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BOOK LOVER

Top property expert Sarah Pearce appears on the TV One series *Save Our Homes*.

The book I love most is . . . Celia Lashlie's *He'll Be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men*. As a mother of two boys, I thoroughly appreciated the reassuring and sane parenting advice from a well-researched "toughie" like Celia, who is also an adoring mother. Having always been a bit of a "smother mother", the advice that most stood out for me was where Celia writes about the "bridge" of adolescence, and how important it is for mums to get off the bridge during that time in their sons' lives. Rather, their priority should be to ensure their boys have strong, supportive male figures around. When I found myself getting drawn into teen issues, I would try to remember to "get off the bridge!", and hand my sons over to the caring males in their lives instead.

The book I'm reading right now is . . . *Deliver* by Carey Smith. My colleagues are going to think I'm just trying to score brownie points with the boss — and to be fair to them I did only start reading *Deliver* because I thought I should. Why? Well, firstly, because Carey sent me an autographed copy, and secondly, he is my boss

[Carey is the CEO of Ray White]. But when I started reading *Deliver* I found one gem of wisdom after the next, and I've carried on reading it because I couldn't put it down. It's made up of 36 short stories, full of useful tips and lessons about business and leadership that Carey has learned over the years. It's warm, honest, punchy, from-the-heart and sometimes humorous. Among other things, I'm now extra aware of wearing clean shoes to business appointments; and of returning calls within one hour of receiving them (that one is a work in progress!)



Sarah Pearce

The book I'd like to read next is . . . Anything new by Jodi Picoult — I've read every single one of her books so far — or *Saving Grace* by Ciara Geraghty, because one of my best friends has just finished it and she says it's absolutely charming.