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Osprey military history

The Falklands Naval Campaign 1982: War in the South Atlantic

Campaign 361

Hampshire, Edward & Turner, Graham (illustrator)

The Falklands Conflict was remarkable for many reasons: it was a hard fought, bloody and short conflict between a leading NATO power and one of the most capable armed forces in South America; it demonstrated the capabilities of a range of cutting-edge technologies including nuclear-powered attack submarines, Exocet missiles and Sea Harrier VSTOL aircraft; and it was fought many thousands of miles away from the Royal Navy's home bases. In this illustrated study, renowned naval historian Dr Edward Hampshire draws upon the latest available sources to offer a comprehensive examination of the Falklands naval campaign. Blow-by-blow accounts of key engagements, such as the sinking of the *General Belgrano*, the loss of HMS *Sheffield*, and the landings at San Carlos Bay, are presented alongside lesser known but equally important naval operations that helped shape the outcome of the conflict.

Naval history PBK \$32.99

US Navy Gunboats 1885-1945

New Vanguard 293

Herder, Brian Lane & Tooby, Adam (illustrator)

A study of the history of the US Navy's gunboats and their role in building a worldwide American naval presence abroad and in combat, from the Yangtze era through to World War II. For more than half a century, American gunboats were the ships often responsible for policing small crises and provided deterrence and fast-response capabilities around the world – showing the flag, landing armed parties, patrolling river and littoral areas, and protecting expats. They were often the United States' most-visible and constant military presence in far-flung foreign lands, and were most closely associated with the Far East, particularly the Philippines and China. Most famous, of course, was the multinational Yangtze Patrol. Many US gunboats were built, purchased, or reassembled overseas where they usually served out their entire careers, never coming within 7,000 miles of the national homeland which they served. Numerous gunboats were captured from the Spanish during the 1898 war, many being raised from shallow graves, refurbished, and commissioned into USN service. The classic haunt of US gunboats was the Asiatic Station of China and the Philippines. Gunboat service overseas was typically exotic, and the sailors' lives were often exciting and unpredictable. The major operational theatres associated with the US gunboats were the pre-1898 cruises and patrols of the earliest steel gunboats, the Spanish-American

War of 1898 (both the Philippines and the Caribbean), the guerrilla wars of the early 20th century Philippines and Latin America, the Asiatic Fleet and Yangtze Patrol of the 1890s-1930s, and finally World War II, which largely entailed operations in China, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Alaska, and on convoy routes. It was Japan's sudden 1941-1942 'Centrifugal Offensive' that effectively spelled the beginning of the end not just of most American gunboats, but also the century-old world order in Asia that had provided US gunboats with their primary mission.

Naval history PBK \$22.99

Arab Armour vs Israeli Armour: Six-Day War 1967

Duel 110

McNab, Chris

& Laurier, Jim (illustrator)

The Six-Day War in 1967 was a lightning Israeli campaign that changed the face of the Middle East. Israel's armoured brigades, despite being heavily outnumbered on paper by Arab AFVs, managed to dominate the Arab forces tactically and technologically, through excellent gunnery and decentralised battlefield leadership. The fighting took place on three different fronts: the Sinai Front, the Jordanian Front and the Golan Heights. Each presented its own unique set of tactical and terrain challenges, from the long-range battles between massed Egyptian and Israeli armour in the scorching flatlands of the Sinai Desert, to relatively close-quarters engagements across steep and narrow terrain in the Golan Heights. Not only did the Six-Day War see the direct clash of opposing Cold War tactical approaches, but also the direct confrontation of Western and Soviet MBTs. On the Israeli side, the IDF had the British Centurion, the American M48 Patton, the M51 Super Sherman, and the French AMX-13, although they focused their armoured spearheads on the Centurions and Pattons. The Arabs' armoured power was expressed through T-34/85s, T-54/55s, PT-76s and JS-3s (IS-3s). Each vehicle brought its own set of advantages and disadvantages, although ultimately it was the long-range tank-killing gunnery of the Centurion that often took the day. Drawing on compelling first-hand accounts from both unit commanders and individual crews, this Duel title explains the tactical and mechanical dynamics of one of history's greatest postwar armoured engagements.

