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Osprey military history

UH-1 Huey Gunship vs NVA/VC Forces:

Vietnam 1962–75
Duel 112

**Davies, Peter E & Laurier, Jim;
Hector, Gareth (illustrators)**

Often described as the US Army's aerial jeep the UH-1 Iroquois ('Huey') was the general-purpose vehicle that provided mobility in a hostile jungle environment which made rapid troop movement extremely challenging by any other means. Hueys airlifted troops, evacuated casualties, rescued downed pilots, transported cargo externally and enabled rapid transit of commanders in the field. Although 'vertical aviation' had only become a practical reality during the Korean War helicopters evolved rapidly in the decade before Vietnam and by 1965 the US Army and US Marines relied on them as primary combat tools. This was principally because North Vietnam's armed forces had long experience of jungle operations, camouflage and evasion. Generally avoiding set-piece pitched battles they relied on rapid, frequent strikes and withdrew using routes that were generally inaccessible to US vehicles. They commonly relied on darkness and bad weather to make their moves, often rendering them immune to conventional air attack. Gunship helicopters, sometimes equipped with Firefly searchlights and early night vision light intensifiers, were more able to track and attack the enemy. Innovative tactics were required for this unfamiliar combat scenario and for a US Army that was more prepared for conventional operations in a European-type setting. One of the most valuable new initiatives was the UH-1C 'Huey Hog' or 'Frog' gunship, conceived in 1960 and offering more power and agility than the UH-1B that pioneered gunship use in combat. Heavily armed with guns and rockets and easily transportable by air these helicopters became available in large numbers and they became a major problem for the insurgent forces throughout the war. Covering fascinating details of the innovations in tactics and combat introduced by gunship helicopters, this book offers an analysis of their adaptability and usefulness in a variety of operations, while exploring the insurgent forces' responses to the advent of 'vertical aviation'.

Military history PBK \$29.99

Big Guns in the Atlantic:

Germany's battleships and cruisers raid the convoys, 1939–41
Raid 55

**Konstam, Angus & Groult,
Edouard A (illustrator)**

At the outbreak of World War II the German Kriegsmarine still had a relatively small U-boat arm. To reach Britain's convoy routes in the North Atlantic, these boats had to pass around the top of the British Isles – a long and dangerous voyage to their 'hunting grounds'. Germany's larger surface warships were much better suited to this kind of long-range operation. So, during late 1939 the armoured cruiser *Deutschland*, and later the battlecruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* were used as commerce raiders, to strike at Allied convoys in the North Atlantic. These sorties met with mixed results, but for Germany's naval high command they showed that this kind of operation had potential. Then, the fall of France, Denmark and Norway in early 1940 dramatically altered the strategic situation. The Atlantic was now far easier to reach, and to escape from. During 1940, further moderately successful sorties were made by the cruisers *Admiral Scheer* and *Admiral Hipper*. By the end of the year, with British mercantile losses mounting to surface raiders and U-Boats, plans were developed for a much larger raid, first using both cruisers, and then the two battlecruisers. The climax of this was *Operation Berlin*, the Kriegsmarine's largest and most wide-ranging North Atlantic sortie so far. *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* remained at sea for two months, destroying 22 Allied merchant ships, and severely disrupting Britain's lifeline convoys. So, when the operation ended, the German commander, Admiral Lütjens was ordered to repeat his success – this time with the brand new battleship *Bismarck*. The rest, as they say, is history. These earlier Atlantic raids demonstrated that German surface ships could be highly effective commerce raiders. For those willing to see though, they also demonstrated just how risky this strategy could be. Covering a fascinating and detailed analysis of the Kriegsmarine's Atlantic raids between 1939 and 1941, this book will appeal to readers interested in World War II and in particular in Germany's naval operations.

Naval history PBK \$29.99

German Heavy Cruisers vs Royal Navy Heavy Cruisers 1939–42

Duel 113

**Lardas, Mark
& Palmer, Ian (illustrator)**

This superbly illustrated study explores the epic clashes of British and German heavy cruisers at the beginning of World War II. The opposing heavy cruisers of the German Kriegsmarine and the Royal Navy engaged in a global game of cat and mouse during the opening years of World War II. This was a period in which the heavy cruiser still reigned supreme in open waters, with the opposing sides reluctant to risk their battleships, and aircraft yet to dominate the seas. These swift vessels fought each other in the South Atlantic, North Atlantic, the frigid waters of the Denmark Strait and the Arctic approaches to Russia, capturing the public imagination in the process. This fascinating and beautifully illustrated book examines the design, development and technical performance of these opposing warships, and explores the clashes between them at the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939, the Christmas Day Battle 1940 and the Battle of the Denmark Strait in May 1941. The ships examined include the *Deutschland*-class Panzerschiffe and *Admiral Hipper*-class cruisers, and the Royal Navy County- and York-class heavy cruisers.

Naval history PBK \$29.99

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Ron and Leanne

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General nonfiction

Masters of War:

a Visual History of Military Personnel from Commanders to Frontline Fighters
A comprehensive guide to the most inspirational and influential military leaders and fighting forces of all time. Explore the lives and achievements of history's most important military figures with this illustrated guide to military men and women. Featuring more than 100 key generals and military leaders from Alexander the Great to Winston Churchill, *Masters of War* takes you on a visual chronological journey of military history and the people behind the battles that have shaped it, starting in ancient Egypt and coming up to date with World War I, World War II, Vietnam War, and conflicts in the Middle East. Profiles include Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, Genghis Khan, Oliver Cromwell, Napoleon, Horatio Nelson, Otto von Bismarck, Simon Bolivar, Ulysses Grant, Dwight D Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Mao Zedong, and many more. Biographies reveal the details of each leader's life and achievements, while paintings, photographs, and artefacts bring their stories to life. The book also features the uniforms and equipment of soldiers throughout history. Each object is accompanied with a short description of its importance, from the swords and spears of early warfare to the guns and uniforms of the modern era.
Military history HC \$49.99

The Most Important Comic Book on Earth:

Stories to Save the World
One hundred and twenty inspiring, visual stories on environmentalism from key figures, charities, activists, and artists. *The Most Important Comic Book on Earth* is a global collaboration for planetary change, bringing together a diverse team of 300 leading environmentalists, artists, authors, actors, filmmakers, musicians, and more to present over 120 stories to save the world. Whether it's inspirational tales from celebrity names such as Cara Delevigne and Andy Serkis, hilarious webcomics from War and Peas and Ricky Gervais, artworks by leading illustrators David Mack and Tula Lotay, calls to action from activists George Monbiot and Jane Goodall, or powerful stories by Brian Azzarello and Amy Chu, each of the comics in this anthology will support projects and organisations fighting to save the planet and Rewrite Extinction.
Climate change activism PBK \$39.99

The History of Tarot Art:

Demystifying the Art and Arcana, Deck by Deck
Archer, Esther Joy & Easley, Holly Adams
The History of Tarot Art offers a fresh and accessible look at the art styles, artists, and history behind more than a dozen of the world's most noteworthy tarot decks. Guided by Holly Adams Easley and Esther Joy Archer, hosts of the popular *Wildly Tarot* podcast, this deluxe collector's book provides a fresh look at the influence of tarot from its beginnings to today. The elegant slipcase, 24 removable Sola-Busca tarot cards, and illustrated foldout timeline with important dates in tarot development make this package

a must have for any tarot fan. *The History of Tarot Art* shows how tarot morphed from a fifteenth century card game to a popular modern activity. Learn more about the stories behind the art of tarot's most influential decks, like Rider-Waite-Smith and Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot, as well as the female artists whose work was often overshadowed in their time. *The History of Tarot Art* also takes a close look at the Visconti, Sola-Busca, Tarot de Marseille, Aquarian, Morgan-Greer, Motherpeace, Cosmic, Druidcraft, Wild Unknown, and Deviant Moon decks, alongside dozens of contemporary decks. In many cases, you'll see how tarot art reflects its era. The Morgan-Greer deck, for example, could only have been born in the 1970s. More recent decks, such as Black Power Tarot and Fifth Spirit Tarot, aim to represent more diverse experiences in relation to race, gender, and sexuality. The book also provides tips for doing your own tarot readings and a cheat sheet on the meanings of the Rider-Waite-Smith, Thoth, and Tarot de Marseille cards. Whether you're a long-time tarot practitioner or a newcomer to the practice, you'll find fascinating new insights in this retrospective.
History HC \$69.99

Do No Harm – a Painful History of Medicine **Arnold, Nick & von Reiswitz, Stephanie (illustrator)**

For the gruesomely curious or medically minded, this romp through the history of medicine packs in the fascinating and often macabre ideas and practices employed during humanity's constant battle against illness and injury. Discover the pills and potions that often did more harm than good, the bizarre treatments and torturous surgeries. As well as finding strange and little-known stories, readers will also develop a deeper understanding of the pioneers and pivotal discoveries that paved the way for the modern medicine we often take for granted today. Delightfully gothic illustration brings the information to life, complemented by photographs of key artefacts.
Science/History HC \$29.99

Deep Time:

