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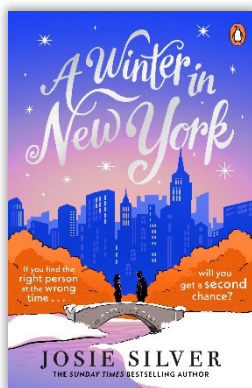


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# Fiction



## A Winter in New York

Josie Silver

**If the right person finds you at the wrong time, will you get a second chance?**

A sumptuously cosy seasonal love story set in sparkling New York, from the queen of the 'what if?' romance Josie Silver.

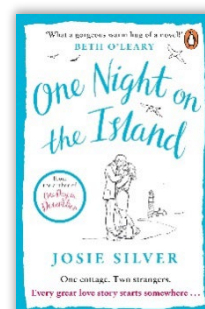
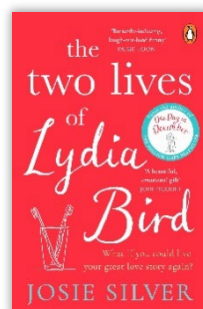
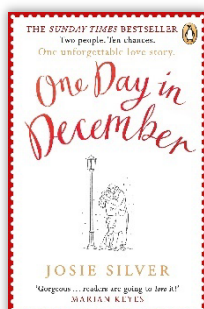
Isla's vibrant childhood was filled with bands, noise and travel, thanks to her mum Vivien being an 80s music icon. Vivien might not have been much of a cook, but her treasured homemade vanilla ice cream established a Friday-night tradition that outlasted jobs, boyfriends and rental houses. Even, sadly, Vivien herself.

Now Isla is escaping her various heartbreaks to the one place that has always felt like home: New York. She finds a job, a flat, a friend. And then Isla tastes her mother's ice cream at a gelateria in Little Italy. She seeks out the owner and finds Gio, a man who, like Isla, is surrounded by people and yet feels entirely alone. But the most surprising thing? They've met before...

Can the two of them untangle their pasts and find love in the present?

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**Josie Silver** is the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of *One Day in December* and the 'what if...?' love stories *The Two Lives of Lydia Bird* and *One Night on the Island*. She has been published in 34 languages and has previously been featured in Reese Witherspoon's Hello Sunshine Book Club. Josie is an unashamed romantic and lives with her husband and their two teenage sons.



12 October 2023 | Harriet Bourton for Viking | 432 pp  
Rights sold: US (Ballantine)



## The Best Way to Bury Your Husband

Alexia Casale

### A darkly funny debut novel, sold in six territories

When Sally kills her abusive husband with a cast iron skillet during lockdown, she's more fearful of losing her kids than disposing of a fresh corpse. That just wouldn't be fair – not after twenty years married to a truly terrible man. But Sally isn't the only woman in town being pushed to breaking point.

Soon, Sally has formed an extremely unusual self-help group, and between them there are four bodies to hide. So can they all find the perfect way to bury their husbands... and get away with it?

Stylishly written, darkly funny and ultimately empowering, *The Best Way to Bury Your Husband* is perfect for readers of Oyinkan Braithwaite's *My Sister*, *The Serial Killer* and fans of *How to Get Away With Murder* and *Desperate Housewives*.

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**Alexia Casale** is a British-American author, script consultant and Course Director of the prestigious MA in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University. She is the author of the YA novel *The Bone Dragon*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Jugendliteraturpreis. She holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge, and has more than a decade of experience as an editor specialising in the field of violence against women and girls, having been an executive editor of an international human rights journal. This is her first adult novel.

1 February 2024 | Harriet Bourton for Viking | 384 pp

Rights sold: Brazilian Portuguese (Planeta do Brazil), French (Editions Robert Laffont), German (dtv), Portuguese (Saida de Emergencia), Serbian (Vulkan Publishing), US (Pamela Dorman Books/Viking)



## Seven Summers

Paige Toon

**Can you ever forget your first love? An unforgettable romance from the author of *Only Love Can Hurt Like This***

Seven summers ago, along the rugged Cornish coast, teenagers Liv and Finn formed an unbreakable bond. But when tragedy struck, they were forced apart, with Finn returning to his life in LA and Liv staying in Cornwall.

Every summer since, Finn has returned to Cornwall and to the place where they first met. With each year, their bond grows stronger. But when Liv meets Tom, she starts to envisage a new future; one with just the two of them, in which her heart is not broken at the end of every summer when Finn returns home.

This year, with Finn on his way, and Tom harbouring a devastating secret, Liv must make an overwhelming choice. Should she hold on to her first love, or allow herself to fall again?

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**Paige Toon** is the bestselling author of 15 adult novels and three young adult titles, and her books have sold almost two million copies worldwide. Paige writes sweeping, emotional love stories – filled with characters you'll never forget and incredible settings – that take you on a unique journey. She tells nuanced stories, with big, thought-provoking themes at their heart, which leave you uplifted and believing in the power of love.



11 April 2024 | Emily Griffin for Century | 416 pp  
Rights sold: German (Fischer), US (Putnam)



## Enemies To Lovers

Laura Jane Williams

**The brand new novel from international bestselling author Laura Jane Williams with one of the most iconic romantic tropes at its heart...**

The best way to get over a crush? Simply get to know him better...

Flo Greenberg: highly strung. Over-achiever. And currently on an enforced break from life after The Embarrassing Meltdown Incident

That She Does Not Wish To Talk About, Thank You.

Jamie Kramer: her brother's best friend. Pain in the arse. And somehow on Flo's family holiday to Greece.

Flo and Jamie hate each other.

Except, they don't. Flo has a secret. She actually has a mortifying crush on her mortal enemy, and nobody – absolutely nobody, least of all her bonkers family, and certainly not Jamie himself – can know.

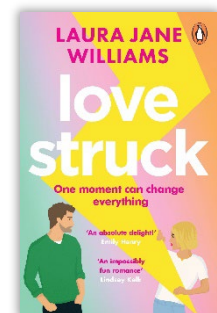
And so she has a plan. With two surprise weeks of sharing breakfast, lunch and dinner, boat trips and sun-loungers, Flo is going to have to remedy herself the only way she can think of: by actually spending time with him.

Getting to know Jamie is the perfect cure for Flo's romantic feelings.

Isn't it...?

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**Laura Jane Williams** is known as the queen of the meet-cute. She is the author of six novels and a novella. The rights to Laura's international bestseller *Our Stop* have been sold for television, and her books have been translated into languages all over the world. Her forthcoming novel *Lovestruck* will be published on the Century list in June 2023.





## The Last Train Home

Elle Cook

**A will-they-won't-they love story for fans of Beth O'Leary and Laura Jane Williams**

On the last train home you expect to find standing space only, drunk people singing, the overpowering smell of fast food...

You never expect to find love.

When Abbie and Tom cross paths traveling home after a night out, their eyes meet across a crowded carriage and their connection is unmistakable. What they don't know is that moments later they will both be caught up in an event that will change them forever. It's one that will bring them together. But it will also tear them apart.

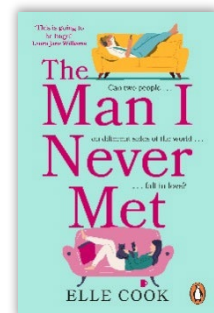
A lot can happen in seven seconds. A lot can happen in seven years.

Can they find their way back to each other?

Gorgeously romantic and swoon-worthy, this is the next unputdownable, will-they-won't-they love story from Elle Cook.

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**Elle Cook** worked as a journalist and in PR before becoming a full-time novelist. She is the author of historical time-slip novels under her real name, Lorna Cook, which have sold more than 200,000 copies combined. Her first contemporary novel for Century was *The Man I Never Met*, which has sold in six territories.







## **The Manor**

Nancy Revell

***Downton Abbey* meets *Dilly Court* in a new book from the beloved and bestselling author**

County Durham, in the North East of England. 1949.

Angie leaves Sunderland, the shipyards and her friends behind to marry her sweetheart Quintin Foxtton-Clark. Together they plan to move into his manor home, which is built on an old foundry in

Country Durham.

But Angie's new life is devastated by the sudden loss of her husband after an accident in the abandoned forge. Now she must adjust to life as the head of the big house – where she feels like an outsider.

It will take courage to build a new life – and it's only with the support of the community around her that Angie will find happiness once again.

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**Nancy Revell** is a former journalist who worked for all the national newspapers, providing them with hard-hitting news stories and in-depth features. She lives in her hometown of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, with her husband. She is also the author of the *Shipyard Girls* series.



## The Palace Girls

Emma Royal

**Step through the palace gates and discover a captivating historical novel of royal drama, secrets and forbidden love...**

Buckingham Palace, 1951.

After the devastation of World War II, the nation is finally on the road to recovery. And so is Milly Hendry.

After her parents died in the Blitz, Milly was taken in by her aunt, one of the Royal Army of Cleaners at Buckingham Palace. The Palace, and the people who work there, have become a family to Milly. On the cusp of her 21st birthday, she is getting ready to celebrate with her beloved friends from below the royal stairs and, in particular, the dashing footman, Timothy.

But the King's health is declining, and tensions in the Palace are rising. And then a devastating letter arrives for Milly – a letter containing secrets from the past that could change her whole future...

For fans of *Downton Abbey* and *The Crown*, a stunning royal drama awaits.

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**Emma Royal** is the pen name for an established romance writer, who has always loved historical fiction and has a Master's degree in history. When not writing, she can be found running around after her two children and two dogs, along with her husband.



## The Wartime Bookshop

Jo Toye

**A gripping, heart-warming and uplifting story about the power of books and how they can bring people together, even in the darkest of days**

It's 1939 and when war breaks out, Carrie Anderson hopes to join the Forces alongside her twin brother Johnnie. But family duty means she must stay at home – and so she takes over a bookstall at her local railway station.

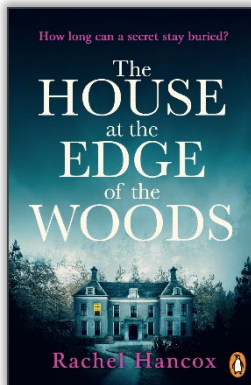
She may not be on the front line but, in recommending books to individuals on the platform, she meets people from all walks of life and feels buoyed that the books she sells are providing education and escapism for travellers, troops, refugees and evacuees.

But when she gifts a book to a soldier, this act of kindness will have repercussions she could never have anticipated. It's the start of a great love story for Carrie – but with war raging, how will it end?

*The Wartime Bookshop* is the first novel in a brand new series.

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**Joanna Toye** read English at Cambridge and afterwards joined the BBC on the production team of the iconic Radio 4 daily serial *The Archers*. She has also written for BBC television as well as Channel 5 and ITV. Her six previous historical novels have been called 'a cross between *Mr Selfridge* and *Call the Midwife*' for their warm sense of family and community in an authentic period setting.



