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## NEW HIGHLIGHTS

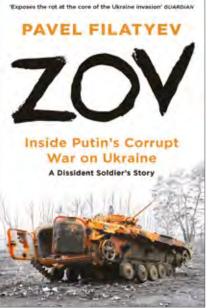
## ZOV

Inside Putin's Corrupt War on Ukraine -A Dissident Soldier's Story

#### **Pavel Filatyev**

Translated by Anna Aslanyan

The shocking story of the war in Ukraine, told from behind Russian lines



'A bombshell ... there has been no more detailed, voluntary account from a Russian soldier participating in the invasion of Ukraine' *Guardian* 

Pavel Filatyev was part of the Russian force that invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Witnessing the chaotic invasion first-hand, he grew sickened at his role in an illegal war. After being evacuated from the battlefield, he posted a shocking exposé of his experiences on social media; when it went viral, he was forced to flee Russia.

A day-by-day account of how the Russian army blundered its way into Ukraine and met heavy resistance, ZOV - named for the pro-war call signs daubed on Russian tanks - is a testimony to the horrific destruction of war, and a damning indictment of the corruption that controls the Russian people.

## Beryl

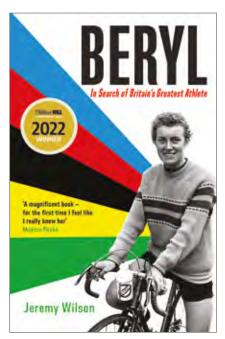
In Search of Britain's Greatest Athlete

#### Jeremy Wilson

Winner of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award 2022 The remarkable life of champion Beryl Burton, one of the greatest cyclists of all time

Cyclist Beryl Burton dominated her sport as much as her male contemporary Eddy Merckx, with a longevity that surpasses sporting legends like Muhammad Ali and Serena Williams. Practically invincible in time trials, Burton - also known as BB - finished as Best All-Rounder for twenty-five years and broke the record for the twelve-hour endurance race, an achievement unrivalled to this day. She won multiple world titles, but her accomplishments were limited by discrimination from the cycling authorities. Yet she carried on winning, beating men and - infamously competing against her own daughter, while working full time on a Yorkshire farm and running a household.

With previously unseen material and through extensive interviews with family, friends, rivals and fellow sporting giants, Jeremy Wilson peels back the layers to reveal one of the most overlooked yet compelling characters in cycling history.



#### July 2023

Current Affairs/Politics Demy hardback 208pp £16.99 ISBN 978 1 80081 731 9 eISBN 978 1 80081 733 3 Audio 978 1 80081 734 0 UK Com ex Can



**Pavel Filatyev** was born in 1988 in Russia. He wrote *ZOV* after he was evacuated from the front line of the Ukrainian conflict, and is now seeking asylum in France. His earnings from the book will go to Ukrainian causes.

Anna Aslanyan is a journalist, literary translator and interpreter. Originally from Moscow, she now lives in London.

Jeremy Wilson is the Chief Sports Reporter for the *Daily Telegraph*. He was voted investigative sports reporter and national journalist of the year for his work on football and dementia. His sports writing was again highly commended in 2021 at both the British Press Awards and the British Journalism Awards. A lifelong club cyclist, he worked previously as a sports journalist for the *Guardian*.

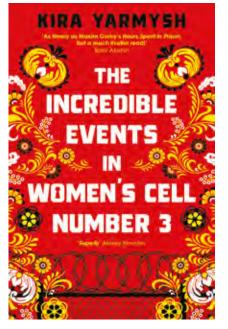


April 2023 Biography/Sport B format paperback 352pp £9.99 ISBN 978 178816 293 7 eISBN 978 178283 574 5 World

## The Incredible Events in Women's Cell Number 3 Kira Yarmysh

Translated by Arch Tait

A powerful prison story that renews a grand Russian tradition of fabulist existential uncertainty



When Anya is arrested at a Moscow anti-corruption rally under false pretences, she is held at a special detention centre. Her cellmates are five other ordinary women arrested on petty charges.

Ten listless days stretch before Anya and, as she appeals her sentence and recalls her progress from apolitical youth to informed citizen, she is troubled by strange, dreamlike visions, and wonders if her cellmates might somehow not be as ordinary as they seem.

A brilliant exploration of what it means to be marginalised both as an independent woman and, in particular, in an increasingly intolerant Russia, *The Incredible Events in Women's Cell Number 3* introduces one of the most urgent and gripping new voices in international literature.

## PROFILE BOOKS

#### June 2023

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Kira Yarmysh has been Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny's press secretary since 2014. In connection with her work for Navalny she has been arrested several times and spent fifty days in prison, and is currently living abroad in exile. This is her debut novel.

Arch Tait has translated over forty books from the leading Russian writers of today. He was awarded the inaugural PEN Literature in Translation Prize in 2010 and received an English PEN Award in 2016. He lives in Cambridge.

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## All That She Carried

The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake

### Tiya Miles

National Book Award winner, New York Times bestseller and 2022 Winner of the Cundill History Prize



In 1850s South Carolina, an enslaved woman named Rose faced a crisis: the imminent sale of her daughter Ashley. Thinking quickly, she packed a cotton bag for her with a few items, and, soon after, the nine-year-old girl was separated from her mother and sold. Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter Ruth embroidered this family history on the sack in spare, haunting language.

Historian Tiya Miles carefully traces these women's faint presence in archival records, and, where archives fall short, she turns to objects, art and the environment to write a singular history of the experience of slavery, and the uncertain freedom afterwards, in the United States. *All That She Carried* is a poignant story of resilience and love passed down against steep odds. It honours the creativity and resourcefulness of people who preserved family ties when official systems refused to do so, and it serves as a visionary illustration of how to reconstruct and recount their stories today.

## How to Make a Killing

Blood, Death, and Dollars in American Medicine

#### **Tom Mueller**

An exposé of how life-saving medicine has become a for-profit enterprise that endangers the people it is meant to save

Six decades ago, researchers achieved the impossible: developing a treatment that transformed kidney failure from a death sentence to a manageable condition. Yet, in the hands of a predatory medical industry, this triumph led to skyrocketing costs and worsening care.

