Tuesday 21 December at 6.00 pm

YA Fiction Fans Film Fest

Thursday 23 December ALL DAY



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