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Osprey military history

### The Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club:

Naval Aviation in the Vietnam War  
general aviation

#### Cleaver, Thomas McKelvey

The 'Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club' was the tongue-in-cheek nickname of the US Seventh Fleet that was stationed off the coast of Vietnam and this book tells the full story of the US Naval air campaign in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1975. On August 2, 1964, the USS *Maddox* became embroiled in the infamous Gulf of Tonkin incident that led directly to America's increased involvement in the Vietnam War. Supporting the *Maddox*, that day, were four F-8E Crusaders from the USS *Ticonderoga*, and this was the very start of the US Navy's commitment to the air war over Vietnam. *The Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club* is titled after the nickname for the US Navy's Seventh Fleet which was stationed off the coast of Vietnam, and it tells the full story of the US Navy's war in the air. It details all the operations from the USS *Maddox* onwards through to the eventual withdrawal of the fleet following the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975. The Seventh Fleet's Task Force 77, which at points during the war had as many as six carriers on station at any one time with 70–100 aircraft on each, provided vital air support for combat troops on the ground, while at the same time taking part in the major operations against North Vietnam itself such as *Rolling Thunder*, *Linebacker I* and *II*. All of these operations took place in a hostile environment of flak, missiles and MiGs. The story is told through the dramatic first-hand accounts of those that took part in the fighting, with many of the interviews carried out by the author himself. The Vietnamese perspective is also given, with the author having had access to the official Vietnamese account of the war in the air. The author also has a personal interest in the story, as at the age of 20 he served with the US Seventh Fleet off the coast of Vietnam and was personally involved in the dramatic history of *The Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club*.

Aviation history HC \$39.99

### US Navy Special Warfare

#### Units in Korea and Vietnam:

UDTs and SEALs, 1950–73

Elite 242

#### Liptak, Eugene

#### & Walsh, Stephen (illustrator)

During the Korean War and the Vietnam War, US Navy Special Warfare units played a variety of vital combat roles amid two of the deadliest conflicts of the Cold War. In Korea, underwater demolition teams (UDTs) surveyed beaches for amphibious operations, cleared sea mines from harbours, conducted seaborne raids against inshore targets, and served as scouts for the infiltration of Korean guerrillas and British Royal Marine Commando raids along the North Korean coast. In South Vietnam, UDTs surveyed beaches and demolished Viet Cong bunkers, supply caches, and river obstacles in the Mekong Delta. The SEALs (Sea Air Land teams) deployed entire platoons into the Mekong Delta and the Rung Sat Special Zone to conduct guerrilla warfare against the Viet Cong that included ambushes, reconnaissance, and capturing leaders and supply caches. In addition, the SEALs also played important roles in the Phoenix Program and in rescuing prisoners of war. Fully illustrated throughout, this study explores how the US Navy's specially trained naval commandos accomplished their missions in Korea and Vietnam.

Naval history PBK \$25.99

### The United States Navy in World War II:

from Pearl Harbour to Okinawa  
general military

#### Stille, Mark

A comprehensive overview of the strategy, operations and vessels of the United States Navy from 1941 to 1945. Although slowly building its navy while neutral during the early years of World War II, the US was struck a serious blow when its battleships, the lynchpin of US naval doctrine, were the target of the dramatic attack at Pearl Harbour. In the Pacific Theatre, the US was thereafter locked into a head to head struggle with the impressive Imperial Japanese Navy, fighting a series of major battles in the Coral Sea, at Midway, the Philippine Sea, Leyte Gulf and Okinawa in the struggle for supremacy over Japan. Having avoided the decisive defeat sought by the IJN, the US increased industrial production and by the end of the war, the US Navy was larger than any other in the world. Meanwhile in the west, the US Navy operated on a second front, supporting landings in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, and in 1944 played a significant part in the D-Day landings, the largest and most complex amphibious operation of all time. Written by an acknowledged expert and incorporating extensive illustrations including photographs, maps and colour artwork, this book offers a detailed look at the strategy, operations and vessels of the US Navy in World War II.

Military history HC \$59.99

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Ron and Leanne

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General nonfiction

### **The Greeks: a Global History** **Beaton, Roderick**

The epic, fascinating history of one of the world's great cultures. *The Greeks* is the story of a culture that has contributed more than any other to the way we live today in the West. The way we think, the way we learn; the forms of entertainment we seek and the systems by which we allow ourselves to be ruled – all of this finds its roots in a small group of people who first emerged in Mycenae over 3,000 years ago. It is a story that covers the entire globe and four millennia, from the mythical 'Age of the Heroes' to the complex European state of today. For all the fame of the Greek Byzantine Empire and the glorifications of the ancient culture during the Renaissance, this is not a simple, victorious history of a single enduring culture. It is littered with peril and disasters, with oppression and near obliteration. It is a story of scatterings and refuge, where only innovations (most tellingly, their invention of the alphabet and a gift for seafaring) allowed the Greek culture of today to survive and flourish once more. But is 'survive' the right word? This enrapturing story is also a lesson: that even the world's most celebrated and ancient cultures were forever in flux, forged by currents of history, immigration and resource crises, an ever-changing blend of myriad, diverse cultures. In today's age of rising nationalism, in Greece and the wider Western world, this epic sweeping history becomes crucial reading.

