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Osprey military history

Panzer III

Anderson, Thomas

This highly illustrated title details the history of the Panzer III throughout World War II, from its early development in the pre-war years, through its pivotal role in the Blitzkrieg campaigns in Poland and Western Europe, to its eventual obsolescence on the Eastern Front. The Panzer III was the mainstay of the German armoured forces in the early years of World War II and spearheaded the victories in Poland, Western Europe and the Balkans. Designed and developed in the mid-1930s, it was originally equipped with a 3.7cm gun and with 30mm-thick armour. Early combat in Poland and France saw the need for this to be upgraded, and later models were armed with a 5cm KwK L/42 gun and had the frontal armour reinforced to 60mm, by adding extra plating. This later version proved to be particularly effective during the campaigns in the Balkans and against British armour in the North African desert campaign. However, in the first months of Operation Barbarossa – the German invasion of the Soviet Union – it became obvious to battlefield commanders that the Panzer III had become obsolete as a main battle tank and it began to be replaced by the Panzer IV as the main front-line battle tank. The Panzer III was relegated to a secondary role, but its chassis proved the basis for the Sturmgeschütz III, which became the most widespread German armoured vehicle of World War II.

Military history HC \$60.00

F3D/EF-10 Skyknight Units

Combat Aircraft 143

Gopalman, Joe

The Douglas F3D Skyknight was an early but effective attempt at combining new technologies together in a lethal package capable of shipboard operation. Whereas most fighters relied on speed and manoeuvrability, the portly, straight-winged F3D relied on three radars, four 20mm cannon, and – most importantly – darkness. Having first flown in March 1948, the Skyknight's first taste of war came in September 1952, when Marine Night Fighter Squadron 513 [VMF(N)-513] deployed to Korea. The most important job assigned to VMF(N)-513 was the escorting of USAF B-29 bombers over northern Korea. Whereas Chinese and North Korean MiG-15s relied on ground-controlled intercept radar for steering guidance into firing positions, the F3D, with its own onboard radars, was autonomously lethal – it could detect, track and target MiGs all on its own. Skyknight crews ended the Korean War with six nocturnal kills in exchange for one combat loss. After the war, 35 Skyknights were converted into electronic warfare (EW) aircraft. As US air operations over North Vietnam intensified in early 1965, the need for a tactical EW jet to provide electronic

countermeasures (ECM) protection to accompany strike packages north became apparent. For all of its early effectiveness over North Vietnam, the proliferation of radar-guided guns and missiles began to erode the advantage created by EF-10 escort support, which flew its last combat mission in October 1969. This highly-illustrated volume explores the F3D Skyknights and their deployment during the Korean and Vietnam wars, using first-hand accounts from aircrew, original photographs and 30 profile artworks to explore their key roles as an escort aircraft and electronic warfare aircraft.

Aviation history PBK \$29.99

'Big Week' 1944:

Operation Argument and the breaking of the Jagdwaffe Air Campaign 27

Dildy, Douglas C

A rigorous new analysis of America's legendary 'Big Week' air campaign which enabled the Allies to gain air superiority before D-Day. The USAAF's mighty World War II bomber forces were designed for unescorted, precision daylight bombing, but no one foresaw the devastation that German radar-directed interceptors would inflict on them. Following the failures of 1943's Schweinfurt-Regensburg raids, and with D-Day looming, the Allies urgently needed to crush the Luftwaffe's ability to oppose the landings. In February 1944, the Allies conceived and fought history's first-ever successful offensive counterair (OCA) campaign, Operation Argument or 'Big Week'. Attacking German aircraft factories with hundreds of heavy bombers, escorted by the new long-range P-51 Mustang, it aimed both to slash aircraft production and force the Luftwaffe into combat, allowing the new Mustangs to take their toll on the German interceptors. This expertly written, illustration-packed account explains how the Allies finally began to win air superiority over Europe, and how Operation Argument marked the beginning of the Luftwaffe's fall.

Aviation history PBK \$29.99

Tiger vs Churchill:

North-West Europe, 1944–45
Duel 118

Grant, Neil

This fully illustrated study assesses the origins, development, and combat record of the legendary Tiger and Churchill Tanks during World War II. The Tiger and the Churchill are two of the most recognisable heavily armoured tanks of World War II. Both were designed hastily in the early years of the war, and both witnessed inauspicious debuts in battle in August 1942 (the Churchill in the disaster at Dieppe, the Tiger near Leningrad). Despite their heavy weight, both tanks, which were intended to serve in breakthrough operations, had surprisingly

good tactical mobility. Yet, there were key differences between them too, chiefly in the effectiveness of their main armament. This fascinating and detailed work explores the design and development of these famous tanks and its influence on their head-to-head encounters, the effectiveness of the support services each tank relied upon, and the skills and experiences of the crews that fought in them. The specific battlefield conditions of Normandy in June and July 1944 are also examined, exploring the effect they had on the duels between these two heavyweight AFVs.