## The House at the Edge of the Woods

Rachel Hancox

**An unsolved murder lies at the heart of this page-turner as a young couple struggle to find happiness in their lives**

Rebecca and Ben have built a life that looks idyllic, but at the centre of it is something they never talk about – the unsolved mystery of his mother's murder when he was a small boy, sitting waiting for her in the car at the side of a motorway.

Rebecca has just landed her dream job, painting a vast fairytale mural on a domed ceiling at Ditton House. But as Ben's terrible nightmares return, the wealthy businessman who owns Ditton starts asking questions about the murder case that make Rebecca increasingly uneasy, and the stories in the mural start to weave their way into her mind.

Would uncovering the truth about Ben's mother's death put everything right, or upend their lives completely? And is there any chance the answer to the mystery might be within their grasp?

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**Rachel Hancox** studied Medicine and Social and Political Science at Cambridge, qualified as a doctor three months after getting married, and has juggled her family, her career and a passion for writing ever since. She worked in paediatrics and public health for 20 years, writing short stories alongside NHS policy reports, and drafting novels during successive bouts of maternity leave. Her first novel was *The Shadow Child*.





## **The Villa**

Jess Ryder

**A gripping sun-soaked thriller, when a dream hen party turns into a deadly nightmare...**

Three years ago, bride-to-be Amelia died at her own hen party after confronting an intruder. Now her closest friends who were there that night – Dani, Charlene, Tiff, and Beth – have returned to the Spanish villa where she was killed.

They long to find a sense of closure.

But from the moment they step back inside the villa, tensions rise. Everyone has a different version of what happened that fatal night. Only one thing is certain: someone is lying, and they'll do just about anything to keep their secrets hidden...

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**Jess Ryder** is the author of eight psychological thrillers. She also writes books for children, teens and young adults as Jan Page. With many years' experience as a scriptwriter, she loves watching television crime drama. Jess lives with her partner in London, UK and has four grown-up children.



## I Died On A Tuesday

Jane Corry

**A gripping and emotional drama about a community wrapped up in lies and secrecy, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Jane Corry**

*Some say it was an accident. But I know it was murder.*

One beautiful summer's day, eighteen-year-old Janie is knocked off her bike in a violent hit-and-run and left for dead. Paramedics revive her just in time, but the driver is never found, and her life-changing injuries leave her small town shaken.

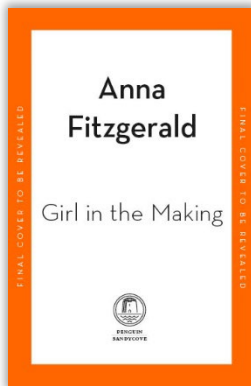
Now, 20 years on, the police receive a tip off, and world-famous rockstar Robbie Manning is charged. But everyone, including the police, know far more than they are letting on. Even Janie is hiding something.

They thought the truth had died with her on that fateful Tuesday. But that was only the beginning...

**Jane Corry** is a former magazine journalist who spent three years working as the writer-in-residence of a high security prison for men. This often hair-raising experience helped inspire her *Sunday Times*-bestselling psychological dramas, *My Husband's Wife*, *Blood Sisters*, *The Dead Ex*, *I Looked Away*, *I Made A Mistake*, *The Lies We Tell* and *We All Have Our Secrets*, which have been translated into more than 16 languages and sold more than a million copies worldwide. Jane was a tutor in creative writing at Oxford University; an RLF Fellow at Exeter University; and is a regular contributor to *The Daily Telegraph* and *My Weekly* magazine.



6 June 2024 | Rosa Schierenberg for Viking | 320 pp  
Rights sold: US & Canada (Doubleday)



## **Girl in the Making**

Anna Fitzgerald

**A passionate story of girlhood in a world not made for girls**

Jean Kennedy is a gentle, perceptive girl growing up in a very strange world: suburban Dublin in the 1970s and '80s.

From early childhood to the brink of adulthood, Jean navigates the complicated attachments and brutal inequalities of family, the contradictions of a deeply hypocritical society, and the universal mysteries of sex, friendship, change and self-determination.

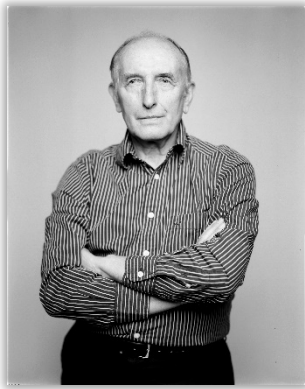
A moving, propulsive, and powerfully hypnotic coming-of-age story from a thrilling new talent, *Girl in the Making* is a magnificent first novel for readers of Edna O'Brien, Anne Enright, Douglas Stuart, Elena Ferrante and Claire Keegan.

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**Anna Fitzgerald** lives in Dublin. *Girl in the Making* is her first novel.

# Popular Science





## How Food Really Works

Vaclav Smil

**A myth-busting book about how the world produces its food and how we can feed the world population without killing the planet**

In eight bite-size chapters Smil tackles the fundamental challenges in feeding the world's growing population without doing further damage to the planet.

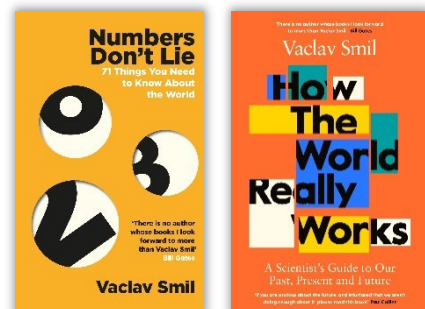
We explore the global history of food production to understand why we farm some animals and not others, why most of the world's calories come from just a few foodstuffs and how this might change in the future.

Smil investigates many of the burning questions facing the world today: why are some of the world's biggest food producers also the countries with the most undernourished populations? Why do we waste so much food and how can we solve that? Could the whole planet go vegan and be healthy? Should it?

Overturning myths around nutrition, the impact of industrial farming, and food distribution *How Food Really Works* is the data-based, rigorously researched guide that offers solutions to our broken global food system.

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**Vaclav Smil** is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Manitoba. He is the author of over 40 books on topics including energy, environmental and population change, food production and nutrition, technical innovation, risk assessment, and public policy. No other living scientist has had more books reviewed in *Nature*. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, in 2010 he was named by *Foreign Policy* as one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers. He is the author of *Numbers Don't Lie* and the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling *How the World Really Works* – these have been published in 28 languages.





## To Boldly Go Where No Book Has Gone Before:

### A Joyous Journey into Science

Luke O'Neill

*'A clear thinker and interlocutor extraordinaire'* Bono

**A hugely accessible history of science that reveals the human stories behind history's biggest discoveries**

How did life begin?

What does the warping of spacetime in a black hole actually look like?

And what's happening on the 4,800 exoplanets beyond our solar system?

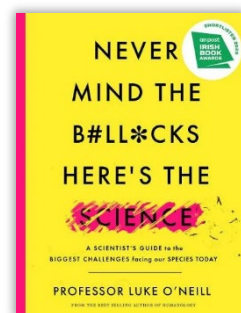
In this book, renowned scientist and Fellow of the Royal Society Luke O'Neill is on a mission to help us fall in love with science again, by stripping away many of the more (let's be honest) boring bits and focusing on the human stories behind the greatest scientific discoveries made so far.

*To Boldly Go Where No Book Has Gone Before* covers everything from space travel and evolution to alchemy and AI. We delve into how the human mind really works, how exactly scientists have discovered cures to deadly diseases (hint: it's often pure co-incidence), and we speculate about what discoveries might be just around the corner.

This is an awe-inspiring history that celebrates the joy of science.

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**Luke O'Neill** is a world-renowned scientist, author and educator, and Professor of Biochemistry at Trinity College Dublin. He has published over 350 major papers, has 6 major discoveries to his name – including a protein called Mal which is a master switch for immunity – and in 2016 was made a Fellow of the Royal Society, which is 'the equivalent of a lifetime achievement Oscar' (*The Guardian*). Luke appears regularly on television and radio, has a weekly column in Ireland's number one Sunday newspaper, *The Irish Independent*, and in 2021 was the Chair of judges for the Royal Society Science Book Prize. He is the author of several trade books, the most recent is *Nevermind the Bollocks, Here's the Science* (Gill Books, 2021).





## Unexplained: How Scientists Think

Dr Camilla Pang

**What can we learn about the world and ourselves if we think like scientists?**

Scientists are professional question askers and truth seekers. They know how to plan an experiment, see it through and produce an honest assessment of the results. They are familiar with troubleshooting errors, used to avoiding traps like bias, and are experts at analysing the difference between trends and anomalies.

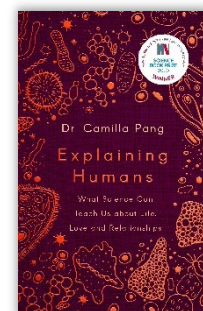
Over the years, Dr Camilla Pang, has become convinced that science isn't just the best method we have for understanding the world, it's also one of the best ways we can learn about ourselves. Science is first and foremost a toolbox – a combination of knowledge, techniques, disciplines and attitudes that equip you to explore the world.

Scientists don't have all the answers about how to live a better life, but there is no one better when it comes to asking the right questions, setting up the experiment and making sense of the evidence it produces. They have much to teach us about how to think for ourselves, spot opportunities, take calculated risks, approach new ideas, and be accountable for our successes and failures.

This book walks us through the scientific process from initial observation to forming a hypothesis, collaborating with others, combating bias and hunting for proof. We could all benefit from being a bit more scientific – thinking like a scientist could help you to approach the big questions and decisions in your life with more confidence and clarity. *Unexplained* shows us that you don't need a PhD to think like a scientist, or a pair of lab goggles to change the way you see and understand the world.

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**Dr Camilla Pang** holds a PhD in Biochemistry from University College London and is a Postdoctoral Scientist specialising in Translational Bioinformatics. At the age of eight, Camilla was diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and ADHD at 26. Her career and studies have been heavily influenced by her diagnosis and she is driven by her passion for understanding humans, our behaviours and how we work. She is the author of *Explaining Humans*, which was the winner of the Royal Society Science Book Prize 2020, published in 14 languages, and described as 'truly exceptional' by neuroscientist Gina Rippon.





## **All Creatures Great and Small: The Secrets of the World's Natural History Museums**

Jack Ashby

**A behind-the-scenes tour through the world's greatest natural history museums, revealing how their hidden secrets can help us in the fight against climate change**

Zoologist Jack Ashby spends his life working in natural history museums, and in *All Creatures Great and Small* he guides us through a series of extraordinary collections, from marvellous mounted whale skeletons and impossibly tiny insect cabinets, to buried treasures in vast museum storehouses.

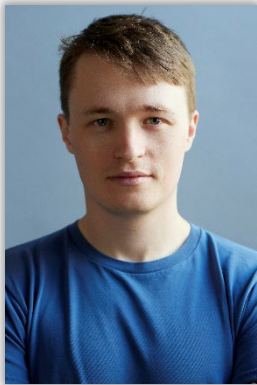
But look more closely at these displays: all is not as it seems. While most exhibits succeed in communicating feelings of wonder and awe – a vital function when less people than ever have access to the outdoors – Ashby argues that the version of nature that natural history museums present does not always reflect reality, with specimens revealing more about the biases of their curators than they do about the species that they represent.