Ancient history HC \$49.99

### **Impact:**

How Rocks from Space Led to Life, Culture, and Donkey Kong

### **Brennecka, Greg**

The Solar System. Dinosaurs. Donkey Kong. What is the missing link? Surprisingly enough, it's meteorites. They explain our past, constructed our present, and could define our future. Impact argues that Earth would be a lifeless, inhospitable piece of rock without being fortuitously assaulted with meteorites throughout the history of the planet. These bombardments transformed Earth's early atmosphere and delivered the complex organic molecules that allowed life to develop on our planet. While meteorites have provided the raw materials for life to thrive, they have radically devastated life as well, most famously killing off the dinosaurs and paving the way for humans to evolve to where we are today. As noted meteoriticist Greg Brennecka explains, meteorites did not just set us on the path to becoming human, they helped direct the development of human culture. Meteorites have influenced humanity since the start of civilisation. Over the centuries, meteorite falls and other cosmic cinema have started (and stopped) wars, terrified millions, and inspired religions throughout the world. With humour and an infectious enthusiasm, Brennecka reveals previously untold but important stories sure to delight and inform readers about the most important rocks on Earth.

Science HC \$62.95

### **Chasing Shadows:**

the untold and deadly story of terrorism in Australia

### **Campion, Kristy**

From Irish revolutionaries to the Christchurch massacre and the rise of right wing extremism, *Chasing Shadows* uncovers the long and brutal history of terrorism in Australia. Australia likes to assume that extremists and their dark ideas can be stopped at the border. But Fortress Australia, and the sense of security it provides, is an illusion. For over a century, extreme ideologies have seeped through the borders into Australian communities. Terrorists have repeatedly emerged from the shadows, bringing terrible violence. *Chasing Shadows* exposes the surprisingly long history of political and religious violence in Australia. It includes previously classified and little-known information, shedding new light on major incidents and thwarted plots. It discloses secret training camps, hit lists and forgotten missions. It reveals the true nature and extent of terrorism in Australia. This history spans Irish nationalists, justice commandos, and left-wing radicals who sought to foment revolution. It explores the religious cults of Ananda Marga and Aum Shinrikyo, and the jihadist networks of Al-Qaeda and Islamic State. It also traverses right-wing extremism, from Croatian fascists through to the white supremacists who have dominated headlines since the Christchurch massacre.

History TP \$34.99

### **Spells for Change:**

a Guide for Modern Witches

### **Castanea, Frankie**

Frankie Castanea is at the centre of a thriving community of modern practitioners who use witchcraft to enrich their lives, day to day, and improve the world around them. In *Spells for Change*, Frankie demonstrates how witchcraft has both personal and worldwide applications, whether it's protecting the home or self from negative energies through boundaries and charms or binding a harmful person to help a friend. Each brings you closer to creating change within yourself, the environment around you, and the society we live in, and closer to a greater awareness of the Universe and the energies that exist within it. Including studies of meditation, grounding, manifestation, cleansing, protection, banishing and binding, this book will teach you how to enact personal and global change. From justice spells and banishing unwanted energy to spells to help you on the journey to self-love and self-prioritisation, Frankie shows that, at its heart, witchcraft is a force for good that is ultimately about refining your identity and reclaiming your power.

Mind, body, spirit HC \$32.99

### **Facts and Other Lies:**

Welcome to the Disinformation Age

### **Coper, Ed**

From fringe conspiracy theories to 'alternative facts', a timely look at how we arrived in the 'fake news' era. Would your younger self believe the news of today?

An entire city block blown up by a suicide bomber on Christmas Day because he believed phone towers spread disease.

A Representative elected to the US Congress on a platform that Democrats are secretly harvesting an anti-aging chemical from the blood of abused children. Angry rioters in furs and horns overrun the Capitol in a bloody carnage of insurrection. The Prime Minister of Australia employing the wife of his friend who fronts a group the FBI has declared terrorists. A global pandemic which, even as they lie dying from it, people refuse to believe exists. Many who sat in shocked disbelief as these events beamed around the world asked the same question: 'How did we get here?' For those rioters, it was the culmination of a journey of online radicalisation that began with the weaponisation of disinformation by their political leaders and outrageously biased 'news' commentators. *Facts and Other Lies* puts fake news in its historical context and explains how disinformation has fractured society, even threatening democracy itself. It explains why disinformation is so potent and so hard to stop, and what we can do to help prevent its proliferation in Australia – where politicians and shock jocks are already operating from the same dark playbook. It outlines how anyone can defuse disinformation in the home, office or pub, or wherever the deluded gather to spread their nonsense. Be prepared!

Information TP \$32.99

### **Missions to Mars:**

a New Era of Rover and Spacecraft Discovery on the Red Planet

### **Crumpler, Larry**

From a long-term planning lead for the Mars Exploration Rover Project comes this vivid insider account of some of NASA's most vital and exciting missions to the Red Planet, illustrated with full-colour photographs – a wondrous chronicle of unprecedented scientific discovery and the search for evidence of life on Mars. 'There are probably just a few moments in human history when a small group of humans stood on the margins of a vast new world, and it is no stretch of the romantic imagination that the arrival of two rovers on the surface of another planet was surely one of them.' Human exploration of Mars is the most ambitious and exciting scientific goal of the 21st century. Few people know as much about this fascinating planet as Dr Larry Crumpler. As one of the long-term planning leads for the Mars Exploration Rover Project, he helped control the daily communications between NASA and the rovers roaming the planet to gather scientific data. Thanks to the Rover Project, we now know that the dry, red dust of the planet's surface hides a wet, possibly living history, and that conditions were present for the evolution of complex, organic life. In this magnificent compendium, Dr Crumpler recounts the history of the Red Planet, from the earliest days when ancient astronomers turned their eyes to the heavens to the breakthrough discoveries being unearthed by modern technology today, including

some of the first images from the latest rover, Perseverance. Paired with stunning, full-colour photographs taken by rovers and NASA satellites images, this magnificent 'biography' of the red planet allows us to understand and experience it as never before. When the Spirit and Opportunity Rovers landed on Mars in January 2004, scientists expected them to function for 90 days. But those three months turned into fifteen years. With data gathered by the rovers, Dr Crumpler and his fellow team members were able to reconstruct the planet's stunning geological past, when it was once inundated with water, and perhaps could have supported microbial life. Dr Crumpler also reveals the joys and demands of life as a scientist taking part in these historic missions. Exploring fundamental questions about this remarkable planet that have intrigued us earthlings for years, *Missions to Mars* illuminates Mars' significance in the solar system – and the human imagination.