An Illustrated Exploration of 4.5 Billion Years of Time through Artefacts, Places and Phenomena
Black, Riley
Carving a timeline through the aeons of evolution that have taken place before our time on Earth, *Deep Time* explores the evidence that exists beneath our feet, in our museums, in the skies and surrounding us every day, which can help us to make sense of the great age of our world. How can the human mind conceive of the immense arc of the history of our planet or the vast expanse of time since the beginning of the universe? *Deep Time* challenges our sense of meaning, both individually and collectively, and threatens to overwhelm our comprehension of the cosmos. But windows to this cosmic span do exist – traces and artefacts of ancient epochs, things we can see and touch today, which can connect us to this distant past. From the prismatic bands in a polished rock, to the hiss of static on the radio, and from the fossil fragments you find on the beach

to the stars in the night sky, the evidence of Deep Time is all around us. Carving a timeline through the aeons of evolution that have taken place before our time on Earth, *Deep Time* explores the evidence that exists beneath our feet, in our museums, in the skies and surrounding us every day, which can help us to make sense of the great age of our world. Organised chronologically, *Deep Time* features full colour imagery of incredible objects, places and phenomena that have withstood unimaginable geological and cosmic forces to bring us the story of time, itself.
Science HC \$49.99

The First Shots:

the Epic Rivalries and Heroic Science Behind the Race to the Coronavirus Vaccine
Borrell, Brendan
The full inside story of the high-stakes global race for the lifesaving vaccine to end the pandemic. Heroic science. Chaotic politics. Billionaire entrepreneurs. In *The First Shots*, award-winning journalist Brendan Borrell brings to life the defining story of our times through absorbing, first-time reporting on those leading the fight against a vicious virus. Borrell draws on exclusive, high-level access to take us inside the intense competition among brilliant scientists and the epic rivalries among Washington power players. His propulsive narrative depicts key players such as infectious-diseases expert Michael Callahan, who was secretly on the ground in Wuhan to gauge the terrifying ravages of 'disease X'; Robert Kadlec, one of Operation Warp Speed's architects, whose audacious plans ran straight into the buzz saw of the Trump White House factions; and Stéphane Bancel of Moderna Therapeutics, the upstart company that went toe to toe with pharma behemoth Pfizer. A real-life thriller playing out over eighteen months of fear, resolve and triumph, *The First Shots* lays bare the stunning story behind the medical-science 'moonshot' of our lifetimes.
Science TP \$34.99

The Glamour Boys:

the Secret Story of the Rebels who Fought for Britain to Defeat Hitler
Bryant, Chris
We like to think we know the story of how Britain went to war with Germany in 1939, but there is one chapter that has never been told. In the early 1930s, a group of young, queer British MPs visited Berlin on a series of trips that would change the course of the Second World War. Having witnessed the Nazis' brutality, first hand, these men were some of the first to warn Britain about Hitler, repeatedly speaking out against their government's policy of appeasing him. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain hated them. Branding them 'the glamour boys' to insinuate something untoward about them, he had their phones tapped and threatened them with deselection and exposure. At a time when even the suggestion of homosexuality could land you in prison, the bravery these men were forced to show in their personal lives gave them extraordinary courage in public. Undaunted, they refused to be silenced and when war came, they

enlisted. Four of them died in action. And, without them, Britain would never have faced down the Nazis.
History PBK \$22.99

Jet Man:

Frank Whittle's Battle to Revolutionise Flight
Campbell-Smith, Duncan
The story of Frank Whittle – RAF pilot, mathematician of genius, inventor of the jet engine and British hero. In 1938, a 31-year-old RAF pilot and engineer named Frank Whittle – given special leave to pursue his own startlingly original concept of flight – presented the Air Ministry with a written proposal for a revolutionary jet-powered fighter aircraft. A ready response might have changed the course of history, but Whittle got no reply. In this gripping and insightful biography, Duncan Campbell-Smith charts Whittle's success at building a pre-war jet engine against all the odds – and tracks his desperate struggle to have it launched into active service against Hitler's Luftwaffe. It arrived too late – but, nonetheless, transformed the future of aviation.
History PBK \$24.99

The Universe

Cohen, Andrew & Cox, Brian
Every night, above our heads, a drama of epic proportions is playing out. Diamond planets, zombie stars, black holes heavier than a billion Suns. The cast of characters is extraordinary, and each one has its own incredible story to tell. We once thought of our Earth as unique, but we have now discovered thousands of alien planets, and that's barely a fraction of the worlds that are out there. And there are more stars in the Universe than grains of sand on every planet in the Solar System. But amid all this vastness, the Milky Way Galaxy, our Sun and the Earth are home to the only known life in the Universe – at least for now. With a foreword from Professor Brian Cox, and access to all the latest stunning NASA photography, Andrew Cohen takes readers on a voyage of discovery, via the probes and telescopes exploring the outer reaches of our galaxy, revealing how it was formed and how it will inevitably be destroyed by the enigmatic black hole at its heart. And beyond our galaxy, the expanding Universe, which holds clues to the biggest mystery of all – how did it all begin? We now know more about those first moments of existence than we ever thought possible, and hidden in this story of how it all began are the clues to the fate of the Universe itself and everything in it.
Science HC \$39.99

The Great Secret:

the Classified World War II Disaster that Launched the War on Cancer
Gonant, Jennet
On the night of December 2, 1943, the Luftwaffe bombed a critical Allied port in Bari, Italy, sinking seventeen ships and killing over a thousand servicemen and hundreds of civilians. Caught in the surprise air raid was the John Harvey, an American Liberty ship carrying a top-secret cargo of 2,000 mustard bombs to be used in retaliation if the Germans resorted to gas warfare.

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After young sailors began suddenly dying with mysterious symptoms, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Alexander, a doctor and chemical weapons expert, was dispatched to investigate. He quickly diagnosed mustard gas exposure, which Churchill denied. Undaunted, Alexander defied British officials and persevered with his investigation. His final report on the Bari casualties was immediately classified, but not before his breakthrough observations about the toxic effects of mustard on white blood cells caught the attention of Colonel Cornelius P Rhoads – a pioneering physician and research scientist as brilliant as he was arrogant and self-destructive – who recognised that the poison was both a killer and a cure, and ushered in a new era of cancer research. Deeply researched and beautifully written, *The Great Secret* is the remarkable story of how horrific tragedy gave birth to medical triumph.

History/Science PBK \$24.99

The Story of Looking Gousins, Mark

A fully illustrated investigation into the elements of looking, combining art, science, psychology and history to create the story of visual culture over six thousand years. Looking can be an act of empathy or aggression. It can provoke desire or express it. And from the blurry, edgeless world we inhabit as infants to the landscape of screens we grow into, looking can define us. In *The Story of Looking*, filmmaker and writer Mark Cousins takes us on a lightning-bright tour – in words and images – through how our looking selves develop over the course of a lifetime, and the ways that looking has changed through the centuries. From great works of art to tourist photographs, from cityscapes to cinema, through science and protest, propaganda and refusals to look, the false mirrors and great visionaries of looking, this book illuminates how we construct as well as receive the things we see. Brilliant and eclectic, *The Story of Looking* is a photo album and an art gallery, a road movie and a visual grammar: once you've read it, you'll never see things the same way again.

Society and culture PBK \$39.99

Mage Merlin's Unsolved Mathematical Mysteries Devadoss, Satyan & Harvey, Matt

Sixteen of the world's greatest unsolved mathematical puzzles, presented through an interactive, richly-illustrated, story-driven journey. Most people think of mathematics as a set of useful tools designed to answer analytical questions, beginning with simple arithmetic and ending with advanced calculus. But, as *Mage Merlin's Unsolved Mathematical Mysteries* shows, mathematics is filled with intriguing mysteries that take us to the edge of the unknown. This richly-illustrated, story-driven volume presents sixteen of today's greatest unsolved mathematical puzzles, all understandable by anyone with elementary math skills. These intriguing mysteries are presented to readers as puzzles that have time-travelled from Camelot, preserved in the notebook of Merlin, the wise magician in King Arthur's court.

Mathematics PBK \$24.99

Banksy: Completed

Diehl, Carol

There's more to Banksy than the painting on the wall: the first in-depth investigation into the mysteries of the world's most famous living artist. Banksy is the world's most famous living artist, yet no one knows who he is. For more than twenty years, his wryly political and darkly humorous spray paintings have appeared mysteriously on urban walls around the globe, generating headlines and controversy. Art critics disdain him, but the public (and the art market) love him. With this generously illustrated book, artist and critic Carol Diehl is the first author to probe the depths of the Banksy mystery. Through her exploration of his paintings, installations, writings, and Academy Award-nominated film, *Exit Through the Gift Shop*, Diehl proves unequivocally that there's more to Banksy than the painting on the wall. Seeing Banksy as the ultimate provocateur, Diehl investigates the dramas that unfold after his works are discovered, with all of their social, economic, and political implications. She reveals how this trickster rattles the system, whether during his month-long 2013 self-styled New York 'residency' or his notorious Dismaland of 2015, a full-scale dystopian 'family theme park unsuitable for children' dedicated to the failure of capitalism. Banksy's work, Diehl shows, is a synthesis of conceptual art, social commentary, and political protest, played out not in museums but where it can have the most effect – on the street, in the real world. The questions Banksy raises about the uses of public and private property, the role of the global corporatocracy, the never-ending wars, and the gap between artworks as luxury goods and as vehicles of social expression, have never been more relevant.

Art PBK \$49.99

The Philosophers' Library:

Books that Shaped the World
Ferner, Adam & Meyns, Chris
The Philosophers' Library features the most important philosophy manuscripts and books as stepping stones to take you through the history of philosophy. By cataloguing the history of philosophy via its key works, this book reflects the physical results of human thinking and endeavour; brilliant thought manifested in titles that literally changed the course of knowledge, sometimes by increments, and sometimes with revolutionary impact. This is a unique book of books, all as beautiful as they are important, whether they be ancient, modern or those, in between. Eye-catching antique fonts on leather covers, inked illustrations on vellum, and inspiring graphics on well-worn jackets draw the reader in. Each book is detailed with publication date and title, the author is described, his or her key work outlined, and its context highlighted. The text brings these books as artefacts to life, telling the story of what philosophy was and is, how it appeared and when.