A gripping account of privatised healthcare gone wrong, *How to Make a Killing* recounts how the optimism of the 1950s and 1960s - when transplants and dialysis machines offered hope - gave way to anguished debates about the ethics of rationing and profiting from life-saving care, and how Big Dialysis proliferated at the expense of its patients.

A triumph of investigative research, Tom Mueller's book features an unforgettable cast of characters: CEOs who dress as musketeers to exhort more aggressive profit-seeking, nephrologist insiders who reveal the substandard care this causes, and heroic patients who risk their lives to reveal the truth.

## TOM MUELLER HOW TO MAKE A KILLIA BLOOD, DEATH, AND DOLLARS IN AMERICAN MEDICINE



July History/Social History Royal hardback 416pp £25 ISBN 978 1 80081 820 0 eISBN978 1 80081 822 4 UK Com ex Can Tiya Miles is professor of history and Radcliffe Alumnae Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and director of the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University. She is a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation fellowship and the Hiett Prize in the Humanities, and has twice won Yale's Frederick Douglass Book Prize, among other honours. Tom Mueller is a New York Times-bestselling author whose previous books include Crisis of Conscience: Whistleblowing in an Age of Fraud and Extra Virginity: The Sublime and Scandalous World of Olive Oil. His writing has appeared in the New Yorker, The New York Times Magazine and the Atlantic, among others, and is anthologised in The Best American Science and Nature Writing. He divides his time between the Pacific Northwest and Italy.



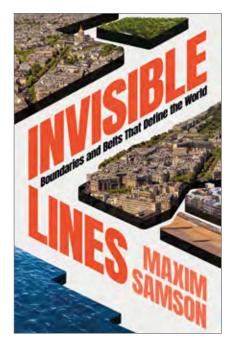
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## **Invisible Lines**

Boundaries and Belts That Define the World

#### **Maxim Samson**

A geographer's exploration of the world's unseen boundaries - the divisions we make, find or feel



Our world has innumerable boundaries, ranging from the obvious - like an ocean - to subtle differences in language or climate. Most of us cross invisible lines all the time, but don't stop to consider them.

In *Invisible Lines*, geographer Maxim Samson presents thirty such unseen boundaries, intriguing and unexpected examples of the myriad ways in which we collectively engage with and experience the world. From football hooligans in Buenos Aires to air quality in China, Paris's *banlieues* to Sub-Saharan Africa's malaria belt, the existence - or perceived existence - of dividing lines has manifold implications for people, wildlife and places.

Fully illustrated with maps of each location, *Invisible Lines* reveals the extraordinary ways in which we try to render the planet more liveable and legible, making it a compelling guide to seeing and understanding our world in all its consistency - and all its messiness, too.

## How to Be a Renaissance

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## Woman

Women, Power and the Birth of the Beauty Myth

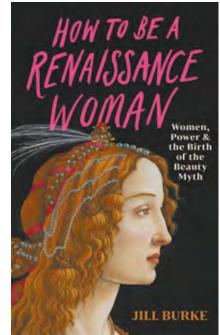
#### Jill Burke

Beauty and power: an alternative history of the Renaissance told by the women beyond the paintings

Make-up, misogyny and the first feminists: can the pressures women feel to 'look good' be traced to the sixteenth century?

As the Renaissance visual world became populated by female nudes by the likes of Michelangelo and Titian, a vibrant literary scene of beauty tips emerged – fuelling debates about cosmetics and adornment, with answers for worries about everything from podgy upper arms, smelly armpits, droopy breasts, stretch marks and bad breath.

Telling the stories of courtesans, artists, actors and writers rebelling against the strictures of their time, when burgeoning colonialism gave rise to increasingly sinister evaluations of bodies and skin colour, this book puts beauty culture into the frame. It will make you question your ideas about your own body, and ask: Why are women often so critical of their appearance? What do we stand to lose, but also to gain, from beauty culture? What is the relationship between looks and power?



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Maxim Samson is a professor at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, specialising in geographies of religion, globalisation, multiculturalism and urbanisation. In his spare time, Maxim enjoys long-distance running, plant-based cooking, home-brewing, reading maps, maintaining his 2,700+ day Duolingo streak and gradually adding to his kaleidoscopic flag collection. *Invisible Lines* is his first book. Professor Jill Burke is a historian of the body and its visual representation, focusing on Italy and Europe 1400-1700. She is the principal investigator of a Royal Societyfunded project, 'Renaissance Goo', at the University of Edinburgh, working with a soft-matter scientist to remake Renaissance cosmetic and skincare recipes.



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## The Beauty of the Hebrew

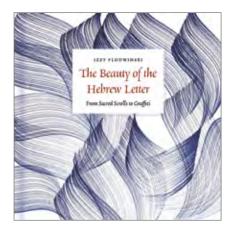
## Letter



From Sacred Scrolls to Graffiti

## Izzy Pludwinski

An expansive history and exploration of the art of Hebrew calligraphy



Calligrapher and scribe Izzy Pludwinski is in love with letters, and this love shines through in this groundbreaking book - a beautifully illustrated exploration of the art of calligraphy in Hebrew, from the Sacred Scrolls to modern Hebrew graffiti. Here you will find examples of writing and design from Biblical times to the present day that showcase the art of lettering as well as the beauty inherent in the forms themselves.

Individual chapters look at historical manuscripts and their influence, traditional calligraphy and lettering, aleph-bets and individual letters, abstract and decorative calligraphy, the use of Hebrew calligraphy in fine art and street art - with a final section on scripts from sacred objects.

With more than 200 illustrations that span the history of the Hebrew aleph-bet over three millennia, this book will engage, delight and surprise.

## Why Listen to, Work with and Follow You?

The 3 Qs of True Leaders

#### Larry Robertson

How to be a better leader and a better you

People around the world crave more meaning, greater engagement and better leadership in every aspect of their lives. And those who aspire to lead are searching for straightforward and practical solutions to deliver this in their own unique way. This book provides the answers.

Through a series of thirty short narratives or scenarios, Larry Robertson shows how current or aspiring senior executives can draw on their own personal strengths to formulate their leadership style. The scenarios are based on the book's three key themes of Authenticity, Empathy and Intent. The narratives cover the fundamental aspects of leadership and are adaptable to any walk of life. Following on from each narrative, bullet points help the reader recap on each story and give them a 21-to-90-day challenge, which provides advice on changing behaviour towards the habits for success.