Military history PBK \$24.99

Italian Destroyers of World War II

New Vanguard 292

Stille, Mark

& Wright, Paul (illustrator)

A new illustrated history and analysis of Italy's World War II destroyers, a formidable foe for Allied forces attempting to attack the

sea lanes between Italy and North Africa. The Italian Royal Navy (*Regia Marine* or RM) began the Second World War with one of the largest fleets in the world. Included in it was a total of 59 fleet destroyers, with others added during the war. These were a diverse collection of ships dating back to the First World War with large destroyers built to counter ships of similar size, introduced in the French Navy (the RM's historical enemy), and medium-sized ships which constituted the bulk of the destroyer force. RM destroyers were built for high speed, not endurance since they were only expected to operate inside the Mediterranean. They were also well armed, but lacked radar. During the war, RM destroyers fought well. With the exception of a small force based in Abyssinia which fought a series of battles in the Red Sea against the British, RM destroyers were active in the Mediterranean. The primary mission of the RM during the war was to keep the supply lines to North Africa open. The Italians were largely successful in this effort, and destroyers were key. RM destroyers were present at every fleet action with the British Mediterranean Fleet. The intensity of these actions is reflected by the fact that the RM lost five destroyers during the war.

Naval history PBK \$22.99

Allied Tanks in Normandy 1944

New Vanguard 294

Zaloga, Steven J

& Rodríguez, Felipe (illustrator)

A concisely detailed guide to the Allied tanks that fought from D-Day to the break out from Normandy, their qualities, numbers and performance, and how they were used on the battlefield. When Allied tanks began to roll off the landing craft on D-Day, it marked the start of one of the great periods of tank warfare in World War II. Often outgunned by the German Panzers, and fighting in the close confines of bocage country, they nevertheless managed to break out of Normandy and begin the liberation of Europe. It was a battle that was dominated by the Americans' legendary Sherman, but also saw a wide and complex range of armour committed to battle across the many armies involved, from British Churchills and special-purpose 'Funnies' to the Canadians' Ram tank. This book explains the qualities, strengths and weakness of the major British and US tank types as well as associated Allied units in Normandy including those of the Canadians, Poles and French, and describes how they really fought. It discusses the organisation and equipment of the units, providing thumbnail sketches as well as statistical data on the types and categories of AFVs that saw action. This is a handy and concise guide for military historians, wargamers and military modellers interested in tank warfare of World War II.

Military history PBK \$22.99

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General nonfiction

The Art of Science:

The history of creativity and discovery in 40 artists

Barnett, Heather; Gohen, Nathan; Holme, Adrian

The Art of Science explores the work of forty artists and artist-scientists whose work has furthered and made visible the relationship between these fields. Lavishly illustrated, the book authoritatively explores the age-old affinity between two disciplines whose commonalities are greater than their differences. Since the earliest days of humanity, the urge to create has been intertwined with the desire for knowledge, experimentation, and the collection of information. The line between artist and scientist is often so blurred as to become imperceptible, often with artists contributing vital visualisations that enable the progression of scientific discovery – and scientists providing raw data and the opportunity for observation to artists hungry for invention. Rarely has any field gone without examination and depiction by artists – from botany and natural history to neurology and optics.

Science/Art HC \$69.99

Convict-era Port Arthur: Misery of the deepest dye **Gameron, David W**

An evocative narrative of the many tragedies that fell upon those who were forced to serve time in Port Arthur, one of the most remote and feared convict locations in Australia. Detailing the development of the prison and its outlying stations, including its dreaded coal mines and providing an account of the changing views to convict rehabilitation, *Convict-era Port Arthur* focuses in on a number of individuals, telling the story through their eyes. Charles O'Hara Booth, a significant commandant of Port Arthur; Mark Jeffrey, a convict who became the grave digger on the Island of the Dead; and William Thompson, who arrived just as the new probation system started and who was forced to work in the treacherous coal mines. *Convict-era Port Arthur* will for the first time provide a comprehensive history of Port Arthur, its horrors and its changing role over a fifty-year period. In gripping detail, using the experiences and words of the convicts, soldiers and administrators who spent time there, David W Cameron brings to life these deeply miserable days.