Philosophy HC \$49.99

Being a Human:

Adventures in 40,000 Years of Consciousness
Foster, Charles
A radical work of nature writing and philosophical enquiry, resituating us in our real human skins. What kind of creature is a human? If we don't know what we are, how

can we know how to act? In *Being A Human* Charles Foster sets out to understand what a human is, inhabiting the sensory worlds of humans at three pivotal moments in our history. Foster begins his quest in a wood in Derbyshire with his son, shivering, starving and hunting, trying to find a way of experiencing the world that recognises the deep expanse of time when we understood ourselves as hunter-gatherers, indivisible from the non-human world, and when modern consciousness was first ignited. From there he travels to the Neolithic, when we tamed animals, plants and ourselves, to a way of being defined by walls, fences, farms, sky gods and slaughterhouses, and finally to the rarefied world of the Enlightenment, when we decided that the universe was a machine and we were soulless cogs within it.

Science/History HC \$34.99

Lost Animals:

Extinction and the Photographic Record
Fuller, Errol
A photograph of an animal, long gone, evokes a feeling of loss more than a painting ever can. Often sepia-tinted or black-and-white, these images were mainly taken in zoos or wildlife parks, and in a handful of cases featured the last known individual of the species. There are some familiar examples, such as Martha, the last Passenger Pigeon, or the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, recently flogged and perching happily on the hat of one of the biologists that had just ringed it. But for every Martha there are a number of less familiar extinct birds and mammals that were caught on camera prior to their demise. The photographic record of extinction is the focus of this remarkable book, written by the world's leading authority on vanished animals, Errol Fuller. *Lost Animals* features photographs dating from around 1870 to as recently as 2004, the year that saw the demise of the Hawaiian Po'ouli. From a mother Thylacine and her pups to now-extinct birds such as the Heath Hen and Carolina Parakeet, Fuller tells the tale of each animal, why it became extinct, and discusses the circumstances surrounding the photography itself, in a book rich with unique images. The photographs themselves are poignant and compelling. They provide a tangible link to animals that have now vanished forever, in a book that brings the past to life while delivering a warning for the future.

Science photography PBK \$39.99

1001 Days that Shaped the World Furtado, Peter

Fully updated for 2021, this is a comprehensive guide to those extraordinary moments that defined human history, written by respected figures from the fields of science, history, and journalism. From the foundation of Rome on April 21, 753 BC to the Arab Spring of 2011, this newly updated edition of *1001 Days That Shaped the World* focuses on those truly pivotal moments that have changed the direction of world history. This page-turner of a book summarises each event with a dramatic descriptive article and memorable illustrations and photos. Among the general categories of events described by historian Peter Furtado and his team of researchers and writers are decisive battles, major natural disasters, historic

assassinations, the hatching of political plots, artistic and cultural milestones, and much more. Here are stories of human achievement, high drama, and memorable tragedy, explained in terms of their physical, cultural, social, or economic impact on the world. Supplemental with hundreds of evocative photos and illustrations.

History PBK \$39.99

Bunker:

Building for the End Times
Garrett, Bradley
An astonishingly prescient journey through one of the fastest-growing phenomena of our age, by one of our most exciting young thinkers and urban explorers. Today, the bunker has become the extreme expression of our greatest fears: from pandemics to climate change and nuclear war. And, once you look, it doesn't take long to start seeing bunkers everywhere. In *Bunker*, acclaimed urban explorer and cultural geographer Bradley Garrett explores the global and rapidly growing movement of 'prepping' for social and environmental collapse, or 'Doomsday'. From the 'dread merchants' hustling safe spaces in the American mid-West to eco-fortresses in Thailand, from geoscrapers to armoured mobile bunkers, *Bunker* is a brilliant, original and never less than deeply disturbing story from the frontlines of the way we live now. The bunker, Garrett shows, is all around us: in malls, airports, gated communities, the vehicles we drive. Most of all, he shows, it's in our minds.

Architecture PBK \$22.99

Feline Philosophy:

Cats and the Meaning of Life
Gray, John
A playful yet profound examination of what cats can teach us about life and how to live it. '*When I play with my cat, how do I know she is not passing time with me rather than I with her?*' – *Montaigne*. There is no real evidence that humans ever 'domesticated' cats. Rather it seems that at some point cats saw the potential value to themselves of humans. John Gray's wonderful new book is an attempt to get to grips with the philosophical and moral issues around the uniquely strange relationship between ourselves and these remarkable animals. *Feline Philosophy* draws on Gray's own wide reading to give fascinating examples of the complex and intimate links that have defined how we react to and behave with this most unlikely 'pet'. At the heart of the book is a sense of gratitude towards cats as, perhaps, the species that more than any other – in the essential loneliness of our position in the world – gives us a sense of our own animal nature.

Natural history PBK \$22.99

The Witches'

Wealth Spell Book:
for Abundance and Prosperity
Greenleaf, Gerridwen
With witchcraft and mysticism continuing to trend and be part of the mainstream, this powerful mini book of spells for wealth and prosperity is a must have for spell-casters of all levels and anyone with a penchant for the magical. *The Witches' Wealth Spell Book* is the perfect pocket-sized reference for spell casters of all levels. Including charms and

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incantations for wealth, success, prosperity, and abundance, this mini book is a charming collection that will appeal to both beginners and seasoned witches alike.

Mind, body, spirit HC \$12.99

Flashes of Creation:

George Gamow, Fred Hoyle and the Great Big Bang Debate

Halpern, Paul

The great battle over the Big Bang Theory and the quest to answer physics' greatest questions: how did the Universe begin, could it change, and would it end? In the past decade, Paul Halpern has brought readers three stunning histories of science – *Einstein's Dice and Schrödinger's Cats*, *The Quantum Labyrinth*, and *Synchronicity* – that reveal the twisted, bizarre, and illuminating stories of physics' greatest thinkers and ideas.

In *Flashes of Creation*, Halpern turns to what might be the biggest story of them all: the discovery of the origins of the universe and everything in it. Today, the Big Bang is so deeply entrenched in our understanding of the universe that to doubt it would seem crazy. And that is pretty much what has happened to the last major opponent of the theory, British astronomer Fred Hoyle. If anyone knows his name today, they probably think he went off the deep end – or, at least, was so very wrong for so long as to seem completely obtuse. But the hot-headed Hoyle saw himself as a crusader for physics, defending scientific progress from a band of charlatans. His doggedness was equalled by one man alone: Russian-American physicist George Gamow, who saw the idea of the Big Bang as essential to explaining where the Universe came from, and why it's full of the matter that surrounds us. The stakes were high! And the ensuing battle, waged in person and through the media over decades, was as fiery as the cosmic cataclysm the theory describes. Most of us might guess who turned out to be right (Gamow, mostly) and who noisily spun out of control as the evidence against his position mounted (Hoyle). Unfortunately for Hoyle, he is mostly remembered for giving the theory the silliest name he could think of: 'The Big Bang'. But as Halpern so eloquently demonstrates, even the greatest losers in physics – including those who seem as foolish and ornery as Fred Hoyle – have much to teach us, about boldness, imagination, and even the universe, itself.

Science/History HC \$45.00

Operation Vengeance:

the Astonishing Aerial Ambush that Changed World War II

Hampton, Dan

In 1943, the United States military began to plan one of the most dramatic secret missions of World War II. Its code name was Operation Vengeance. Naval Intelligence had intercepted the itinerary of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet, whose stealth attack on Pearl Harbour precipitated America's entry into the war. Harvard-educated, Yamamoto was a close confidant of Emperor Hirohito and a brilliant tactician who epitomised Japanese military might. On April 18th, the US discovered, he would travel to Rabaul in the South Pacific to visit Japanese troops, then fly to the Japanese airfield at Balalale, 400 miles to the southeast.

Set into motion, the Americans' plan was one of the most tactically difficult operations of the war. To avoid detection, US pilots had to embark on a circuitous, 1,000-mile odyssey that would test not only their skills but the physical integrity of their planes. The timing was also crucial: the slightest miscalculation, even by a few minutes – or a delay on the famously punctual Yamamoto's end – meant the entire plan would collapse, endangering American lives. But if these remarkable pilots succeeded, they could help turn the tide of the war – and greatly boost Allied morale. Informed by deep archival research and his experience as a decorated combat pilot, Operation Vengeance focuses on the mission's pilots and recreates the moment-by-moment drama they experienced in the air. Hampton recreates this epic event in thrilling detail, and provides ground-breaking evidence about what really happened that day.

Military history TP \$32.99

Sapiens: the Pillars of Civilisation

Graphic History 02

Harari, Yuval Noah

The second volume of an epic, beautifully illustrated graphic history of humankind, based on Yuval Noah Harari's internationally bestselling phenomenon. When nomadic *Homo sapiens* settled to live in one place, they started working harder and harder. But why didn't they get a better life in return? In *The Pillars of Civilisation*, Yuval Noah Harari and his companions including Prof Saraswati and Dr Fiction travel the length and breadth of human history to investigate how the Agricultural Revolution changed society forever. Discover how wheat took over the world, how war, famine, disease and inequality became a part of the human condition, and why we might only have ourselves to blame. The origins of modern farming are told through Elizabethan tragedy, the changing fortunes of domesticated plants and animals are tracked in the columns of the *Daily Business News*, and the history of inequality is revealed in a superhero detective story. A radical, witty and colourful retelling of the story of humankind, adapted from Yuval Noah Harari's *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, *Volume II* can be read as a standalone, or as a follow-up to *Volume I*, *The Birth of Humankind* (HC, \$39.99).