#### August Art/History

Art/History 254 x 254 mm hardback 240pp £35 ISBN 978 1 80081 777 7 UK Com ex Can Born in Brooklyn and now living in Israel, **Izzy Pludwinski** has worked as a professional calligrapher for over forty years, teaching the subject in both England and Israel and holding one-man shows of his work in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, London and Tokyo. He has worked on a number of prestigious calligraphic projects, including work for the US and Israeli governments, and is the designer of numerous Hebrew fonts. Larry Robertson founded Australian leadership and communication consultancy Robertson Burns in 1993. A Brit who settled in Australia after an early career as an Army officer and in advertising, he has worked with executives from some of the world's largest organisations, including Boston Consulting, Fujitsu, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, PwC, AstraZeneca, BHP and Qantas.

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PROFILE

## Fear

An Alternative History of the World

#### **Robert Peckham**

A ground-breaking examination of the societal impact of fear that provides a thrilling insight on world history



Fear, and the panic it produces, is perhaps *the* major driving force of world history: fear of God, famine, war, disease and other people. Beginning with the Black Death and examining the French Revolution, Cold War paranoia and recent pandemics, Robert Peckham traces a new world history, considering the impact of fear as both a tool of power and a catalyst for change.

What did fear mean to us in the past, and how can a better understanding of its power equip us to face the future? As Peckham demonstrates, fear can challenge as well as cement authority; some crises have destroyed societies, others have made them anew. This ground-breaking new history reveals how fear made us who we are.

## **Emperor of Rome**

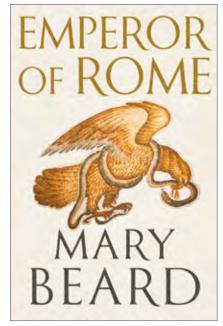
#### **Mary Beard**

A sweeping account of the social and political world of the Roman emperors by 'the world's most famous classicist' (Guardian)

In her international bestseller *SPQR*, Mary Beard told the thousand-year story of ancient Rome. Now, she shines her spotlight on the emperors who ruled the Roman empire, from Julius Caesar (assassinated 44 BCE) to Alexander Severus (assassinated 235 CE).

*Emperor of Rome* is not your usual chronological account of Roman rulers, one after another: the mad Caligula, the monster Nero, the philosopher Marcus Aurelius. Beard asks bigger questions: What power did emperors actually have? Was the Roman palace really so bloodstained?

*Emperor of Rome* goes directly to the heart of Roman (and our own) fantasies about what it was *to be Roman*, offering an account of Roman history as it has never been presented before.



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**Robert Peckham** is a cultural historian and the founder of Open Cube, an organisation promoting the integration of the arts and science for health. He was previously Professor of History and Professor in Humanities and Medicine at the University of Hong Kong. He has written for the *Guardian, New Statesman* and *Prospect*. Mary Beard is Professor Emerita of Classics at Cambridge, and the classics editor of the *TLS*. She has worldwide academic acclaim. Her previous books include the bestselling, Wolfson Prize-winning *Pompeii*, *Confronting the Classics, SPQR* and, most recently, *Women & Power* and *Twelve Caesars*. She has made numerous television series and her books have been published in over thirty languages.



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## **The Handover**

How We Gave Control of Our Lives to Corporations, States and Als

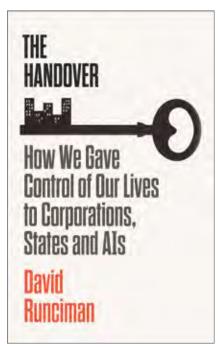
#### **David Runciman**

Does it matter if we are ceding power to AI - especially if we have been there before?

'The Singularity' is what Silicon Valley calls the idea that, eventually, we will be overrun by machines that are able to take decisions and act for themselves. What no one says is that it happened before.

A few hundred years ago, humans started building the robots that now rule our world. They are called states and corporations: immensely powerful artificial entities, with capacities that go far beyond what any individual can do, and which, unlike us, need never die.

They have made us richer, safer and healthier than would have seemed possible even a few generations ago - and they may yet destroy us. *The Handover* distils over three hundred years of thinking about how to live with artificial agency.



David Runciman is Professor of Politics at Cambridge University and the former Head of the Department of Politics and International Studies. His previous books for Profile include *Confronting Leviathan*, *Where Power Stops* and *How Democracy Ends*. He writes regularly about politics for the *London Review of Books* and hosted the widely acclaimed weekly podcast *Talking Politics*.



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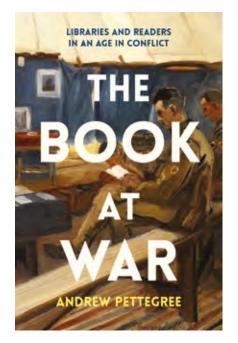
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## The Book at War

Libraries and Readers in an Age of Conflict

#### **Andrew Pettegree**

Propaganda, pulp fiction, spies and censorship: the fascinating and action-packed story of books in wartime



Chairman Mao was a librarian. Stalin was a published poet. Evelyn Waugh served as a commando - before taking leave to write *Brideshead Revisited*. Since the advent of modern warfare, books have all too often found themselves on the front line.

In *The Book at War*, acclaimed historian Andrew Pettegree traces the surprising ways in which written culture - from travel guides and scientific papers to Biggles and Anne Frank - has shaped, and been shaped by, the vast conflicts of the modern age.

From the American Civil War to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, books, authors and readers have gone to war - and in the process become both deadly weapons and our most persuasive arguments for peace.

## How the Tricolor Got Its Stripes

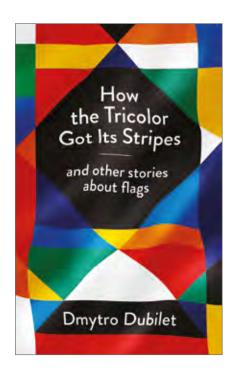
And Other Stories About Flags

#### **Dmytro Dubilet**

An entertaining and anecdotal illustrated history of flags

Starting with flags that we know, this captivating history of flags explains their origins and hidden meanings, taking a chatty but always entertaining path through this universal subject.