Military history PBK \$32.99

Desert Storm 1991:

the most shattering air campaign in history
Air Campaign 25

Hallion, Richard P

An expertly written, illustrated new analysis of the *Desert Storm* air campaign fought against Saddam Hussein's Iraq, which shattered the world's fourth-largest army and sixth-largest air force in just 39 days, and revolutionised the world's ideas about modern air power. Operation *Desert Storm* took just over six weeks to destroy Saddam Hussein's war machine: a 39-day air campaign followed by a four-day ground assault. It shattered what had been the world's fourth-largest army and sixth-largest air force, and overturned conventional military assumptions about the effectiveness and value of air power. In this book, Richard P Hallion, one of the world's foremost experts on air warfare, explains why *Desert Storm* was a revolutionary victory, a war won with no single climatic battle. Instead, victory came thanks largely to a rigorously planned air campaign. It began with an opening night that smashed Iraq's advanced air defence system, and allowed systematic follow-on strikes to savage its military infrastructure and field capabilities. When the Coalition tanks finally rolled into Iraq, it was less an assault than an occupation. The rapid victory in *Desert Storm*, which surprised many observers, led to widespread military reform as the world saw the new capabilities of precision air power, and it ushered in today's era of high-tech air warfare.

Military history PBK \$29.99

B-25 Mitchell vs Japanese Destroyer:

Battle of the Bismarck Sea 1943

Duel 116

Lardas, Mark

Throughout the first year of the war in the Pacific during World War II the USAAF was relatively ineffective against ships. Indeed, warships in particular proved to be too elusive for conventional medium-level bombing. High-level attacks wasted bombs, and torpedo attacks required extensive training. But as 1942 closed, the Fifth Air Force developed new weapons and new

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tactics that were not just effective, they were deadly. A maintenance officer assigned to a B-25 unit found a way to fill the bombardier's position with four 0.50-cal machine guns and strap an additional four 0.50s to the sides of the bomber, firing forward. Additionally, skip-bombing was developed. This called for most-top height approaches flying the length of the target ship. If the bombs missed the target, they exploded in the water close enough to crush the sides. The technique worked perfectly when paired with 'strafe' B-25s. Over the first two months of 1943, squadrons perfected these tactics. Then, in early March, Japan tried to reinforce their garrison in Lae, New Guinea, with a 16-ship convoy – eight transports guarded by eight destroyers. The Fifth Air Force pounced on the convoy in the Bismarck Sea. By March 5 all eight transports and four destroyers had been sunk. This volume examines the mechanics of skip-bombing combined with a strafing B-25, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the combatants (B-25 versus destroyer), and revealing the results of the attacks and the reasons why these USAAF tactics were so successful.

Naval history PBK \$29.99

RAF Tornado Units in Combat 1992–2019

Combat Aircraft 142

Napier, Michael

After the Gulf War of 1990, No Fly Zones (NFZ) were established over northern and southern Iraq and the Tornado GR 1 force stepped up to operations over the southern NFZ. The Tornado GR 4 took responsibility for RAF combat air operations in Afghanistan from the Harrier force in 2009; and, in 2011, was involved in missions against the Gaddafi regime in Libya. The unique multirole capabilities of the aircraft enabled it to

support ground operations with the Raptor reconnaissance pod, Brimstone missiles and Paveway IV laser-guided bombs until withdrawal in 2014. The Tornado GR 4 was also used for operations over Iraq and Syria against the ISIL terrorist organisation. Intensive air operations were flown between 2014 and 2019, when the Tornado GR 4 was finally withdrawn from RAF Service. This volume, written by former RAF pilot Michael Napier, provides detailed first-hand accounts of the missions undertaken by the Tornado crews during the most recent conflicts over the Middle East and the Balkans.

Aviation history PBK \$29.99

USN Submarine vs IJN Antisubmarine Escort:

the Pacific, 1941–45

Duel 117

Stille, Mark

This fully illustrated study examines and compares the roles of the US Navy submarines and the Imperial Japanese Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities during World War II. In 1941 and 1942, US Navy submarine operations in the Pacific were largely ineffective, hampered by faulty torpedo design, conservative tactics, and insufficiently aggressive submarine captains. Eventually, though, a new generation of wartime submarine commanders, combined with reliable torpedoes, new generation boats, improved intelligence, and advanced radar, inflicted devastating losses on Japanese shipping. Antisubmarine warfare was initially accorded a low priority by the Imperial Japanese Navy; the lack of ASW escorts and modern weaponry, and an inability to develop tactics, resulted in devastation to vital convoys, and hampered its ability to deter and destroy enemy submarines. This book explores all these factors, and the role

that US submarines played in supporting the major fleet operations in the Pacific Theatre, notching up almost 500 patrols by war's end for the loss of 52 submarines to the Japanese. The technical and tactical developments implemented by the opposing sides are documented in detail, including US improvements to submarine design and weaponry and more aggressive tactics, and the Japanese development of destroyer escorts, changes to depth charge design, and improved submarine detection capacity.