Likewise, the ways in which museums have traditionally told the story of their own histories has disproportionately elevated the contributions of certain kinds of people whilst diminishing the work of others, often ignoring museums' complex colonial heritage altogether. Ashby argues that these issues are precisely why it is such an exciting time to be a natural historian, for while society shapes museums, so too can museums shape society – for the good. As we face the existential threat of cataclysmic biodiversity loss, natural history museums will emerge as indispensable resources in the fight against climate catastrophe.

Weaving together fresh historical research, entertaining zoological trivia and insider stories from Ashby's distinguished natural history career, *All Creatures Great and Small* is a charming ode to the joys, eccentricities and planet-saving potential of the world's best-loved museums.

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**Jack Ashby** is the assistant director of the University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge, one of the UK's largest and most significant natural history museums. His life is split between a career dedicated to engaging people with the natural world – chiefly through museums – and ecological fieldwork across Australia, on behalf of universities and wildlife organisations there. He is the author of *Platypus Matters*, which won the Whitley Award for best natural history book, and *Animal Kingdom*.



## **Saving Everyone: The Case for Universal Neuropreservation**

Ariel Zeleznikow-Johnston

**A neuroscientist explains how the brain encodes our sense of self and argues the case for brain preservation to abolish permanent death**

*Saving Everyone* presents the scientific and moral case for using brain preservation to prevent people from permanently dying.

Using the latest neuroscientific research, bizarre-but-true case studies, and historical perspectives on pivotal moments in modern medicine, the reader will be gently guided through the facts of what is possible. And what may initially seem outlandish will become clearly justified.

With the understanding that the brain is the source of our identity, it should be possible to prevent death by preserving the mind. For this to actually work, we need to know two things: how exactly the human brain enables a person to be who they are and how the brain decays during death.

Modern neuroscience can offer answers to both of these critical questions of personhood and death. We now know how to erase, insert, and force the recall of specific memories. Doctors are increasingly providing prosthetic implants to functionally replace portions of the brain. And critically, the last few years has seen the successful development of a procedure that perfectly preserves a human brain.

If deployed at scale, we can make this neuropreservation procedure cheap enough to be affordable for everyone.

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**Dr Ariel Zeleznikow-Johnston** is a neuroscientist at Monash University, where he investigates novel methods for characterising the nature of conscious experiences to aid in the ongoing quest to understand the neural basis of consciousness. The ultimate goal of Ariel's career is to contribute to research that clarifies the neurobiological, cognitive, and philosophical basis of what it is to be a person. He hopes to accelerate the development of medical infrastructure that helps prevent him and everyone else from dying. He has no affiliation with nor receives any financial backing/compensation from any other company, non-profit organisation or individual associated with cryonics, anti-ageing medicine or other life-extension technologies.





## Moral AI

Vince Conitzer, Jana Schaich Borg, and  
Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

**Should robots ever be considered free?  
Will computers transcend human  
intelligence? And what can we do to  
make sure AI is safe?**

The artificial intelligence revolution has begun. Today, there are self-driving cars on our streets, autonomous weapons in our armies, robot surgeons in our hospitals – and AI's presence in our lives will only increase. Some see this as the dawn of new era in innovation and ease; others think that it will only shrink further an individual's right to a safe and private life. But one thing is clear: this is a technology like no other, one that raises profound questions about freedom, justice and the very definition of human agency.

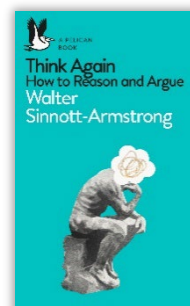
In *Moral AI*, world-renowned researchers in artificial intelligence and philosophy, Vince Conitzer, Jana Schaich Borg, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, tackle these thorny issues head-on. In clear-sighted prose, they lay out the recent advances in this still nascent field, peeling away the exaggeration and alarm, and offer lucid examinations of the moral concerns at the heart of AI programmes. Ultimately, they argue that artificial intelligence can be built and used safely and ethically, but that its potential cannot be achieved without careful reflection on the values we wish to imbue this technology with, and how much attention we believe programmers, corporations and users should pay to them.

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**Vince Conitzer** is a Professor of Economics at Duke University.

**Jana Schaich Borg** is Associate Research Professor in the Social Science Research Institute at Duke University.

**Walter Sinnott-Armstrong** (pictured) is the Chauncey Stillman Professor of Practical Ethics in the Department of Philosophy and the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University. His class, 'Think Again: How to Reason and Argue', is one of the most popular courses available online via the global platform Coursera. His books include *Morality Without God?*, *Moral Skepticisms*. His previous book for Pelican, *Think Again*, has been translated into five languages.



# Politics & Society



## **Domination Through Democracy: Why Oligarchs Win**

Jeffrey A. Winters

**The wealthy and powerful few have dominated the many throughout most of human history. Despite all manner of pushback from below, that pattern remains as true today as it was five thousand years ago. This book explains why**

The wealth distribution across all modern societies is grossly skewed. The bottom half of the world's population has a mere 1% of all wealth while the top 1% owns half of the wealth pie. By most measures, the gap between the oligarchs at the very top and the average citizen is larger today than anything that existed during European serfdom, Imperial China, or the slave society of Imperial Rome.

What's less well understood is that wealth concentration is at epic levels not just in poor authoritarian countries, but in rich democratic ones as well. And what's truly unique and puzzling about this situation is the degree to which people participate openly and freely – democratically – in their own ongoing exclusion.

This book sets out to understand what it is about the design and function of modern democracies that makes it possible to combine so much equality with so much inequality. It digs deeper into how we arrived at this state of 'participatory inequality,' and examines what happens when the arrangement is strained or breaks down. When looked at carefully, it is clear that today's global crisis of democracy is earned, deserved, and, if anything, long overdue.

In the end, Winters argues, if we are to stand a chance of overcoming this profoundly contradictory, unequal settlement, we must be armed with an alternative. History shows that when major societal ruptures occur, possibilities for change are far greater than during the politics of the ordinary. But history also shows that major changes cannot be formulated at the last minute. Finding this alternative – through history, philosophy, and imaginative political theory – is the ultimate aim of this book.

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**Jeffrey Winters** is a professor of political science at Northwestern University, Director of the Equality Development and Globalization Studies Program at Northwestern's Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, and past Chair of the Political Science Department. Winters book *Oligarchy* was awarded the prestigious 2012 Luebbert Prize for the best book in comparative politics. He has been invited to lecture extensively in the US, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. He is featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *New Yorker*, *ABC News*, *CBS News*, and hundreds of other television, radio, print, and online media venues spanning three decades.

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## The Invisible Doctrine: Understanding Neoliberalism

George Monbiot and Peter Hutchison

Imagine that the people of the Soviet Union had never heard of Communism. That's more or less where we are. The dominant ideology of our times, for most people, has no name.

*The Invisible Doctrine: Understanding Neoliberalism*, is a short polemic which seeks to expose and anatomize neoliberalism. The book will chart its evolution from the origins of capitalism (and its troubling reliance on slavery and exploitation of the natural world) to the ascent of Friedman, Hayek and free-market economics in the late twentieth century.

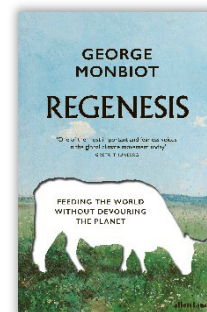
It will survey the staggering rise in inequality and the democratic crises that have followed, and reveal the 'anonymities' that protect neoliberalism from attack today.

It looks at how politics fails to protect us, instead subjecting us to an 'attack of the killer clowns', that is, rule by chaotic oligarchs. Finally, it shows that, one way or another, this system will have to come to an end: drawing on complex systems theory, the authors illuminate that we are on the verge of systemic collapse, as evidenced by 'flickering' – evidence of looming popular uprising and environmental breakdown.

*The Invisible Doctrine* will be a galvanizing, campaigning book with the reach and readability of Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny*, and the enduring impact of Guy Debord's *Society of the Spectacle*.

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**George Monbiot** is an author, *Guardian* columnist and environmental campaigner. His best-selling books include *Feral: Rewilding the Land, Sea and Human Life*, *Heat: How We Can Stop the Planet Burning* and *Regenesi: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet*. George's video 'How Wolves Change Rivers' adapted from his 2013 TED talk, has been viewed on YouTube over 40 million times. Another video, on Natural Climate Solutions, which he co-presented with Greta Thunberg, has been watched over 60 million times.



**Peter Hutchison** is a critically acclaimed filmmaker, *New York Times* bestselling author, educator and activist. In 2015, he produced & directed *Requiem for the American Dream: Noam Chomsky and the Principles of Concentration of Wealth and Power* – an exploration of wealth inequity in American (Netflix).

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## **Too Late to Awaken: What Lies Ahead When There Is No Future?** Slavoj Žižek

**The ‘most dangerous philosopher in the West’ returns with a rousing and counterintuitive analysis of our global predicament**

We hear all the time that we are moments from doomsday. Around us, crises interlock and escalate, threatening our collective survival: Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, with its rising risk of nuclear warfare, is taking place against a backdrop of warming, ecological breakdown, and widespread social and economic unrest.

Protestors and politicians repeatedly call for action, but still we continue to drift towards disaster. We need to do something. But what if the only way for us to prevent catastrophe is to assume that it has already happened—to accept that we’re already five minutes past zero hour?

*Too Late to Awaken* sees Slavoj Žižek forge a vital new space for a radical emancipatory politics that could avert our course to self-destruction. He illuminates why the liberal Left has so far failed to offer this alternative, and exposes the insidious propagandism of the fascist Right, which has appropriated and manipulated once-progressive ideas.

Pithy, urgent, gutting and witty, Žižek’s diagnosis reveals our current geopolitical nightmare in a startling new light, and shows how, in order to change our future, we must first focus on changing the past.

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**Slavoj Žižek** is a Hegelian philosopher, Lacanian psychoanalyst, and political activist. He is international director of the Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities and Eminent Scholar at Kyung-Hee University, Seoul. His previous books include *Living in the End Times*, *First as Tragedy, Then as Farce*, *Trouble in Paradise* and, most recently, *The Courage of Hopelessness*.



## The Social Lives of Faces

Fay Bound Alberti

**In this prodigiously researched, multi-layered exploration, an award-winning cultural historian argues that the face helps us understand what it means to be human**

What's in a face? Simple, a child might answer: two eyes, a nose, a mouth.

But as Fay Bound Alberti shows us, the face is not just a marker of our identity, but a social phenomenon – culturally determined, ever-changing, part-natural and part-manufactured. In this thrillingly original study, she situates the face in the long and complex story of what it means to be human.

We read value into people's faces – beautiful ones are seen as more trustworthy. Yet faces also reflect the values of our age: whereas Western teenagers in the post-war era might have modelled their faces on film stars, today social media has produced a generation with the same blocky eyebrows and pouty lips.