History HC \$39.99

Soldiers:

Great Stories of War And Peace

Hastings, Max (editor)

Soldiers is a very personal gathering of sparkling, gripping tales by many writers, about men and women who have borne arms, reflecting bestselling historian Max Hastings' lifetime of studying war. It rings the changes through the centuries, between the heroic, tragic and comic; the famous and the humble. The nearly 350 stories illustrate vividly what it is like to fight in wars, to live and die as a warrior, from Greek and Roman times through to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Here you will meet Jewish heroes of the Bible, Rome's captain of the gate, Queen Boudicca, Joan of Arc, Cromwell, Wellington, Napoleon's marshals, Ulysses S Grant, George S Patton, and the modern SAS. There are tales of great writers who served in uniform including

Cobbett and Tolstoy, Edward Gibbon and Siegfried Sassoon, Marcel Proust and Evelyn Waugh, George Orwell and George MacDonald Fraser. Here are also stories of the female 'abosi' fighters of Dahomey and heroic ambulance drivers of World War I, together with the new-age women soldiers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The stories reflect a change of mood towards warfare through the ages: though nations and movements continue to inflict terrible violence upon each other, most of humankind has retreated from the old notion of war as a sport or pastime, to acknowledge it as the supreme tragedy.

Military history TP \$34.99

Regeneration:

Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation

Hawken, Paul

A practical companion to the global phenomenon Drawdown, offering a toolkit of actions for every level of society. Since its publication in 2017, Drawdown has become a key reference work in environmentalism, around the world. Where Drawdown focused on modelling the most effective, known solutions to global warming. This new book offers a guide to what each of us can do – should do – to make changes in the ecological, social, and economic and transform the climate crisis in a single generation. From land to ocean, food to industries – Regeneration proposes an extensive menu of actions that provide the means to radically reduce individual and collective impacts. The solutions, techniques, and practices detailed are doable, science based, and comprise a precise and unequivocal course of action. Whether you are an individual, community focused or a national government, Regeneration is a call to arms to mobilise against the degradation of our planet in order to safeguard the future.

Climate change PBK \$39.99

Great Furphies of Australian History:

What you really need to know – the truth behind the myths

Haynes, Jim

Jim Haynes upturns some of the long-held myths of Australian history with surprising results. With all the skills of the master storyteller that he is, Jim Haynes exposes some of the great myths of Australian history. Did you know that Portuguese and Spanish explorers probably found the east coast of Australia before Captain Cook, and that the Rum Rebellion was not caused by rum? And what about Banjo Paterson writing 'Waltzing Matilda'? As for Ned Kelly being a brave freedom-fighting rebel, in truth he was a thief, a thug, and a murderer. The Ashes have nothing to do with cricket, the Ghan is not named after Afghan cameleers, and Hargraves lied about discovering gold in New South Wales. Surprising, confounding, revealing and fun, Jim Haynes takes us on another great journey through Australian history and folklore.

History TP \$29.99

Hildreth's Advice for Marriage, 1891:

Outrageous Do's and Don'ts for Men, Women and Couples from

Victorian England

Hildreth

Originally published in 1891, this hilarious (and informative) collection is a treasure trove of essential advice any man or woman, or couple, would be foolish to ignore. From advice about how to find the perfect partner... Don't marry a villain; don't marry a duke, or anyone who travels on his title; if money is your object, the older and uglier he is, the better; avoid slovenly dressed girls or heedless men... to advice about how to wed... Don't propose on a wash-day, in the rain, at breakfast or in a tunnel; marry at home or at church, in good form, without display... as well as general words of wisdom... Don't expect too much from your marriage; don't cross your husband. *Hildreth's Advice for Marriage* is a delightful collection that is as relevant today, as it was 100 years ago.

Society and culture HC \$19.99

Brothers in Arms:

One Legendary Tank Regiment's Bloody War from D-Day to VE-Day

Holland, James

In the annals of World War II, certain groups of soldiers stand out, and among the most notable were the Sherwood Rangers. Originally a cavalry unit in the last days of horses in combat, whose officers were landed gentry leading men who largely worked for them, they were switched to the 'mechanised cavalry' of tanks in 1942. Winning acclaim in the North African campaign, the Sherwood Rangers then spearheaded one of the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944, led the way across France, were the first British troops to cross into Germany, and contributed mightily to Germany's surrender in May 1945. Inspired by Stephen Ambrose's *Band of Brothers*, acclaimed WWII historian James Holland memorably profiles an extraordinary group of citizen soldiers constantly in harm's way. Their casualties were horrific, but their ranks immediately refilled. Informed by never-before-seen documents, letters, photographs, and other artefacts from Sherwood Rangers' families – an ongoing fraternity – and by his own deep knowledge of the war, Holland offers a uniquely intimate portrait of the war at ground level, introducing heretofore unknowns such as Commanding Officer Stanley Christopherson, squadron commander John Semken, and Sergeant George Dring, and other memorable characters who helped the regiment become the single unit with the most battle honours of any ever in the British army. He weaves the Sherwood Rangers' exploits into the larger narrative and strategy of the war, and also brings fresh analysis to the tactics used. Following the Sherwood Rangers' brutal journey over the dramatic eleven months between D-Day and VE-Day, Holland presents a vivid and original perspective on the endgame of WWII in Europe.

Military history TP \$35.00

The Importance of Being Interested:

Adventures in Scientific Curiosity

Ince, Robin

Comedian Robin Ince quickly abandoned science at school, bored by a fog of dull lessons and intimidated by the barrage of equations. But, twenty years later, he fell in love, and he now presents one of the world's

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most popular science podcasts. Every year he meets hundreds of the world's greatest thinkers. In this erudite and witty book, Robin reveals why scientific wonder isn't just for the professionals. Filled with interviews featuring astronauts, comedians, teachers, quantum physicists, neuroscientists and more – as well as charting Robin's own journey with science – *The Importance of Being Interested* explores why many wrongly think of the discipline as distant and difficult. From the glorious appeal of the stars above to why scientific curiosity can encourage much needed intellectual humility, this optimistic and profound book will leave you filled with a thirst for intellectual adventure.

Science TP \$32.99

Rewilding:

the Radical New Science of Ecological Recovery, illustrated edition

Jepson, Paul & Blythe, Gail

Rewilding reveals the ways in which ecologists are restoring the lost interactions between animals, plants, and natural disturbances that are the essence of thriving ecosystems. It looks into a past in which industrialisation and globalisation have downgraded our grasslands; at present projects restoring plants and animals to their natural, untamed state; and into the future, with ten predictions for a rewilded planet. This illustrated edition combines beautiful natural history images with infographic flowcharts depicting the 'trophic cascades' of biodiverse ecosystems, to explore a brave new world repopulated with wild horses and cattle, beavers, rhinos, and wolves.

Science HC \$39.99

Spark: the Life of Electricity and the Electricity of Life

Jorgensen, Timothy J

When we think of electricity, we likely imagine the energy humming inside our home appliances or lighting up our electronic devices – or perhaps we envision the lightning-streaked clouds of a stormy sky. But electricity is more than an external source of power, heat, or illumination. Life at its essence is nothing if not electrical. The story of how we came to understand electricity's essential role in all life is rooted in our observations of its influences on the body – influences governed by the body's central nervous system. *Spark* explains the science of electricity from this fresh, biological perspective. Through vivid tales of scientists and individuals – from Benjamin Franklin to Elon Musk – Timothy Jorgensen shows how our views of electricity and the nervous system evolved in tandem, and how progress in one area enabled advancements in the other. He explains how these developments have allowed us to understand – and replicate – the ways electricity enables the body's essential functions of sight, hearing, touch, and movement itself. Throughout, Jorgensen examines our fascination with electricity and how it can help or harm us. He explores a broad range of topics and events, including the Nobel Prize-winning discoveries of the electron and neuron, the history of experimentation involving electricity's effects on the body, and recent breakthroughs in the use of electricity to treat disease. Filled with gripping adventures in scientific exploration, *Spark* offers an indispensable look at

electricity, how it works, and how it animates our lives from within and without.

Science/History TP \$34.99

Sick Money:

the Truth About the Global Pharmaceutical Industry

Kenber, Billy

An urgent call to build a new model for the pharmaceutical industry, from the multi-award-winning *Times* journalist. The pharmaceutical industry is broken. From the American hedge fund manager who hiked the price of an AIDS pill from \$17.50 to \$750 overnight to the children's cancer drugs left intentionally to expire in a Spanish warehouse, the signs of this dysfunction are all around. A system that was designed to drive innovation and patient care has been relentlessly distorted to drive up profits. Medicines have become nothing more than financial assets. The focus of drug research, how drugs are priced and who has access to them is now dictated by shareholder value, not the good of the public. Drug companies fixated on ever-higher profits are being fined for bribing doctors and striking secret price-gouging deals, while patients desperate for life-saving medicines are driven to the black market in search of drugs that national health services can't afford. *Sick Money* argues that the way medicines are developed and paid for is no longer working. Unless we take action, we risk a dramatic decline in the pace of drug development and a future in which medicines are only available to the highest bidder. In this book investigative journalist Billy Kenber offers a diagnosis of an industry in crisis and a prescription for how we can fight back.