Naval history PBK \$29.99

Hitler's Navy:

the Kriegsmarine in World War II

Williamson, Gordon

A complete illustrated study of the German Kriegsmarine throughout World War II. Hamstrung, at first, by the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, during the 1930s, the German Navy underwent a program of rearmament in defiance of the restrictions, building modern warships under limitations which forced technological innovation. Submarines were strictly prohibited by the treaty, and yet, following years of covert development, they became one of the Kriegsmarine's most deadly weapons. Blooded in the Spanish Civil War, the surface ships of the Kriegsmarine went on to play a crucial role in the opening salvos of World War II during the invasions of Poland and Norway, although serious losses here set back plans for the invasion of Britain, and by the end of the war, only a handful of surface vessels remained to be divided up among the Allies. From the beginning of the war, but especially after the fall of France, the dreaded and extraordinarily successful U-boats stalked the Atlantic, threatening vital British shipping convoys and choking off the lifeline of munitions and supply from the US. Once Italy and Japan entered the war,

German naval operations expanded to the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean. This highly-illustrated volume is a comprehensive study of the German Navy throughout the war, from pocket battleships to torpedo boats.

Naval history HC \$59.99

Tanks in the Battle of Germany 1945: Western Front

New Vanguard 302

Zaloga, Steven J

The crossing of the river Rhine marked the beginning of the end of the Third Reich, but the Wehrmacht would fight ferociously on its home soil until the fall of Berlin. The Battle of Germany saw the most advanced tanks of the Allies pitted against the remnants of the once-formidable Panzerwaffe, now exhausted and lacking many of the essentials of armoured warfare, but equipped with the biggest and most powerful tanks they would ever field. In these last months the Allies were now equipped with the most advanced Shermans such as the M4A3E8, as well as some of the types that would go on to have successful post-war careers such as the Pershing, Comet, and Chaffee. In contrast the Panzer forces had pinned their hopes on small numbers of monstrous types such as the Jagdtiger and Tiger II, as well as the workhorse *Sturmgeschütz* and Panzer IVs and Vs. But with German forces crumbling, the Panzerwaffe lacked trained crews, replacement vehicles and fuel, while the Allies' well-supported tank forces advanced through Germany in spectacular combined-arms fashion. Packed with information on tank numbers, types, and comparative performance, this book sheds new light on the two sides' tanks, organisation, and doctrine, and explains how the ultimate tank battles of World War II were really fought.

Military history PBK \$22.99

General nonfiction

A Little Book About Books:

Quotes for the Bibliophile in Your Life Bibliophiles everywhere will find something contained herein which will delight them – over 200 one-liners and quotes, as well as great lines from great works have been brought together and put into this small but perfectly formed little book about books.

Books HC \$12.99

The Car:

the rise and fall of the machine that made the modern world

Appleyard, Bryan

More than any other technology, cars have transformed American popular culture. Cars have created vast wealth as well as novel dreams of freedom and mobility. They have transformed our sense of distance and made the world infinitely more available to our eyes and our imaginations. They have inspired cinema, music, and literature; they have, by their need for roads, bridges, filling stations, huge factories and global supply chains, re-engineered the world. Almost everything we now need, want, imagine or aspire to assumes the existence of cars in all their limitless power and their complex

systems of meanings. This book celebrates the immense drama and beauty of the car, of the genius embodied in the Ford Model T, of the glory of the brilliant-red Mercedes Benz S-Class made by workers for Nelson Mandela on his release from prison, of Kanye West's 'chopped' Maybach, of the salvation of the Volkswagen Beetle by Major Ivan Hirst, of Elvis Presley's 100 Cadillacs, of the Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost and the BMC Mini and even of that harbinger of the end – the Tesla Model S and its creator Elon Musk. As the age of the car, as we know it, comes to an end, Bryan Appleyard's brilliantly insightful book tells the story of the rise and fall of the incredible machine that made the modern world what it is, today.

History TP \$34.99

Emperor's Feast:

A History of China in Twelve Meals

Clements, Jonathan

The history of China – not according to emperors or battles, but according to its food and drink. *The Emperor's Feast* is the epic story of a nation and a people, told through one of its most fundamental pillars and successful exports: food. Following the journeys of different ingredients, dishes and

eating habits over 5,000 years of history, author and presenter Jonathan Clements examines how China's political, cultural and technological evolution and her remarkable entrance onto the world stage have impacted how the Chinese – and the rest of the world – eat, drink and cook. We see the influence of invaders such as the Mongols and the Manchus, and discover how food – like the fiery cuisine of Sichuan or the hardy dishes of the north – often became a stand-in for regional and national identities. We also follow Chinese flavours to the shores of Europe and America, where enterprising chefs and home cooks created new traditions and dishes unheard of in the homeland. From *dim sum* to mooncakes to General Tso's chicken, *The Emperor's Feast* shows us that the story of Chinese food is ultimately the story of a nation: not just the one that history tells us, but also the one that China tells us about itself.