Each chapter starts with a well-known flag - such as the French tricolor, where the white in the centre (the monarchy) is kept in check by the red and blue of the Parisian flag representing the people - and shows how that flag led, for example, to the red, white and green tricolor of Italy - thought in turn to represent the red of struggle, the white of the Alps and the green of Italy's lush vegetation. And then to a host of other tricolors in different parts of the world. Many of the over 200 colour illustrations feature alternative versions of existing flags - the flags that might have been - such as the red Canadian maple leaf between two bands of blue, representing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.



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Andrew Pettegree is Professor of Modern History at the University of St Andrews. He is the author of *The Library: A Fragile History*, the prize-winning *Book in the Renaissance* and *The Invention of News*. He is a former vice president of the Royal Historical Society and founding director of the Universal Short Title Catalogue. Dmytro Dubilet is a businessman and politician. Born and raised in Dnipro, Ukraine, he studied at the University of Kyiv and London Business School. In 2017 he co-founded the IT company Fintech Band which then launched the mobile-only Monobank. In 2019 he was appointed Minister of the Cabinet Ministers in the Ukrainian cabinet. He wrote the original Ukrainian edition of *Flags* during lockdown.



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PROFILE

## **Disobedient Bodies**

A Manifesto for Unruly Beauty

#### Emma Dabiri

An incisive short from the bestselling author of Don't Touch My Hair, for readers who loved Misfits by Michaela Coel and Women & Power by Mary Beard



Body hair. 'Fat' thighs. Something's always 'too big', another thing 'too small'. What part of your beautiful self were you taught to hate?

We spend a lot of time hiding our 'defects', according to society's ideals of beauty. Ideals that are often tyrannical, commercially entangled, homogenising and imposed upon us by oppressive systems that are further strengthened by our conditioned self-loathing.

This book will explore how to unpack, process, rebel and subvert - offering alternative ways of 'seeing' beauty, drawing on other cultures, worldviews, times and places, and looking beyond the capitalist model - to find the inherent joy in our disobedient bodies.

Accompanies a major exhibition at Wellcome Collection in autumn 2023.

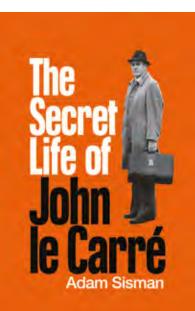
## The Secret Life of John le Carré

#### Adam Sisman

The extraordinary secret life of a great novelist, told by his biographer

Secrecy came naturally to John le Carré, and there were some secrets that he fought fiercely to keep. Nowhere was this more true than in his private life, which Adam Sisman discovered as le Carré's biographer. The novelist conducted a string of affairs throughout his marriage, handled with typical spycraft: cover stories, cut-outs and dead letter boxes. These clandestine operations brought an element of danger to his life, but they meant deceiving those closest to him. Small wonder that betrayal became a running theme in his work.

The Secret Life of John le Carré reveals a hithertohidden perspective on the life and work of the spyturned-author and a fascinating meditation on the relationship between biographer and subject.



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Feminism/Popular Culture A format paperback 128pp £6.99 ISBN 978 1 80081 792 0 eISBN 978 1 80081 793 7 Audio 978 1 80081 809 5 World Emma Dabiri spent over a decade as a teaching fellow in the African department at SOAS. She is a final-year Visual Sociology PhD researcher at Goldsmiths and author of the Sunday Times-bestseller What White People Can Do Next and Don't Touch My Hair. She is a contributing editor at Elle and runs the Instagram account Disobedient Bodies. Adam Sisman is the author of *Boswell's Presumptuous Task*, winner of the US National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography, and the biographer of John le Carré, A. J. P. Taylor and Hugh Trevor-Roper. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and an Honorary Professor at the University of St Andrews.



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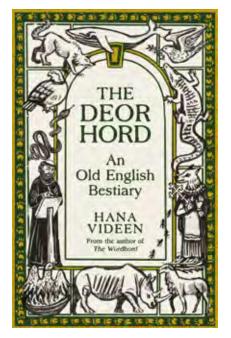
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## The Deorhord

An Old English Bestiary

#### Hana Videen

Welcome to the strange and delightful world of Old English animals - the ordinary and the extraordinary, the good, the bad and the baffling ...



Many of the animals we encounter in everyday life, from the creatures in our fields to those in our fantasies, have remained the same since medieval times - but the words we use, and the ways we describe them, have often changed beyond recognition.

Old English was spoken over a thousand years ago, when every animal was a *deor*. In this glittering Old English bestiary we find *deors* big and small, the ordinary and the extraordinary, the good, the bad and the downright baffling. From walker-weavers (spiders) and grey-cloaked ones (eagles) to moonheads and teeth-tyrants (historians still don't know!), we discover a world both familiar and strange: where ants could be monsters and panthers could be your friend, where dog-headed men were as real as elephants and whales as sneaky as wolves.

From the author of *The Wordhord* comes another dive into the realm of Old English - words and creatures that will change the way you see the world.

## Irresistible

How Cuteness Wired Our Brains and Conquered the World

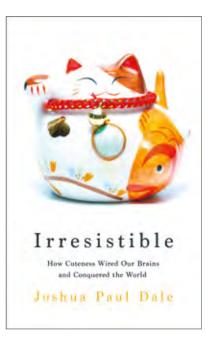
#### Joshua Paul Dale

The psychology and biology behind what we find cute, and how cuteness has shaped cultures around the world

Cuteness is an area where culture and biology get tangled. Seeing a cute animal triggers some of our most powerful psychological instincts, but behind the broad appeal of Japanese cats and saccharine greetings cards lies a deeper story.

Joshua Paul Dale explains how the cute aesthetic spread around the globe, from pop brands and kids' cartoons to the unstoppable rise of Hello Kitty. If cuteness really does rewire our brains, it can help answer some of the biggest questions we have about our evolutionary history.

Irresistible is a fascinating cultural history of cuteness, and a revealing look at how our most powerful psychological impulses have remade global style and culture.