And faces reflect the values of our culture: a prejudiced view holds that Japanese are inscrutable, yet the Japanese place more emphasis on the eyes, as one can see in anime, whereas Americans prize a wide smile that other cultures might see as hollow. We seek out friends and partners with similar facial structures, and social groups share facial expressions. Yet now, deepfakes, robots, face transplants and facial recognition technology are complicating our ideas about identity and appearance.

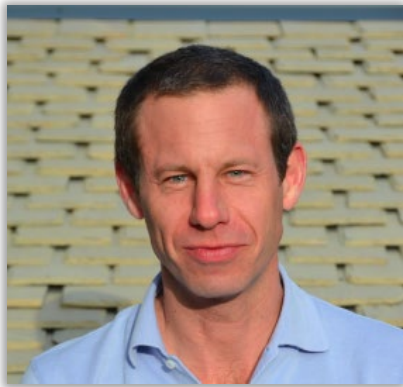
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**Dr Fay Bound Alberti** is Professor of Modern History at King's College London and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. She appears regularly on BBC and international television and radio, and has written for *The Guardian*, *TIME* magazine, *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. She is a TED speaker and a consultant on loneliness and mental health.

Fay has prosopagnosia, or face-blindness, a condition that leaves her unable at times to recognise even her own family members. In this wide-ranging book, the culmination of 20 years of original research into the body, gender and the science of emotion, she takes us on a journey through the secret and changing, but ever social, lives of the human face. *The Social Lives of Faces* will be her first major book for the trade.

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# Smart Thinking



**Opinionated:  
Why We Think What We Think**  
Turi Munthe

**We think of our opinions as rational, where in fact they are almost arbitrary – deeply embedded in our biology and psychology. Why do we disagree? Because it's the secret to our evolutionary success**

We all love to think that we have reached our opinions as a result of a rational process; our experience of the world, our extensive reading and our education. And of course that's true, to some extent. Humans are – or can be – deeply rational beings.

But reason is not the only thing. There are a vast range of external factors – from our genetic make-up, to the culture around us, our physical appearance and even the geology of the land where we live – which can make people more, or less, likely to believe certain things. Even our preferred type of peanut butter or how we eat an ice cream can, it turns out, be a surprisingly good indicator of some of our most cherished beliefs.

*Opinionated* will cover all the *illogical* reasons for why we think what we think – the irrational, physiological, social, genetic, cultural, psychological, even geographic influences that affect so much of what we believe. Above all else, this book makes the case for rational debate and conversation. When we can see opinions as a set of attitudes developed over millennia, and diversity of opinion as humanity's great asset, it allows us to look at disagreement not as an argument to win, but as an opportunity to explore. It allows us to reframe politics as the joint labour of opposing forces on the same ultimate side. It allows us to consider those with whom we disagree – be they politicians or annoying relatives – with humanity.

Humans are an extraordinary evolutionary success story. From the lessons of that success, *Opinionated* makes the case for openness, for political inclusion, and for conversation.

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**Turi Munthe** is a journalist and media entrepreneur. In the former role he has written for *The Economist*, *The Guardian*, *The Times Literary Supplement* and *The Spectator*. He has appeared on the BBC, CNN, al-Jazeera and NBC. He founded Demotix, the world's largest network of photojournalists, later sold to Bill Gates's Corbis, as well as Parlia, an encyclopedia of opinions. He is on the board of Index on Censorship and Italy's largest media company GEDI, publisher of *La Stampa*. He lives in London with his Italian wife and their two children.



## **May Contain Lies: How Statistics, Stories and Studies Exploit Our Biases – and What We Can Do About It**

Alex Edmans

**How to understand our human biases to separate fact from fiction, identify misinformation when we see it and make smarter decisions**

*May Contain Lies* will be a ground-breaking book that reveals why our human biases affect the way we receive and interpret information.

Our lives are minefields of misinformation. Statistics, stories and studies lie to us on a daily basis. Not only this but, as Professor Alex Edmans reveals, our brains lie to us too. He argues that we need to acknowledge and understand the role that our own human biases play in interpreting and digesting the information that we consume.

It's only when we do, that we can actively resist being manipulated, and make informed choices that improve our lives.

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**Alex Edmans** is Professor of Finance at London Business School. His TED talk 'What to Trust in a Post-Truth World' has been viewed 2 million times. He has also spoken at Davos and Google. In 2013, he was awarded tenure at The Wharton School and in 2021, was named MBA Professor of the Year by Poets and Quants. Edmans writes regularly for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times* and *Harvard Business Review*. His first book *Grow the Pie* (Cambridge University Press) was a *Financial Times* Book of the Year and has been published in eight languages.



## **The Infinite Alphabet: And the Laws of Knowledge**

César A. Hidalgo

**A brilliant polymath explains how information becomes knowledge**

Sooner or later we all understand that knowledge is key. Today, leaders in business, government and academia are first and foremost knowledge managers. Presidents, deans, ministers, majors and CEOs work hard to attract and nurture talent. For decades we have understood that knowledge is the ultimate factor but, despite its importance, we have until now lacked a principled way to think about it.

Through a series of fascinating examples, César Hidalgo distils three ‘Laws of Knowledge’ to show how knowledge grows over time, how it spreads across space, and how it should be valued. In doing so he explains how this everyday term will in future become a formal concept, akin to ‘energy’ or ‘light’.

Knowledge is highly specific. You cannot substitute a pianist with a brain surgeon, or a goalkeeper with a pastry chef. Like the letters of an infinite alphabet, continually growing, the study of knowledge is both difficult and fascinating. Knowledge is discrete, but comes with combinatorial richness, and is as endless as text.

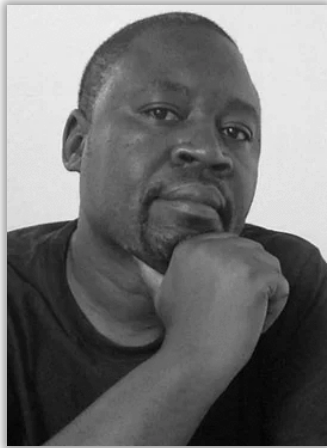
*The Infinite Alphabet* will transform our understanding of how information becomes knowledge by telling the story of the discoveries that are morphing it from a colloquial concept into the world of numbers.

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**César A. Hidalgo** is a Chilean-Spanish-American scholar known for his contributions to economic complexity, data visualisation, and applied artificial intelligence. For nine years he was a professor at MIT before moving to France where he leads the Center for Collective Learning at the University of Toulouse’s Artificial and Natural Intelligence Institute. Author of *Why Information Grows* (Allen Lane, 2015) and co-author of *The Atlas of Human Complexity* and *How Humans Judge Machines* (MIT, 2014, 2021), he was the sole recipient of the 2018 Lagrange Prize recognizing excellence and innovation in the study of complex systems, and has won three Webby awards for Data Africa, Streetchange and DataUSA. His TED Talk on augmented democracy has been viewed over two million times.

# History





## Sunset Empire

Rahmane Idrissa

### The epic history of one of Africa's great precolonial empires

For just over a century, the Songhay Empire was the western terminus of a great axis of commerce and culture joining China and India with the Mediterranean.

Its territories stretched the breadth of West Africa, its rulers controlled the supply of gold to Europe and the Middle East, and, in Timbuktu, it had one of the foremost intellectual centres of the age.

In 1592, it became the first state south of the Sahara to fall victim to a colonial expedition – not from Europe but Saadian Morocco, whose sultan hoped to emulate the Spanish conquest of the New World. Its demise signalled the decline of one axis of power in favour of another, one dominated by the empires traversing the Atlantic.

*Sunset Empire* reveals this history in full for the first time. It follows in the steps of the king who built one of the largest states in African history, charts the coup which claimed the throne for Islam and traces the struggles for succession and global developments which ultimately led to the empire's downfall.

Drawing on masses of untapped archival material, Rahmane Idrissa retrieves the voices and personalities of the primary actors, making this not only a rare portrait of African civilization before the dismal centuries of European intervention, but also a singularly engaging one.

Here, in all its drama, is the epic history of the Songhay.

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**Rahmane Idrissa** is a historian and political scientist based at Leiden University's African Studies Centre. His previous books include *The Politics of Islam in the Sahel* and *A Historical Dictionary of Niger*, where he is a national, the descendent of followers of the last Songhay Emperor. Alongside many articles published in academic journals, he has had stints writing for *The London Review of Books*, *The New York Review of Books* and *The Guardian*.



**Wreckers:  
Disaster in the Age of 'Discovery'**  
Simon Park

**A retelling of the birth of imperialism that focuses on the shipwrecks, mishaps, and the resistance of indigenous peoples**

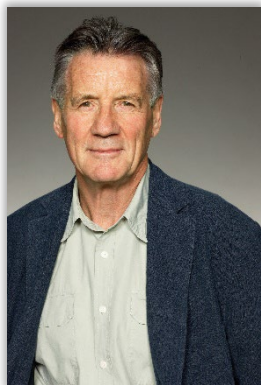
The old narrative of imperialism is that brave, swashbuckling adventurers went out and forged empires, bringing home great riches. Despite stark revisions to this one-sided view of history, the early voyages themselves remain unexplored. This is the focus of *Wreckers*, where we see a series of failures on the part of the Europeans, and we see a more active, resisting role for indigenous populations.

We don't often hear about Christopher Columbus' several shipwrecks, or that he died while trying to persuade the world that America was, in fact, China. It turns out Vasco da Gama, who first connected Europe to Asia via a direct sea route, did not know where he was going, and it was a Gujarati pilot who navigated him across the Indian Ocean to Calicut. And there's the fantastic story of Frenchwoman Marguerite de Roberval, one of the few women to sail on a colonizing expedition only to be marooned by her own brother.

*Wreckers* throws myths we have long been told about European empire-building overboard, transporting readers instead on voyages tragically cut short and introducing them to new characters whose lives illuminate dark spots of a foundational period in world history. By looking at the disasters rather than the accomplishments we get a new and exciting take on history.

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**Simon Park** is Associate Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Portuguese at the University of Oxford. He is an expert in the literature and material culture of the early modern world, particularly from Portugal and its global empire. In 2020, he was the winner of the Juan Facundo Riaño Prize for Art History awarded by the Spanish Embassy and ARTES UK. In the same year he was shortlisted for the Ideas Prize. This is his first book for a general readership.



## Great-Uncle Harry: A Tale of War and Empire

Michael Palin

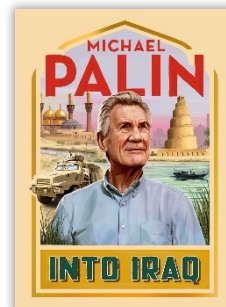
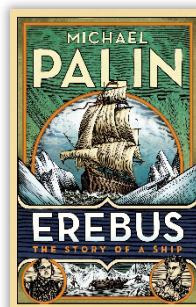
**Michael Palin recreates the extraordinary life and tragic death of a First World War soldier: his great-uncle Harry**

From the time, many years ago, when Michael Palin first heard that his grandfather had had a brother, Harry, who died in tragic circumstances, he was determined to find out more about him. He dug out every bit of family gossip and correspondence. He studied every available official document. He tracked down what remained of his great-uncle Harry's diaries and letters. He even travelled in his footsteps, from Harry's childhood home in Herefordshire to India and New Zealand and from there to the slaughtering grounds of Gallipoli and the Western Front. And as he did so, a life that had previously existed only in the shadows was revealed to him.