Science HC \$55.00

### **Spies and Sparrows:**

ASIO and the Cold War

### **Deery, Phillip**

In the wake of the Second World War and the realisation that the Soviet Union had set up extensive espionage networks around the world, Australia responded by establishing its own spy-hunting agency – ASIO. By the 1950s its counterespionage activities were increasingly supplemented by attempts at counter-subversion – identifying individuals and organisations suspected of activities that threatened national security. In doing so, it crossed the boundary from being a professional agency that collected, evaluated and transmitted intelligence, to a sometimes politicised but always shadowy presence, monitoring not just communists but also peace activists, scientists, academics, journalists and writers. The human cost of ASIO's monitoring of domestic dissenters is difficult to measure. It is only through recovering the hidden histories of personal damage inflicted by ASIO on both lawful protesters and, in some cases, its own agents, that the extent can be revealed. By interrogating the roles of eight individuals intimately involved in the conduct of the Cold War, and drawing on many years of research, Phillip Deery's *Spies and Sparrows: ASIO and the Cold War* shines a powerful new light on the history of ASIO and raises important and enduring questions about the nature and impact of a state's surveillance of its citizens.

Espionage TP \$34.99

### **Word Perfect:**

Etymological Entertainment for Every Day of the Year

### **Dent, Susie**

Welcome to a year of wonder with Susie Dent, lexicographer, logophile, and long-time queen of *Countdown's* Dictionary Corner. From the real *Jack the Lad* to the theatrically literal story behind stealing someone's thunder, from *tartle* (forgetting someone's

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name at the very moment you need it) to *snaccident* (the unintentional eating of an entire packet of biscuits). *Word Perfect* is a brilliant linguistic almanac full of unforgettable stories, fascinating facts, and surprising etymologies tied to every day of the year. You'll never be lost for words again. The perfect present for word-lovers: a word for every day of the year: 'Word Perfect is a golden vaulted cave of fascinating and funny hidden gems' – Jo Brand.  
Language HC \$35.00

### **This Mortal Coil:**

a History of Death  
**Doig, Andrew**  
Causes of death have changed irrevocably across time. In the course of a few centuries, we have gone from a world where disease or violence were likely to strike anyone at any age, and where famine could be just one bad harvest away, to one where in many countries excess food is more of a problem than a lack of it. Why have the reasons we die changed so much? How is it that a century ago people died mainly from infectious disease, while today the leading causes of death in industrialised nations are heart disease and stroke? And what do changing causes of death reveal about how previous generations have lived? University of Manchester Professor Andrew Doig provides an eye-opening portrait of death throughout history, looking at particular causes – from infectious disease to genetic disease, violence to diet – who they affected, and the people who made it possible to overcome them. Along the way we hear about the long and torturous story of the discovery of vitamin C and its role in preventing scurvy; the Irish immigrant who opened the first washhouse for the poor of Liverpool, and in so doing educated the public on the importance of cleanliness in combating disease; and the Church of England curate who, finding his new church equipped with a telephone, started the Samaritans to assist those in emotional distress. *This Mortal Coil* is a thrilling story of growing medical knowledge and social organisation, of achievement and, looking to the future, of promise.  
History TP \$29.99

### **The Penguin Modern Classics Book**

**Eliot, Henry**  
The essential guide to 20th-century literature around the world, and the companion volume to *The Penguin Classics Book*. For six decades, the Penguin Modern Classics series has been an era-defining, ever-evolving series of books, encompassing works by modernist pioneers, avant-garde iconoclasts, radical visionaries and timeless storytellers. This reader's companion showcases every title published in the series so far, with more than 1,800 books and 600 authors, from Achebe and Adonis to Zamyatin and Zweig. Bursting with lively descriptions, surprising reading lists, key literary movements and over two thousand cover images, *The Penguin Modern Classics Book* is an invitation to dive in and explore the greatest literature of the last hundred years.  
Literature HC \$65.00

### **The Regency Book of Drinks:**

Quaffs, Quips, Tipples, and Tales from Grosvenor Square  
**Finley, Amy & Borges, Nieve (illustrator)**  
As a society doyenne and undercover libertine, Lady Thornwood knows what makes a drink perfect. In *The Regency Book of Drinks: Quaffs, Quips, Tipples, and Tales from Grosvenor Square*, this respectable cocktail connoisseur presents a guide of over 75 cocktail recipes shaped by the Regency era in both refinement and ingredients – and served alongside a heaping dose of high-society gossip, scandal, and speculation. Beginning with the gentlewoman's advice on setting up a Regency bar, the best glassware and garnishes, and an overview of the period's most popular ingredients, the book is then divided into six subsequent recipe chapters drawn from high-society life during the London social season, from occasions such as 'The Evening Soirée' to 'Delicate Daytime Drinks' to even those rare, deliciously non-alcoholic drinks for 'Polite Company'. Throughout these chapters, Lady Thornwood weighs in with stylish sidebars and entertaining advice on how to host gatherings that are the talk of the *ton*. Amidst all of her sly cheek and drama, our hostess presents readers and cocktail aficionados with an intriguing true history. In Regency England, as Britain's Empire expanded, cocktails were becoming social currency – a showcase for wealth, trade connections, and even modern marvels like ice. The Regency shaped British high society for a century, and helped launch the cocktail revolution we still enjoy today. As Lady Thornwood says, 'As the Regency unfolds, ships sail up the Thames from every corner of the globe freighting exotic spices, vibrant fruits, and marvellous elixirs. Let us toast this bounty and craft it to our purpose. Cocktails stiffen the spine, unlock the tongue, and add sheen to even the dullest drawing room. Coupes up!'  
History HC \$35.00

