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An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language:

learn to hear what's left unsaid

Almossawi, Ali & Giraldo, Alejandro (illustrator)

The creators of *An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments* return at last with a desperately timely guide to rhetoric. Have you ever wondered how language shapes a story? How a politician can waffle their way out of a scandal, or a newspaper headline determine how readers think about an event? This adorably illustrated book demonstrates the ways in which language can be used to influence thought. *Tens of thousands of demonstrators packed the city's streets on Friday*. The actual count was 250,000. Why tens of thousands, then, and not a quarter million? *Rabbits zapped three badgers in an ambush last night, hours after six rabbits in a neighbouring town lost their lives*. Were the six rabbits the sole participants in losing their own lives? Those silly rabbits... Old Mr Rabbit is your guide to these and many more examples of loaded language. He mines real reporting (by respected and rogue media alike) to unmask rhetoric that shifts blame, erases responsibility, dog whistles, plays on fear, or rewrites history – subtly or shamelessly. It takes a long pair of ears to hear what's left unsaid – but when the very notion of truth is at stake, listening for 'spin' makes all the difference.

Language HC \$29.99

The Living Planet: a Portrait of the Earth **Attenborough, David**

Nowhere on our planet is devoid of life. Plants and animals thrive or survive within every extreme of climate and habitat that it offers. Single species, and often whole communities adapt to make the most of ice cap and tundra, forest and plain, desert, ocean, and volcano. These adaptations can be truly extraordinary: fish that walk or lay eggs on leaves in midair; snakes that fly; flightless birds that graze like deer; and bears that grow hair on the soles of their feet. In *The Living Planet*, David Attenborough's searching eye, unflinching curiosity and infectious enthusiasm explain and illuminate the intricate lives of these colonies – from the lonely heights of the Himalayas to the wild creatures that have established themselves in the most recent of environments, the city. By the end of this book, it is difficult to say which is the more astonishing – the ingenuity with which individual species contrive a living, or the complexity of their interdependence on each other and on the habitations provided by our planet. In this new edition, the author, with the help of zoologist Matthew Cobb, has added all the most up-to-date discoveries of ecology and biology, as well as a full-colour 64-page photography section. He also

addresses the urgent issues facing our living planet: climate change, pollution, and mass extinction of species.

Science PBK \$22.99

A Life on Our Planet:

My Witness Statement and a *Vision for the Future*
Attenborough, David
See the world. Then make it better.
'I am 94. I've had an extraordinary life. It's only now that I appreciate how extraordinary. As a young man, I felt I was out there in the wild, experiencing the untouched natural world – but it was an illusion. The tragedy of our time has been happening all around us, barely noticeable from day to day – the loss of our planet's wild places, its biodiversity. I have been witness to this decline. *A Life on Our Planet* is my witness statement, and my vision for the future. It is the story of how we came to make this, our greatest mistake – and how, if we act now, we can yet put it right. We have one final chance to create the perfect home for ourselves and restore the wonderful world we inherited. All we need is the will to do so.' A legacy-defining book from Sir David Attenborough, reflecting on his life's work, the dramatic changes to the planet he has witnessed, and what we can do to make a better future.

Science PBK \$22.99

Nothing But the Truth **Barrister, the Secret**

Just how do you become a barrister? Why do only one per cent of those who study law succeed in joining this mysteriously opaque profession? And why might a practising barrister come to feel the need to reveal the lies, secrets, failures, and crises at the heart of this world of wigs and gowns? *Nothing But the Truth* charts an outsider's progress down the winding path towards practising at the Bar, taking in the sometimes absurd traditions of the Inns of Court, where every meal mandates a glass of port and a toast to the Queen, to the Hunger Games-type contest for pupillage, through the endlessly frustrating experience of being a junior barrister – as a creaking, ailing justice system begins to convince them that something has to change... Full of hilarious, shocking and surprising stories, *Nothing But the Truth* tracks the Secret Barrister's transformation from hang 'em and flog 'em, austerity-supporting 20-something to campaigning, bestselling, reforming author whose writing in defence of the law is celebrated around the globe. It asks questions about what we understand by justice, and what it takes to change our minds. It also reveals the darker side of working in criminal law, and how the things our justice system gets wrong are not the things most people expect.