Now he has brought these years of painstaking research together to create an utterly compelling account of an ordinary man who led an extraordinary life. A blend of biography, history, travelogue and personal memoir, this is Michael Palin at his very finest.

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**Michael Palin** has written and starred in numerous TV programmes and films, from *Monty Python* and *Ripping Yarns* to *The Missionary* and *The Death of Stalin*. He has also made several much-acclaimed travel documentaries, his journeys taking him to both North and South Poles, the Sahara Desert, the Himalayas, Eastern Europe and Brazil. His books include travelogues, diaries and *Erebus: The Story of a Ship* (2018, sold in ten territories). From 2009 to 2012 he was president of the Royal Geographical Society. He received a BAFTA fellowship in 2013, and a knighthood in the 2019 New Year Honours list. He lives in London.



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## Endgame 1944: How Stalin Won The War

Jonathan Dimbleby

**The gripping story of Operation Bagration – the turning point in the Second World War**

June 1944: in Operation Bagration, almost two million of Stalin's Red Army, facing more than eight million German soldiers, finally avenged their defeat in Operation Barbarossa in 1941. In the following three weeks, Hitler's Army Group Centre lost 28 of its 32 divisions.

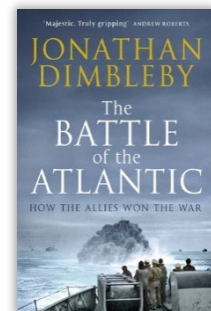
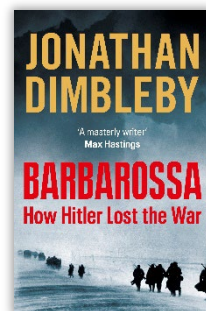
The same month saw the Allies triumph on the beaches of Normandy, but the events on the Eastern Front in 1944 were the turning point in the Second World War. Despite the myths that remain today, it was this brutal struggle from the Baltic to the Black Sea that saw the Germany army crucially defeated.

Drawing on previously untranslated sources – many from 'ordinary' soldiers on both sides – bestselling historian Jonathan Dimbleby describes and analyses this momentous year, covering the military, political and diplomatic story in his usual evocative style. He illuminates the bloody battles that raged along the 2000 kilometres-long front, while also discussing the roles played by deception, formidable Partisans, and the war within a war in Ukraine.

Dimbleby's gripping, masterly narrative shows how the Soviet victories in 1944 enabled Stalin to dictate the terms of the post-war settlement, laying the foundations for the Cold War – and how for the citizens of Eastern Europe, the victories were a cause not for celebration, but trepidation.

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**Jonathan Dimbleby's** previous books include the highly acclaimed Second World War histories *The Battle of the Atlantic* and *Barbarossa: How Hitler Lost the War*. His books have been praised by historians including Max Hastings: 'a masterly writer', Julia Boyd: 'an impressive achievement' and by *The Times*: 'superbly paced and expressed'. He has been published in 9 languages.



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## The Eastern Front

Nick Lloyd

### The definitive history of the often overlooked Eastern Front in the First World War

In the second volume of his landmark First World War history, Professor Nick Lloyd tells the story of what Winston Churchill once called the ‘unknown war’: the vast conflict in Eastern Europe and the Balkans that brought about the collapse of three empires.

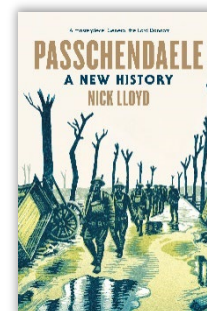
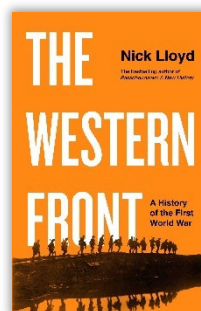
Much has been written about the fighting in France and Belgium, yet battles on the Eastern Front were no less bloody. Between 1914 and 1917, huge numbers of people – perhaps as many as 16 million soldiers and two million civilians – were killed, wounded or maimed in fighting that sometimes ranged across a front of 100 kilometres in length.

Through intimate eyewitness reports, diary entries and memoirs – many of which have never been translated into English before – Lloyd resurrects the actions of leaders from the war's origins in the Balkans as a local struggle between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, and which sucked in Russia, Germany and Italy, right through to the final collapse of the Habsburg Empire in 1918.

*The Eastern Front* paints a vivid and authoritative picture of a conflict that shook the world. And one that remains central to understanding the tragic, blood-soaked trajectory of the entire twentieth century.

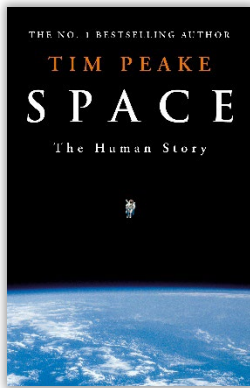
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**Nick Lloyd** is Professor of Modern Warfare at King's College London, based at the Defence Academy UK in Shrivenham, Wiltshire. He is the author of four previous books, including *Passchendaele: A New History*, which was a *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller and *The Western Front*, which sold in the US, The Netherlands and China.



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## Space: A Human History

Tim Peake

**The first human history of space travel – from the Apollo missions to our journey to Mars – by the beloved astronaut**

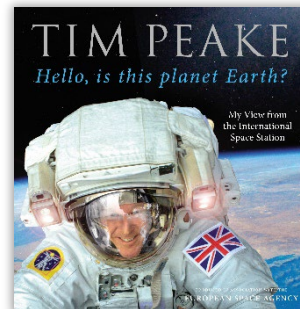
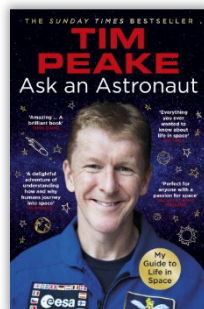
Only 650 people in human history have left Earth. 50 years after an astronaut last walked on the moon, the journey is set to begin again. What will separate these upcoming moonwalkers from the legendary Apollo crews? Does it still take a derring-do attitude, super-human fitness, intelligence, plus the 'right stuff' – a fabled grace under pressure? And how will astronauts travel even further – to Mars and beyond?

Astronaut Tim Peake takes readers on a thrilling journey through the history of human space travel – and where we are heading to next. From Yuri Gagarin to Neil Armstrong, the Shuttle crews to the teams on the ISS and at SpaceX, Peake traces the personal stories of the men and women who have forged the way.

Full of human drama and astonishing detail only an astronaut would know, this book reveals what life in space is really like: the wondrous views, the surreal weightlessness, the extraordinary danger, the surprising humdrum, the humour, the newfound perspective, the psychological pressures, the gruelling physical toll, the thrill of launch and the trepidation of re-entry. It also examines the surprising, shocking and often poignant stories of astronauts lives back on earth, which are forever changed as they readjust to terra firma, physically, emotionally, and in their family lives.

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**Tim Peake** is a European Space Agency astronaut. He finished his 186-day Principia mission working on the International Space Station for Expedition 46/47 when he landed back on Earth 18 June 2016. He is also a test pilot and served in the British Army Air Corps. Tim is a Fellow of a number of UK science, aviation and space-based organisations. His books have been published in 20 languages.



# Exposé



## We Need To Talk About Xi: Understanding the World's Most Powerful Leader

Michael Dillon

**A short, urgent book unveiling the mystery of Xi Jinping, one of the world's most powerful political leaders – how he came to power, his hold on China and why we should care**

Meet the most powerful leader in the world.

Chinese premier Xi Jinping is a man that graces our television screens and news headlines on a regular basis. But even after a decade in power, he remains shrouded in mystery.

From growing up with a father purged in Mao's Cultural Revolution and his mission to eradicate poverty, to his persecution of Uyghur Muslims and paranoia about being likened to Winnie the Pooh, Xi Jinping is a man obscured by caricatures.

In this short, essential guide, academic and writer Michael Dillon unveils the character of Xi Jinping – arguably the world's most powerful leader – to truly understand his grip on China, what he wants and how we get him wrong.

But this is not just the story of Xi; this is the story of the world's largest economic powerhouse, which dives into the crux of the issue: what does Xi's leadership of China mean for the rest of the world, and what will he do next?

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**Michael Dillon** is a historian and writer specialising in China. Currently Professor of History and Affiliate of the Lau China Institute at King's College London, he was previously the Director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at Durham University and Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Asiatic Society, has commented on contemporary Chinese affairs for international media, and has been a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books*. His recent books include *China: A Modern History*, *China in the Age of Xi Jinping*, *Zhou Enlai: the Enigma behind Chairman Mao* and *Deng Xiaoping: the Man Who Made Modern China*.





## The Coming Storm: A Journey into the Heart of the Conspiracy Machine

Gabriel Gatehouse

**A riveting deep dive into the roots of Q Anon, the rise of the extreme right in the US, a democracy in mortal peril – and the strange fascination conspiracy theories continue to hold for us all**

Is this how democracy dies?

Based on his smash hit podcast, *The Coming Storm* is Gabriel Gatehouse's brilliant exploration of the roots of Q Anon and the rise of the extreme right in the US. It is a story that reaches back decades, showing how a dark fantasy embedded itself in the American consciousness, threatening to derail its democracy – and it continues to unfold today.

Gatehouse's riveting book takes you down a rabbit hole – one that both the US as a nation and he as a journalist fell through – to unpack an epochal shift in political culture that starts in the earliest years of the Clinton administration and reaches a crescendo on 6 January 2021 with the storming of the US Capitol. But that event wasn't the wild finale of a chaotic Trump presidency many hoped for – it was only the beginning.

*The Coming Storm* gets under the skin of these conspiracy theories to show us a radical new kind of politics emerging, a movement that has coalesced around a loose alliance of white supremacists, men's rights activists, tech bros, and radically disenchanting leftists. As we approach the 2024 US presidential election, and perhaps the most perilous moment in the history of American democracy, Gatehouse's book tells us some dark truths about our present, and provides clues about our future. It marks the debut of a major new voice in political journalism.

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**Gabriel Gatehouse** is a BBC journalist and broadcaster. Over the past decade and a half he has reported from almost every conflict around the world, from Ukraine to Syria, Libya to Iraq. He has won numerous awards for his journalism, most recently the 2019 Prix Europa (for *The Puppet Master*, his five-part investigation into Vladislav Surkov, aka 'Putin's Rasputin') and the 2020 Foreign Press Association award for his coverage of the Hong Kong protests. He has reported extensively from the United States on the rise and fall of Donald Trump. His podcast, *The Coming Storm*, which launched in January 2022 to critical acclaim, was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Journalism.