### **A Curious Boy:**

the Making of a Scientist  
**Fortey, Richard**  
What makes a scientist? Charming, funny, and wise, in this memoir Richard Fortey shows how restless curiosity about the natural world led him to become a leading scientist and writer, with adventures and misadventures along the way. From a garden-shed laboratory where he manufactured the greatest stink in the world to a tent high in the Arctic in pursuit of fossils, this is a story of obsession and love of nature, flavoured with the peculiarities and restrictions of post-war Britain. Fortey tells the story of following his father down riverbanks to fish for trout, and also of his father's shocking death. He unfolds his early passions – fungi, ammonite hunting and eyeing up bird's eggs. He evokes with warmth and wit how the natural world started out as his playground and refuge, then became his life's work. Much more than a story about science alone, this memoir gives an unforgettable portrait of a young, curious mind, and shows how luck and enthusiasm can create a special life.  
Science/Memoir PBK \$24.99

### **For the Good of the World:**

Is a Universal Ethics Possible?  
**Grayling, A C**  
Can we human beings agree on a set of values which will allow us to confront the numerous threats that we and our planet face? Or will we continue our disagreements, rivalries and antipathies, even as we collectively approach what, in the not impossible extreme, might be extinction? To answer these questions, A C Grayling considers the three most pressing challenges facing the world: climate change, technology and justice, acknowledging that there is no worldwide set of values that can be invoked to underwrite agreements about what to do and not do in the interests of humanity and the planet in all these respects. If there is to be a chance of finding ways to generate universal agreement on how the world's various problems are to be confronted – at least managed, if not solved – the underlying question of values (together with the problem of relativism) has to be addressed. One part of the answer may lie in toleration and *convivencia* – the basis of coexistence among Muslims, Jews, and Christians in the Iberian peninsula between the ninth and 15th centuries CE.  
Ethics HC \$34.99

### **Otherlands:**

a World in the Making  
**Halliday, Thomas**  
From a dazzling young palaeontologist and prodigiously talented writer comes the Earth as we've never seen it before. What would it be like to experience the ancient landscapes of the past as we experience the reality of nature today? To actually visit the Jurassic or Cambrian worlds, to wander among their spectacular flora and fauna, to witness their continental shifts? In *Otherlands*, the multitalented palaeontologist Thomas Halliday gives us a breathtaking up close encounter with worlds that are normally unimaginably distant. Journeying backwards in time from the most recent Ice Age to the dawn of complex life itself, and across all seven continents, Halliday immerses us in sixteen lost ecosystems, each one rendered with a novelist's eye for detail and drama. Every description – whether the colour of a beetle's shell, the shuffling rhythm of pterosaurs in flight or the lingering smell of sulphur in the air – is grounded in fact. We visit the birthplace of humanity on the shores of the great lake Lonyumun, in Pliocene-era Kenya; in the Miocene, we hear the crashing of the highest waterfall the world has ever known as it fills the evaporated Mediterranean Sea; we encounter forests of giant fungus nine metres tall in Devonian-era Scotland; and we gaze at the light of a full and enormous moon in the Ediacaran sky, when life hasn't yet reached land. To read *Otherlands* is to time travel, to see the last 550 million years not as an endless expanse of unfathomable time, but as a series of worlds, simultaneously fantastical and familiar.  
Science TP \$35.00

### **A Hitch in Time:**

Writings from the London Review of Books  
**Hitchens, Christopher**  
Christopher Hitchens was a star writer wherever he wrote, and the same was true of the *London Review of Books*, to which he contributed sixty pieces over two decades. Anthologised here for the first time, this selection of his finest *LRB* reviews, diaries, and essays (along with a smattering of ferocious letters) finds Hitchens at his very best. Familiar *bêtes noires* – Kennedy, Nixon, Kissinger, Clinton – rub shoulders with lesser-known preoccupations: P G Wodehouse, Princess Margaret and, magisterially, Isaiah Berlin. Here is Hitchens on the (first) Gulf War and the 'Salman Rushdie Acid Test', on being spanked by Mrs Thatcher in the House of Lords and taking his son to the Oscars, on America's home-grown Nazis and 'Acts of Violence in Grosvenor Square' in 1968. Edited by the *London Review of Books*, with an introduction by James Wolcott, this collection recaptures, ten years after his death, 'a Hitch in time': barnstorming, cauterising, and ultimately uncontainable.  
Writings HC \$34.99

### **Red Herrings and**

### **White Elephants:**

the origins of the phrases we use every day  
**Jack, Albert**  
A fascinating guide to the fascinating history and charming quirks of the English language. Have you ever wondered what phrases such as 'square meal', 'load of old codswallop', 'egg on your face' or 'in the limelight' really mean? The English language is littered with expressions like these which we all use every day, but never stop to wonder where they came from... *Red Herring and White Elephants* delves deep into the fabric of English phraseology and in doing so explores the wide-ranging factors and fascinating linguistic history which continues to inform the way we speak to this day. In this journey through the richest regions of the English language, the origins of hundreds of common phrases are brought to light and the incredible history behind the words we use every day is revealed. From the drop of a hat to the bitter end – you'll be surprised and intrigued, and you'll never speak English in the same way again.  
Language HC \$24.99

### **River Kings:**

the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads  
**Jarman, Catrine**  
Follow bioarchaeologist Cat Jarman – and the cutting-edge forensic techniques central to her research – as she uncovers epic stories of the Viking age and follows a small 'Carnelian' bead found in a Viking grave in Derbyshire to its origins thousands of miles to the east in Gujarat. Dr Cat Jarman is a bioarchaeologist, specialising in forensic techniques to research the paths of Vikings who came to rest in British soil. By examining teeth that are now over one thousand years old, she can