Law/Memoir TP \$34.99

Future Superhuman:

Our transhuman lives in a make-or-break century

Bohan, Elise

We're hurtling towards a superhuman future – or, if we blunder, extinction. The only way out of our existential crises, from global warming to the risks posed by nuclear weapons, novel and bioengineered pathogens and unaligned AI, is up. We'll need more technology to safeguard our future – and we're going to invent and perhaps even merge with some of that technology. What does that mean for our 20th century life-scripts? Are the robots coming for our jobs? How will human relationships change when AI knows us inside out? Will we still be having human babies by the century's end? Elise Bohan unflinchingly explores possibilities most of us are afraid to imagine: the impacts of automation on our jobs, livelihoods and dating and mating careers, the stretching out of 'the circle of life', the rise of AI friends and lovers, the liberation of women from pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding, and the impending global baby-bust – and attendant proliferation of digital minds. Strap in for an exhilarating, and starkly honest, take on the promise and peril of life in the 21st century.

Science TP \$29.99

The School that Escaped the Nazis **Gadbury, Deborah**

The extraordinary true story of progressive schoolteacher, Anna Essinger, the woman who defied Hitler, smuggling her school and its pupils, from Nazi Germany to the safety of England. *'All the violence I had experienced before felt like a bad dream. It was a paradise. I think most of the children felt it was a paradise.'* In 1933, as Hitler came to power, schoolteacher Anna Essinger hatched a daring and courageous plan: to smuggle her entire school out of Nazi Germany. Anna had read *Mein Kampf* and knew the terrible danger that Hitler's hate-fuelled ideologies posed to her pupils. She knew that to protect them she had to get her pupils to the safety of England. But the safe haven that Anna struggled to create in a rundown manor house in Kent would test her to the limit. As the news from Europe continued to darken, Anna rescued successive waves of fleeing children and, when war broke out, she and her pupils faced a second exodus. One by one, countries fell to the Nazis; and, before long, unspeakable rumours began to circulate. Red Cross messages stopped and parents in occupied Europe vanished. In time, Anna would take in orphans who had given up all hope; the survivors of unimaginable horrors. Anna's school offered these scarred children the love and security they needed to rebuild their lives, showing them that, despite everything, there was still a world worth

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fighting for. Featuring moving first-hand testimony, and drawn from letters, diaries, and present-day interviews, *The School That Escaped the Nazis* is a dramatic human tale that offers a unique child's-eye perspective on Nazi persecution and the Holocaust. It is also the story of one woman's refusal to allow her beliefs in a better, more equitable world to be overtaken by the evil that surrounded her.

History TP \$32.99

How to Live. What To Do.

In search of ourselves in life and literature

Cohen, Josh

How the lives of great literary characters can help us live a richer and more meaningful life, written by an eminent psychoanalyst and Professor of English Literature. From the truths and lies we tell about ourselves to the resonant creations of fiction, stories give shape and meaning to all our lives. Both a practicing psychoanalyst and a professor of literature, Josh Cohen has long been taken with the mutual echoes between the life struggles of the consulting room and the dramas of the novel. So, what might the most memorable characters in literature tell us about how to live meaningfully?

In *How to Live. What to Do*, Cohen plots a course through the various stages of our lives, discovering in each the surprising and profound insights literature has to offer. Beginning with the playful mindset of *Wonderland's* Alice, we discover the resilience of Jane Eyre, the rebellious rage of Baldwin's Johnny Grimes and the catastrophic ambitions of Jay Gatsby, the turbulence of first love for Sally Rooney's Frances, the sorrows of marriage for *Middlemarch's* Dorothea Brooke, and the regrets and comforts of middle age for Rabbit Angstrom.