## **The Umbrella Murder: The Hunt for the Cold War's Most Notorious Killer**

Ulrik Skotte

**A revealing, page-turning story of the most iconic Cold War spy killing of all time, for fans of Ben Macintyre, Henry Hemming and the novels of John Le Carré and Mick Herron**

In 1978 the Bulgarian author and dissident Georgi Markov was assassinated by a poisoned umbrella on Waterloo Bridge in London. His murder is the most iconic killing in almost five decades of the Cold War, and no one has ever been prosecuted for it.

*The Umbrella Murder* reveals the real architect and hit man behind this spectacular killing: a spy code-named Piccadilly who worked for the Bulgarian secret service and the KGB, who has been hiding for more than 40 years.

Written as a modern-day thriller, and drawing on an incredible thirty-year cache of original documents and recordings and never-before-seen archive material – some not even seen by police or secret services – this is a jaw-dropping and page-turning search for justice in the murky underworld of intelligence and across the shifting sands of spycraft.

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**Ulrik Skotte** is a Danish journalist who has been chasing the truth about the umbrella murder and the mysterious agent Piccadilly for more than 25 years. He eventually managed to track down Piccadilly and met him face to face in an apartment in Austria in 2021. A month later, Piccadilly was found dead in the same apartment. Ulrik Skotte lives in Copenhagen and owns the TV company *Doceye*, which produces documentaries for the Scandinavian and European markets.



## **Love Until Death: The Life and Crimes of Alexandre Despallières**

Chris Hutchins

**Tying into a major Netflix drama, *Love until Death* is the wildly elaborate but totally true story of the jetsetting ‘psychopathic fantasist’ who left an international trail of death and devastation behind him**

Alexandre Despallières bewitched many people with his hypnotic charm. A popstar in France during the 1980s, one of his hits was fittingly entitled ‘L’amour à mort’...

Posing as a billionaire businessman dying of cancer, Despallières seduced and married former Warner Music boss Peter Ikin in 2008. Just one month later, Ikin died of an overdose of paracetamol, and Despallières inherited his estate through a forged will.

Around the same time, he was also involved with one of the most powerful lawyers in France, Olivier Metzner. Metzner committed suicide in 2014; police believe he was being blackmailed by a ‘former long-time lover’. Other suspected victims include Despallières’ own parents and the Hollywood heiress Marcelle Becker, who formally adopted Despallières in 2005.

Despallières died of Covid in 2022, just before he was due to stand trial for Peter Ikin’s murder. In *Love until Death*, Chris Hutchins – who knew the accused personally – explores the life and suspected crimes of the darkly charismatic Alexandre Despallières.

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**Chris Hutchins** is a journalist who has written compelling investigative biographies of characters as diverse as Elvis, Princess Diana and Vladimir Putin.



## **Epic: The True Story of Pelé**

Andrew Downie

**The first complete, up-to-date biography of Pelé, widely regarded as the greatest footballer of all-time**

On 29th December 2022, at the age of 82, the world lost one of the shining lights of football: Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known affectionately as Pelé. Along with Muhammad Ali, he was the best-known sportsman of the 20th century.

The raw numbers speak for themselves: he was the only player to have won the World Cup three times; he was only 17 when he played for Brazil in the 1958 World Cup finals, scoring six goals in their last three games; he scored a record 1,200 goals throughout his career; and he helped introduce 'soccer' to the Americans. What elevates Pelé beyond these stats, however, is just how he played the sport. Pelé popularised the description of football as 'the beautiful game' and no one played it more beautifully or with such joy than the man known as the King in his native Brazil.

In *Epic*, revered Brazilian football correspondent Andrew Downie will tell the full story of Pelé through the characters that populated his life and the events that shaped his career. And through all of this emerges not only the true and complete portrait of one of the greatest players ever to grace the football pitch, but also that of his country.

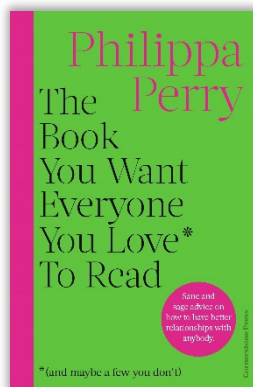
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**Andrew Downie** was a foreign correspondent in Brazil for 20 years. His sports writing has appeared in *The Sunday Times*, *GQ*, *Esquire*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times* and *The Guardian*. He is the author of *Doctor Socrates: Football, Philosopher, Legend* which has been published in Portuguese, Italian, French, Polish and Turkish. His second book, *The Greatest Show On Earth*, was shortlisted for best football book at the 2022 Sports Book of the Year awards. He lives in Madrid, but spends much of his time in Brazil.

23 July 2026 | Shyam Kumar for Viking | 400 pp

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# Wellbeing & Personal Development



## The Book You Wish Everyone You Love\* Would Read

**\* (and Maybe A Few You Don't)**

**Sane and sage advice on how to have better relationships with anybody**

Philippa Perry

**A new book of wisdom and advice for understanding yourself and others, from the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read***

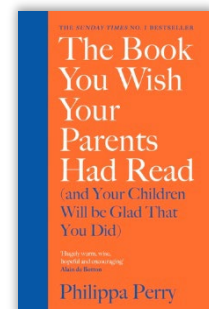
In this new book, No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling psychotherapist Philippa Perry delves into the questions and concerns with which people have come to her over the years, and gives sensible, honest and compassionate advice for how to approach life's big problems.

How can we cope when things don't go as we planned? What does it mean to be a good friend? Are other people awful or are we the problem? From building stronger relationships with the people we love to finding better ways to argue with those we don't, from getting unstuck to navigating grief and loss, Philippa Perry's wise words will guide you through the ups and downs of being alive.

This is the book you wish your partner, friends, family and colleagues would read, because we can all do with a little help and some good advice.

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**Philippa Perry** has been a psychotherapist for the past twenty years. She is an agony aunt for *The Observer Magazine*, a freelance writer and a TV and radio presenter. Her No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling book *The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read (and Your Children Will be Glad That You Did)* (2019) has been translated into over 40 languages and sold nearly two million copies worldwide. She has written two other books: *Couch Fiction* and *How to Stay Sane*. She lives in London with her husband the artist Grayson Perry, and they have a grown-up daughter, Flo.



9 November 2023 | Anna Argenio for Cornerstone Press | 320 pp  
Rights sold: Arabic (Dar Al-Saqi), Brazilian Portuguese (Companhia Das Letras), Dutch (Balans), German (Ullstein), Italian (Garzanti), Polish (Agora), Spanish (Planeta), Thai (Bookscape)



## **If I'm Going to Live to One Hundred, I Might As Well Be Happy:**

**And Other Lessons From a Life Well Lived**  
Rhee Kun Hoo

**Published for the first time in English, this comforting, insightful, and surprisingly hilarious collection of life lessons from retired Korean psychiatrist Rhee Kun Hoo was an instant bestseller in his native Korea and a recommended book by the**

**National Library of Korea**

From reflections on forgiveness and regret to perseverance, letting go of the rat race, the joys of living simply and the power of ordinary happiness, *If I'm Going to Live to One Hundred, I Might As Well Be Happy* is the bestselling collection of comforting, inspiring and surprisingly hilarious wisdom from retired Korean psychiatrist and beloved, bestselling author Rhee Kun Hoo.

Drawing on his remarkable life experiences as an esteemed psychiatrist, humanitarian, democracy activist, survivor of war, husband, father and grandfather, *If I'm Going to Live to One Hundred* offers just the kind of solace that we need in our modern age of individualism, distraction and burn out. Rhee's wisdom and insight into what constitutes a life well-lived will resonate with readers of all ages, from burnt-out millennials to reflective retirees.

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**Rhee Kun Hoo** was born in 1935, during imperial Japan's occupation of Korea. Having worked as a psychiatrist and taught at Ewha Womans University his entire career of more than 50 years, Rhee made indispensable contributions in the field of mental health care in South Korea and is considered a visionary. He was the first in the country to introduce an open-ward system and to use psychodrama as a therapy method in psychiatric facilities, and also served as the president of KNPA (Korean Neuropsychiatric Association). Since retirement, Rhee and his wife have dedicated themselves to providing the post-war Korean generations with guidance in life such as parenting, counseling, relationship advice and post-retirement life coaching. Rhee has written more than ten books in Korean to date, including his bestselling debut essay collection, *I Want to Have Fun Till the Day I Die* (Galleon, 2013), which has sold half a million copies.

16 May 2024 | Suzanne Connelly for Rider | 208 pp

Rights sold: Dutch (A W Bruna Uitgevers), German (Rowohlt), Italian (Longanesi), Spanish (Diana), Thai (Nanmee Books)



## Unearthed

Robert Sheehan

**Lessons learned from tuning into the mind by celebrated actor, author and podcaster Robert Sheehan**

From Hollywood star of *Misfits* and *The Umbrella Academy* and host of hit podcast *The Earth Locker*, Robert Sheehan, comes his heartfelt journey to inner peace.

Meditation is a whole dimension without time, a profound reminder of the eternal being of You.

Many of us often feel challenged by the question of what gives our lives true meaning. What are we searching for? How do we know we are on the right path? In *Unearthed*, Robert Sheehan shares intimate reflections on his own search for purpose, looking back at this journey so far and sharing the lessons he has learnt along the way.

Meditation is at the heart of Robert's route to awakening and here he reveals how we can welcome practice into our daily lives to nurture a quiet mind and content heart. In a world where our conscious attention is constantly up for grabs, *Unearthed* shows how we can retain our power and give our minds the rest they need.

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**Robert Sheehan** is a celebrated actor, podcaster and author. He is renowned for his breakout role in hit TV show *Misfits* and ongoing role in award-winning show *The Umbrella Academy*. As co-host of *The Earth Locker* podcast, Robert enjoys exploring the universals of the human condition and what it means to live a better life. He is the author of short story collection *Disappearing Act* and upcoming memoir *Unearthed*.





## **Weathering**

Ruth Allen

**A geologist and therapist's evocative exploration of the lessons the earth can teach us about grounding, resilience and recovery, perfect for fans of Katherine May**

Rocks and mountains have withstood aeons of life on our planet – gradually eroding, dissolving, recycling, shifting, solidifying, and weathering.

We might spend a little less time on earth, but humans are also weathering: evolving and changing as we're transformed by the shifting climates of our lives and experiences. So, what might these ancient natural forms have to teach us about resilience and change?

In a stunning exploration of our own connection to these enduring forms, outdoor psychotherapist and geologist Ruth Allen takes us on a journey through deep time and ancient landscapes, showing how geology – which has formed the bedrock of her own adult life and approach to therapy – can offer us a new way of thinking about time, grief, change and boundaries.

In a world shaken by physical, political, and medical disasters, *Weathering* argues for a deeper understanding of the ground beneath our feet to better serve ourselves and the world we live in.