Business of science TP \$29.99

The Ultimate History of Video Games, Volume 2:

Nintendo, Sony, Microsoft, and the Billion-Dollar Battle to Shape Modern Gaming

Kent, Steven L

The definitive behind-the-scenes history of video games' explosion into the 21st century and the war for industry power. As video games evolve, only the fittest companies survive. Making a blockbuster once cost millions of dollars; now it can cost hundreds of millions, but with a \$160 billion market worldwide, the biggest players are willing to bet the bank. Steven L Kent has been playing video games since *Pong* and writing about the industry since the Nintendo Entertainment System. In volume one of *The Ultimate History of Video Games*, he chronicled the industry's first thirty years. In volume two, he narrates gaming's entrance into the 21st century, as Nintendo, Sega, Sony, and Microsoft battle to capture the global market. The home console boom of the '90s turned hobby companies like Nintendo and Sega into Hollywood-studio-sized business titans. But by the end of the decade, they would face new, more powerful competitors. In boardrooms on both sides of the Pacific, engineers and executives began, with enormous budgets and total secrecy, to plan the next evolution of home consoles. The PlayStation 2, Nintendo GameCube, and Sega Dreamcast all made radically different bets on what gamers would want. And then, to the shock of the world, Bill Gates announced the development of the one console to beat them all – even if Microsoft had to burn a few billion dollars to do it. In

this book, you will learn about: the cutthroat environment at Microsoft as rival teams created console systems; the day the head of Sega of America told the creator of *Sonic the Hedgehog* to 'f**k off'; how 'lateral thinking with withered technology' put Nintendo back on top; and much more! Gripping and comprehensive, *The Ultimate History of Video Games: Volume 2* explores the origins of modern consoles and of the franchises – from *Grand Theft Auto* and *Halo* to *Call of Duty* and *Guitar Hero* – that would define gaming in the new millennium.

Gaming PBK \$39.99

The Splendid and the Vile:

a Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz

Larson, Erik

On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. Poland and Czechoslovakia had already fallen, and the Dunkirk evacuation was just two weeks away. For the next twelve months, Hitler would wage a relentless bombing campaign, killing 45,000 Britons. It was up to Churchill to hold his country together and persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally – and willing to fight to the end. In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people 'the art of being fearless'. It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports – some released only recently – Larson provides a new lens on London's darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents' wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela's illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill's 'Secret Circle', to whom he turns in the hardest moments. *The Splendid and the Vile* takes readers out of today's political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when, in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together.

History PBK \$24.99

Zero Fail:

the rise and fall of the Secret Service

Leonnig, Carol

The first definitive account of the rise and fall of the Secret Service, from the Kennedy assassination to the alarming mismanagement of the Obama and Trump years, right up to the insurrection at the Capitol on 6 January 2021 – by the Pulitzer Prize winner and *New York Times* bestselling co-author of *A Very Stable Genius*. Carol Leonnig has been reporting on the Secret Service for *The Washington Post* for most of the last decade, bringing to light the secrets, scandals, and shortcomings that plague the agency today – from a toxic work culture to

dangerously outdated equipment to the deep resentment within the ranks at key agency leaders, who put protecting the agency's once-hallowed image before fixing its flaws. But the Secret Service wasn't always so troubled. The Secret Service was born in 1865, in the wake of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, but its story begins in earnest in 1963, with the death of John F Kennedy. Shocked into reform by its failure to protect the president on that fateful day in Dallas, this once-sleepy agency was radically transformed into an elite, highly trained unit that would redeem itself several times, most famously in 1981 – by thwarting an assassination attempt against Ronald Reagan. But this reputation for courage and excellence would not last forever. By Barack Obama's presidency, the once-proud Secret Service was running on fumes and beset by mistakes and alarming lapses in judgement: break-ins at the White House, an armed gunman firing into the windows of the residence while confused agents stood by, and a massive prostitution scandal among agents in Cartagena, to name just a few. With Donald Trump's arrival, a series of promised reforms were cast aside, as a president disdainful of public service instead abused the Secret Service to rack up political and personal gains. To explore these problems in the ranks, Leonnig interviewed dozens of current and former agents, government officials, and whistleblowers who put their jobs on the line to speak out about a hobbled agency that's in desperate need of reform. 'I will be forever grateful to them for risking their careers,' she writes, 'not because they wanted to share tantalising gossip about presidents and their families, but because they know that the Service is broken and needs fixing. By telling their story, they hope to revive the Service they love.'

Security services TP \$35.00

The Best Australian Science Writing 2021

Lewis, Dyani (editor)

Is there life in the clouds of Venus? How could Indigenous burning practices stave off catastrophic bushfires? What do horseshoe bats, raccoon dogs and pet cats have to do with the global pandemic? Science writing tells the stories of life and human endeavour in all its marvellous – often messy – complexity. Now in its eleventh year – and with a foreword by Australia's Chief Scientist, the renowned physicist Cathy Foley – *The Best Australian Science Writing 2021* is a collection that showcases the nation's best science writing. New voices join prominent science writers and journalists, taking us to the depths of the ocean, the fuels of the future, and to the Ryugu asteroid and back. The collection also brings us straight to the heart of complex ethical dilemmas and the calamitous crises challenging scientists and writers alike. Includes the shortlisted entries for the 2021 UNSW Press Bragg Prize and the 2020 UNSW Press Bragg Student Prize winning essay. Contributors include: Sonia Orchard; Paul Biegler; Mark O'Flynn; Nicole Hasham; Donna Lu; Amanda Anastasi; Jackson Ryan; Ella Loeffler; Tim Dean; Clare Watson; Bianca Nogradi; Benjamin Dodds; John Pickrell; Smriti Mallapaty; James Bradley; Benjamin Pope; Rob Brooks; Jo Chandler; Emma Viskic; Julie Hollis; Declan Fry; Fiona McMillan; Wilson

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da Silva; Jon Brock; Ceridwen Dovey; Ashley Hay; Rebecca Giggis; Ivy Shih; Alice Gorman; Steph Panecasio.

Science TP \$32.99

The Women of Rothschild:

the Untold Story of the World's Most Famous Dynasty

Livingstone, Natalie

The story of the family who rose from the Frankfurt ghetto to become synonymous with wealth and power has been much mythologised. Yet half the Rothschilds, the women, remain virtually unknown. From the East End of London to the Eastern seaboard of the United States, from Spitalfields to Scottish castles, from Bletchley Park to Buchenwald, and from the Vatican to Palestine, Natalie Livingstone follows the extraordinary lives of the English branch of the Rothschild women from the dawn of the nineteenth century to the early years of the twenty first. As Jews in a Christian society and women in a deeply patriarchal family, they were outsiders. Determined to challenge and subvert expectations, they supported each other, building on the legacies of their mothers and aunts. They became influential hostesses and talented diplomats, choreographing electoral campaigns, advising prime ministers, advocating for social reform and trading on the stock exchange. Misfits and conformists, conservatives and idealists, performers and introverts, they mixed with Rossini and Mendelssohn, Disraeli, Gladstone, and Chaim Weizmann, amphetamine dealers, temperance campaigners, Queen Victoria, and Albert Einstein. They broke code, played a pioneering role in the environmental movement, scandalised the world of women's tennis by introducing the overarm serve and drag-raced with Miles Davies in Manhattan. Absorbing and compulsive *The Women of Rothschild* gives voice to the complicated, privileged and gifted women whose vision and tenacity shaped history. (Now, sadly, delayed until February 2022.)

History TP \$34.99

The Human Cosmos:

a Secret History of the Stars

Marchant, Jo

A journey through the history of science and humankind's relationship with the night sky and the cosmos beyond, from the author of Royal Society Prize-shortlisted *Cure*. For most of human history, we have had a close relationship with the stars. Once they shaped our religious beliefs, power structures, scientific advances and even our biology. But, over the last few centuries we have separated ourselves from the universe that surrounds us. And it comes at a cost. *The Human Cosmos* is a tour of this history: from the Hall of the Bulls in Lascaux to Tahitian sailors navigating by the stars; from medieval monks grappling with the nature of time to Einstein realising that space and time are the same. It shows we need to rediscover the universe we inhabit, its effect on our health, and its potential for inspiration and revelation.

Science PBK \$22.99

War in the Shadows:

a Story of French Resistance and Wartime Betrayal

Marnham, Patrick

After publishing an acclaimed biography of Jean Moulin, leader of the French Resistance, Patrick Marnham received an anonymous letter from a person who claimed to have worked for British Intelligence during the war. The ex-spy praised his book but insisted that he had missed the real 'treasure'. The letter drew Marnham back to the early 1960s when he had been taught French by a mercurial woman – a former Resistance leader, whose SOE network was broken on the same day that Moulin was captured and who endured eighteen months in Ravensbrück concentration camp. Could these two events have been connected? His anonymous correspondent offered a tantalising set of clues that seemed to implicate Churchill and British Intelligence in the catastrophe. Drawing on a deep knowledge of France and original research in British and French archives, *War in the Shadows* exposes the ruthless double dealing of the Allied intelligence services and the Gestapo, through one of the darkest periods of the Second World War. It is a story worthy of Le Carré, but with this difference – it is not fiction.