#### November

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Hana Videen is the author of *The Wordhord*, and has been hoarding Old English words since 2013, when she began tweeting one a day. Now over 27,000 people follow for these daily gems from her wordhord. Following her Old English doctorate at King's College London, she is now a writer and blogger in Canada, translating curiosities of history into engaging narratives. Joshua Paul Dale is a Professor in the Department of English Literature and Culture at Chuo University in Tokyo, and a pioneer in the field of cuteness studies. His work has featured in the *Guardian, The New York Times* and *National Geographic*.



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## The Dead of Winter

Ten Chilling Tales for the Festive Season

### **Edited by Cecily Gayford**

Not everything that goes bump in the night brings gifts ...

#### Ten Chilling Tales for the Festive Season



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As the nights draw in, the veil between worlds thins, and all sorts of ghosts and ghouls come tumbling in. In the shadows, under the bed, in wind-whipped snowy landscapes and in rooms lit by guttering candles, the dead of winter are waiting for us ... and their hearts are cold as ice.

From the mysterious occupant of an ancient tomb to the Christmas visitor who is troubled by violent dreams, these are ten ghost stories from the masters of the genre that will chill your blood and haunt your dreams through the darkest months of the year.

Featuring authors such as M. R. James, L. P. Hartley, Henry James and Stella Gibbons.

## The Notebook

A History of Thinking on Paper

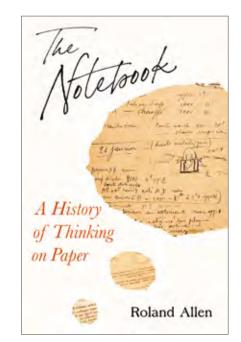
#### **Roland Allen**

Diaries, sketchbooks, common-places, ledgers and logbooks: how blank books changed the way we think, and helped us change the world

Empty notebooks have limitless potential: they give us space to reflect on our innermost thoughts, to untangle our knottiest problems, or to draw out ground-breaking new discoveries. Without their notebooks, Isaac Newton, Marie Curie and Pablo Picasso - and legions more - would never have achieved what they did.

Roland Allen charts a history of ideas to show how each advancement in notebook technology transformed life - from the Renaissance in Italy to the birth of international trade, and in daily life and leisure. Artists, writers, scientists and engineers all came to rely on their notebooks; but so did fishermen, sailors, cooks and criminals.

*The Notebook* tells their stories, and reveals how blank books became our most durable tools for thinking.



#### November

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**Cecily Gayford** studied English at the University of Oxford, where she immersed herself obsessively in the gothic, morbid and mysterious side of literature. Now a Publishing Director, she has worked at Profile Books for eleven years. A life-long scaredy-cat, she once saw a ghost in a hotel room. Roland Allen is a publisher and author who lives in Hove. He studied at Manchester University and has worked for years in the book trade; he has written about subjects as diverse as bicycles and bread, kept a diary for decades, and enjoys stationery a little too much.



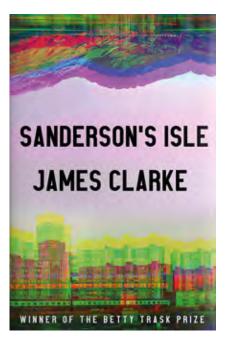
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## SERPENT'S TAIL

## Sanderson's Isle

#### **James Clarke**

A 1960s-set noir in which a man infiltrates a hippie cult in search of a missing child



Speake comes to London in 1969 to look for his father but finds Sanderson instead, a larger-thanlife TV presenter who hosts 'midweek madness' parties where the punch is spiked with acid. At one of these parties Speake meets Marnie and promises to help her find her adoptive child, who has been taken by her birth mother, a member of a hippie cult living off-grid in the Lake District.

Forced to lie low after a violent misunderstanding, Speake joins Sanderson on a tour of the Lake District, where he's researching his TV and book series, *Sanderson's Isle*. Together they go looking for the commune. Amid the fierce beauty of the mountains, the commune's members are forming the kind of community that Speake - a drifter who belongs nowhere - is desperate to find but has been sent to betray.

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James Clarke was born in Manchester in 1985 and grew up in the Rossendale Valley, Lancashire. His debut novel, *The Litten Path*, was published by Salt and won the 2019 Betty Trask Prize.

Deborah Willis is the author of Vanishing and Other Stories, shortlisted for Canada's Governor General's Award for Fiction, and *The Dark and Other Love Stories*, longlisted for the 2017 Giller Prize and winner of the Georges Bugnet Award. Her writing has appeared in the Walrus, the Virginia Quarterly Review, the Iowa Review, Lucky Peach, the Wall Street Journal and Zoetrope. This is her first novel.



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Essays Demy Trade Paperback w/ flaps 368pp £14.99 ISBN 978 1 80081 788 3 eISBN 978 1 80081 789 0 UK Com ex Can Jo Ann Beard is the author of the collections *Festival* Days and *The Boys of My Youth*, and the novel *In* Zanesville. Her work has appeared in the New Yorker, *Tin House, Best American Essays* and others, and has received a Whiting Foundation Award, fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters 2022 Award in Literature. She teaches creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College.

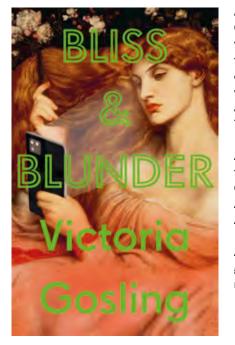


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Victoria Gosling grew up in Wiltshire and studied at Manchester University and the University of Amsterdam. Victoria is the founder of The Reader Berlin and The Berlin Writing Prize. She divides her time between Wiltshire and Berlin. Her first novel is *Before the Ruins*. Juan Rulfo (1917–1986) is the author of what is probably the most important novel in Mexican literature. *Pedro Páramo* was published in 1955 and went on to be translated into over thirty languages, sell over a million copies in English alone and initiate an entire literary movement. Rulfo was also an anthropologist and photographer who wrote one other book, *The Burning Plain*, a collection of short stories.



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Writers on Gaming and the Alternate Worlds We Inhabit

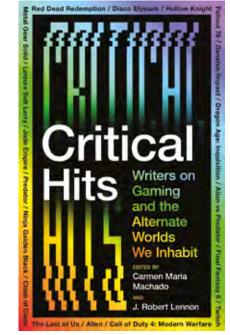
## Edited by Carmen Maria Machado and J. Robert Lennon

Essays on videogames and gaming from some of the world's best writers

*Critical Hits* is a celebration of the lasting impact of videogames, which have been part of our lives for over fifty years and have changed how we interact with the world.