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determine childhood diet, and thereby where a person was likely born. With radiocarbon dating, she can ascertain a death date down to the range of a few years. And her research offers new visions of the likely roles of women and children in Viking culture. In 2017, a carnelian bead came into her temporary possession. *River Kings* sees her trace its path back to eighth-century Baghdad and India, discovering along the way that the Vikings' route was far more varied than we might think, that with them came people from the Middle East, not just Scandinavia, and that the reason for this unexpected integration between the Eastern and Western worlds may well have been a slave trade running through the Silk Road, and all the way to Britain. Told as a riveting story of the Vikings and the methods we use to understand them, this is a major reassessment of the fierce, often-mythologised voyagers of the north, and of the global medieval world as we know it. 'This superb book is like a classical symphony, perfectly composed and exquisitely performed' – *The Times* Books of the Year.

History PBK \$24.99

### Ask a Historian:

50 Surprising Answers to Things You Always Wanted to Know

Jenner, Greg

A roller coaster ride through history revealing the best facts, figures, stories and characters from ancient times to today. Why is Italy called Italy? How old is curry? Which people from history would best pull off a casino heist? Who was the richest person of all time? When was the first Monday? What were history's weirdest medical procedures that actually worked? How much horse manure was splattered on the streets of Tudor London? How fast was the medieval Chinese postal system? What did the Flintstones get right about the Stone Age? Who gets to name historical eras, and what will ours be called in 100 years' time? How do we know how people sounded in the past? How old is sign language? In *Ask A Historian* the author, BBC podcaster, and public historian Greg Jenner provides answers to things you always wondered about, but didn't know who to ask. Responding to 50 genuine questions from the public, Greg whisks you off on an entertaining tour through the ages, revealing the best and most surprising stories, facts, and historical characters from the past. Bouncing through a wide range of subjects – from ancient joke books, African empires, and bizarre tales of medicinal cannibalism, to the invention of meringues, mirrors, and menstrual pads – *Ask A Historian* spans the Stone Age to the Swinging Sixties, and offers up a deliciously amusing and informative smorgasbord of historical curiosities, devoured one morsel at a time.

History HC \$45.00

### We Need Snowflakes:

in defence of the sensitive, the angry and the offended  
Jewell, Hannah  
In praise of offence-taking: how snowflakedom can change the world, for the better. *Is today's youth over sensitive, mollycoddled and intellectually pathetic? Does the scourge of political correctness threaten the very fabric of our nations?*

Yes, and yes! comes the cry of the incensed politician, columnist, comedian, disgruntled father, and baby boomer. Dubbed the 'snowflake generation', these hypersensitive cowards are up in arms about silly things like bathrooms smeared with faeces in the shape of Swastikas, climate change, and statues of colonisers being kept in their natural habitats of universities and town squares. They make obstinate requests like wondering if a vegan option might be available, or if you could (please) use their correct pronouns. In response to this outrage, writer and *Washington Post* pop culture host Hannah Jewell has decided to write a book to explain why being a snowflake might not be a bad thing. It might even make the world a better place. Subversive, provocative and very funny, Hannah explains how, shockingly, despising the generation that comes after your own isn't actually a new thing, and why it's good for students (and indeed the rest of us) to kick off. She shows how you can instil resilience in children without having to live through a war or be made to eat octopus; and provides a handy guide to how you – yes, you! – can also become a snowflake and help to make the world a kinder, more empathetic place.

History TP \$32.99

### The Zoologist's Guide to the Galaxy:

What Animals on Earth Reveal about Aliens – and Ourselves

Kershebaum, Arik

An out-of-this-world – and scientifically-sound – exploration of how aliens might look, move and communicate. We are unprepared for the greatest discovery of modern science. Scientists are confident that there is alien life across the universe, yet we have not moved beyond our perception of 'aliens' as Hollywood stereotypes. The time has come to abandon our fixation on alien monsters and place our expectations on solid scientific footing. Using his own expert understanding of life on Earth and Darwin's theory of evolution – which applies throughout the universe – Cambridge zoologist Dr Arik Kershebaum explains what alien life must be like: how these creatures will move, socialise and communicate. *The Zoologist's Guide to the Galaxy* is the story of how life really works, on Earth and in space.

Science PBK \$22.99

### The Party:

the Communist Party of Australia from heyday to reckoning

Macintyre, Stuart

The long awaited second volume in Stuart Macintyre's definitive history of the Communist Party of Australia. Communism was unlike any other political movement Australia has ever seen. At its peak in the 1940s, unions led by communists could call a strike that paralysed the nation, and communists influenced the highest level of government, and commanded the unswerving loyalty of thousands. It showed working men and women they could have a better life, and gave them the tools to achieve it. Stuart Macintyre reveals how sources of strength in the party's heyday became the undoing of the party over the following two decades. Unconditional support for the Soviet model broke down as the horrors of Stalinism were revealed. Public support for the party eroded

during a series of strikes, and hostility from mainstream politics and security services took a toll. But for those who remained, the comradeship and intense political engagement are the strongest memories.

History HC \$49.99

### The Reds:

the Communist Party of Australia from origins to illegality

Macintyre, Stuart

The only large-scale comprehensive account of an intriguing part of Australia's past. In 1920, 26 men and women met in a dingy hall in Sydney to create a new political party. They expected the overthrow of capitalism and the emancipation of humanity – here, and all around the world. Two decades later, when Australia joined the Second World War, the Commonwealth government suppressed the Communist Party of Australia. The handful of idealists and dissidents had become a political force powerful enough, in the view of the authorities, to pose a threat to national security. The Communist Party was a major part of Australia's political landscape for more than half a century. It came to control many of the country's largest trade unions. Through its supporters, the Party influenced social movements and much of Australia's cultural life. It became the target of sustained surveillance and penetration by state police and federal security agencies. It retains the attention of many despite the revelations of the post-Cold War era. Full of fascinating characters and incidents, Stuart Macintyre's history is the first comprehensive account of Australian communism.