Reading/Science PBK \$22.99

The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen:

Warfare, Constitutions, and the Making of the Modern World

Colley, Linda

Award-winning historian Linda Colley re-examines the making of the modern world through the advance of written constitutions. Starting not with the United States, but with the Corsican constitution of 1755, *The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen* moves through every continent, disrupting accepted narratives. Both monarchs and radicals play a role, from Catherine the Great of Russia, with her remarkable Nakaz, to Sierra Leone's James Africanus Horton, to Tunisia's Khayr-al-Din, a creator of the first modern Islamic constitution. Throughout, Colley demonstrates how constitutions evolved in tandem with warfare, and how they have functioned to advance empire as well as promote nations, and worked to exclude as well as liberate. Whether reinterpreting Japan's momentous 1889 constitution, or exploring the significance of the first constitution to enfranchise all adult women on Pitcairn Island in the Pacific in 1838, this is one of the most original global histories in decades.

History TP \$27.99

Black Holes: the Key to Understanding Everything

Cox, Brian & Forshaw, Jeff

A brilliant exploration of the most exotic objects in the universe by Professor Brian Cox and Professor Jeff Forshaw. Lying at the centre of every galaxy are the strangest objects in the universe: black holes. Of extraordinary density and huge gravitational pull, no matter or even light can escape their grasp. As stars whirl like water in a plug hole around their edge, these mighty phenomena release energy in the form of light, before the stars reach the event horizon and disappear forever. As well as being at the centre of galaxies, black holes are also at the centre of current research in theoretical physics and astrophysics: they are the perfect laboratory where extreme physics takes place. Understanding them remains a holy grail. *Black Holes* – by the world's greatest astrophysics communicator, Professor Brian Cox, and his long-time collaborator Professor Jeff Forshaw – is a brilliant exploration of these amazing objects, explaining, among other things, how they are formed and why they continue to confirm that Einstein's theory of general relativity is such a brilliant explanation of the universe around us.

Science TP \$34.99

Books do Furnish a Life:

An electrifying celebration of science writing

Dawkins, Richard

Including conversations with Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Steven Pinker, Matt Ridley and more, this is an essential guide to the most exciting ideas of our time and their proponents from our most brilliant science communicator. *Books Do Furnish a Life* is divided by theme, including celebrating nature, exploring humanity, and interrogating faith. For the first time, it brings together Richard Dawkins' forewords, afterwords, and introductions to the work of some of the leading thinkers of our age – Carl Sagan, Lawrence Krauss, Jacob Bronowski, Lewis Wolpert – with a selection of his reviews to provide an electrifying celebration of science writing, both fiction and nonfiction. It is also a sparkling addition to Dawkins' own remarkable canon of work.

Science PBK \$22.99

Nazi Billionaires:

the Dark History of Germany's Wealthiest Dynasties

de Jong, David

A ground-breaking investigation of how the Nazis helped German tycoons make billions off the horrors of the Third Reich and World War II – and how America allowed them to get away with it. In 1946, Günther Quandt – patriarch of Germany's most iconic industrial empire, a dynasty that today controls BMW – was arrested for suspected Nazi collaboration. Quandt claimed that he had been forced to join the party by his archrival, propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels, and the courts acquitted him. But Quandt lied. And his heirs, and those of other Nazi billionaires, have only grown wealthier in the generations since, while their reckoning with this dark past remains incomplete at best. Many of them continue to control swaths of the world economy, owning iconic brands

whose products blanket the globe. The brutal legacy of the dynasties that dominated Daimler-Benz, cofounded Allianz, and still control Porsche, Volkswagen, and BMW has remained hidden in plain sight – until now. In this landmark work of investigative journalism, David de Jong reveals the true story of how Germany's wealthiest business dynasties amassed untold money and power by abetting the atrocities of the Third Reich. Using a wealth of untapped sources, de Jong shows how these tycoons seized Jewish businesses, procured slave laborers, and ramped up weapons production to equip Hitler's army as Europe burned around them. Most shocking of all, de Jong exposes how America's political expediency enabled these billionaires to get away with their crimes, covering up a bloodstain that defiles the German and global economy to this day.