History PBK \$24.99

How to Stop Fascism:

History, Ideology, Resistance

Mason, Paul

The far right is on the rise across the world. From Modi's India to Bolsonaro's Brazil, and Erdogan's Turkey, fascism is not a horror that we have left in the past; it is a recurring nightmare that is happening again – and we need to find a better way to fight it. In *How to Stop Fascism*, Paul Mason offers a radical, hopeful blueprint for resisting and defeating the new far right. The book is both a chilling portrait of contemporary fascism, and a compelling history of the fascist phenomenon: its psychological roots, political theories and genocidal logic. Fascism, Mason powerfully argues, is a symptom of capitalist failure, one that has haunted us throughout the 20th century and into the 21st. History shows us the conditions that breed fascism, and how it can be successfully overcome. But it is up to us in the present to challenge it, and time is running out. From the ashes of COVID-19, we have an opportunity to create a fairer, more equal society. To do so, we must ask ourselves: what kind of world do we want to live in? And what are we going to do about it?

History HC \$45.00

How to Talk to a

Science Denier:

Conversations with Flat Earthers, Climate Deniers, and Others Who Defy Reason

McIntyre, Lee

Can we change the minds of science deniers? Encounters with flat-earthers, anti-vaxxers, coronavirus truthers, and others. '*Climate change is a hoax – and so is coronavirus. Vaccines are bad for you.*' These days, many of our fellow citizens reject scientific expertise and prefer ideology to facts. They are not merely uninformed – they are misinformed. They cite cherry-picked evidence, rely on fake experts, and believe conspiracy theories. How can we convince such people otherwise? How can we get them to change their minds and accept the facts when they don't believe in facts? In this book, Lee McIntyre shows that anyone can fight

back against science deniers, and argues that it's important to do so. Science denial can kill. Drawing on his own experience – including a visit to a Flat Earth convention – as well as academic research, McIntyre outlines the common themes of science denialism, present in misinformation campaigns ranging from tobacco companies' denial in the 1950s that smoking causes lung cancer to today's anti-vaxxers. He describes attempts to use his persuasive powers as a philosopher to convert Flat Earthers; surprising discussions with coal miners; and conversations with a scientist friend about genetically modified organisms in food. McIntyre offers tools and techniques for communicating the truth and values of science, emphasising that the most important way to reach science deniers is to talk to them calmly and respectfully – to put ourselves out there, and meet them face to face.

Science HC \$37.99

The Red Planet:

a Natural History of Mars

Morden, Simon

The history of Mars is drawn not just on its surface, but also down into its broken bedrock and up into its frigid air. Most of all, it stretches back into deep time, where the trackways of the past have been obliterated by later events, and there is no discernible trace of where they started from or how they travelled, only where they ended up. As NASA lays its plans for a return to the moon and, from there, a manned mission to Mars, there has never been a better time to acquaint ourselves with the dramatic history and astonishing present of the red planet. Planetary geologist, geophysicist and acclaimed sf author Dr Simon Morden takes us on a vivid guided tour of Mars. From its formation four and half billion years ago, through an era of cataclysmic meteor strikes and the millions of years during which a vast ocean spanned its entire upper hemisphere, to the long, frozen ages that saw its atmosphere steadily thinning and leaking away into space, Morden presents a tantalising vision of the next planet we will visit. Written with storytelling flair, and piecing together the latest research, data, theories and informed speculation, *The Red Planet* is as close as we can get to an eyewitness account of this incredible place.

Science HC \$29.99

Spacecraft

Morton, Timothy

Science fiction is filled with spacecraft. On Earth, actual rockets explode over Texas while others make their way to Mars. But what are spacecraft, and just what can they teach us about imagination, ecology, democracy, and the nature of objects? Why do certain spacecraft stand out in popular culture? If ever there were a spacecraft that could be detached from its context, sold as toys, turned into Disney rides, parodied, and flit around in everyone's head – the *Millennium Falcon* would be it. Springing from this infamous *Star Wars* vehicle, *Spacecraft* takes readers on an intergalactic journey through science fiction and speculative philosophy, revealing real-world political and ecological lessons along the way. In this book Timothy Morton shows how spacecraft are never mere flights of fancy.

Science PBK \$19.99

Fossil Men:

the Quest for the Oldest Skeleton and the Origins of Humankind

Pattison, Kermit

It is the ultimate mystery: where do we come from? In 1994, a team led by fossil-hunting legend Tim White uncovered a set of ancient bones in Ethiopia's Afar region. Radiometric dating of nearby rocks indicated the resulting skeleton, classified as *Ardipithecus ramidus* – nicknamed 'Ardi' – was an astounding 4.4 million years old, more than a million years older than the world-famous 'Lucy'. The team spent the next 15 years studying the bones in strict secrecy, all while continuing to rack up landmark fossil discoveries in the field and becoming increasingly ensnared in bitter disputes with scientific peers and Ethiopian bureaucrats. When finally revealed to the public, Ardi stunned scientists around the world and challenged a half-century of orthodoxy about human evolution – how we started walking upright, how we evolved our nimble hands, and, most significantly, whether we were descended from an ancestor that resembled today's chimpanzee. But the discovery of Ardi wasn't just a leap forward in understanding the roots of humanity – it was an attack on scientific convention and the leading authorities of human origins, triggering an epic feud about the oldest family skeleton. In *Fossil Men*, acclaimed journalist Kermit Pattison brings us a cast of eccentric, obsessive scientists, including White, an uncompromising perfectionist whose virtuoso skills in the field were matched only by his propensity for making enemies; Gen Suwa, a Japanese savant whose deep expertise about teeth rivalled anyone on Earth; Owen Lovejoy, a onetime creationist-turned-paleoanthropologist with radical insights into human locomotion; Berhane Asfaw, who survived imprisonment and torture to become Ethiopia's most senior paleoanthropologist; Don Johanson, the discoverer of Lucy, who had a rancorous falling out with the Ardi team; and the Leakeys, for decades the most famous family in palaeoanthropology. Based on a half-decade of research in Africa, Europe and North America, *Fossil Men* is not only a brilliant investigation into the origins of the human lineage, but the oldest of human emotions: curiosity, jealousy, perseverance and wonder.

Science TP \$29.99

Small Inventions that Made a Big Difference

Pilcher, Helen

A look at small, seldom-noticed and apparently insignificant objects and inventions that have changed the world. Small inventions – modest yet essential, diminutive in size and humble in stature – are an essential component of every element of everyday life. Fifty little objects of fascination, each concealing an unexpected history of innovation, are explored in *Small Inventions that Made a Big Difference*. From the ever present (teabags) to the barely visible (ball bearings) and from the absolutely necessary (toilet paper) to the Never Knew You Needed It (Post-its), science writer and comedian Helen Pilcher will guide you through the wonderful world of tiny examples of ingenuity.

History/Science HC \$35.00

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Books that Made Us Reinecke, Carl

The companion to the ABC TV series is a cultural history of Australia, told through our fiction. Australia's novels lie at the heart of the country. Capturing everyday lives and exceptional dreams, they have held up a mirror to the nation, reflecting the good and the bad. Carl Reinecke looks at the history of Australian culture through the books we have read and the stories we have told. Touching on colonial invasion, the bush myth, world wars, mass migration, the recognition of Indigenous sovereignty and the emergence of a modern, global, multicultural nation Carl examines how these pivotal events and persuasive ideas have shaped some of Australia's most influential novels, and how these books, in turn, made us. In a panoramic account of Australian fiction stretching from Marcus Clarke to Melissa Lucashenko, Patrick White to Peter Carey, and Henry Handel Richardson to Michelle de Kretser, this is a new history of key authors and compelling books that have kept us reading and made a difference for over 200 years.

Reading/History TP \$34.99

The Unseen Body:

a Doctor's Journey Through the Hidden Wonders of Human Anatomy

Reisman, Jonathan

In his beautifully written prose, Dr Jonathan Reisman – physician, adventure traveller, and naturalist – allows readers to navigate their insides like an explorer discovering a new world. Through his offbeat adventures in healthcare and travel, Reisman discovers new perspectives on the body: a trip to the Alaskan Arctic reveals that fat is not the enemy, but the hero; a stint in the Himalayas uncovers the boundary where the brain ends and the mind begins; and eating a sheep's head in Iceland offers a lesson in empathy. By relating his experiences in far-flung lands and among unique cultures back to the body's inner workings, he shows how our organs live inextricably intertwined lives in an internal ecosystem that reflects the natural world around us. Reisman's unique perspective on the natural world and his expert wielding of wit ultimately helps us make sense of our lives, our bodies, and our world in a way readers have never before imagined.

Science TP \$34.99

Viral:

the Search for the Origin of COVID-19

Ridley, Matt

Understanding how COVID-19 started is more important than we know for the future of humankind. Determining whether the virus came from nature or from a lab will help us to safeguard against the next pandemic. This disease will forever punctuate modern history. It has led to the deaths of millions, sickened hundreds of millions and affected the lives of almost every person on the planet. We now know that COVID is here to stay. Genetic engineering expert Dr Alina Chan and renowned science writer Matt Ridley examine the origins of SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19, using their formidable skills to scrutinise arguments and rigorously analyse the sprawling data. *Viral* is a fascinating account that takes in pangolins, horseshoe bats, internet sleuths and misleading scientific papers. It details

the evidence and investigates hypotheses for the virus origin, chief among them a potential laboratory leak or a natural spill over. Science has made great strides over the last decades. Chan and Ridley give an insight into the proliferating pathogen research and virus hunting around the world. Whatever the source of the virus, the world needs to adopt new policies and strategies to prevent or mitigate future outbreaks. Set in the caves and mineshafts, food markets and wildlife smugglers' stores, laboratories and databases of China and elsewhere, *Viral* is a page-turner that reads like a detective novel and goes deeper into the deepest mystery of the day than any other work. This is the book on the search for the origin of COVID-19.