History TP \$34.99

### An Answer for Everything:

200 Infographics to Explain the World Magazine, Delayed Gratification

What's the best book ever written?

What would happen if we all stopped eating meat? What's the secret to living past 110? And what actually is the best thing since sliced bread? In *An Answer for Everything*, 200 of the world's most intriguing questions are settled once and for all through beautiful and brilliant infographics. The results will leave you shocked, informed and thoroughly entertained. Created by the team behind the award-winning *Delayed Gratification* magazine, these compelling, darkly funny data visualisations will change the way you think about... everything...

Information HC \$39.99

### The Insect Crisis:

the Fall of the Tiny Empires that Run the World

Milman, Oliver

When is the last time you were stung by a wasp? Or were followed by a cloud of midges? Or saw a butterfly? All these normal occurrences are becoming much rarer. A groundswell of research suggests insect numbers are in serious decline all over the world – in some places by over 90%. *The Insect Crisis* explores this hidden emergency, arguing that its consequences could even rival climate change. We rely on insect pollination for the bulk of our agriculture, they are a prime food source for birds and fish, and they are a key strut holding up life on Earth, especially our own. In a compelling and entertaining investigation

spanning the globe, Milman speaks to the scientists and entomologists studying this catastrophe and asks why these extraordinary creatures are disappearing. Part warning, part celebration of the incredible variety of insects, this book highlights why we need to wake up to this impending environmental disaster. 'Fascinating... There is something wondrous in Milman's revelation of our fragile dependency on insect life as well as its beauty and strangeness.' – *Guardian*.

Science TP \$29.99

### The Island of Extraordinary Captives:

a True Story of an Artist, a Spy, and a Wartime Scandal

Parkin, Simon

A gripping untold war story: using exclusive new archive material, letters, and diaries, this is the story of the prisoners of war in internment camps during the Second World War. The police came for Peter Fleischmann in the early hours. It reminded the teenager of the Gestapo's moonlit roundups he had narrowly avoided at home in Berlin. Now, having endured a perilous journey to reach England – hiding from the rampaging Nazi thugs at his orphanage, boarding a Kindertransport to safety – here the aspiring artist was, on a ship bound for the Isle of Man, suspected of being a Nazi spy. What had gone wrong? In May 1940, faced with a country gripped by paranoia, Prime Minister Winston Churchill ordered the internment of all German and Austrian citizens living in Britain. Most, like Peter, were refugees who had come to the country to escape Nazi oppression. They were now imprisoned by the very country in which they had staked their trust. Painstakingly researched from dozens of unpublished first-hand accounts and previously classified documents, *The Island of Extraordinary Captives* tells, for the first time, the story of history's most astonishing internment camp and of how a group of world-renowned artists, musicians and academics came to be seen as 'enemy aliens'. *The Island of Extraordinary Captives* is the story of a battle between fear and compassion at a time of national crisis. It reveals how Britain's treatment of refugees during the Second World War led to one of the nation's most shameful missteps, and how hope and creativity can flourish in even the most challenging circumstances. Parkin is the author of the remarkable *A Game of Birds and Wolves: The Secret Game that Revolutionised the War* (PBK, \$22.99).

History TP \$32.99

### Missing

Patterson, Tom

He was brilliant and troubled and for 35 years he lived alone in the wild... then there was silence... Beautifully written and affecting, this is the true story of a young man caught in a world he can't control and how he finds a way to survive. *Hey mate, Pete and Steve have been talking to some people who live around the national park where Mark lives... nobody has seen him for months... We're about to head into the gorge... I'll let you know what we find...* In 1972, Mark May is eighteen. He is bright, beautiful and has a scholarship to study law. Ten years later, he descends alone into remote gorge country in north-western New South Wales. He lives in

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rough camps and stays for 35 years. Then, on a feeling, his brothers go looking for him. *Missing* is a true story of immense emotional force. It tells of a broken life and a ruptured family but is also a spare and eloquent story of survival that carries a deep humanity. It announces a significant new talent in Australian writing.

Biography TP \$32.99

### Extinct:

a Compendium of Obsolete Objects  
**Penner, Barbara; Forty, Adrian; Horsfall Turner, Olivia; Critchley, Miranda (editors)**  
Blending architecture, design, and technology, a visual tour through futures past via the objects we have replaced, left behind, and forgotten. So-called extinct objects are those that were imagined but were never in use, or that existed but are now unused – superseded, unfashionable, or simply forgotten. Extinct gathers together an exceptional range of artists, curators, architects, critics, and academics, including Hal Foster, Barry Bergdoll, Deyan Sudjic, Tacita Dean, Emily Orr, Richard Wentworth, and many more. In 85 essays, contributors nominate 'extinct' objects and address them in a series of short, vivid, sometimes personal accounts, speaking not only of obsolete technologies, but of other ways of thinking, making, and interacting with the world. *Extinct* is filled with curious, half-remembered objects, each one evoking a future that never came to pass. It is also a visual treat, full of interest and delight.

Design HC \$59.99

### Sexual Revolution:

Modern Fascism and the Feminist Fightback  
**Penny, Laurie**  
*This is a story about how modern masculinity is killing the world, and how feminism can save it. It's a story about sex and power and trauma and resistance and persistence.* Sex and gender are changing, and the world is changing with them. In this time of crisis, we are also witnessing a productive transformation: a revolutionary change in how we define gender, sex, consent, and whose bodies matter. This sexual revolution is a threat to the social and economic order. It undermines the existing power structures and weakens the authority of institutions from the waged workplace to the nuclear family. No wonder the far right is fighting back so hard. Told with Laurie Penny's trademark urgency and candour, *Sexual Revolution* is a hand grenade of a book: both a manifesto for social change and a story of how feminism can save us.