History/Food PBK \$22.99

The Opera House

Fitzsimons, Peter

Epic and engaging, in *The Opera House* Australia's greatest storyteller captures the drama and history of Australia's most

iconic building. On a sacred site on the land of the Gadigal people, Tubowgule, a place of gathering and storytelling for over 60,000 years, now sits the Sydney Opera House. It is a breathtaking building recognised around the world as a symbol of modern Australia. Along with the Taj Mahal and other World Heritage sites, it is celebrated for its architectural grandeur and the daring and innovation of its design. But this stunning house on what is, now, called Bennelong Point also holds many sorrows, secrets, and scandals. In this fascinating and impeccably researched biography, Peter FitzSimons exposes these secrets, marvels at how this magnificent building came to be, details its enthralling history and reveals the dramatic stories about the people whose lives were affected, both negatively and positively, by its presence. Ambition, dispossession, betrayal, professional rivalry, sexual intrigue, murder, bullying, and breakdowns are woven into the creation of this masterpiece of human ingenuity. *The Opera House* shares the extraordinary stories connected to this building that are as mesmerising as the light catching on its white sails.

History TP \$39.99

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An Ugly Truth:

Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination
Frenkel, Sheera & Kang, Cecilia
The Everything Store meets *Too Big to Fail* in this intimate portrayal of the stumbling giant that is Facebook, by two New York Times journalists. In November 2018, the *New York Times* published a bombshell in-depth investigation that exposed, with disturbing insider detail, how leadership decisions at Facebook enabled, and then tried to cover up, massive privacy breaches and Russian meddling in the 2016 election. The story quickly shot to the top of the paper's most emailed list. It would earn the team of *Times*' reporters a prestigious Loeb award, the George Polk award, and a spot on the Pulitzer short list. But it only skimmed the surface. The investigation's lead reporters, Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang, spent eighteen months piecing together the story of how one of the most powerful companies in the world tried to bury a damning truth – that Facebook has become a conduit for disinformation, hate speech, and political propaganda. The unrivalled sources of these two veteran journalists led them to perhaps the most recognisable names in the tech industry: Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg. Both have long existed as archetypes of uniquely 21st-century executives – he, the tech 'boy genius' turned billionaire, she, the ultimate woman in business, an inspiration to millions through her books and speeches. *An Ugly Truth* is the definitive story of Facebook's fall from grace, following the embattled company from 2011, when its power and positive influence was undisputed, to 2020, when it will face its biggest test, yet – the US presidential election. What are the ultimate ramifications when a few individuals are in charge of the technology used by half the world's population? Can they control the technology they've unleashed into the world? And if not, can we, as individuals and as a society, control them?

Impact of technology PBK \$24.99

The Louvre:

the Many Lives of the World's Most Famous Museum
Gardner, James
Some ten million people from all over the world flock to the Louvre each year to enjoy its incomparable art collection. Yet, few of them are aware of the remarkable history of that place and of the buildings themselves – a fascinating story that historian James Gardner elegantly chronicles in the first full-length history of the Louvre in English. More than 7,000 years ago, men and women camped on a spot called le Louvre for reasons unknown; a clay quarry and a vineyard supported a society there in the first centuries AD. A thousand years later, King Philippe Auguste of France constructed a fortress there in 1191, just outside the walls of a city far smaller than the Paris we know today. Intended to protect the capital against English soldiers stationed in Normandy, the fortress became a royal residence under Charles V two centuries later, and then the monarchy's principal residence under the great Renaissance king François I in 1546. It remained so until 1682, when Louis XIV moved his entire court to Versailles. Thereafter, the fortunes of the Louvre languished until the tumultuous days of the

French Revolution when, during the Reign of Terror in 1793, it first opened its doors to display the nation's treasures. Ever since – through the Napoleonic era, the Commune, two World Wars, to the present – the Louvre has been a witness to French history, and expanded to become home to a legendary collection, including such masterpieces as the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo, whose often-complicated and mysterious origins form a spectacular narrative that rivals the building's grand stature.

History PBK \$24.99

Not Necessarily Rocket Science:

a Beginner's Guide to Life in the Space Age
Gerardi, Kellie
Follow aerospace science professional Kellie Gerardi's non-traditional path in the space industry as she guides and encourages anyone who has ever dreamed about stars, the solar system, and the galaxies in space. Ever wondered what it's like to work in outer space? In this candid science memoir and career guide, Kellie Gerardi offers an inside look into the industry beginning to eclipse Silicon Valley. Whether you have a space science degree or are looking to learn about stars, Kellie Gerardi's, *Not Necessarily Rocket Science* proves there's room for anyone who is passionate about exploration. What it's like to be a woman in space. With a space background and a mission to democratise access to space, this female astronaut candidate offers a front row seat to the final frontier. From her adventures training for Mars to testing spacesuits in microgravity, this unique handbook provides inspiration and guidance for aspiring female astronauts, everywhere.

