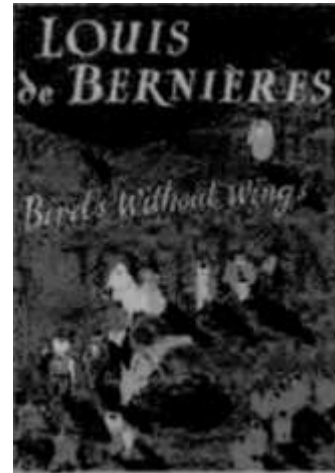




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**Name:** Furies  
**Author:** John Charalambous  
**Price:** \$22.95  
**THE** author captures the complexities and intricacies of Australian family life as it exists today.  
He tells the story of Nicky Daniels, a survivor who after a difficult Greek childhood, debilitating relationships and the failure of her Utopian dreams, finds herself marking time in a stagnating country town.  
City bred and unconventional, she knows she is fighting a losing battle against the Furies of conservative opinion.  
She despairs less for herself than for Imogen Antonelli whom she has raised since the girl's mother committed suicide.  
Over time Imogen has become the centre of her life, a focus of possessive pride, an antidote to the sadness of her own ageing.  
But Imogen is cutting loose in all the wrong ways.  
While Nicky and Imogen are not mother and daughter, Furies is implicitly about parenting and all the ambivalence that goes with it, on both sides.  
**RATING: ★★★**  
**IN A WORD:** Realistic



**Name:** Birds Without Wings  
**Author:** Louis de Bernieres  
**Price:** \$49.95  
**THIS** is a hefty complicated book, but well worth reading.  
From the author of *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, it is set at a time when the modern world was just beginning to define itself.  
It tells of the inhabitants of a small coastal town in South West Anatolia in the dying days of the Ottoman Empire.  
It traces the stories of Iskander the Potter and fount of proverbial wisdom, Philothei, a Christian girl of legendary beauty who is courted almost from infancy by Ibrahim the Goatherd, their great love culminating in tragedy and madness, Karatavuk and Mehmet-ik, childhood friends who play in the hills above the town. Mustafa Kemal, by virtue of military genius and sheer bloody-mindedness, defeats the Franks and reshapes the region in his image.  
When jihad is declared the young men of the town are sent to war.  
Karatavuk finds himself at Gallipoli where he experiences the brutality of trench warfare, the loss of comrades and his own innocence.  
**RATING: ★★**  
**IN A WORD:** Epic