History/Economics TP \$34.99

This Way to the Universe:

A journey into physics

Dine, Michael

Everything you need to know about physics, written in language anyone can follow by one of the greatest living physicists. *This Way to the Universe* is a celebration of the astounding, ongoing scientific investigations that have revealed the nature of reality at its smallest, at its largest, and at the scale of our daily lives. The enigmas Professor Michael Dine discusses are like landmarks on a fantastic journey to the edge of the universe. Dine is widely recognised as one of the greatest living physicists, having made profound contributions to our understanding of matter, time, the Big Bang and even what might have come before it. Asked where to find out about the Big Bang, Dark Matter and Energy, the Higgs boson – the cutting edge of physics now – Dine had no single book he could recommend. This is his accessible, authoritative, and up-to-date answer. Written in language anyone can follow, if you are looking for one book to help you understand physics, this is it.

Science TP \$32.99

Wonderworks

Fletcher, Angus

Wonderworks reveals that literature is among the mightiest technologies that humans have ever invented, precision honed to give us what our brains most want and need. Literature is a technology like any other. And the writers we revere – from Homer to Shakespeare, Austen to Ferrante – each made a unique technical breakthrough that can be viewed as both a narrative and neuroscientific advancement. But literature's great invention was to address problems we could not solve: not how to start a fire or build a boat, but how to live and love; how to maintain courage in the face of death; how to account for the fact that we exist at all. Based on Angus Fletcher's own research, *Wonderworks* tells the story of the greatest literary inventions through the ages, from ancient Mesopotamia to modern-day America. It draws on cutting-edge neuroscience to demonstrate that the inventions really work: they enrich our lives with joy, hope, courage and energy, and they help our brains heal from grief, loneliness and even trauma. From ancient Chinese lyrics to nursery rhymes and fairy tales, from slave narratives to contemporary TV shows,

Wonderworks walks us through the evolution of literature's crucial blueprints, and offers us a new understanding of its power.

Literature/History PBK \$24.99

Liberalism and its Discontents

Fukuyama, Francis

Classical liberalism is in a state of crisis. Developed in the wake of Europe's wars over religion and nationalism, liberalism is a system for governing diverse societies, which is grounded in fundamental principles of equality and the rule of law. It emphasises the rights of individuals to pursue their own forms of happiness free from encroachment by government. It's no secret that liberalism didn't always live up to its own ideals. In America, many people were denied equality before the law. Who counted as full human beings worthy of universal rights was contested for centuries, and only recently has this circle expanded to include women, African Americans, LGBTQ+ people, and others. Conservatives complain that liberalism empties the common life of meaning. As the renowned political philosopher Francis Fukuyama shows in *Liberalism and Its Discontents*, the principles of liberalism have also, in recent decades, been pushed to new extremes by both the right and the left: neoliberals made a cult of economic freedom, and progressives focused on identity over human universality as central to their political vision. The result, Fukuyama argues, has been a fracturing of our civil society and an increasing peril to our democracy. In this short, clear account of our current political discontents, Fukuyama offers an essential defence of a revitalised liberalism for the 21st century.

Politics HC \$34.99

How to Prevent

the Next Pandemic

Gates, Bill

Before Bill Gates became an expert on climate science, he was known as one of the few who studied pandemics – how they start, how they spread, how they can be controlled. He warned us years ago in a now-famous TED Talk of their arrival in our future. The future, of course, is now, and now is when we have to plan against a next one.

How to Prevent the Next Pandemic is a clear and upbeat plan of what every country, every government leader, and every individual can do in order to help prevent another pandemic, grounded in Bill's firsthand experience with the Gates Foundation's commitment to fighting Covid-19.

