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Fed up with criminal organizations beseiging them, an armed group of Michoacán farmers are keeping cartels out of their four municipalities.

*3,000 Michoacán avocado producers arm themselves against cartels*

"It's cheaper to buy a rifle than to pay extortion," said one member of the producers' armed private security force.

*Mexican avocado producers are arming themselves to fend off cartels*

SHOPPERS who use a trick to pay less for expensive fruit and vegetables at supermarket self-checkouts have been warned the crime could land them in big trouble. Lawyers say anyone using ...

*Shoppers warned self-service 'trick' to scan expensive products as cheaper goods could land them in hot water*

Tropical Storm Elsa swept over western Cuba near Havana with strong rain and winds Monday night, and forecasters said it would move on to the Florida Keys on Tuesday and Florida's central Gulf coast ...

*Tropical Storm Elsa moving across west Cuba, then to Florida*

The dishes that chef Terri Conderino creates at Café Flo at the Florence Griswold Museum are things of diverse deliciousness. The offerings range from spinach vichyssoise to lobster, avocado and corn ...

*Now she's cookin': Café Flo head chef took roundabout route to discovering her culinary talent*

He said he saw some avocado trees fall nearby ... much of Monday sweeping parallel to Cuba's southern coast before heading on to land, sparing most of the island from significant effects.

*Elsa crosses west Cuba; Florida next*

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*Tropical Storm Elsa crosses west Cuba and heads for Florida*

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The new book from the bestselling author of *Flesh Wounds*. A funny and frank look at the way Australia used to be - and just how far we have come. 'It was simpler time'. We had more fun back then'. 'Everyone could afford a house'. There's plenty of nostalgia right now for the Australia of the past, but what was it really like? In *The Land Before Avocado*, Richard Glover takes a journey to an almost unrecognisable Australia. It's a vivid portrait of a quite peculiar land: a place that is scary and weird, dangerous and incomprehensible, and, now and then, surprisingly appealing. It's the Australia of his childhood. The Australia of the late '60s and early '70s. Let's break the news now: they didn't have avocado. It's a place of funny clothing and food that was appalling, but amusingly so. It is also the land of staggeringly awful attitudes - often enshrined in law - towards anybody who didn't fit in. *The Land Before Avocado* will make you laugh and cry, feel angry and inspired. And leave you wondering how bizarre things were, not so long ago. Most of all, it will make you realise how far we've come - and how much further we can go. PRAISE 'This is vintage Glover - warm, wise and very, very funny. Brimming with excruciating insights into life in the late sixties and early seventies, *The Land Before Avocado* explains why this was the cultural revolution we had to have' Hugh Mackay 'Hilarious and horrifying, this is the ultimate intergenerational conversation starter' Annabel Crabb PRAISE FOR FLESH WOUNDS 'A funny, moving, very entertaining memoir' Bill Bryson, *New York Times* 'The best Australian memoir I've read is Richard Glover's *Flesh Wounds*' Greg Sheridan, *The Australian*

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A mother who invented her past, a father who was often absent, a son who wondered if this could really be his family. Richard Glover's favourite dinner party game is called 'Who's Got the Weirdest Parents?'. It's a game he always thinks he'll win. There was his mother, a deluded snob, who made up large swathes of her past and who ran away with Richard's English teacher, a Tolkien devotee, nudist and stuffed-toy collector. There was his father, a distant alcoholic, who ran through a gamut of wives, yachts and failed dreams. And there was Richard himself, a confused teenager, vulnerable to strange men, trying to find a family he could belong to. As he eventually accepted, the only way to make sense of the present was to go back to the past - but beware of what you might find there. Truth can leave wounds - even if they are only flesh wounds. Part poignant family memoir, part rollicking venture into a 1970s Australia, this is a book for anyone who's wondered if their family is the oddest one on the planet. The answer: 'No'. There is always something stranger out there. PRAISE FOR FLESH WOUNDS 'Both poignant and wildly entertaining' - SYDNEY MORNING HERALD 'A new classic ... a breathtaking accomplishment in style and empathy' - THE AUSTRALIAN 'Heartbreaking and hilarious ... I couldn't put it down' - SUN-HERALD 'Engrossing and extremely funny' THE SATURDAY PAPER 'Not since UNRELIABLE MEMOIRS by Clive James has there been a funnier, more poignant portrait of an Australian childhood.' - AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW 'Richard Glover has done the miraculous he's made ordinary family life extraordinarily entertaining' - AUGUSTEN BURROUGHS 'Sad, funny, revealing, optimistic and hopeful' - Jeanette Winterson

Heartfelt and hilarious, this is a book for anyone who has tried to imagine what their dog was thinking. Human beings often write about their dogs, but the dogs don't usually get a right of reply. In *Love, Clancy*, Richard Glover has collated the letters sent by Clancy to his parents in the bush. They are full of a young dog's musings about the oddities of human behaviour, life in the big city, and his own attempts to fit in. You'll meet Clancy as a puppy, making his first attempt to train his humans, then see him grow into a mature activist, demanding more attention be paid to a dog's view of the

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world. Along the way, there are adventures aplenty, involving robotic vacuum cleaners, songs about cheese, trips to the country and stolen legs of ham – all told with a dog's deep wisdom when it comes to what's important in life. With delightful illustrations by cartoonist Cathy Wilcox. PRAISE FOR RICHARD GLOVER The Land Before Avocado 'This is vintage Glover – warm, wise and very, very funny. Brimming with excruciating insights into life in the late sixties and early seventies, The Land Before Avocado explains why this was the cultural revolution we had to have' Hugh Mackay 'Hilarious and horrifying, this is the ultimate intergenerational conversation starter' Annabel Crabb Richard Glover's just-published The Land Before Avocado is a wonderful and witty journey back in time to life in the early 1970s' Richard Wakelin, Australian Financial Review Flesh Wounds 'A funny, moving, very entertaining memoir' Bill Bryson, New York Times 'The best Australian memoir I've read is Richard Glover's Flesh Wounds' Greg Sheridan, The Australian

