

## PRIZE FIGHT:

THE RACE AND THE RIVALRY TO BE THE FIRST IN SCIENCE

Morton A. Meyers, Palgrave Macmillan, \$39.95.

The world of science today is one of competition for grants, for tenure, for publication, and not least for recognition of precedence in major advances of knowledge.

This competition can and does lead individuals to cheat by falsification of data or by plagiarism, but more commonly the problem lies in failure to acknowledge others' contribution to a discovery.

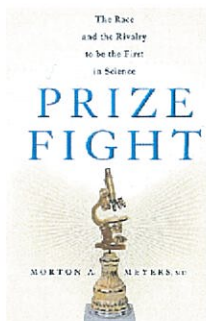
Usually this has no wider implications beyond the scientific community, and the careers of individuals, but at times becomes more serious as with the

fraudulent claim linking childhood vaccination to autism.

In this well-researched account, Dr Meyers gives many examples of minor and major scientific conflicts and illustrates the weakness of the usual mechanisms to protect the community and individuals against such errors.

Greater understanding of "science" might help us in resisting the claims of false prophets, as exemplified in the climate warming debate.

David Christie



## FEV UNAUTHORISED

Roger Franklin, Slatter Media Group, \$34.95

Brendan Fevola played hard on and off the field. He had everything he needed to become one of the AFL's greatest players.

The Carlton full-forward was a two-time Coleman medallist and a three-time All-Australian, but he struggled to control the off-field demons that plagued his 11-year career.

Fevola went from being the Blues' favourite son to their worst nightmare.

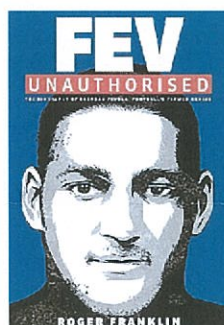
Whether it was being sent home from Ireland in disgrace during Australia's 2006 International Rules series or his disgraceful antics at the

2009 Brownlow medal, there was one common factor: alcohol.

Carlton lost patience and traded "Fev" to the Brisbane Lions, but controversy would follow him as he spiralled out of control, taken over by his drinking and gambling addictions.

This is a fascinating tale of a player who soared to the very top of his chosen sport and his very public descent into football infamy.

Grant Sproule



## COUNTRY LIVING: COTTAGE STYLE

Marie Proeller Hueston  
Hearst Books

Americans love their cottages, from the sweetly shingled Nantucket houses to the Adirondack cabins. Thankfully *Cottage Style* is twee-free, concentrating instead on how fine craftsmanship, used internally and externally, can turn what were originally humble dwellings into something quite special. It's all about the details, and there are sections on key elements such as quilts, iron beds, dutch doors and cottage gardens.

Deborah Richards



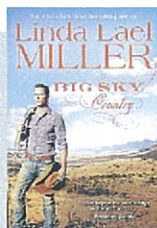
## BIG SKY COUNTRY

Linda Lael Miller

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Miller wrote the Creed cowboys trilogy – each book debuted at number one on *The New York Times* best-seller list. This will no doubt do the same. This is the American chicklit cowboy romance, no token references to Aboriginal art or Grand Canyons here, just sheer muscle and quivering knees and deep blue eyes. It's a crack up, but still it has that ability to grab you and hold you right to the end, even though you know what the end will be!

Ann-Maree Lourey



## BEST SELLERS

### INDEPENDENT

1. *The Hunter*, Scott Bevan
2. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, E. L. James
3. *All My Enemies*, Barry Maitland
4. *All That I Am*, Anna Funder
5. *Lady Cyclist's Guide to Kashgar*, Suzanne Joinson
6. *Chelsea Mansions*, Barry Maitland
7. *Fifty Shades Freed*, E. L. James
8. *Watching the Dark*, Peter Robinson
9. *A Better Life*, Craig Hamilton with Will Swanton
10. *Fifty Shades Darker*, E. L. James

MacLean's Booksellers, Hamilton & Toronto

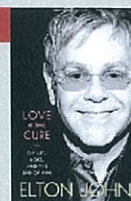
### NATIONAL

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, E. L. James
2. *Fifty Shades Darker*, E. L. James
3. *Fifty Shades Freed*, E. L. James
4. *Kingdom of the Wicked (Skulduggery Pleasant #7)*, Derek Landy
5. *QF 32*, Richard De Crespigny
6. *All That I Am*, Anna Funder
7. *Bared to You*, Sylvia Day
8. *Fallen Angel*, Daniel Silva
9. *Say You're Sorry*, Michael Robotham
10. *Watching the Dark*, Peter Robinson

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### GIVEAWAY

Never before has Elton John shared details of his personal story as he does in his first book, about his life and his fight to bring an end to AIDS. *Weekender* has a copy of *Love Is The Cure* to give away. To enter, send the word "Elton" with your name, address and telephone number to [weekenderfreebies@theherald.com.au](mailto:weekenderfreebies@theherald.com.au). The winner of QF32 is David Glazebrook, of New Lambton.



## BLOCKBUSTER SOLUTION

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