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Osprey military history

### **German 88mm Gun vs Allied Armour:**

**North Africa 1941-43**  
Duel 109

**Campbell, David; Greentree, David & Palmer, Ian (illustrator)**

Few weapons developed a more deadly reputation than the German '88' in the role of anti-tank gun, its long reach and lethal hitting power making it a significant problem for every type of British and later American armour. Despite its individual potency, it was almost always utilised as part of a comprehensive system of defences that relied on a mix of weapons carefully deployed in anticipation of the enemy's likely avenue and method of attack. Used in this way, the 88 became a particularly deadly part of the Afrika Korps' attempts to shatter British armoured power in the Western Desert. Initially extremely successful over the course of 1941 and 1942 in Operations *Battleaxe* and *Crusader*, the Allies' tactics and vehicles (such as the American-made M3 and the Crusader III) eventually evolved to deal with the 88's awesome power. This detailed new book tells the story of that evolution and provides an in-depth treatment of this key weapon of World War II.

Military history PBK \$32.99

### **USMC M4A2 Sherman vs Japanese Type 95 Ha-Go: The Central Pacific 1943-44**

Duel 108

**Gansière, Romain; Gilbert, Ed & Groult, Edouard (illustrator)**

Drawing upon personal testimonies from veterans, official reports, and never before published photographs, this superbly detailed title explores the duels between the USMC M4A2 and the Japanese Type 95 Ha-Go, which often proved to be epic and unique. The different national tank doctrines of the United States and Imperial Japan resulted in a terrible mismatch of the predominant tank types in the crucial Central Pacific campaign. A flawed Japanese doctrine emphasised light infantry support tanks, often used in small numbers. Tactically, tanks were often frittered away in armoured versions of the familiar banzai attacks. Meanwhile, the Americans saw the tank as an infantry support weapon, but developed a more systematic tactical doctrine. They settled upon a larger medium tank – in the case of most Marine Corps tank battalions, the diesel-powered M4A2 (unwanted by the US Army). This superbly detailed title reveals how both the two sides' tactical and technical differences in the approach to armoured warfare soon became apparent over a series of deadly engagements, from the first tank fight at the battle of Tarawa in November 1943, through to engagements on Parry Island, Saipan, and Guam, before ending with Peleliu in September 1944.

Military history PBK \$32.99

**MiG Alley:**

### **The US Air Force in Korea, 1950-53**

general aviation

**Gleaver, Thomas McKelvey**

Titled after the wartime nickname for the part of North Korea that was the epicentre of a bitter struggle for air superiority over the Korean Peninsula, *MiG Alley* offers an in-depth analysis of the US Air Force's war in Korea, packed with interesting and exciting personal stories based on first-person testimony from both American and Soviet sources. Following the end of the Korean War, the prevailing myth in the West was that of the absolute supremacy of US Air Force pilots and aircraft over their Soviet-supplied opponents. The claims of the 10:1 victory-loss ratio achieved by the US Air Force fighter pilots flying the North American F-86 Sabre against their communist adversaries, among other such fabrications, went unchallenged until the end of the Cold War, when Soviet records of the conflict were finally opened. Packed with first-hand accounts and covering the full range of US Air Force activities over Korea, *MiG Alley* brings the war vividly to life and the record is finally set straight on a number of popular fabrications. Thomas McKelvey Gleaver expertly threads together US and Russian sources to reveal the complete story of this bitter struggle in the Eastern skies.

