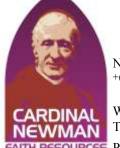
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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all our readers for the coming Advent and Christmas Season.

Finally, we are pleased to launch our upgraded website. Please check it out at: <a href="www.cardinalnewman.com.au">www.cardinalnewman.com.au</a> and watch for ongoing enhancements. We now have secure on-line shopping so please take advantage of it—we will add more items to our catalogue as time

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Please browse our newsletter for ideas on spiritual reading in the penitential time before Christmas. There are plenty of Christmas gift options for sale from our Book shop this year. Look at what is on offer here, on our web site, or drop in to our store at St Marys and our outlet at Penrose Park on pilgrimage days. Support our Apostolate by buying gifts from our store.

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I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter with some marvellous insights as usual from Fr James Tierney. On behalf of Fiona, our staff at CNFRI, and members of the incorporated association, I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas with all the Blessings of the Christ Child.

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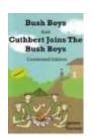
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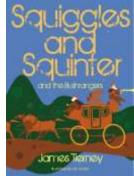
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# **Book Review for "A Distant Prospect"** by Annette Young

# Reviewed By Gabrielle Smith

"A Distant Prospect" by Annette Young is a well-written, well-researched novel set in Sydney in 1928. It is basically concerned with the character of an apprehensive, self-conscious, resentful teenager, Lucy Straughan.

Following the tragic death of his beloved wife, grieving and poverty stricken Morgan Straughan escapes the ravages of war torn Ireland and migrates with his daughter Lucy to Australia to begin a new life. Here problems of a different nature besiege them. Morgan leaves Lucy in an orphanage while he looks for work and affordable accommodation, only to

find that Lucy contracts Polio. Her recovery is slow and she is left wearing bulky boots and callipers. The story told through Lucy's eyes begins on her first day back at school after seven long and frustrating years. During her convalescence she has mastered the 'cello and fostered a deep love of mathematics but none of this prepares her for the reception she endures after she arrives. Blunt, quick tempered and judgemental, Lucy builds up a barrier to the bullying and heartlessness of her classmates. They immediately detect and ridicule her clumsy, awkward stance and thick Irish accent. She glowers at the approaches of the gentle, kind Della Sotheby, initially but soon melts when she realises Della's friendship is sincere.

Mrs Epstein, Lucy's 'cello teacher, teaches Della the violin and the girls are soon forced into a quartet with two other girls who also attend their school. At first the girls can hardly tolerate each other but through a growing understanding of life and the strict guidance of Mrs Epstein they learn to co-operate and become inseparable friends.

The characters of Pim Connolly, Phoebe Raye and Della live through the dialogue. Lucy realises she is not the only one who has a problematic past. The mystery that surrounds Lucy's mother's death, Phoebe's strange habits and lifestyle and Pim's anger towards a rebellious sister keep us gripped. The romances, the humour and the wit as well as the amazing understanding of the instruments and classical pieces being played all add to the novel's attraction. Historical facts, such as Bert Hinkler's arrival at Mascot make the story even more authentic.

The writing style of the book is compelling and once started is hard to put down. It is easy to see the faces of each person and be part of each scene, including some of the meals. The deep faith of Morgan and others show how tremendous peace and happiness is achieved through prayer and the sacraments and even passed on to others who struggle with belief.

This is a wonderful book and recommended not only to teenage girls but to adults and boys who love music. It has the potential to stand there with some of the classics including "Jane Eyre" and "Pride and Prejudice".

# Why don't young people understand the PRINCIPLE of the matter?

By Marianne Chaston

The answer really is quite simple. They have been taught that "grey areas" (that do apply to many areas of life) apply to morals as well. "Whatever floats your boat", "Whatever works for you" are phrases heard often. For them, "You cannot attain perfection" means the same thing as "There is no such thing as perfection", which of course, are two entirely different statements! God is perfection itself but it seems young people who have attended Catholic schools have not been taught this!

Part of the problem is the idea that "only things that can be proved with visible evidence can be known for sure" has become a major philosophical base of modern education — even in Catholic schools. Many young people can end up thinking that if you can't see the result, you can't be sure if you are right or wrong (often insidiously absorbed at a subconscious level). Perhaps many might think that going with the flow and doing what their friends are doing is wrong, but they hope this feeling is just a result of the way they have been raised — so they dismiss their conscience and conform to the wishes of their friends. Principles are objective truths that one must accept to understand reality! How can you understand reality if you don't understand principles?

We can help young people to see this error through asking questions such as: "So, you believe that there is no such thing as right or wrong?" "Yes"

"I believe that there is a such thing as right or wrong" "Yes..."

"So you're saying what I believe is wrong" "Yes"

"And what you believe is right" "Yes"

"So what you're saying is "there's no such thing as right or wrong...and that you're right about this and I'm wrong! You just used the idea you don't believe in!"

"Oh..." \* light bulb moment\*

(n.b. true experience)



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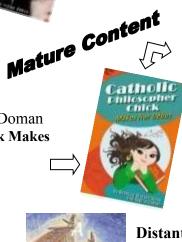
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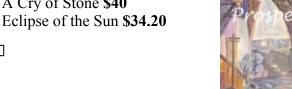


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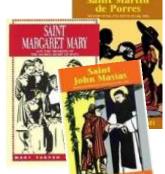
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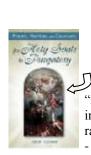


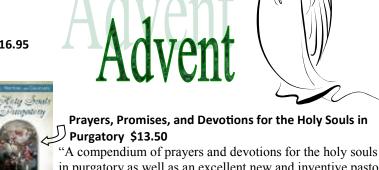
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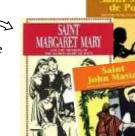




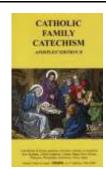






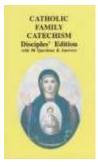


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