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**Dennis Cooper** is a novelist, poet, critic and performance artist. His work has inspired numerous bands, including Deerhunter, and his work has been translated into seventeen languages. Cooper was the subject of the biography *Wrong* by Diarmuid Hester and now lives in Paris. Carmen Maria Machado is the author of the memoir In the Dream House and the short story collection Her Body and Other Parties.

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A haunting fable about a young woman brought up in the jungle by artificial intelligence - Never Let Me Go meets Lord of the Flies



Lena has always lived in the jungle with Mother, where they look after a holiday home. Lena's only other friend is Isabella, who once visited regularly with her wealthy parents and security drone, Anton.

Mother is not like other mothers. She gets angry when Lena draws her with a face. When Lena challenges her to portray herself, she paints a tiny yellow dot surrounded by swirling black. She is a bastion of light, she says, against an army of darkness.

Outside the fence, rebels are fighting to take over the country. Mother is determined nothing will change inside. But there are secrets that need to emerge. How did Lena end up here? And what has happened to the family who no longer visit? What has Mother been planning, and what is gathering around them to change their lives forever?

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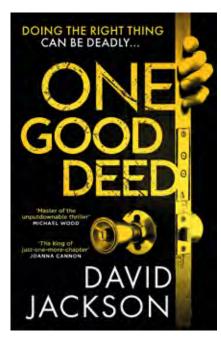
Fiction Demy hardback 224pp £14.99 ISBN 978 1 80081 761 6 eISBN 978 1 80081 763 0 UK Com ex Can Julianne Pachico was born in 1985 in Cambridge, England, and grew up in Cali, Colombia. Her fiction has been published in the *New Yorker, Granta* and the *White Review.* She teaches creative writing at the University of East Anglia.

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The new Paul Hirschhausen novel from Australia's King of Crime

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Then a call comes in: a roadside fire. Nothing much - a suitcase soaked in diesel and set alight - but two noteworthy facts emerge. Janne knows more than Hirsch about forensic evidence. And the body in the suitcase is not her son's.

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David Jackson is the author of eleven crime novels. including the bestseller Cry Baby and the standalones The Resident. The Rule and No Secrets. as well as the acclaimed DS Nathan Cody series. He lives on the Wirral with his wife and two daughters.

Garry Disher has published fifty titles across multiple genres and is best known as Australia's King of Crime. He has won both the Deutscher Krimi Preis and the Ned Kelly Award three times. In 2018 he received the Ned Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award



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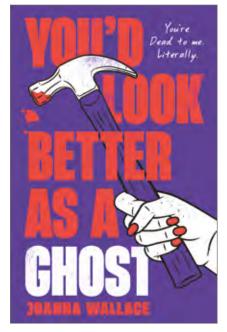
#### Joanna Wallace

A darkly funny and compulsive thriller, introducing your new favourite part-time serial killer

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The thing is, it's not sensible to tangle with a parttime serial killer, even one who is distracted by attending a weekly bereavement support group and trying to get her art career off the ground. Let the games begin...



Joanna Wallace worked as a solicitor until an autoimmune condition took away some of her sight. She now volunteers at a charity helpline and runs a family business with her husband. You'd Look Better as a Ghost was partly inspired by her father's diagnosis of early-onset dementia.

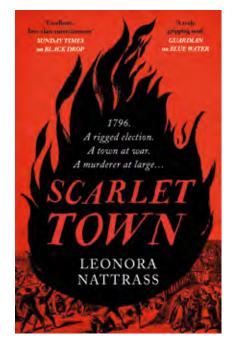


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Reluctant eighteenth-century sleuth Laurence Jago becomes enmeshed in a deadly election in his native Cornwall



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Only two men may vote in this rotten borough, and when one of them dies in suspicious circumstances, the town's political patron, the Duke of Leeds, orders Laurence to investigate. Then the second elector is poisoned and suspicion turns on the town doctor - Laurence's cousin Pythagoras Jago. Suddenly Laurence finds himself ensnared in generations of bad blood and petty rivalries, with his cousin's fate in his hands...

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Leonora Nattrass studied eighteenth-century literature and politics, and spent ten years lecturing in English. She lives in Cornwall, in a seventeenth-century house with seventeenth-century draughts. Her first Laurence Jago novel, *Black Drop* (2021), was a *Sunday Times* Historical Fiction Book of the Month, and was followed by *Blue Water* in 2022. Janice Hallett is the bestselling author of *The Appeal* (a *Sunday Times* bestseller, Waterstones Thriller of the Month, the *Sunday Times* Crime Book of the Year and winner of the CWA Debut Dagger award) and the *Sunday Times*-bestseller *The Twyford Code*. She lives in West London.



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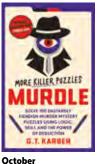
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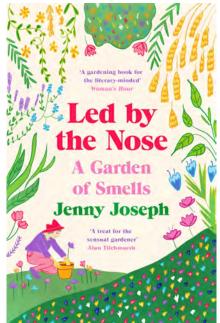
A Garden of Smells

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G. T. Karber is a computer programmer with a degree in mathematics and English literature. As the General Secretary of the Hollywood Mystery Society he stages immersive whodunits in the LA area. His first feature film. Killer Partu, a horror-comedy-musical-whodunit he co-wrote and directed, premieres in 2023.

Jenny Joseph's first published collection, The Unlookedfor Season, won her a Cholmondeley Award, and her prose and verse narrative, Persephone, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. In 1995 she was awarded a Society of Authors Travelling Scholarship. In 2006 her poem 'Warning' was voted Britain's favourite modern poem. She had three children and lived in Gloucestershire. Jenny Joseph died in 2018, aged eighty-five.