Science/Memoir TP \$33.95

Death By Shakespeare:

Snakebites, Stabbings and Broken Hearts
Harkup, Kathryn
In *Death by Shakespeare*, Kathryn Harkup, bestselling author of *A is for Arsenal* and expert on the more gruesome side of science, turns her expertise to William Shakespeare and the creative methods he used to kill off his characters. Is death by snakebite really as serene as Cleopatra made it seem? How did Juliet appear dead for 72 hours only to be revived in perfect health? Can you really kill someone by pouring poison in their ear? How long would it take before Lady Macbeth died from lack of sleep? Harkup investigates what actual events may have inspired Shakespeare, what the accepted scientific knowledge of the time was, and how Elizabethan audiences would have responded to these death scenes. *Death by Shakespeare* reveals this and more in a rollercoaster of Elizabethan carnage, poison, swordplay, and bloodshed; with an occasional death by bear-mauling, for good measure. In the Bard's day death was a part of everyday life. Plague, pestilence and public executions were a common occurrence, and the chances of seeing a dead or dying body on the way home from the theatre was a fairly likely scenario. Death is one of the major themes that reoccurs constantly throughout Shakespeare's canon, and he certainly didn't shy away from portraying the bloody reality of death on the stage. He didn't have to invent gruesome or novel ways to kill off

his characters when everyday experience provided plenty of inspiration. Shakespeare's era was also a time of huge scientific advance. The human body, its construction and how it was affected by disease came under scrutiny, overturning more than a thousand years of received Greek wisdom, and Shakespeare himself hinted at these new scientific discoveries and medical advances in his writing, such as circulation of the blood and treatments for syphilis. Shakespeare found dozens of different ways to kill off his characters, and audiences today still enjoy the same reactions – shock, sadness, fear – that they did over 400 years ago when these plays were first performed. But how realistic are these deaths, and did Shakespeare have the science to back them up?

Science PBK \$22.99

The BBC: a People's History **Hendy, David**

In 1922, three men – only one of whom had previously heard of 'broadcasting' – founded the BBC. In doing so, Arthur Burrows, Cecil Lewis, and John Reith set out to accomplish something utterly bold: using what had been a weapon of war – Marconi's wireless – to remake culture for the good of humanity. In *The BBC: A People's History*, professor and historian David Hendy traces the BBC from its maverick beginnings through war, the creation of television, changing public taste, austerity, and massive cultural change. The BBC has constantly evolved, developing from one radio station, to television, then multiple channels and, now, the competition with the internet and streaming services. This is a history of a now-global institution that defines Britain and created modern broadcasting; it is also a reflection of 100 years of British history. 'A dramatic tale of innovation and determination' – *Guardian*.

History HC \$49.99

Powers and Thrones:

a New History of the Middle Ages
Jones, Dan
Dan Jones' epic new history tells nothing less than the story of how the world we know today came to be built. It is a thousand-year adventure that moves from the ruins of the once-mighty city of Rome, sacked by barbarians in AD 410, to the first contacts between the old and new worlds in the 16th century. It shows how, from a state of crisis and collapse, the West was rebuilt and came to dominate the entire globe. The book identifies three key themes that underpinned the success of the West – commerce, conquest and Christianity. Across 16 chapters, blending Dan Jones' trademark gripping narrative style with authoritative analysis, *Powers and Thrones* shows how, at each stage in this story, successive western powers thrived by attracting or stealing the most valuable resources, ideas, and people from the rest of the world. It casts new light on iconic locations Rome, Paris, Venice, Constantinople; and it features some of history's most famous and notorious men and women. This is a book written about and for an age of profound change, and it asks the biggest questions about the West both then and now. Where did we come from? What made us? Where do we go from here?

History PBK \$24.99

Empire of Pain:

the Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty
Keefe, Patrick Radden
The Sackler name adorns the walls of many storied institutions – Harvard; the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Oxford; the Louvre. They are one of the richest families in the world, known for their lavish donations in the arts and the sciences. The source of the family fortune was vague, however, until it emerged that the Sacklers were responsible for making and marketing Oxycontin, a blockbuster painkiller that was a catalyst for the opioid crisis – an international epidemic of drug addiction which has killed nearly half a million people. In this masterpiece of narrative reporting and writing, Patrick Radden Keefe exhaustively documents the jaw-dropping and ferociously-compelling reality. *Empire of Pain* is the story of a dynasty: a parable of 21st century greed. The highly-anticipated portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, by the prize-winning, bestselling author of *Say Nothing*.