Aviation history TP \$29.99

### **B/EB-66 Destroyer Units in Combat**

Combat Aircraft 137

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

Studies of air combat in the Vietnam War inevitably focus on the MiG-killing fighter engagements, B-52 onslaughts or tactical strikes on the Hanoi region. However, underlying all these was the secretive 'electron war' in which highly-skilled electronic warfare officers duelled with Soviet and North Vietnamese radar operators in the attempt to enable US strike forces to reach their targets with minimal losses. Orbiting at the edge of heavily-defended territory, the vulnerable EB-66s identified and jammed the enemy's radar frequencies with electronic emissions and chaff to protect the American bombers. Their hazardous missions resulted in six combat losses, four of them to SA-2 missiles and one to a MiG-21, and they became prime targets for North Vietnamese defences when their importance was realised. This illustrated study focuses on the oft-overlooked B-66 series, examining their vital contributions to the Vietnam War and the bravery of those who operated them in some of the most challenging situations imaginable. Author Peter E Davies also explores how the technology and tactics devised during the period made possible the development of the EF-111A Raven, an invaluable component of the *Desert Storm*

combat scenario over Iraq and Kuwait in 1991, and the US Navy's EA-6B Prowler, which entered service towards the end of the Vietnam War.

Aviation history PBK \$32.99

### **Arado Ar 196 Units in Combat**

Combat Aircraft 136

**de Jong, Peter & Swiatlon, Janusz; Postlethwaite, Mark (illustrators)**

Beating its biplane rivals in a 1936 Reich Air Ministry design competition, the Arado Ar 196 provided the Kriegsmarine with possibly the best shipborne reconnaissance seaplane of World War II. Replacing the Heinkel He 60 biplane as the standard catapult-launched floatplane embarked on the Kriegsmarine's capital ships, the Ar 196 flew an assortment of combat missions during World War II, including coastal patrol, submarine hunting, light bombing, general reconnaissance, and convoy escort sorties. The first vessel to take its Ar 196A-1s to sea was the pocket battleship *Graf Spee*, which embarked two in the autumn of 1939. The battleships *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz* could carry six Arados each, the battlecruisers *Gneisenau* and *Scharnhorst* four, and smaller pocket battleships and cruisers two. Shore-based aircraft were also operated from coastal ports on the Channel, Baltic, North Sea, and Bay of Biscay coasts, as well as in the Balkans and Mediterranean. In this title, supported by an excellent selection of photographs and full-colour illustrations, Peter de Jong explores the history of the Arado Ar 196, detailing their development and assessing the combat capabilities of one of the last fighting seaplanes.

Aviation history PBK \$32.99

**Bosworth 1485:**

### **The Downfall of Richard III**

Campaign 360

**Gravett, Christopher & Turner, Graham (illustrator)**

A new study of the Battle of Bosworth, the climactic battle of the Wars of the Roses, based on a new interpretation of events following the discovery of the true location of the battlefield. The battle of Bosworth was the culmination of the dynastic struggle between the houses of York and Lancaster known as the Wars of the Roses that dominated England in the second half of the 15th century. Edward IV had secured the throne for the house of York, but his early death in 1483, followed by the death of his sons and the taking of the throne by his brother, Richard of York saw a renewed outbreak of fighting. Richard's reign was dogged by rumours of his involvement in murder and began with a major rebellion in 1483, which was put down. Richard faced threats from not only lords he alienated but the Lancastrian faction waiting in the wings, and Henry Tudor decided to take the huge risk of attempting to seize the throne.

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Richard positioned himself in central England and from there marched to meet Henry's army, finally clashing near Market Bosworth. Guiding the reader from the campaign's origins to its aftermath, and covering the commanders and forces of King Richard III and Henry Tudor, this is a complete treatment of one of the most important events in English history. The story of Bosworth has been transformed in the 20th century as an extensive survey between 2005 and 2009 by the Battlefields Trust has pinpointed the location of the battlefield, for many years a source of debate and controversy, and this new history is based on that interpretation. It will also highlight the incredible discovery of Richard III's remains in Leicester, the study of the bones and relate this to what was previously thought had happened to him at the end of the battle.