Science TP \$34.99

Tonight We Bombed the US Capitol:

the Explosive Story of M19, America's First Female Terrorist Group

Rosenau, William

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced that it was 'morning in America'. He declared that the American dream wasn't over, but the United States needed to lower taxes, shrink government control, and flex its military muscles abroad to herald what some called 'the Reagan Revolution'. At the same time, a tiny band of American-born, well-educated extremists were working for a very different kind of revolution. By the end of the 1970s, many radicals had called it quits, but six veteran women extremists came together to finish the fight. These women had spent their entire adult lives embroiled in political struggles: protesting the Vietnam War, fighting for black and Native American liberation, and confronting US imperialism. They created a new organisation to wage their war: The May 19th Communist Organisation, or 'M19', a name derived from the birthday shared by Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh, two of their revolutionary idols. Together, these six women carried out some of the most daring operations in the history of domestic terrorism – from prison breakouts and murderous armed robberies, to a bombing campaign that wreaked havoc on the nation's capital. Three decades later, M19's actions and shocking tactics still reverberate for many reasons, but one truly sets them apart: unlike any other American terrorist group before or since, M19 was created and led by women. *Tonight We Bombed the US Capitol* tells the full story of M19 for the first time, alongside original photos and declassified FBI documents. Through the group's history, intelligence and counterterrorism expert William Rosenau helps us understand how home-grown extremism – a threat that still looms over us today – is born.

History TP \$37.95

Being You:

a New Science of Consciousness

Seth, Anil

Anil Seth's radical new theory of consciousness challenges our understanding of perception and reality, doing for brain science what Dawkins did for evolutionary biology. Consciousness is the great unsolved mystery in our scientific understanding of the brain. Somewhere, somehow, inscribed in the brain is everything that makes you, you. But how do we grasp what happens in

the brain to turn mere electrical impulses into the vast range of perceptions, thoughts, and emotions we feel from moment to moment? Anil Seth, one of Britain's leading neuroscientists, charts the developments in our understanding of consciousness, revealing radical interdisciplinary breakthroughs that must transform the way we think about the self. Drawing on his original research and collaborations with cognitive scientists, neuroscientists, psychiatrists, brain imagers, virtual reality wizards, mathematicians, and philosophers, he puts forward an exhilarating new theory about how we experience the world that should encourage us to view ourselves as less apart from and more a part of the rest of nature. Seth's revolutionary framework for consciousness will turn what you thought you knew about yourself on its head.

Science TP \$32.99

Entangled Life:

How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds and Shape Our Futures

Sheldrake, Merlin

The more we learn about fungi, the less makes sense without them. They can change our minds, heal our bodies and even help us avoid environmental disaster; they are metabolic masters, earth makers, and key players in most of nature's processes. In *Entangled Life*, Merlin Sheldrake takes us on a mind-altering journey into their spectacular world, and reveals how these extraordinary organisms transform our understanding of our planet and life itself. This has been incredibly popular with our customers!

Science PBK \$19.99

Hitler's American Gamble:

Pearl Harbour and the German March to Global War

Simms, Brendan

& Laderman, Charles

A thrilling account of Pearl Harbour and the five history-making days that followed. This gripping book dramatises the extraordinarily compressed and terrifying period between the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour and Hitler's declaration of war on the United States. These five days transformed much of the world and have shaped our own experience ever since. Simms and Laderman's aim in the book is to show how this agonising period had no inevitability about it and that innumerable outcomes were possible. Key leaders around the world were taking decisions with often poor and confused information, under overwhelming pressure and knowing that they could be facing personal and national disaster. And, yet, there were also long-standing assumptions that shaped these decisions, both consciously and unconsciously. *Hitler's American Gamble* is a superb work of history, both as an explanation for the course taken by the Second World War and as a study in statecraft and political choices.

Military history HC \$55.00

Drunk:

How We Sipped, Danced, and Stumbled Our Way to Civilisation

Slingerland, Edward

A deep dive into the alcohol-soaked origins of civilisation – and the evolutionary roots

of humanity's appetite for intoxication. While plenty of entertaining books have been written about the history of alcohol and other intoxicants, none have offered a comprehensive, convincing answer to the basic question of why humans want to get high in the first place. *Drunk* elegantly cuts through the tangle of urban legends and anecdotal impressions that surround our notions of intoxication to provide the first rigorous, scientifically-grounded explanation for our love of alcohol. Drawing on evidence from archaeology, history, cognitive neuroscience, psychopharmacology, social psychology, literature, and genetics, Slingerland shows that our taste for chemical intoxicants is not an evolutionary mistake, as we are so often told. In fact, intoxication helps solve a number of distinctively human challenges: enhancing creativity, alleviating stress, building trust, and pulling off the miracle of getting fiercely tribal primates to cooperate with strangers. Our desire to get drunk, along with the individual and social benefits provided by drunkenness, played a crucial role in sparking the rise of the first large-scale societies. We would not have civilisation without intoxication. From marauding Vikings and bacchanalian orgies to sex-starved fruit flies, blind cave fish, and problem-solving crows, *Drunk* is packed with fascinating case studies and engaging science, as well as practical takeaways for individuals and communities. The result is a captivating and long overdue investigation into humanity's oldest indulgence – one that explains not only why we want to get drunk, but also how it might actually be good for us to tie one on, now and then.

History HC \$45.00

A Biography of the Pixel Smith, Alvy Ray

The pixel as the organising principle of all pictures, from cave paintings to *Toy Story*. The Great Digital Convergence of all media types into one universal digital medium occurred, with little fanfare, at the recent turn of the millennium. The bit became the universal medium, and the pixel – a particular packaging of bits – conquered the world. Henceforward, nearly every picture in the world would be composed of pixels – cell phone pictures, app interfaces, Mars Rover transmissions, book illustrations, videogames. In *A Biography of the Pixel*, Pixar cofounder Alvy Ray Smith argues that the pixel is the organising principle of most modern media, and he presents a few simple but profound ideas that unify the dazzling varieties of digital image making. Smith's story of the pixel's development begins with Fourier waves, proceeds through Turing machines, and ends with the first digital movies from Pixar, DreamWorks, and Blue Sky. Today, almost all the pictures we encounter are digital – mediated by the pixel and irretrievably separated from their media; museums and kindergartens are two of the last outposts of the analogue. Smith explains, engagingly and accessibly, how pictures composed of invisible stuff become visible – that is, how digital pixels convert to analogue display elements. Taking the special case of digital movies to represent all of Digital Light (his term for pictures constructed of pixels), and drawing on his decades of work in the field, Smith approaches his subject

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from multiple angles – art, technology, entertainment, business, and history. *A Biography of the Pixel* is essential reading for anyone who has watched a video on a cell phone, played a videogame, or seen a movie.
Science HC \$59.99

A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum:

Murder in Ancient Rome

Southon, Emma

In Ancient Rome all the best stories have one thing in common – murder. Romulus killed Remus to found the city; Caesar was assassinated to save the Republic. Caligula was butchered in the theatre, Claudius was poisoned at dinner and Galba was beheaded in the forum. In one 50-year period, 26 emperors were murdered. But what did killing mean in a city where gladiators fought to the death to sate a crowd? Emma Southon examines real-life homicides from Roman history to explore how perpetrator, victim and the act itself were regarded by ordinary people. Inside Ancient Rome's unique culture of crime and punishment, we see how the Romans viewed life, death, and what it means to be human.
History/True crime PBK \$24.99

The Stardust That Made Us:

a Visual Exploration of Chemistry, Atoms, Elements and the Universe

Stuart, Colin

& Abadia, Ximo (illustrator)

Imagine that Nature has an unseen cookbook full of different recipes for making everything you've ever encountered, from fish to fingernails and sand to Saturn. The 'ingredients' are known as chemical elements and there are 118 that we know about so far, which are organised in a grid called the periodic table. Some occur in nature, some are man made, some are dangerous, some even glow blue! Stunning surrealist artwork by Ximo Abadia meets easy-to-read informative text by science writer Colin Stuart to create highly-engaging content that will inspire future scientists.
Science HC \$29.99

The Book Lover's

Bucket List:

a Tour of Great British Literature

Taggart, Caroline

Exploring the gardens, monuments, museums, and churches with walks both urban and rural, from the Brontë parsonage in Haworth to Zadie Smith's North London and Shakespeare's Stratford, *The Book Lover's Bucket List* takes you through some 100 wonderfully-described literary sites and landscapes, complete with colour destination photographs and illustrations from the British Library collections. Start with Chaucer, Dickens, and Larkin in Westminster Abbey. Spend an afternoon at Colliers Wood Nature Reserve in Nottinghamshire and take in the lake D H Lawrence described as 'all grey and visionary, stretching into the moist, translucent vista of trees and meadow'. Venture south to Cornwall and work your way up to the Scottish Highlands, taking detours to Northern Ireland in the west and Norfolk in the east. There are gardens, monuments, museums, churches, and a surprising quantity of stained glass. There are walks both urban and rural, where you can explore real landscapes or imaginary

haberdasher's shops. There's the club where Buck's Fizz was invented, and a pub where you can eat Sherlock's Steak & Ale Pie. And there's a railway station where you can stroke the muzzle of one of the world's most famous and endearing bears. Wherever you are in the United Kingdom, you're never far from something associated with a good book.
Literary travelogue HC \$55.00

How to Solve a Murder:

True Stories from a Life in

Forensic Medicine

Tremain, Derek & Pauline

Fractured skulls. Gas masks. Brain buckets.