Business/True crime PBK \$19.99

The Premonition:

a Pandemic Story
Lewis, Michael
From the bestselling author of *The Big Short*, the gripping story of the maverick scientists who hunted down COVID-19... 'It's a foreboding,' she said. 'A knowing that something is looming around the corner. Like how when the seasons change you can smell Fall in the air right before the leaves change and the wind turns cold.' In January 2020, as people started dying from a new virus in Wuhan, China, few really understood the magnitude of what was happening. Except, that is, a small group of scientific misfits who in their different ways had been obsessed all their lives with how viruses spread and replicated – and with why the governments and the institutions that were supposed to look after us, kept making the same mistakes, time and again. This group saw what nobody else did. A pandemic was coming. We weren't prepared. *The Premonition* is the extraordinary story of a group who anticipated, traced, and hunted the coronavirus; who understood the need to think differently, to learn from history, to question everything; and to do all of this fast, in order to act, to save lives, communities, society itself. It's a story about the workings of the human mind; about the failures and triumphs of human judgement and imagination. It's the story of how we got to, now.

Science PBK \$22.99

The Future Is Fungi:

How Fungi Can Feed Us, Heal Us, Free Us and Save Our World
Lim, Michael & Shu, Yun
The kingdom of fungi has survived all five major extinction events. They are the architects of the natural world, integral to all life. They sustain critical ecosystems, recycling nutrients and connecting plants across vast areas, and help to produce many staples of modern life, such as wine, chocolate, bread, detergent, and penicillin. Today, in the face of urgent ecological, societal, and spiritual crises, fungi are

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being engineered to grow meat alternatives, create new sources of medicine, produce sustainable biomaterials, remediate the environment, and even expand our collective consciousness. *The Future is Fungi* is a complete introduction to this hidden kingdom. Exploring their past, present and potential future impact in four key areas – food, medicine, psychedelics and mental health, and environmental remediation – this book not only reveals how fungi have formed the foundations of modern life but how they might help shape our future. Rich with informative texts, awe-inspiring 3D digital art and tips on how to immerse yourself in the world of fungi, this is a manifesto for the future, an invitation into a deeper awareness of our relationship with the natural world, each other, and ourselves.

Science HC \$54.99

Persians:

the Age of the Great Kings

Llewellyn-Jones, Lloyd

The Achaemenid Persian kings ruled over the largest empire of antiquity, stretching from Libya to the steppes of Asia and from Ethiopia to Pakistan. From the palace-city of Persepolis, Cyrus the Great, Darius, Xerxes, and their heirs reigned supreme for centuries until the conquests of Alexander of Macedon brought the empire to a swift and unexpected end in the late 330s BCE. In *Persians*, historian Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones tells the epic story of this dynasty and the world it ruled. Drawing on Iranian inscriptions, cuneiform tablets, art, and archaeology, he shows how the Achaemenid Persian Empire was the world's first superpower – one built, despite its imperial ambition, on cooperation and tolerance. This is the definitive history of the Achaemenid dynasty and its legacies in modern-day Iran, a book that completely reshapes our understanding of the ancient world.

History TP \$34.99

McCarthy's Field Guide to Grammar:

Natural English Usage and Style

McCarthy, Michael

This up-to-date A–Z grammar field guide, written in a clear, non-technical style by a globally successful author, will transform your ability to give the best impression through your use of language, while being entertained and enlightened along the way. Remember all those grammar rules from school? No? Most of us don't. Mike McCarthy, renowned corpus linguist and co-author of the 900-page *Cambridge Grammar of English* answers the awkward questions that regularly bother us about English grammar. In this helpful A–Z field guide, McCarthy tells us what the conventional rules are as well as shows us what people are writing or saying now and gives simple reasons why you might choose one or the other so that you can speak and write with confidence. Through witty and entertaining examples pulled from 50 years of teaching, 40 years of field notes picked from books, newspapers, letters, radio and TV, etc. and shamelessly eavesdropping on people's conversations in public spaces, and a British and American English computer database, McCarthy has created a book

to browse and enjoy, as well as a useful reference to keep on your bookshelf. Why a Field Guide to grammar? A to Z format makes it easy to access and to find what you're looking for; presents solutions to a host of common, everyday grammatical problems; references current events to bring relevance to the grammar (fronted adverbials anyone?); looks at historical usage to illustrate how the English language has evolved, and continues to evolve; gives guidance on appropriate usage where more than one way of saying something exists; distinguishes between spoken and written grammar where appropriate; includes advice on vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation, punctuation and style; compares North American and British grammar, and includes Englishes from around the world; charming drawings to illustrate the playfulness in the English language; grammar guide backed by data and research. This field guide is as much quirky as it is informative. It is the perfect gift for any language lover, student, teacher, struggling parent or carer supporting their child's schooling, the grammar purist or the grammar descriptivist. 'You ain't gonna like it: bad grammar's not so bad.' – *The Times*.