History TP \$34.99

How to Read Numbers **Chivers, Tom & David**

A short, practical, timely guide to the tools you need to understand the numbers we read in the news everyday – and how we often get them wrong. 'Even one glass of wine a day raises the risk of cancer'... 'Hate crimes have doubled in five years'... 'Fizzy drinks make teenagers violent.' Every day, most of us will read or watch something in the news that is based on statistics in some way. Sometimes, it'll be obvious – 'X people develop cancer every year' – and, sometimes, less obvious – 'How smart phones destroyed a generation'. Statistics are an immensely powerful tool for understanding the world; the best tool we have. But in the wrong hands, they can be dangerous. This book will help you spot

common mistakes and tricks that can mislead you into thinking that small numbers are big, or unimportant changes are important. It will show you how the numbers you read are made – you'll learn about how surveys with small or biased samples can generate wrong answers, and why ice cream doesn't cause drownings. We are surrounded by numbers and data, and it has never been more important to separate the good from the bad, the true from the false. *How to Read Numbers* is a vital guide that will help you understand when and how to trust the numbers in the news – and, just as importantly, when not to.

Mathematics HC \$32.99

Ghost Ships of the Baltic Sea **Douglas, Carl & Dahm, Jonas** **(photographer)**

The Baltic Sea holds close to 100,000 wrecks – many of them surprisingly well kept. The cold water and the historic lack of shipworms has preserved the ships better than anywhere else in the world – thus the Baltic Sea provides an enthralling treasure chest for divers. There are warships from the 17th century, magnificent wooden ships from the 18th century, cargo ships from the 19th century and warships from the Second World War. On board these sunken ships, time has frozen – it often feels as if the crew has only just left the vessel. The wrecks have become like time capsules, a spooky mixture of serene beauty and haunting reminders of a brutal drama.

History HC \$75.99

Shape: The Hidden Geometry of Absolutely Everything **Ellenberg, Jordan**

How should a democracy choose its representatives? How does COVID-19 spread? How do computers teach themselves chess, and why is chess easier for them than analysing a sentence? What should your kids study in school, if they really want to learn to think? All of these are questions about geometry. Seriously! Jordan Ellenberg reveals the mathematics behind some of the most important scientific, political and philosophical conundrums we face. The word 'geometry', from the Greek, means 'measuring the world'. If anything, geometry doesn't just measure the world, it explains it. *Shape* shows us how.

Mathematics TP \$35.00

How to Make the World Add Up: Ten Rules for Thinking Differently About Numbers **Harford, Tim**

In *How to Make the World Add Up*, Tim Harford draws on his experience as both an economist and presenter of the BBC's radio show, *More or Less*, to take us deep into the world of disinformation and obfuscation, bad research and misplaced motivation to find those priceless jewels of data and analysis that make communicating with numbers so rewarding. Through vivid storytelling he reveals how we can evaluate the claims that surround us with confidence, curiosity and a healthy level of scepticism. It is a must-read for anyone who cares about understanding the world around them.

Economics PBK \$22.99

Coco Chanel Special Edition: The Illustrated World of a Fashion Icon **Hess, Megan**

A special enlarged edition of the international bestseller *Coco Chanel: The Illustrated World of a Fashion Icon* celebrating 50 years since Coco's death, and 100 years of Chanel No 5. Discover the story of Coco's amazing early life, the iconic fashion empire that she built, and the legacy that she left behind, brought to life with Megan's stylish and whimsical illustrations. The special edition features a larger format, beautiful new cover, and a ribbon.

Fashion HC \$39.99

Facebook: The Inside Story **Levy, Steven**

From renowned tech writer Steven Levy, the complete history of one of America's most controversial and successful companies. Today, Facebook is nearly unrecognisable from the simple website Zuckerberg's first built from his dorm room in his sophomore year. It has grown into a tech giant, the largest social media platform and one of the biggest companies in the world, with a valuation of more than \$576 billion and almost three billion users. There is no denying the power and omnipresence of Facebook in daily life. And in light of recent controversies surrounding election-influencing fake news accounts, the handling of its users' personal data and growing discontent with the actions of its founder and CEO, never has the company been more central to the national conversation. Based on years of exclusive reporting and interviews with Facebook's key executives and employees, including Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg, Steven Levy's sweeping narrative digs deep into the whole story of the company that has changed the world and reaped the consequences.