Vats of acid. Pickled body parts. Not the usual tools of trade, but for Chief Forensic

Medical Scientist Derek and Forensic Secretary Pauline they were just part of a normal day in the office inside the world-famous Department of Forensic Medicine at Guy's Hospital in London. Derek has played a pivotal role in investigating some of the UK's most high-profile mass disasters and murder cases. Derek's innovative work on murder cases, in particular, has seen him credited as a pioneer of forensic medical science, after developing ground-breaking techniques that make it easier to secure a conviction and also identify a serial killer. Warmly recalled and brilliantly told, these intriguing revelations will open your eyes to the dark world inhabited by those who investigate death and murder (typically most horrid), and unveil the secrets of how each case is solved.
Science/True crime PBK \$24.99

Oceanarium

Welcome to the Museum series

Trinick, Loveday

& White, Teagan (illustrator)

Welcome to the museum that is always open to explore... Step inside the pages of *Oceanarium* to enjoy the experience of a museum from the comfort of your own home. This stunning offering from the Welcome to the Museum series guides readers around the world's oceans, from sandy shorelines to the deepest depths. Get up close and personal with giant whale sharks, tiny tropical fish, majestic manatees and so much more, travel the world from frozen Arctic seas to shimmering coral reefs, and learn why it is so important that we protect our oceans. Intricate artwork by rising star Teagan White combines with expert text by education officer Loveday Trinick from the National Marine Aquarium, UK. A stunning exploration of the underwater world, and a must have for any animal enthusiast.
Science HC \$45.00

Practical Magic:

a Beginner's Guide to Crystals, Horoscopes, Psychics, and Spells

Van De Gar, Nikki

A charmed introduction for the sophisticated dabbler, *Practical Magic* collects the essential information and applications for today's most popular types of magic and mysticism, from crystals to astrology and beyond. *Practical Magic: A Beginner's Guide to Crystals, Horoscopes, Psychics, and Spells* is for the casual clairvoyant, the weekend witch. This charming entrée into the mystical introduces readers to the wonders of modern magic, from crystals and astrology to

chakras, dream interpretation, and, of course, a few spells! Focusing on three primary areas – healing, magic, and fortunetelling – *Practical Magic* provides the perfect primer, with a warm, welcoming tone and spell-binding illustrations. Clear introductions on trending topics, like herbal tonics and astrological charts, are paired with home remedies, hands-on instructions, and suggested rituals in a chic, stylish format that will capture the imaginations of good witches of all ages.
Mind, body, spirit HC \$24.99

Chakras:

a little introduction to the Seven Energy Centres, mini kit

Van De Gar, Nikki

Discover the essential power of the seven chakras, including their colours, sounds, and key rituals, in this beautifully illustrated mini guidebook. Get to know your seven energy centres – *muladhara*, *svadisthana*, *mapura*, *anahata*, *vishuddha*, *ajna*, and *sahasrara* – in this enchanted introduction to the world of chakras. From the earthiness of the root chakra to the warmth of the solar plexus, explore the body's energetic focal points and bring balance to your wellness practice. Gain inspiration as you learn the crystals, essential oils, and meditations that activate and calm each chakra in the full-colour, illustrated mini book.
Mind, body, spirit HC \$12.99

Darkness Falling:

the Strange Death of the Weimar Republic, 1930–33

Walther, Peter

A dramatic account of Germany's slide from parliamentary democracy to dictatorship, and the history of Weimar Berlin in the three years before the Nazi takeover. In March 1930, after the collapse of the coalition that had ruled Germany since 1928, President Hindenburg asked Heinrich Brüning, bespectacled and scholarly leader of the Catholic Centre Party, to form a government. Some three years later, in January 1933, Hindenburg appointed as chancellor the demagogic, virulently anti-Semitic leader of the National Socialist party. Within weeks, Adolf Hitler has begun the process of dismantling the flawed democracy of the Weimar Republic and replacing it with a one-party totalitarian state. *Darkness Falling* depicts in compelling fashion the serial crises and mounting violence of a febrile era. Peter Walther examines the slow death of Weimar through the prism of nine colourful protagonists, including leading German politicians of right, left and centre, the clairvoyant and occultist, Erik Jan Hanussen and the formidable American journalist Dorothy Thompson. He profiles these heterogeneous characters in intriguing detail, pulling together the threads of their lives to chart the demise of German parliamentary democracy and the rise of National Socialist tyranny. Along the way we gain fascinating insights into the machinations in the corridors of power to keep the 'Bohemian corporal' from the chancellorship, and the venality of the Nazi elite and its fellow travellers from the *demi-monde* of early 1930s Berlin. Walther evokes the louche nightlife of the German capital – 'a playground for charlatans and prophets, madmen and

crooks' – memorably and atmospherically. A masterly fusion of meticulously researched historical writing and vividly propulsive storytelling, *Darkness Falling* is a distinctive and enthralling account of Germany's slide from democracy to dictatorship.
History HC \$49.99

Frequently Asked Questions About the Universe

Whiteson, Daniel & Cham, Jorge

You've got questions: about space, time, gravity, and the odds of meeting your older self, inside a wormhole. All the answers you need are right here. As a species, we may not agree on much, but one thing brings us all together: a need to know. We all wonder, and deep down we all have the same big questions. Why can't I travel back in time? Where did the universe come from? What's inside a black hole? Can I rearrange the particles in my cat and turn it into a dog? Physics professor Daniel Whiteson and researcher-turned-cartoonist Jorge Cham are experts at explaining science in ways we can all understand, in their books and on their popular podcast, *Daniel and Jorge Explain the Universe*. With their signature blend of humour and oh-now-I-get-it clarity, Jorge and Daniel offer short, accessible, and light-hearted answers to some of the most common, most outrageous, and most profound questions about the universe they've been asked. This witty, entertaining, and fully illustrated book is an essential troubleshooting guide for the perplexing aspects of reality, big and small, from the invisible particles that make up your body to the identical version of you currently reading this exact sentence in the corner of some other galaxy. If the universe came with an FAQ, this would be it.
Science TP \$32.99

We Have No Idea:

a Guide to the Unknown Universe

Whiteson, Daniel & Cham, Jorge

Many books explain what we know about the universe. This one, tackles all the weird stuff we haven't figured out yet. In our small corner of the universe, we know how some matter behaves most of the time and what even less of it looks like, and we have some good guesses about where it all came from. But we really have no clue what's going on. In fact, we don't know what about 95% of the universe is made of. So, what happens when a cartoonist and a physicist walk into this strange, mostly unknown universe? Jorge Cham and Daniel Whiteson gleefully explore the biggest unknowns, why these things are still mysteries, and what a lot of smart people are doing to figure out the answers (or at least ask the right questions). While they're at it, they helpfully demystify many complicated things we do know about, from quarks and neutrinos to gravitational waves and exploding black holes. With equal doses of humour and delight, they invite us to see the universe as a vast expanse of mostly uncharted territory that's still ours to explore. This is a book for fans of Brian Cox and *What If?* This highly entertaining highly illustrated book is perfect for anyone who's curious about all the great mysteries physicists are going to solve next.
Science PBK \$22.99

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Aesop's Animals:

the Science Behind the Fables

Wimpenny, Jo

Despite originating more than 2500 years ago, *Aesop's Fables* are still passed on from parent to child, and are embedded in our collective consciousness. The morals we have learned from these tales continue to inform our judgements, but have the stories also informed how we regard their animal protagonists? If so, is there any truth behind the stereotypes? Are wolves deceptive villains? Are crows insightful geniuses? And could a tortoise really beat a hare in a race? In *Aesop's Animals*, zoologist Jo Wimpenny turns a critical eye to the fables to discover whether there is any scientific truth to Aesop's

portrayal of the animal kingdom. She brings the tales into the 21st century, introducing the latest findings on some of the most fascinating branches of ethological research – the study of why animals do the things they do. In each chapter she interrogates a classic fable and a different topic – future planning, tool use, self-recognition, cooperation and deception – concluding with a verdict on the veracity of each fable's portrayal from a scientific perspective. By sifting fact from fiction in one of the most beloved texts of our culture, *Aesop's Animals* explores and challenges our preconceived notions about animals, the way they behave, and the roles we both play in our shared world.

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Nazi Wives:

the Women at the Top of Hitler's Germany

Wyllie, James

Goring, Gobbles, Hammer, Heydrich, Hess, Borrmann – names synonymous with power and influence in the Third Reich. Perhaps, less familiar, are Cairn, Emma, Magma, Margaret, Lima, Isle, and Gerdy... These are the women behind the infamous men – complex individuals with distinctive personalities who were captivated by Hitler and whose everyday lives were governed by Nazi ideology. Throughout the rise and fall of Nazism these women loved and lost, raised families and quarrelled with their husbands

and each other, all the while jostling for position with the Fuhrer himself. Until now, they have been treated as minor characters, their significance ignored, as if they were unaware of their husbands' murderous acts, despite the evidence that was all around them: the stolen art on their walls, the slave labour in their homes, and the produce grown in concentration camps on their tables.

James Wyllie's *Nazi Wives* explores these women in detail for the first time, skilfully interweaving their stories through years of struggle, power, decline and destruction into the post-war twilight of denial and delusion.

History

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\$39.95