Politics TP \$29.99

### Price Wars:

How Chaotic Markets are Creating a Chaotic World

#### Russell, Rupert

A shattering account of the destabilising power of price, and a forceful critique of the free market philosophy that leaves the most vulnerable at the mercy of the commodities markets. For Rupert Russell, the shock of the Trump-Brexit victories was only the latest in a decade full of them: the unstoppable war in Syria, huge migrant flows into Europe, beheadings in Iraq, children caged at the

US border. In *Price Wars* he sets out on an improbable journey to investigate what caused the wave of chaos that consumed the world in the 2010s. Armed with a notebook, flak jacket and pink socks, Russell travels to modern apocalypses across five continents, embedding with separatist soldiers in the trenches of Eastern Ukraine, gangs of street kids battling over garbage in Caracas, the UN bomb disposal squad in Iraq and cattle raiders in Northern Kenya. He traces the origins of these conflicts back to dramatic and mysterious swings in the prices of essential commodities. He meets with commodity speculators who describe the inner workings of these volatile markets, explaining how food prices can spike even in years of abundant harvests, causing bread riots and revolutions. Oil prices can surge on rumours, enriching and emboldening dictators and terrorists alike. These price shocks, and many others across the decade, triggered local disasters that became global catastrophes. It is chaotic prices, Russell learned, fuelled by banks and hedge funds in New York and London, that have toppled regimes and fractured the West. *Price Wars* is a page-turning chronicle of discovery and a ground-breaking expose of the power of price to devastate the world.

Economics TP \$32.99

### The Science of Life and Death in Frankenstein

**Ruston, Sharon**  
What is life? This was a question of particular concern for Mary Shelley. But how did Shelley and her fellow Romantic writers incorporate this debate into their work, and how much were they influenced by contemporary science and medicine? *The Science of Life and Death in Frankenstein* is the first book to synthesise the scientific and medical thinking about life and death during Mary Shelley's lifetime. Sharon Ruston explores the contemporary scientific basis behind Victor Frankenstein's idea that life and death were merely 'ideal bounds' he could transgress in the making of the Creature. Ruston contextualises the novel alongside the work of the key scientific and medical thinkers of the day, including John Abernethy, James Curry, Humphry Davy, John Hunter, William Lawrence, and Joseph Priestley. The book also examines what Mary Shelley herself knew and believed about the boundaries of life and death. Interweaving images of the *Frankenstein* manuscript, portraits, medical instruments, and contemporary diagrams, Ruston shows how this extraordinary tale is steeped in historical scientific and medical thought.

Science HC \$49.99

### Madhouse at the End of the Earth:

the Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night

#### Sancton, Julian

In August 1897, the young Belgian commandant Adrien de Gerlache set sail for a three-year expedition aboard the good ship *Belgica* with dreams of glory. His destination was the uncharted end of the earth: the icy continent of Antarctica. But de Gerlache's plans to be first to the magnetic South Pole would swiftly go awry. After a series of costly setbacks, the commandant faced two bad options: turn back in defeat and spare his men

the devastating Antarctic winter, or recklessly chase fame by sailing deeper into the freezing waters. De Gerlache sailed on, and soon the *Belgica* was stuck fast in the icy hold of the Bellingshausen Sea. When the sun set on the magnificent polar landscape one last time, the ship's occupants were condemned to months of endless night. In the darkness, plagued by a mysterious illness and besieged by monotony, they descended into madness. In *Madhouse at the End of the Earth*, Julian Sancton unfolds an epic story of adventure and horror for the ages. As the *Belgica's* men teetered on the brink, de Gerlache relied increasingly on two young officers whose friendship had blossomed in captivity: the expedition's lone American, Dr Frederick Cook – half genius, half con man – whose later infamy would overshadow his brilliance on the *Belgica*; and the ship's first mate, soon-to-be legendary Roald Amundsen, even in his youth the storybook picture of a sailor. Together, they would plan a last-ditch, nearly certain-to-fail escape from the ice – one that would either etch their names in history or doom them to a terrible fate at the ocean's bottom. Drawing on the diaries and journals of the *Belgica's* crew and with exclusive access to the ship's logbook, Sancton brings novelistic flair to a story of human extremes, one so remarkable that even today NASA studies it for research on isolation for future missions to Mars. Equal parts maritime thriller and gothic horror, *Madhouse at the End of the Earth* is an unforgettable journey into the deep.

History PBK \$22.99

### The Lost Café Schindler:

One Family, Two Wars, and the Search for Truth  
**Schindler, Meriel**  
An extraordinary memoir of a Jewish family spanning two world wars and its flight from Nazi-occupied Austria. Meriel Schindler spent her adult life trying to keep her father, Kurt, at bay. But when he died in 2017, he left behind piles of Nazi-era documents related to her family's fate in Innsbruck and a treasure trove of family albums reaching back to before World War I. Meriel was forced to confront not only their fractured relationship, but also the truth behind their family history. *The Lost Café Schindler* re-creates the journey of an extraordinary family, whose relatives included the Jewish doctor who treated Hitler's mother when she was dying of breast cancer; the Kafka family; and Alma Schindler, the wife of Gustav Mahler. But the narrative centres around the Café Schindler, famous for its pastries, home-distilled liquors, live entertainment, and hospitality – which was expropriated during the Nazi era. This is a story of tragic loss – several relatives disappeared in Terezín and Auschwitz – but, ultimately, of reclamation and reconciliation.