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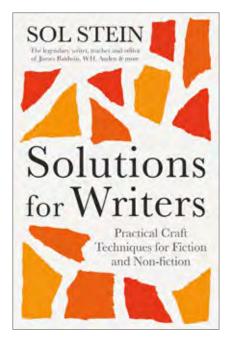
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Alex O'Brien is a London-based science writer. Her work has appeared in the Guardian, BBC, New Scientist and The Times. Shortlisted for Best Newcomer in 2016. by the Association of British Science Writers, of which she is now vice-chair, O'Brien is an advocate for early critical thinking; in 2022 she founded the Young Science Writer Award, aimed at engaging state-educated young people towards a career in STEM-related subjects.



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Sol Stein was the legendary editor of writers such as James Baldwin and Jack Higgins, and founded the publishing house Stein and Day. He taught creative writing at the universities of Columbia, Iowa and California. Irvine. He is the author of nine novels. including the million-copy bestseller The Magician. He died in 2019.

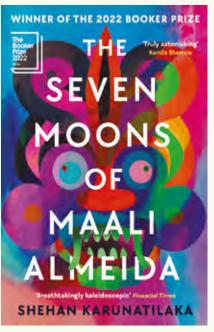
## SORT OF BOOKS

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Maali Almeida, war photographer, gambler and closet gay, has woken up dead in what seems like a celestial visa office. His body is sinking in the serene Beira Lake and he has no idea who killed him. At a time where scores are settled by death squads, suicide bombers and hired goons, the list of suspects is depressingly long, as the ghosts and ghouls who cluster round can attest. Within seven moons, Maali must try and contact the man and woman he loves most and lead them to a hidden cache of photos that will rock Sri Lanka. No Exit

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Shehan Karunatilaka is the multi-award winning author of Chinaman: The Legend of Pradeep Mathew. The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida is his second novel. Born in Colombo, he studied in New Zealand and has lived and worked in London, Amsterdam and Singapore.

Simon Lewis is a Welsh novelist and screenwriter. His novel *Bad Traffic*, which introduces Inspector Jian and his daughter Weiwei, was nominated for the *LA Times* Book of the Year and the French SNCF prize. *No Exit* is the sequel. Simon Lewis has lived in China and Japan. He currently lives in Brixton, London.

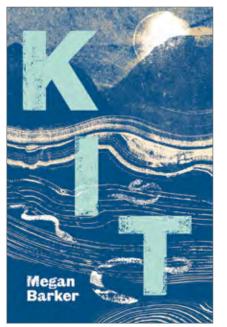


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A Consuming Fascination

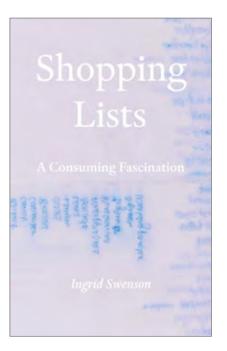
#### **Ingrid Swenson**

An amusing collection of found art

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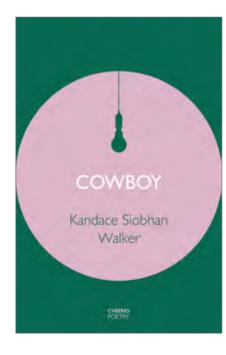


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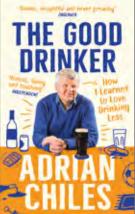
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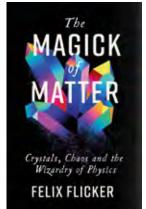
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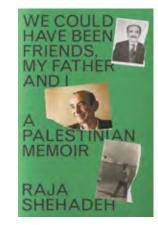
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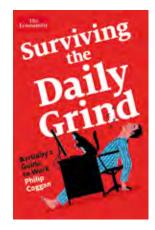
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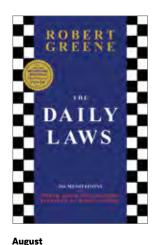
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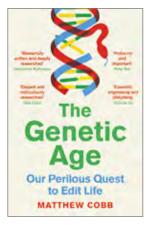
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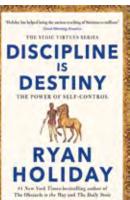
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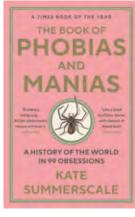
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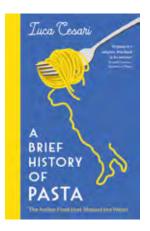
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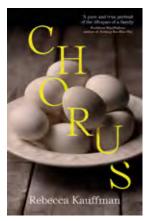
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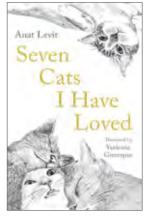
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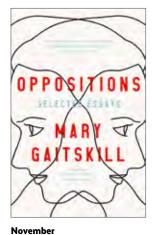
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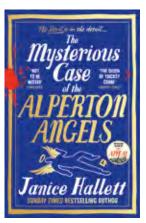
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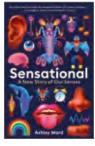
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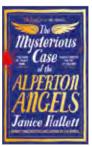
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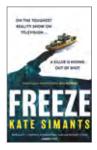
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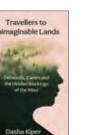
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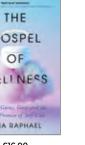
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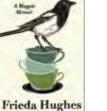






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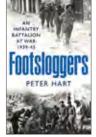
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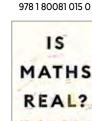
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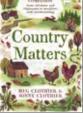
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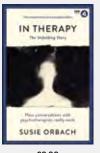
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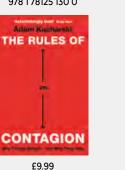
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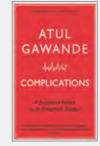
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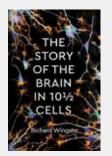
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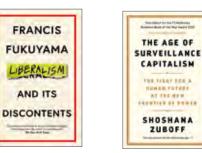
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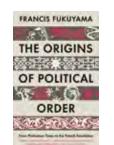
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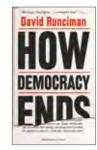
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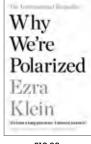
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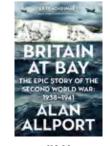
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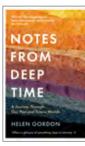
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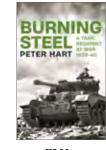
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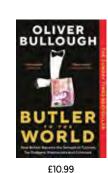
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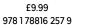