Grammar HC \$26.99

The Psychology of Stupidity

Marmion, Jean-Francois

At last, stupidity explained! And by some of the world's smartest people, among them Daniel Kahneman, Dan Arieli, Alison Gopnik, Howard Gardner, Antonio Damasio, Aaron James, and Ryan Holiday. Stupidity is all around us, from the colleagues who won't stop hitting 'reply all' to the former school friends posting conspiracy theories on Facebook. But in order to battle idiocy, we must first understand it. In *The Psychology of Stupidity*, some of the world's leading psychologists and thinkers – including a Nobel Prize winner – will show you... why smart people sometimes believe in utter nonsense; how our lazy brains cause us to make the wrong decisions; why trying to debate with fools is a trap; how media manipulation and internet over-stimulation makes us dumber; why the stupidest people don't think they're stupid. As long as there have been humans, there has been human stupidity, but with wit and wisdom these great thinkers can help us understand this persistent human affliction.

Psychology PBK \$19.99

A Brief History of Timekeeping:

the Science of Marking Time, from Stonehenge to Atomic Clocks

Orzel, Chad

Our modern lives are ruled by clocks and watches, smartphone apps and calendar programs. While our gadgets may be new, however, the drive to measure and master time is anything but – and in *A Brief History of Timekeeping*, Chad Orzel traces the path from Stonehenge to your smartphone. Predating written language and marching on through human history, the desire for ever-better timekeeping has spurred technological innovation and sparked theories that radically reshaped our understanding of the universe and our place in it. Orzel, a physicist and the bestselling author of *Breakfast with Einstein* and *How to Teach Quantum Physics to Your*

Dog continues his tradition of demystifying thorny scientific concepts by using the clocks and calendars central to our everyday activities as a jumping-off point to explore the science underlying the ways we keep track of our time. Ancient solstice markers (which still work perfectly 5,000 years later) depend on the basic astrophysics of our solar system; mechanical clocks owe their development to Newtonian physics; and the ultra-precise atomic timekeeping that enables GPS hinges on the predictable oddities of quantum mechanics. Along the way, Orzel visits the delicate negotiations involved in Gregorian calendar reform, the intricate and entirely unique system employed by the Maya, and how the problem of synchronising clocks at different locations ultimately required us to abandon the idea of time as an absolute and universal quantity. Sharp and engaging, *A Brief History of Timekeeping* is a story not just about the science of sundials, sandglasses, and mechanical clocks, but also the politics of calendars and time zones, the philosophy of measurement, and the nature of space and time itself. For those interested in science, technology, or history, or anyone who's ever wondered about the instruments that divide our days into moments: the time you spend reading this book may fly, and it is certain to be well spent.

Science PBK \$24.99

Horizons:

a Global History of Science

Poskett, James

We are told that modern science was invented in Europe, the product of great minds like Nicolaus Copernicus, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Albert Einstein. But this is wrong. The history of science is not, and has never been, a uniquely European endeavour. Copernicus relied on mathematical techniques borrowed from Arabic and Persian texts. When Newton set out the laws of motion, he relied on astronomical observations made in India and Africa. When Darwin was writing *On the Origin of Species*, he consulted a 16th-century Chinese encyclopaedia. And when Einstein was studying quantum mechanics, he was inspired by the young Bengali physicist, Satyendra Nath Bose. *Horizons* pushes the history of science beyond Europe, exploring the ways in which scientists from Africa, America, Asia, and the Pacific fit into this global story.

History/Science TP \$32.99

Fabric of Civilisation:

How Textiles Made the World

Postrel, Virginia

The story of humanity is the story of textiles – as old as civilisation itself. Since the first thread was spun, the need for textiles has driven technology, business, politics, and culture. In *The Fabric of Civilisation*, Virginia Postrel synthesises ground-breaking research from archaeology, economics, and science to reveal a surprising history. From Minoans exporting wool coloured with precious purple dye to Egypt, to Romans arrayed in costly Chinese silk, the cloth trade paved the crossroads of the ancient world. Textiles funded the Renaissance and the Mughal Empire; they gave us banks and bookkeeping, Michelangelo's *David* and the Taj Mahal. The cloth business spread the alphabet and

arithmetic, propelled chemical research, and taught people to think in binary code. Assiduously researched and deftly narrated, *The Fabric of Civilisation* tells the story of the world's most influential commodity.

History PBK \$24.99

The Brain:

Everything You Need to Know

Scientist, New

Everything you need to know about your brain: an eye-opening handbook. Can you boost your IQ? What if you couldn't forget anything? What happens in your brain when you get an idea? Could you be a psychopath? *New Scientist* has all the answers. From the strange ways to distort what we think of as 'reality' to the brain hacks that can improve memory, *The Brain* takes you on a journey through intelligence, memory, creativity, the unconscious and beyond to help you understand your brain – and show you what it's truly capable of.