Impact of technology PBK \$22.99

Agent Sonya: Lover, Mother, Soldier, Spy **Macintyre, Ben**

If you happened to be in the quiet English village of Great Rollright in 1942, you might have seen a thin, elegant woman emerging from a cottage and climbing onto her bicycle. Ursula Burton had three children and a husband named Len, who worked as a machinist nearby. She was friendly but reserved, and spoke English with a very slight foreign accent. Her neighbours in the Cotswolds knew little about her. They did not know that Burton was a dedicated communist, a Soviet Colonel, and a veteran spy who had already conducted espionage operations in China, Poland, and Switzerland. They did not know that Len was also a Soviet spy, or that Burton kept a powerful radio transmitter connected to Moscow in their outhouse. They did not know that in her last espionage mission, Burton had infiltrated communist spies into a top-secret American intelligence operation parachuting anti-Nazi agents into the Third Reich. But, perhaps, the most remarkable thing they did not know was that when Burton hopped onto her bike and pedalled away, she was heading to a countryside rendezvous with Klaus Fuchs, the nuclear physicist working on Britain's top secret atomic weapons program. Klaus was

Burton's best agent, and together they were gathering the scientific secrets that would enable the Soviet Union to build the bomb. Ben Macintyre's latest true-life spy story is a masterpiece about the woman code-named 'Sonya', one of the most important female spies in history. Hunted by the Chinese, the Japanese, the Nazis, MI5, MI6, and the FBI, she evaded all of them, and survived, as well, the brutal Soviet purges that left many of her friends and colleagues dead. Her story reflects the great ideological clash of the twentieth century, between communism, fascism, and Western democracy, and casts new light on the spy battles and shifting allegiances of our own times. With access to Sonya's papers and her intelligence files from multiple countries, Macintyre has conjured a thrilling secret history of a landmark agent, a true original who altered the course of the Cold War and helped plunge the world into a nuclear standoff that would last for decades.

Espionage PBK \$22.99

You Are Not So Smart:

Why Your Memory is Mostly Fiction, Why You Have Too Many Friends on Facebook and 46 Other Ways You're Deluding Yourself

McRaney, David

Whether you're deciding which smart phone to purchase or which politician to believe, you think you are a rational being whose every decision is based on cool, detached logic. But here's the truth: You are not so smart. You're just as deluded as the rest of us – but that's okay, because being deluded is part of being human. Growing out of David McRaney's popular blog, *You Are Not So Smart* reveals that every decision we make, every thought we contemplate, and every emotion we feel comes with a story we tell ourselves to explain them. But often these stories aren't true. Each short chapter – covering topics such as Learned Helplessness, Selling Out, and the Illusion of Transparency – is like a psychology course with all the boring parts taken out. Bringing together popular science and psychology with humour and wit, *You Are Not So Smart* is a celebration of our irrational, thoroughly human behaviour.

Psychology PBK \$22.99

Open: The Story of Human Progress **Norberg, Johan**

Humanity's embrace of openness is the key to our success. The freedom to explore and exchange – whether it's goods, ideas or people – has led to stunning achievements in science, technology and culture. As a result, we live at a time of unprecedented wealth and opportunity. So, why are we so intent on ruining it? From Stone Age hunter-gatherers to contemporary Chinese-American relations, *Open* explores how across time and cultures, we have struggled with a constant tension between our yearning for cooperation and our profound need for belonging. Providing a bold new framework for understanding human history, bestselling author and thinker Johan Norberg examines why we're often uncomfortable with openness – but also why it is essential for progress. Part sweeping history and part polemic, this urgent book makes a compelling case for why an open world with an open economy is worth fighting for more than ever.