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**Ruth Allen PhD** is a qualified psychotherapist, writer, and an experienced trainer and facilitator. Originally trained as a geologist, with a doctorate in Himalayan mountain-building, she now specialises in movement and nature-based practice, nature connection and relational embodiment. She is a supervisory director for 'Rooted for Girls', a unique woodland-based psycho-educational programme for teenage girls, and is influential in the UK outdoor therapy field, offering training to new practitioners and trainees as well as offering expert consultation. In her spare time, she is a keen mountain adventurer. Her first book, the illustrated title *Grounded*, was published in 2021 to critical acclaim.



## **This Book May Save Your Life**

Dr Karan Rajan

**Live better for longer with help from TikTok sensation and General Surgeon, Dr Karan Rajan**

Dr Karan is an NHS general surgeon and is a senior clinical lecturer at the University of Sunderland Medical School and formerly of Imperial College

London. His mission was to offer frank health advice videos rooted in science which combine education, entertainment, and more than a sprinkle of dark humour. His videos have amassed over 7 million followers across TikTok, Instagram and Youtube.

*This Book May Save Your Life* is a myth-busting survival guide to the human body. Though the odds are stacked against us, the human body has an extraordinary ability to adapt and survive. In his book, Dr Karan Rajan explains the weird and wonderful bodily functions that keep us going, and offers practical advice to help you thrive.

Full of everyday health hacks to worry less and live better, *This Book May Save Your Life* will teach you the art of sleeping better; what your fingernails can reveal about your health; how good thoughts can help you to manage pain; and the secrets behind the best trip to the toilet you'll ever have.

So take ownership of your day-to-day health! With his practical advice to help you thrive, Karan Rajan may well actually save your life.

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**Dr Karan Rajan** is an NHS surgeon and one of the biggest health and science creators on social media. Since 2020 he has amassed more than 6.5 million followers across Tiktok, YouTube, Instagram and Facebook with his refreshingly frank medical myth-busting and advice videos. He has featured on BBC television and national radio, with coverage in *The Guardian*, *Independent*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *The Sun* and *The Daily Mail*. A former weekly health columnist for Mail+, Dr Rajan was also a contributing presenter on BBC Two's six-part series *Your Body Uncovered*. Dr Rajan has worked closely with the UN, the WHO & the British Red Cross in an ambassadorial capacity. This is his first book.



## **The Vagus Nerve Reset: Train your body to overcome stress, trauma and anxiety**

Anna Ferguson

**A practical guide to somatic therapy, self-healing and reconnection, from the popular Instagram therapist**

Do you feel like a stranger in your own body, have a gnawing discomfort that sits deep in your stomach, or seem to be living your life in a repetitive loop on autopilot?

These are all modern manifestations of a nervous system in distress. Without support, resources and guidance, we are never given the tools to nurture our nervous systems, emotionally regulate and find our true sense of safety, so we find ourselves in a constant state of reactivity and exhaustion.

*The Vagus Nerve Reset* provides guidance for navigating the trickiest challenges and experiences that life throws at you. Armed with the full arsenal to rebuild and reclaim your connection to yourself, you will learn to integrate mind and body through the complex and beautiful network of your autonomic nervous system.

Driven by the latest science on the vagus nerve, mind-body techniques, and established research, you will gain an in-depth and comprehensive resource that gifts you the tools necessary to find anchors of safety amongst the chaos, reclaim your sense of control, release past experiences and step into a new paradigm in which you are welcomed wholly as you.

Whether you feel as though you are in the dark recesses of your mind, or just deepening your understanding of self, you will arm yourself with the regulating resources to combat stress and anxiety. *The Vagus Nerve Reset* is a hands-on guide that will enable you to step into the most confident, resilient and grounded version of you. You will come away feeling energised, anchored and emotionally connected in the face of stress and anxiety.

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**Anna Ferguson** is a leading Australian mental health expert and anxiety therapist. She has built an engaged community of 244k followers on Instagram, sharing practical, holistic mind-body tools and breaking down barriers and stigma around mental health. Through her work as a counsellor, speaker and author, she provides valuable resources for those who struggle with anxiety, and is striving to change the conversation around mental health.



## Your Ritual Year

Emma-Lucy Knowles

***Lunar Living* meets *Rituals for Every Day* meets *Almanac* from bestselling author Emma-Lucy Knowles**

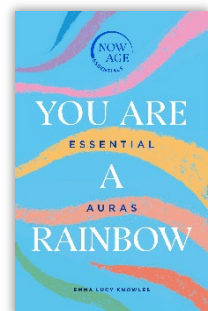
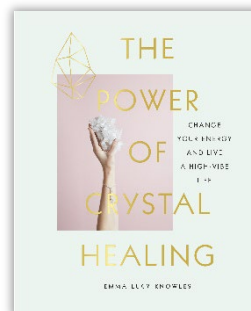
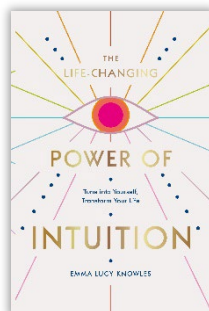
With our lives increasingly lived in a digital space, more and more of us are turning inwards to find deeper and more meaningful connections with ourselves and the space around us. For many of us, our daily rituals are what keep us grounded and give us a moment to breathe and consider what is truly important.

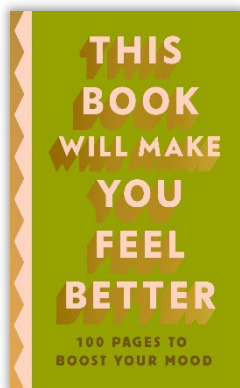
We have become disconnected from the seasons and how our needs and desires change as the year progresses. By tapping into the wheel of the year, by taking note of the moon's cycles, by observing rituals which change and evolve as the calendar year turns we can find deeper connection, build confidence and harness our personal power.

Starting in the New Year and organised by season, readers will be encouraged to start the book at their birthday – as everyone's new year starts energetically on their birthday – which creates a customisable and personal approach that readers crave. *Your Ritual Year* also taps into key trends in the new age space – moon cycles, manifesting, intention setting and ritual self-care.

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**Emma-Lucy Knowles** is an intuitive hands on healer, clairvoyant and meditation teacher. She has worked with crystals and energy for over 15 years, helping people and souls from all over the world heal their pain, find joy and achieve success. She's also the go-to crystal expert for lifestyle magazines, and has been featured in *Cosmopolitan*, *Grazia*, *Harpers Bazaar*, *Women's Health* and *Elle*. She is the author of *The Life Changing Power of Intuition*, *The Power of Crystal Healing*, *You Are a Rainbow*.





## **This Book Will Make You Feel Better: 100 Pages to Boost Your Mood**

**A fun-filled feel-good book with 100 simple ways to uplift and entertain readers in an instant**

A pocketful of sunshine for those moments when life just feels like too much, this book is bursting with happiness hacks including recipes, good-news stories, crafting ideas, quotes and mindfulness exercises that anyone can do at home and on a budget in no time at all.

These fun, illustrated pages include:

- Journaling and doodling inspiration to relieve stress
- Self-care tips
- Feel-good news stories from around the world
- Five minute ways to tidy up your life
- The ultimate gooey mug cake recipe for a well-deserved treat

Whether you're looking for a bit of inspiration, to boost your energy, to work that grey matter, and a bit of calm, or just simply a bit of distraction from the real world, this book will act like your very own cheerleader, a safe space and source of creativity to turn to whenever you need it most.

# Gift & Humour



## **What Would Wednesday Do?: Embrace your dark side and thrive with the wisdom of Wednesday Addams**

***'Don't let the normies get you down'***

Wednesday's withering stare, unflinching drive and macabre interests mark her as a true symbol of rebellion. Much like the rest of her iconic family, she celebrates what makes her different and she is *always* the master of her destiny.

*What Would Wednesday Do?* will show you how to step into your own villain era and thrive in every area of your life by adopting Wednesday's simple philosophy for family, friends, home, fashion, creativity, music, work and love.

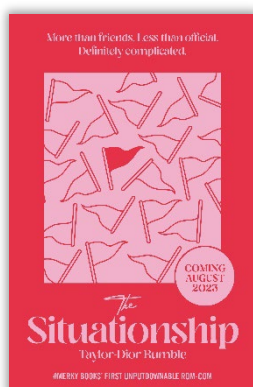
Learn how to live your life the Wednesday way with quotes, illustrations and simple tips: set boundaries, say goodbye to draining relationships, embrace the things that excite you and live your life for you.

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## The Situationship

### Taylor-Dior Rumble

**A Situationship: More than friends. Less than official. Definitely complicated.**

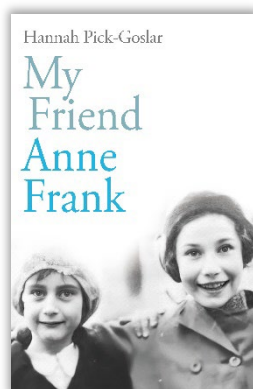
When the love of her life shows up with a girlfriend, Tia decides it's time to put herself out there. Her expectations of dating apps are low, so it's a surprise when she instantly connects with handsome photographer Nate. He's everything she's looking for; he makes her feel safe, seen, and desired. Tia assumes they're on the same page – the only catch? They're yet to have The Talk.

In a generation that's normalised competing over who cares the least, can Tia overcome her fears and lay her cards on the table, in the pursuit of something real?

'I loved it! Essential summer reading' Ore Agbaje-Williams, author of *The Three of Us*

**Taylor-Dior Rumble** is a writer, born and raised in South East London. She started her journalism career at BBC News at the age of 18 and has since gone on to produce and cover stories ranging from the politics of Black hair to colourism in Hollywood. This is her first novel.

17 August 2023 | Tallulah Lyons for Merky Books | 288 pp



## My Friend, Anne Frank

### Hannah Pick-Goslar

**Bergen-Belsen survivor Hannah Pick-Goslar shares powerful words on the final untold portrait of her childhood friend, Anne Frank**

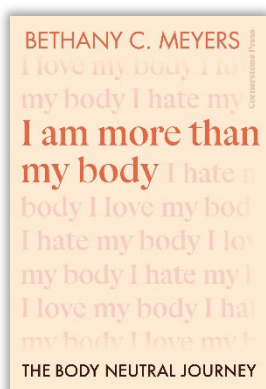
When Hannah's family flee from the Nazis to Amsterdam, she soon strikes up a friendship with a girl just like her freshly arrived from Germany. Precocious and outspoken, the girl's name is Anne Frank and for seven blissful years the inseparable pair navigate school, boys and coming of age. Then one day in 1942, as the Nazi occupation intensifies, they are separated without warning. In this incredible memoir of hope, strength and defiance,

Hannah shares the intimate, loving portrait of her friendship with the young diarist who would go on to capture the hearts of millions around the world.