Science/Economics HC \$49.99

The Premonitions Bureau:

A True Account of Death Foretold

Knight, Sam

The incredible and gripping true story of John Barker, a psychiatrist who investigated the power of premonitions – and came to believe he himself was destined for an early death. On the morning of October 21, 1966, Kathleen Middleton, a music teacher in suburban London, awoke choking and gasping, convinced disaster was about to strike. An hour later, a mountain of rubble containing waste from a coal mine collapsed above the village of Aberfan, swamping

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buildings and killing 144 people, many of them children. Among the doctors and emergency workers who arrived on the scene was John Barker, a psychiatrist from Shelton Hospital, in Shrewsbury. At Aberfan, Barker became convinced there had been supernatural warning signs of the disaster, and decided to establish a 'premonitions bureau', in conjunction with the *Evening Standard* newspaper, to collect dreams and forebodings from the public, in the hope of preventing future calamities. Middleton was one of hundreds of seemingly normal people, who would contribute their visions to Barker's research in the years to come, some of them unnervingly accurate. As Barker's work plunged him deeper into the occult, his reputation suffered. But in the face of professional humiliation, Barker only became more determined, ultimately realising with terrible certainty that catastrophe had been prophesied in his own life. In Sam Knight's crystalline telling, this astonishing true story comes to encompass the secrets of the world. We all know premonitions are impossible – and yet they come true all the time. Our lives are full of collisions and coincidence: the question is how we perceive these implausible events and therefore make meaning in our lives. *The Premonitions Bureau* is an enthralling account of madness and wonder, of science and the supernatural. With an unforgettable ending, it is a mysterious journey into the most unsettling reaches of the human mind.

History TP \$32.99

How Words Get Good:

the Story of Making a Book

Lee, Rebecca

Once upon a time, a writer had an idea. They wrote it down. But what happened next? Join Rebecca Lee, professional word-improver, as she embarks on the fascinating journey to find out how a book gets from author's brain to finished copy. She'll learn the dark arts of ghost-writers, uncover the hidden beauty of typesetting, and find out which words end up in books (and why). And along the way, her quest will be punctuated by a litany of little-known considerations that make a big impact: ellipses, indexes, hyphens, esoteric grammar, and juicy errata slips. Whoops. From foot-and-note disease to the town of Index, Missouri – turn the page to discover how books get made and words get good. Or, at least, better. 'Inject this straight into my veins!' – *Lucy Mangan*.

Writing/Publishing HC \$34.99

Spooked:

the Secret Rise of Private Spies

Meier, Barry

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist's revelatory look inside the sinister world of private spies. Private spies are the invisible force that shapes our modern world: they influence our elections, effect government policies, and shape the fortunes of companies. More deviously, they are also peering into our personal lives as never before, using off-the-shelf technology to listen to our phone calls, monitor our emails and decide what we see on social media. *Spooked* takes us on a journey into a secret billion-dollar industry in which information is currency and loyalties are for sale. An industry so tentacular it reaches from Saddam Hussein to an '80s-era Trump,

from the Steele dossier written by a British ex-spy to Russian oligarchs sitting pretty in Mayfair mansions, from the devious tactics of Harvey Weinstein to the growing role of corporate spies in politics and the threat to future elections. *Spooked* reads like the best kind of spy story: a gripping tale packed with twists and turns, uncovering a secret side of our modern world.

Espionage PBK \$22.99

Genius Makers:

the Mavericks Who Brought AI to Google, Facebook, and the World

Metz, Cade

The definitive account of the race to create artificial intelligence. Long dismissed as a technology of the distant future, artificial intelligence was a project once consigned to the fringes of the scientific community. Then two researchers changed everything. One was a 64-year-old computer science professor with a back problem so severe, he could not drive or fly. The other was a 36-year-old neuroscientist and chess prodigy. Though they took very different paths, together they helped catapult AI to the forefront of our daily lives and, in the process, created a business worth billions. This is the story of that technological revolution and of the arms race it has sparked among companies that range from Google to Facebook to OpenAI. It's the story of growing international rivalry to achieve major new breakthroughs. And it's a story that shows both the inventive best of humankind and its darker side, as advances have been counter-balanced by issues of prejudice, bias, and the invasion of privacy. *New York Times* Silicon Valley journalist Cade Metz draws on unparalleled access to all the major players to create an extraordinarily vivid account of a revolution over five decades in the making. And he poses the questions that will dominate the next half-century: where will AI take us next? Are systems with truly human intelligence on the horizon? And, if so, where does that leave us?