Politics/Economics PBK \$24.99

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Explaining Humans Pang, Camilla

How proteins, machine learning and molecular chemistry can teach us about human behaviour. *How do we understand the people around us? How do we recognise people's motivations, their behaviour, or even their facial expressions? And, when do we learn the social cues that dictate human behaviour?* Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of eight, Camilla Pang struggled to understand the world around her, and the way people worked. Desperate for a solution, Camilla asked her mother if there was an instruction manual for humans that she could consult. But, without the blueprint to life she was hoping for, Camilla began to create her own. Now, armed with a PhD in biochemistry, Camilla dismantles our obscure social customs and identifies what it really means to be human using her unique expertise and a language she knows best: science. Through a set of scientific principles, this book examines life's everyday interactions, including: decisions and the route we take to make them; conflict and how we can avoid it; relationships and how we establish them; and etiquette and how we conform to it. *Explaining Humans* is an original and incisive exploration of human nature and the strangeness of social norms, written from the outside looking in. Camilla's unique perspective of the world, in turn, tells us so much about ourselves – about who we are and why we do it – and is a fascinating guide on how to lead a more connected, happier life. Winner of the Royal Society Science Book Prize 2020.

Anthropology PBK \$22.99

The Social Instinct: The Hidden Logic of Cooperation Raihani, Nichola

Why cooperate? This may be the most important scientific question we have ever, and will ever, face. The science of cooperation tells us not only how we got here, but also where we might end up. Cooperation explains how strands of DNA gave rise to modern-day nation states. It defines our extraordinary ecological success as well as many of the most surprising features of what make us human: not only why we live in families, why we have grandmothers and why women experience the menopause, but also why we become paranoid and jealous, and why we cheat. Nichola Raihani also introduces us to other species who, like us, live and work together. From the pied babblers of the Kalahari to the cleaner fish of the Great Barrier Reef, they happen to be some of the most fascinating and extraordinarily successful species on this planet. What do we have in common with these other species, and what is it that sets us apart? Written at a time

of global pandemic, when the challenges and importance of cooperation have never been greater. *The Social Instinct* is an exhilarating, far-reaching and thought-provoking journey through all life on Earth, with profound insights into what makes us human and how our societies work.

Psychology TP \$35.00

Some Assembly Required Shubin, Neil

The author of the bestselling *Your Inner Fish* gives us a brilliant, up-to-date account of the great transformations in the history of life on Earth. Over billions of years, fish evolved to walk on land, reptiles transformed into birds that fly, and ape-like primates changed into humans who walk on two legs, talk and write. This is a story full of surprises. If you think that feathers arose to help animals fly, or lungs to help them walk on land, you'd be in good company. You'd also be entirely wrong. Neil Shubin delves deep into the mystery of life, the ongoing revolutions in our understanding of how we got here, and brings us closer to answering one of the great questions – was life on earth inevitable... or was it all an accident?

Science PBK \$22.99

The Spy who was left out in the Gold:

The Secret History of Agent Goleniewski
Tate, Tim

A compelling yet tragic portrait of one of the most important, yet least understood, spies of the early Cold War. This is the dramatic, untold true story of Goleniewski's dealings in espionage and skulduggery. Spring 1958: a mysterious individual believed to be high up in the Polish secret service began passing Soviet secrets to the West. His name was Michal Goleniewski and he remains one of the most important, least known and most misunderstood spies of the Cold War. Even his death is shrouded in mystery and he has been written out of the history of Cold War espionage – until now. Tim Tate draws on a wealth of previously-unpublished primary source documents to tell the dramatic true story of the best spy the west ever lost and how Goleniewski exposed hundreds of KGB agents operating undercover in the West; from George Blake and the 'Portland Spy Ring', to a senior Swedish Air Force and NATO officer and a traitor inside the Israeli government. The information he produced devastated intelligence services on both sides of the Iron Curtain. Bringing together love and loyalty, courage and treachery, betrayal, greed and, ultimately, insanity, Tim Tate tells the extraordinary true story of one of the most significant spies of the Cold War.