Science PBK \$22.99

The Bookseller at the End of the World

Shaw, Ruth

A rich, immersive, funny and heartbreaking memoir of the charming bookseller who runs two tiny bookshops in the remote village of Manapouri in Fiordland, in the deep south of New Zealand. Ruth Shaw weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops, musings about favourite books, and bittersweet stories from her full and varied life. She's sailed through the Pacific for years, been held up by pirates, worked at Sydney's Kings Cross with drug addicts and prostitutes, campaigned on numerous environmental issues, and worked the yacht *Breaksea Girl* with her husband, Lance. Underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long-held pain. Balancing that out is her beautiful love story with Lance, and her delightful sense of humour. This will make you weep and make you laugh and make you want to read more books – and make you want to visit Ruth and her two wee bookshops.

Memoir TP \$32.99

The Hidden Spring:

a Journey to the Source of Consciousness

Solms, Mark

For Mark Solms, one of the boldest thinkers in contemporary neuroscience, discovering how consciousness comes about has been a lifetime's quest. Scientists consider it the hard problem because it seems an impossible task to understand why we feel a subjective sense of self and how it arises in the brain. Venturing into the elementary physics of life, Solms has now arrived at an astonishing answer. In *The Hidden Spring*, he brings forward his discovery in accessible language and graspable analogies. Solms is a frank and fearless guide on an extraordinary voyage from the dawn of neuropsychology and psychoanalysis to the cutting edge of contemporary neuroscience, adhering to the medically provable. But he goes beyond other neuroscientists by paying close attention to the subjective experiences of hundreds of neurological patients, many of whom he treated, whose uncanny conversations expose much about the brain's obscure

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reaches. Most importantly, you will be able to recognise the workings of your own mind for what they really are, including every stray thought, pulse of emotion, and shift of attention. *The Hidden Spring* will profoundly alter your understanding of your own subjective experience.

Science PBK \$24.99

A Grand Tour of the Roman Empire

by Marcus Sidonius Falx
Toner, Jerry

Tour the Roman Empire at its height with Marcus Sidonius Falx and his amanuensis, Dr Jerry Toner. Travelling east, Falx explores the great cultural centre of Athens before trekking into rural Asia (or Turkey, as we know it), past the already ancient Luxor monuments in Roman Egypt, and by the Great Library of Alexandria. Travelling west across the breadbasket of the Empire, he journeys through Gaul (France) before crossing to Britannia, where he suffers the worst that provincial life has to offer. Falx provides practical advice on surviving

all things travel: from pirates and shipwrecks to bedbugs and lousy food. Even the most sedentary reader will feel they have experienced life in the Empire, first hand.

History HC \$34.99

Welcome to the Universe

in 3D: a Visual Tour

Tyson, Neil DeGrasse; et al

Welcome to the Universe in 3D takes you on a grand tour of the observable universe, guiding you through the most spectacular sights in the cosmos – in breathtaking 3D. Presenting a rich array of stereoscopic colour images, which can be viewed in 3D using a special stereo viewer that folds easily out of the cover of the book, this book reveals your cosmic environment as you have never seen it before. Astronomy is the story of how humankind's perception of the two-dimensional dome of the sky evolved into a far deeper comprehension of an expanding three-dimensional cosmos. This book invites you to take part in this story by exploring the universe in depth, as revealed by cutting-edge astronomical research and observations.

You will journey from the Moon through the solar system, out to exoplanets, distant nebulas, and galaxy clusters, until you finally reach the cosmic microwave background radiation (or CMB), the most distant light we can observe. The distances to these celestial wonders range from 1.3 light-seconds to 13.8 billion light-years. Along the way, the authors explain the fascinating features of what you are seeing, including how the 3D images were made using the same technique that early astronomers devised to measure distances to objects in space. The dramatic 3D images in this one-of-a-kind book will astonish you, extending your vision out to the farthest reaches of the universe. You will never look up into the night sky the same way, again.

Science HC \$39.99

The Art of War **Tzu, Sun**

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Written in the 6th century BCE, Sun Tzu's *The Art of War* is still widely read and consulted today for its timeless, piercing insights into strategy and tactics. Napoleon, Mao Zedong, General Vo Nguyen Giap, and General Douglas MacArthur all claimed to have drawn inspiration from it. Beyond the world of war, business and management gurus have also applied Sun Tzu's ideas to office politics and corporate strategy. This edition of *The Art of War* is printed on high-quality paper and bound by traditional Chinese bookmaking techniques. It contains the full 13 chapters on such topics as laying plans, attacking by stratagem, weaponry, terrain, and the use of spies. Sun Tzu addresses different campaign situations, marching, energy, and how to exploit your enemy's weaknesses. This edition is an essential addition to any library, whether you're fascinated by the philosophy of warfare, Chinese history, or even 21st-century business.

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