History PBK \$24.99

### National Treasures:

Saving the Nation's Art in World War II

#### Shenton, Caroline

The gigantic covert wartime mission led by the men and women of London's museums and galleries to save the nation's priceless heritage. As Hitler prepared to invade Poland during the sweltering summer of 1939, men and women from across London's museums, galleries and archives formulated

ingenious plans to send the nation's highest prized objects to safety. Using stately homes, tube tunnels, slate mines, castles, prisons, stone quarries and even their own homes, a dedicated bunch of unlikely misfits packed up the nation's greatest treasures and, in a race against time, dispatched them throughout the country on a series of top-secret wartime adventures. *National Treasures* highlights a moment from our history when an unlikely coalition of mild-mannered civil servants, social oddballs and metropolitan aesthetes became the front line in the heritage war against Hitler. Caroline Shenton shares the interwoven lives of ordinary people who kept calm and carried on in the most extraordinary of circumstances in their efforts to save the Nation's historic identity.

History HC \$39.99

### How the World Really Works:

a Scientist's Guide to Our Past, Present, and Future  
**Smil, Vaclav**  
Delightfully contrarian, this is the one book you need to understand our modern world. We have never had so much information at our fingertips and yet most of us don't know how the world really works. This book explains seven of the most fundamental realities governing our survival and prosperity. From energy and food production, through our material world and its globalisation, to risks, our environment and its future, *How the World Really Works* offers a much-needed reality check – because before we can tackle problems effectively, we must understand the facts. In this ambitious and thought-provoking book we see, for example, that globalisation isn't inevitable and that our societies have been steadily increasing their dependence on fossil fuels, making their complete and rapid elimination unlikely. Vaclav Smil is neither a pessimist nor an optimist, he is a scientist; he is the world-leading expert on energy and an astonishing polymath. This is his magnum opus and is a continuation of his quest to make facts matter. Drawing on the latest science, including his own fascinating research, and tackling sources of misinformation head on – from Yuval Noah Harari to Noam Chomsky – ultimately Smil answers the most profound question of our age: are we irrevocably doomed or is a brighter utopia ahead?

Science TP \$35.00

### Ten Cities that Led the World:

from Ancient Metropolis to Modern Megacity  
**Strathern, Paul**  
From the founding of ancient capitals to buzzing modern megacities, this history of ten cities explores how urban centres have led civilisation forward. Great cities are complex, chaotic and colossal. These are cities that dominate the world stage and define eras; where ideas flourish, revolutions are born and history is made. Through ten unique cities, from the founding of ancient capitals to buzzing modern megacities, Paul Strathern explores how urban centres lead civilisation forward, enjoying a moment of glory before passing on the baton. We journey back to discover Babylonian mathematics, Athenian theatre and intellectual debate, and Roman construction that has lasted millennia. We

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see Constantinople evolve into Istanbul, revolutionary sparks fly in Enlightenment Paris, and the railways, canals and ships that built Imperial London. In Moscow men build spaceships while other men starve, New York's skyscrapers rise up to a soundtrack of jazz, Mumbai becomes home to immense wealth and poverty, and Beijing's economic transformation leads the way. Each city has its own distinct personality, and *Ten Cities that Led the World* brings their rich and diverse histories to life, reminding us of the foundations we have built on and how our futures will be shaped.

History TP \$32.99

### **The Unexpected Spy:**

from the CIA to the FBI, My Secret Life Taking Down Some of the World's Most Notorious Terrorists

**Walder, Tracy  
& Blau, Jessica Anya**

When Tracy Walder enrolled at the University of Southern California, she never thought that

one day she would offer her pink beanbag chair in the Delta Gamma house to a CIA recruiter, or that she'd fly to the Middle East under an alias identity. *The Unexpected Spy* is the riveting story of Walder's tenure in the CIA and, later, the FBI. In high-security, steel-walled rooms in Virginia, Walder watched al-Qaeda members with drones as President Bush looked over her shoulder and CIA Director George Tenet brought her donuts. She tracked chemical terrorists and searched the world for Weapons of Mass Destruction. She created a chemical terror chart that someone in the White House altered to convey information she did not have or believe, leading to the Iraq invasion. Driven to stop terrorism, Walder debriefed terrorists – men who swore they'd never speak to a woman – until they gave her leads. She followed trails through North Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, shutting down multiple chemical attacks. Then, Walder moved to the FBI, where she worked in counterintelligence. In a single year, she

helped take down one of the most notorious foreign spies ever caught on American soil. Catching the bad guys wasn't a problem in the FBI, but rampant sexism was. Walder left the FBI to teach young women, encouraging them to find a place in the FBI, CIA, State Department, or the Senate – and, thus, change the world.

Espionage TP \$32.99

### **Land:**

How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World

**Winchester, Simon**

From the bestselling author Simon Winchester, a human history of land around the world: who mapped it, owned it, stole it, cared for it, fought for it, and gave it back. In 1889, thousands of hopeful people raced southward from the Kansas state line and westward from the Arkansas boundary to stake claims on the thousands of acres of unclaimed pastures and meadows. Across the twentieth century, water was dammed and

drained in Holland so that a new province, Flevoland, rose up, unchartered and requiring new thinking. In 1850, California legislated the theft of land from Native Americans. An apology came in 2019 from the governor, but what of the call for reparations or return? What of government confiscation of land in India, or questions of fairness when it comes to New Zealand's Maori population and the legacy of settlers? The ownership of land has always been complicated, opaque, and more than a little anarchic when viewed from the outside. In this book, Simon Winchester explores the stewardship of land, the ways it is delineated and changes hands, the great disputes, and the questions of restoration – particularly in the light of climate change and colonialist reparation. A global study, this is an exquisite exploration of what the ownership of land might really mean – not in dry-as-dust legal terms, but for the people who live on it.

History PBK \$24.99