Espionage TP \$35.00

The Reason for the Darkness of the Night:

Edgar Allan Poe and the Forging of
American Science

Tresch, John

Decade after decade, Edgar Allan Poe remains one of the most popular American writers. He is beloved around the world for his pioneering detective fiction, tales of horror, and haunting, atmospheric verse. But what if there was another side to the man? In *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night*, John Tresch offers a bold new biography of a writer whose short, tortured life continues to fascinate. Shining a spotlight on an era when the lines separating entertainment, speculation, and scientific inquiry were blurred, Tresch reveals Poe's obsession with science and lifelong ambition to advance and question human knowledge. Even as he composed dazzling works of fiction, he remained an avid and often combative commentator on new discoveries, publishing and hustling in literary scenes that also hosted the era's most prominent scientists, semi-scientists, and pseudo-intellectual rogues. As one newspaper put it, 'Mr Poe is not merely a man of science – not merely a poet – not merely a man of letters. He is all combined; and perhaps he is something more.' Taking us through his early training in mathematics and engineering at West Point and the tumultuous years that followed, Tresch shows that Poe lived, thought, and suffered surrounded by science – and that many of his most renowned and imaginative works can best be understood in its company. He cast doubt on perceived certainties even as he hungered for knowledge, and at the end of his life delivered a mind-bending lecture on the origins of the universe that would win the admiration of twentieth-century physicists. Pursuing extraordinary conjectures and a unique aesthetic vision, he remained a figure of explosive contradiction: he gleefully exposed the hoaxes of the era's scientific fraudsters, even as he perpetrated hoaxes himself. Tracing Poe's hard and brilliant journey, *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night* is an essential new portrait of a writer whose life is synonymous with mystery and imagination – and an entertaining, erudite tour of the world of American science just as it was beginning to come into its own.

Biography HC \$62.95

The Secret Life of the Savoy: and the D'Oyly Carte family Williams, Olivia

The story of the Savoy's founders, through three generations and a hundred years of luxury. In three generations, the D'Oyly Carte family pioneered the luxury hotel and the modern theatre, propelled Gilbert and Sullivan to lasting stardom, made Oscar Wilde a transatlantic celebrity, inspired a P G Wodehouse series, and popularised

early jazz, electric lights and Art Deco. Following the history of the iconic Savoy Hotel, *The Secret Life of the Savoy* revives an extraordinary cultural legacy. 'For *The Gondoliers*-themed birthday dinner, the hotel obligingly flooded the courtyard to conjure the Grand Canal of Venice. Dinner was served on a silk-lined floating gondola, real swans were swimming in the water, and as a final flourish, a baby elephant borrowed from London Zoo pulled a five-foot-high birthday cake.'

Social and cultural history PBK \$22.99

The Road to Conscious Machines: The Story of AI Wooldridge, Michael

In this myth-busting guide to AI past and present, one of the world's leading researchers shows why our fears for the future are misplaced. The ultimate dream of AI is to build machines that are conscious and self aware. While this remains a remote possibility, rapid progress in AI is transforming our world. Yet, the public debate is still largely centred on unlikely prospects, from sentient machines to dystopian robot takeovers. Michael Wooldridge challenges the prevailing narrative, revealing how the hype distracts us from both the more immediate risks that this technology poses – from algorithmic bias to fake news – and the true life-changing potential of the field. *The Road to Conscious Machines* elucidates the discoveries of AI's greatest pioneers from Alan Turing to Demis Hassabis; and shows us what today's researchers actually think and do.

Science PBK \$22.99

The Mathematics of the Gods and the Algorithms of Men: A Cultural History Zellini, Paolo

A masterful cultural history of mathematics from bestselling Italian mathematician and philosopher Paolo Zellini. Is mathematics a discovery or an invention? Have we invented numbers, or do they truly exist? What sort of reality should we attribute to them? Mathematics has always been a way of understanding and ordering the world: from sacred ancient texts and pre-Socratic philosophers to twentieth-century logicians such as Russell and Frege and beyond. In this masterful, elegant book, mathematician and philosopher Paolo Zellini offers a brief cultural and intellectual history of mathematics, from ancient Greece to India to our contemporary obsession with algorithms, showing how mathematical thinking is inextricably linked with philosophical, existential, and religious questions – and indeed with our cosmic understanding of the world.

Mathematics/Science PBK \$22.99