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# best weekend

IF IT'S ON... IT'S IN!

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## books



### MY LIFE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF AN UNDERWORLD SURVIVOR

Roberta Williams, \$32.99, HarperCollins

While Roberta Williams runs from the depiction of herself as the shrill, foul-mouthed wife of murderer and drug dealer Carl Williams, she has used the notoriety of *Underbelly* to write her own account. She doesn't mince words.

**Verdict:** Gritty.  
Janet Fife-Yeomans



### BE. DO. LIVE.

Rajeew Dewan, \$34.95, Pembrook

This claims to identify critical ideas that have the power to transform your life. Big call, but it's an interesting look at personal growth with a real can-do call

to action. Lots of bite-sized pieces of advice.

**Verdict:** Inspiring.  
Bella Shae

## what I'm reading



### MAGGIE KIRKPATRICK

*The Girl Who Kicked The Hornets' Nest* by Stieg Larsson.

An engrossing look at corporate, cyber and post-Cold War crime.

● Kirkpatrick stars in *Wicked*, Capitol

Theatre, 13 Campbell St, Haymarket; \$79.90-\$129.90, 1300 723 038, ticketmaster.com.au

## cDs

### GOLDEN RULE

Powderfinger



There is a song near the end of Powderfinger's seventh studio set that is an exciting mix of jangling guitars, soaring orchestral arrangement, poppy hooks, and a bit of attitude in the lyrics. *Stand Yourself* performs the admirable trick of being immediately identifiable as a Powderfinger song while sounding different from just about anything else they've done. *All Of The Dreamers* sums up the sound, upbeat, uplifting and to the point. *Jewel* is the edgiest rocker – take that, Black Crowes – with recorded-backwards guitar breaks. At the other end of the scale, *Think It Over* is a scarf-waving anthem in waiting.

**Verdict:** For the Big Day Out masses.

Noel Mengel

### UP TO NOW

Snow Patrol



Snow Patrol have been plugging away at the music caper for 15 years, despite only rising on the radar through the *Chasing Cars* track on TV's *Grey's Anatomy* a few years ago. They traversed indie rock godness for hometown mainstream with their *Final Straw* record in 2003 and its anthem *Run*. They managed to catch the tail of Coldplay's lite-rock comet with follow-up *Eyes Open* and its aforementioned *Chasing Cars* but plateaued again with last year's *A Hundred Million Suns*. So this comprehensive two-disc retrospective does its job to bring you up to date. The best performance out of a massive 30 tracks may actually be their cover of Beyoncé's *Crazy In Love*.

**Verdict:** The best of them.

Kathy McCabe

## dvds/games

### HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (M)

Format: DVD and Blu-ray

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon

The sixth Potter film is pure magic. Well, duh, you might say. But beyond the usual wand-pointing and potions-mastering there is real wizardry in the way this film is put together. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) delves into Professor Slughorn's memory of Voldemort.

**Verdict:** The best Potter film since *Prisoner Of Azkaban*.  
Stephen Downie



### FIGHT CLUB 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (R)

Format: Blu-ray

Starring: Edward Norton, Brad Pitt, Helena Bonham Carter, Meat Loaf

David Fincher's cult classic is remastered in full high definition for its 10th anniversary.

**Verdict:** This is one club you'll want to join, thanks to Blu-ray.  
Stephen Fenech



### CRICKET

Platform: Wii

Just in time for summer, Wii players can take the field as their favourite international cricket team.

**Verdict:** Howzat for a summer hit.  
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