A new collection of hilarious stories from Richard's much-loved ABC radio show, THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY, in the style of his previous collections, IN BED WITH JOCASTA and DESPERATE HUSBANDS. 'Full-on, uncontrollable, laugh-till-you-weep stories. Glover has become the indispensable chronicler of Australian family life.' Geraldine Brooks Wickedly funny stories of everyday life, as heard on ABC Radio's thank God It's Friday. Meet the sexy and feisty Jocasta; confront teenage rebellion in the form of a fish called Wanda; do battle with magpies the size of small fighter jets; try to work out which font you use when speaking the language of love; and find out what men really have to offer. In Richard Glover's stories, the day-to-day becomes vivid, magical and laugh-out-loud funny. 'Glover is better than Proust. OK, maybe not better, but how often do you find yourself in a cold bath at midnight still chuckling over Proust?' Debra Adelaide 'desperately, wickedly funny ... Richard Glover has done the miraculous – he's made ordinary family life extraordinarily entertaining ... Go ahead and open a page at random – you'll laugh out loud.' Augusten Burroughs

Play was performed by Aboriginal cast at 1982 Festival of Perth.

'Full-on, uncontrollable, laugh-till-you-weep stories. Glover has become the indispensable chronicler of Australian family life' Geraldine Brooks Richard Glover's deeply skewed stories of everyday life are heard each week on ABC radio's 'thank God It's Friday'. He creates a world which is both weird and wry—a world in which Henry VIII provides marriage advice, JD Salinger celebrates tap-water and naked French women bring forth a medical miracle. It's also a world in which shampoo is eschewed, the second-rate is praised and George Clooney's haircut can help save a relationship. Bizarre yet commonplace, funny yet relatable, absurd yet oddly warm-hearted, in Richard Glover's hands you'll experience the true strangeness of the life you are living right now. INCLUDES: the Bin-It List: 25 things to avoid before you die. "Warning: Until you know how Glover's writing affects you, do not read in public. Noisy, convulsive laughter and uncontrollable hilarity among probable side effects..." Geraldine Brooks "Like an Australian Seinfeld, Richard has the great gift of highlighting the ridiculous nature of human beings, and finding delight in this crazy thing the rest of us call life." Wil Anderson

From the bestselling author Simon Winchester, a human history of land around the world: who mapped it, owned it, stole it, cared for it, fought for it and gave it back. In 1889, thousands of hopeful people raced southward from the Kansas state line and westward from the Arkansas boundary to stake claims on the thousands of acres of unclaimed pastures and meadows. Across the twentieth century, water was dammed and drained in Holland so that a new province, Flevoland, rose up, unchartered and requiring new thinking. In 1850, California legislated the theft of land from Native Americans. An apology came in 2019 from the governor, but what of the call for reparations or return? What of government confiscation of land in India, or questions of fairness when it comes to New Zealand's Maori population and the legacy of settlers? The ownership of land has always been complicated, opaque, and more than a little anarchic when viewed from the outside. In this book, Simon Winchester explores the the stewardship of land, the ways it is delineated and changes hands, the great disputes, and the questions of restoration – particularly in the light of climate change and colonialist reparation. A global study, this is an exquisite exploration of what the ownership of land might really mean – not in dry-as-dust legal terms, but for the people who live on it.

Maurice Allington has reached middle age and is haunted by death. As he says, "I honestly can't see why everybody who isn't a child, everybody who's theoretically old enough to have understood what death means, doesn't spend all his time thinking about it. It's a pretty arresting thought." He also happens to own and run a country inn that is haunted. The Green Man opens as Maurice's father drops dead (had he seen something in the room?) and continues as friends and family convene for the funeral. Maurice's problems are many and increasing: How to deal with his own declining health? How to reach out to a teenage daughter who watches TV all the time? How to get his best friend's wife in the sack? How to find another drink? (And another.) And then there is always death. The Green Man is a ghost story that hits a live nerve, a very black comedy with an uncannily happy ending: in other words, Kingsley Amis at his best.

The past decade has seen major political upheaval in Latin America--from Brazil to Chile to Venezuela to Bolivia--but to understand what happened, ask first where your quinoa and lithium batteries came from... The 21st century began optimistically in Latin America. Left-leaning leaders armed with

programs to reduce poverty and reclaim national wealth were seeing results—but as the aughts gave way to the teens, they began to fall like dominos. Where did the dreams of this "pink tide" go? Look no further than the original culprits of Latin American disenfranchisement: resource-rich land and unscrupulous extraction. Recounting the story commodity by commodity, Andy Robinson reveals what oxen have to do with the rise of Jair Bolsonaro, how quinoa explains the mob that descended on Evo Morales, and why oil is the culprit behind the protracted coup in Venezuela. In addition to the usual suspects like gold and bananas which underscored the original plunder of the Americas, Robinson also shows how a new generation of valuable resources—like coltan for smartphones, lithium for electric cars, and niobium for SpaceX rockets—have become important players in the fate of Latin America. And as the energy transition sets mineral prices soaring, Latin America remains at the mercy of the rollercoaster of commodity prices. In *Gold, Oil, and Avocados*, Robinson takes readers from the salt plains of Chile to the depths of the Amazonian jungle to stitch together the story of Latin America's last decade, showing how the imperial plunder of the past carries on today under a new name.

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