Impact of technology PBK \$22.99

About Time:

A History of Civilisation in Twelve Clocks

Rooney, David

A horological history of human civilisation, told through 12 world-changing clocks. Since the dawn of civilisation, we have kept time. But time has always been against us. From the city sundials of ancient Rome to the era of the smartwatch, clocks have been used throughout history to wield power, make money, govern citizens and keep control. In *About Time*, time expert David Rooney tells the story of timekeeping, and how it continues to shape our modern world. Over 12 chapters we discover how clocks have helped us navigate the world, build empires and even taken us to the brink of destruction. This is the story of time. And the story of time is the story of us.

History PBK \$22.99

The Matter of Everything:

12 Experiments that Changed Our World

Sheehy, Suzie

The astonishing story of 20th-century physics, told through the 12 experiments that changed our world... How did a piece of gold foil completely change our understanding

of atoms? What part did a hot air balloon play in the discovery of cosmic rays? How did the experiments in the run-up to the Large Hadron Collider lead to the invention of the World Wide Web? Asking questions has always been at the heart of physics, our unending quest to understand the Universe and how everything in it behaves. How do we know all that we know about the world today? It's not simply because we have the maths – it's because we have done the experiments. In *The Matter of Everything*, accelerator physicist Suzie Sheehy introduces us to the people who, through a combination of genius, persistence and luck, staged the ground-breaking experiments of the 20th century that changed the course of history. From the serendipitous discovery of x-rays in a German laboratory, to the scientists trying to prove Einstein wrong (and inadvertently proving him right), to the race to split open the atom, Sheehy shows how our most brilliant, practical physicists have shaped innumerable aspects of how we live today. Radio, TV, the chips in our smartphones, MRI scanners, radar equipment and microwaves, to name a few: these were all made possible by their determination to understand, and control, the microscopic. Pulling physics down from the theoretical and putting it in the hands of the people, *The Matter of Everything* is a fascinating expedition through the surprising, and occasionally accidental, experiments that transformed our world, and a celebration of the creative and curious people behind them.

Science/History TP \$29.99

A History of Delusions:

the Glass King, a Substitute Husband and a Walking Corpse

Shepherd, Victoria

The extraordinary ways the brain can misfire... The King of France – thinking he was made of glass – was terrified he might shatter... and he wasn't alone. After the Emperor met his end at Waterloo, an epidemic of Napoleons piled into France's asylums. Throughout the 19th century, dozens of middle-aged women tried to convince their physicians that they were, in fact, dead. For centuries, we've dismissed delusions as something for doctors to sort out behind locked doors. But delusions are more than just bizarre quirks – they hold the key to collective anxieties and traumas. In this ground-breaking history, Victoria Shepherd uncovers stories of delusions from medieval times to the present day and implores us to identify reason in apparent madness.

History/Science HC \$39.99

The Physick Garden:

Ancient Cures for Modern Maladies

Smith, Alice & Purdy, Martin

The intriguing tales of the plants that have been used to heal and cure our bodies, brought to life with beautifully surreal illustrations from Alice Smith. Since the dawn of time, people have used plants as remedies, to both positive and deadly effect. These herbal treatments have become enshrined in folklore, in old wives' tales and in the curious names we have given local species. Many have also found their way into modern medicine cabinets – but not always in the form you would expect. This book imagines a physick garden of healing plants that have been used across

the globe by different generations. But were Italian Renaissance women dicing with death, when they dropped belladonna in their eyes? Can comfrey really be used to heal broken bones? And can St John's Wort scare away more than bad spirits? Taking you around the body, from the brain to the bowels, *The Physick Garden* introduces 80 plants with curious medicinal pasts. With striking illustrations and lively tales, this book will show that sometimes there is method in the madness.