**Hannah Pick-Goslar** was born in Berlin 1928. In June 1943, Hannah and her family were arrested and sent to Westerbork transit camp, and then to Bergen-Belsen. Hannah survived 14 months until the camp was liberated. She emigrated to British Mandate Palestine shortly before it became Israel, and trained as a nurse. Once retired, Hannah enjoyed the company of her 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. She died in October 2022 at the age of 93.

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## **I Am More Than My Body: The Body Neutral Journey**

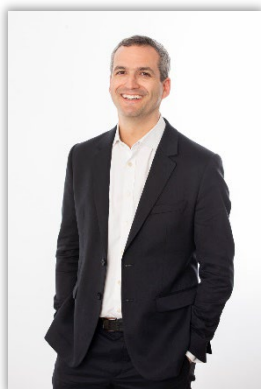
Bethany C. Meyers

### **What does it really feel like when you respect your body?**

For many of us, a neutral approach to our physical self, based on compassion and acceptance, requires a revolutionary shift in how we think about ourselves. *I Am More Than My Body* will help you strengthen your relationship with yourself and find balance, steering you away from shame without the pressure of having to love your body at all times. It will introduce a framework to help you practice neutral movement, recognise and arm yourself against bias, act with self-compassion, and navigate your feelings on this journey.

**Bethany C. Meyers** (she/they) is the founder and CEO of the be.come project. She is a long-time practitioner of the body-neutral approach and founded the be.come project in July 2018, with the intention of sharing the powerful message of body neutrality with the world.

29 June 2023 | Anna Argenio for Cornerstone Press | 240 pp  
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## **Dark Matter: The New Science of the Microbiome**

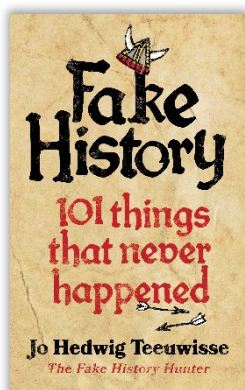
James Kinross

### **An urgent investigation into a brave new world in science – the microbiome – and how it could save our health**

The microbiome is the missing link in modern medicine, a vast genetic universe of 'dark matter' – bacteria, yeasts, viruses and parasites – that lives inside us. It conducts the orchestra of our immune system, adapts with us as we age and influences how we think and feel, our sex lives and even how fast we run. Scientist and surgeon James Kinross explains how the organisms that live within us have helped us evolve, shaped our biology and defined the success of our species. But just as we have discovered this delicate and complex ecosystem within us, it is being irrevocably destroyed. This pioneering book is both a guide to hacking the microbiome for a healthier life and a call to protect this most vulnerable human ecosystem of all.

**James Kinross** is a Senior Lecturer in Colorectal Surgery and a Consultant Surgeon at Imperial College London.

12 October 2023 | Jamie Birkett for Penguin Life | 352 pp  
Rights sold: Chinese Simplified (China Translation and Publishing Corporation), Dutch (Nieuwezijds), Spanish (Paidós)



## **Fake History: 101 Things that Never Happened**

Jo Teeuwisse

**A funny, revealing, myth-busting guide to all the history you thought happened but never actually did**

Did Hugo Boss design the Nazi uniforms? Did Vikings have horns on their helmets? Did Napoleon shoot the nose off the Sphinx?

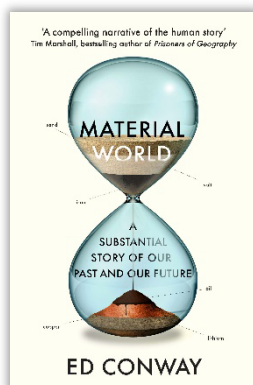
*\*Spoiler Alert\** The answer to all those questions is no.

Jo Teeuwisse, also known as The Fake History Hunter, is on a one-woman mission to hunt down fake history and reclaim the truth. From the famous quote 'Let them eat cake' mistakenly attributed to Marie Antoinette to the apocryphal horns that adorned Viking helmets – fake history continues to shape the story we tell about who we are and how we got here.

**Jo Hedwig Teeuwisse** is a historical expert, widely recognised for her work on social media debunking historical 'facts'. For over 20 years, Jo has studied, taught and researched history and is an expert in daily life in Medieval Europe and Crime history. She has worked as a historical consultant teaching in museums, and carrying out research for films and documentaries.

12 October 2023 | Jamie Joseph for WH Allen | 352 pp

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## **Material World:**

### **A Substantial Story of Our Past and Future**

Ed Conway

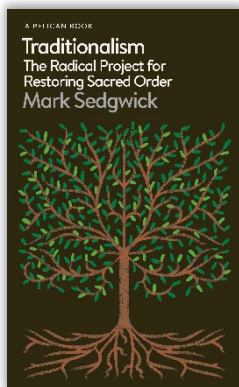
**'A compelling narrative of the human story'** Tim Marshall, author of *Prisoners of Geography*

Sand, iron, salt, oil, copper and lithium. The struggle for these tiny, magical materials has razed empires, demolished civilizations, fed our greed and our ingenuity for thousands of years. But the story is not over. We dug more stuff out of the earth in 2017 than in all of human history before 1950. And it's getting worse. To make one bar of gold, we now have to dig 5,000 tons of earth. For every tonne of fossil fuels, we extract six tonnes of other materials. Even as we pare back our consumption of fossil fuels we have redoubled our consumption of everything else. Why? Because these ingredients build everything. Our modern world would not exist without them, and the hidden battle to control them will shape our future.

**Ed Conway** is Economics and Data Editor of Sky News. He writes for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* and has won numerous awards for his television and newspaper journalism. Ed studied at Oxford and Harvard University, where he was a Fulbright and a Shorenstein Scholar.

15 June 2023 | Jamie Joseph for WH Allen | 448 pp

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## **Traditionalism: The Radical Project for Restoring Sacred Order**

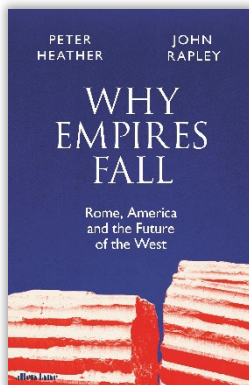
Mark Sedgwick

**The definitive guide to Traditionalism: the world's least-known major philosophy**

Traditionalism is founded on ancient teachings that, its followers argue, have been handed down from time immemorial, forming a basis of the sacred order that must be defended from modernity and the disorder it brings. It has been used to encourage respect for the environment, compose great music and reduce hostility between followers of different religions. But Traditionalism has also been used to support darker causes: from the election of Donald Trump to fascist movements and even terrorism. How has Traditionalism been so influential for so long, yet so little acknowledged and understood? In this book, Traditionalism's history, ideas and profound impact are laid out, shining a light onto this shadowy world. Once you understand Traditionalism, you will see its influence everywhere.

**Mark Sedgwick** trained as a historian at Oxford University and is now Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies at Aarhus University, Denmark.

1 June 2023 | Maria Bedford for Pelican | 416 pp  
Rights sold: US (Oxford University Press)



## **Why Empires Fall: Rome, America and the Future of the West**

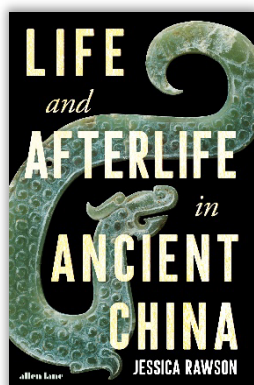
John Rapley and Peter Heather

**Why did Rome fall – and what can it teach us about the decline of the West today? A historian and a political economist investigate**

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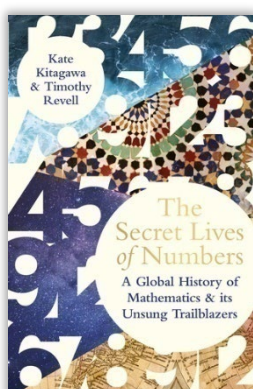
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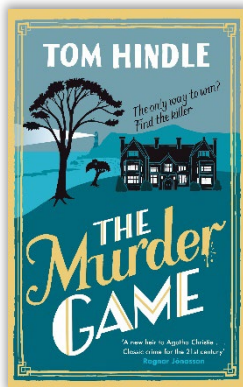
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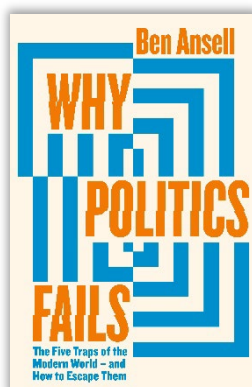
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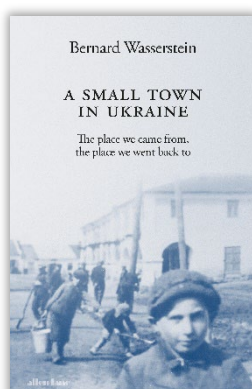
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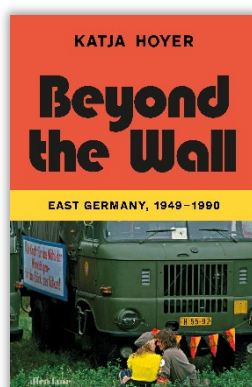
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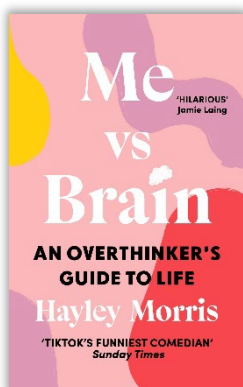
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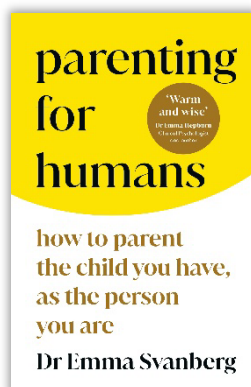
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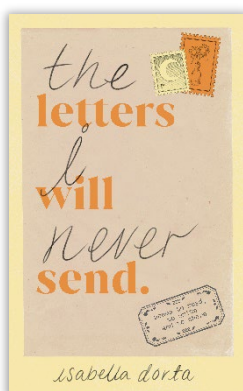
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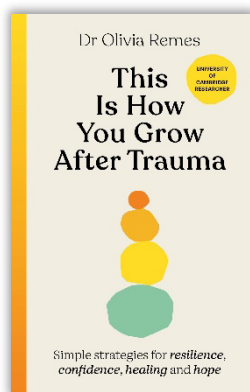
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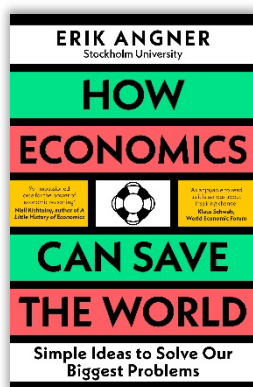
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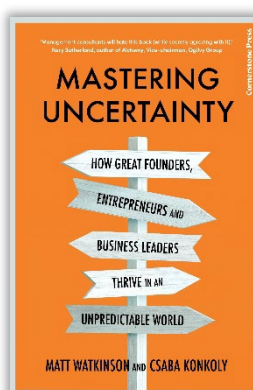
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