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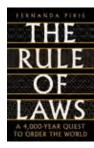
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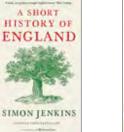
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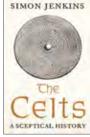
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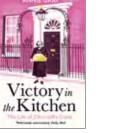
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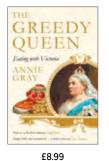
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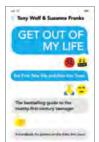
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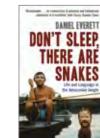
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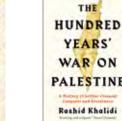


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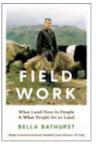
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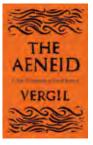








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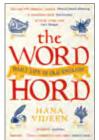
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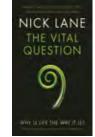
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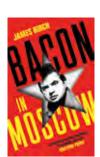


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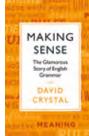




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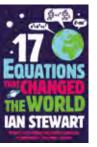
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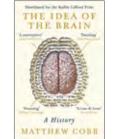
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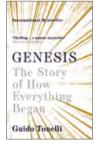


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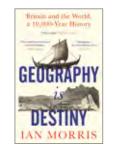


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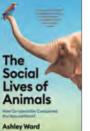
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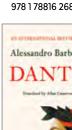
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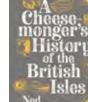




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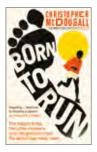
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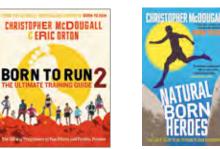
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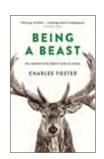


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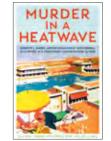
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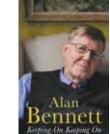
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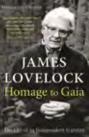
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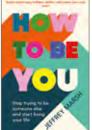
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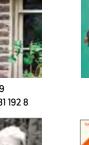


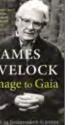
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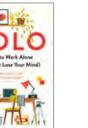


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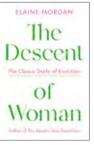






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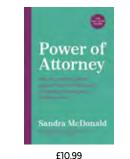
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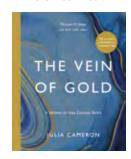
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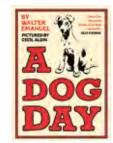
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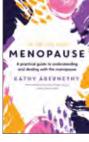
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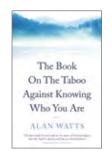
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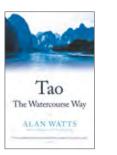
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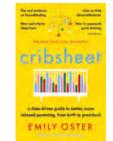
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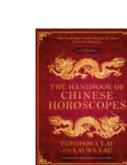
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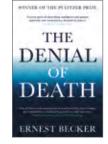
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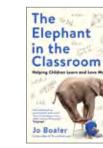
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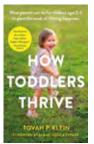


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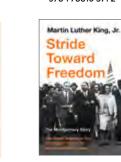
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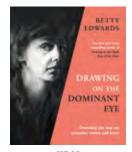
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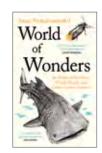
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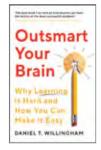
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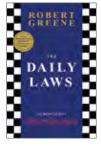


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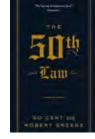
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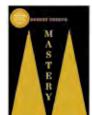
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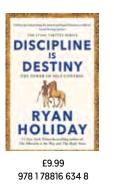
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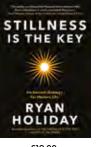
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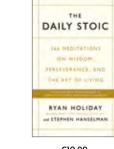
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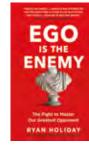


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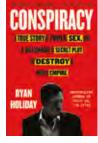
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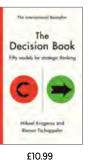
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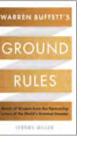
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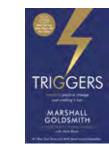


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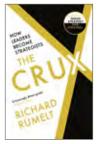
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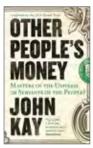
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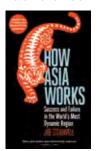
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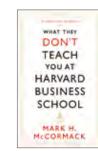
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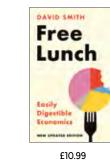


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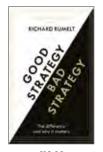
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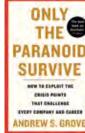
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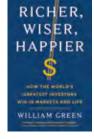
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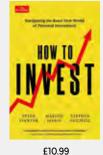
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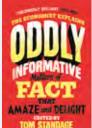
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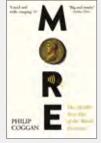
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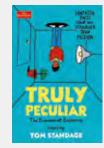
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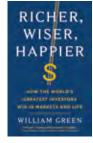
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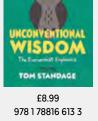
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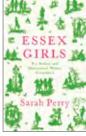
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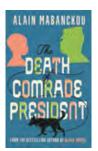
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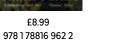




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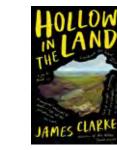


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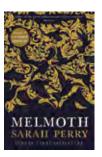
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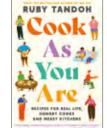


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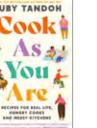
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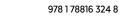
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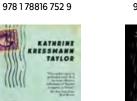




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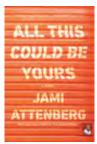








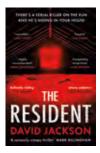
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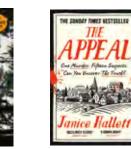
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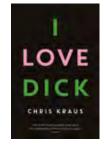


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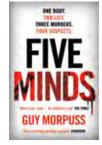
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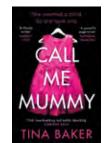


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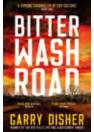
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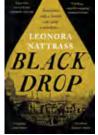


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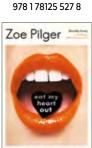
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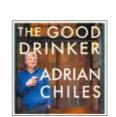






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