Botany/Medicine HC \$29.99

Portable Magic:

Our Long Love Affair with Books

Smith, Emma

An effervescent and excitingly revisionist history of bibliophilia, from a globally-respected Shakespeare scholar. Most of what we say about books is really about their contents: the rosy nostalgic glow for childhood reading, the lifetime companionship of a much-loved novel. But books are things as well as words, objects in our lives as well as worlds in our heads. And just as we crack their spines, loosen their leaves and write in their margins, so they disrupt and disorder us in turn. All books are, as Stephen King put it, 'a uniquely portable magic'. In this thrilling new history, Emma Smith shows us why. *Portable Magic* unfurls an exciting, iconoclastic, and ambitious new story of the book in human hands, exploring when, why and how it acquired its particular hold over humankind. Gathering together a millennium's worth of pivotal encounters with volumes big and small, Smith compellingly argues that, as much as their contents, it is books' physical form – their 'bookhood' – that lends them their distinctive and sometimes dangerous magic. From the *Diamond Sutra* to Jilly Cooper's *Riders*, to a book made of wrapped slices of cheese, Smith uncovers how this composite artisanal object has, for centuries, embodied and extended relationships between readers, nations, ideologies and cultures, in significant and unpredictable ways. She celebrates the rise of the mass-market paperback, and dismantles the myth that print began with Gutenberg; she reveals how our reading habits have been shaped by American soldiers, and proposes a new definition of a 'classic'. Ultimately, Smith illuminates the ways in which our relationship with the written word is more reciprocal – and more turbulent – than we tend to imagine: for better or worse, books do not simply reflect humankind, but have also defined who we are, turning us into the readers they would like to have.

Bibliophilia HC \$45.00

The Knowledge Machine:

How an Unreasonable Idea

Created Modern Science

Strevens, Michael

Rich with tales of discovery from Galileo to general relativity, a stimulating and timely analysis of how science works and why we need it. It is only in the last three centuries that the formidable knowledge-making machine we call modern science has transformed our way of life and our vision of the universe – 2,000 years after the invention of law, philosophy, drama and mathematics. Why did we take so long to invent science? And how has it proved to be so powerful?

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The Knowledge Machine gives a radical answer, exploring how science calls on its practitioners to do something apparently irrational: strip away all previous knowledge – such as theological, metaphysical or political beliefs – and channel unprecedented energy into observation and experiment. In times of climate extremes, novel diseases and rapidly-advancing technology, Strevens contends that we need more than ever to grasp the inner workings of our knowledge machine.

Science/History PBK \$22.99

The Ten Equations that Rule the World:

And How You Can Use Them Too

Sumpter, David

Is there a secret formula for getting rich? For making something a viral hit? For deciding how long to stick with your current job, Netflix series, or even relationship? This book is all about the equations that make our world go round. Ten of them, in fact. They are integral to everything from investment banking to betting companies and social media giants. And they can help you to increase your chance of success, guard against financial loss, live more healthily, and see through scaremongering. They are known only by mathematicians – until now. With wit and clarity, mathematician David Sumpter shows that it isn't the technical details which make these formulas so successful. It is the way they allow mathematicians to view problems

from a different angle – a way of seeing the world that anyone can learn. Empowering and illuminating, *The Ten Equations that Rule the World* shows how maths really can change your life.

Science PBK \$22.99

Alice's Book:

How the Nazis Stole My Grandmother's Cookbook

Urbach, Karina

A bestselling 1930s' cookbook by the author's Jewish grandmother was published for decades under a false name, after the Nazi takeover of Austria. What happened to the books that were too valuable to burn? The story of a Jewish chef whose bestselling cookbook was expropriated under the Nazi regime. Alice Urbach had her own cooking school in Vienna; but, in 1938, she was forced to flee to England – like so many others. Her younger son was imprisoned in Dachau. Her older son, having emigrated to the United States, became an intelligence officer in the struggle against the Nazis. Returning to the ruins of Vienna in the late 1940s, she discovers that her bestselling cookbook has been published under someone else's name. Now, 80 years later, the historian Karina Urbach – Alice's granddaughter – sets out to uncover the truth behind the stolen cookbook; and tells the story of a family torn apart by the Nazi regime, of a woman who, with her unwavering passion for cooking, survived the horror and losses of the Holocaust to begin a new life in America. Impeccably researched

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Walsh, Toby

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