Military history PBK \$32.99

### World War II Fighter Planes Spotter's Guide

general aviation

Holmes, Tony  
& Laurier, Jim (illustrator)

A compact but comprehensive guide to the iconic fighter planes that fought during World War II, which features full-colour profile artwork throughout. World War II saw pilots from around the world battling in the skies over Europe, Asia and Africa, with victory resting upon their nerve, skill

and the capabilities of some of history's most iconic aircraft. In the chaos of battle, it was vital that they could quickly identify friend from foe. But do you know your Hurricane, from your Bf 109, or what the legendary P-51 Mustang looks like? Do you know the wingspan of the A6M Zero-sen, or how fast it could fly? *World War II Fighter Planes Spotter's Guide* answers all of these questions and more, providing essential information on over 90 legendary aircraft, from the celebrated Spitfire to the jet-powered Me 262. Featuring full-colour artwork to aid recognition, as well as all the details you need to assess their performance, this is the perfect pocket guide to the Allied and Axis fighters of World War II.

Aviation history PBK \$14.99

### Battle of the Atlantic 1942-45: The climax of World War II's greatest naval campaign

Air Campaign 21

Lardas, Mark & Groult, Edouard  
(illustrator)

As 1942 opened, both Nazi Germany and the Allies were ready for the climactic battles of the Atlantic to begin. Germany had 91 operational U-boats, and over 150 in training or trials. Production for 1942-44 was planned to exceed 200 boats annually. Karl Dönitz, running the Kriegsmarine's U-boat

arm, would finally have the numbers needed to run the tonnage war he wanted against the Allies. Meanwhile, the British had, at last, assembled the solution to the U-boat peril. Its weapons and detection systems had improved to the stage that maritime patrol aircraft could launch deadly attacks on U-boats day and night. Airborne radar, Leigh lights, Magnetic Anomaly Detection (MAD), and the Fido homing torpedo all turned the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) aircraft into a submarine-killer, while shore and ship-based technologies such as high-frequency direction finding and signals intelligence could now help aircraft find enemy U-boats. Following its entry into the war in 1941, the United States had also thrown its industrial muscle behind the campaign, supplying VLR Liberator bombers to the RAF and escort carriers to the Royal Navy. The US Navy also operated anti-submarine patrol blimps and VLR aircraft in the southern and western Atlantic, and sent its own escort carriers to guard convoys. This book, the second of two volumes, explores the climactic events of the Battle of the Atlantic, and reveals how air power – both maritime patrol aircraft, and carrier aircraft – ultimately proved to be the Allies' most important weapon in one of the most bitterly fought naval campaigns of World War II.

Naval history PBK \$32.99

### General nonfiction

#### Everyday Mathematics Made Easy:

A Quick Review of What  
You Forgot You Knew

Begnal, Tom

This easy-to-understand and fully-illustrated handbook teaches essential math concepts using real-life examples so you can confidently apply math skills in everyday situations such as personal finance, cooking, home repair, and shopping. For many of us, math can conjure memories of frustration and embarrassment, yet math and its application are all around us every day – in the workplace, supermarket, mall, and the gas station, where a basic math solution can easily and quickly solve a problem. However, some of us have either blocked out, forgotten, or simply did not learn the basics of math. Thomas Begnal brings math back to the forefront of our brains and re-teaches (or teaches) all the basic math concepts. Using an encouraging voice throughout, each chapter is devoted to a specific math topic and explains the underlying basic math function in a simple and easy-to-understand way. Step-by-step instructions on topics such as the traditional operations of arithmetic, fractions and decimals, averages, ratios and percentages, geometry, and more are enforced with sidebars on how to solve math problems quickly and correctly, in common situations.

Mathematics HC \$29.99

#### Barbarossa and the Bloodiest War in History Binns, Stewart

Drawing on remarkable and never-before-seen material, the extraordinary story of one of

the most horrific and devastating encounters of the Second World War. On June 22nd, 1941 the largest military invasion in human history was launched – an attack on the Soviet Union by almost four million men of Nazi Germany's brutal war machine. Operation *Barbarossa* led to the bloodiest military campaign mankind has ever known. The statistics of death and destruction are almost impossible to believe. The cruelty, suffering and destitution it wrought are unimaginable... over forty million people lost their lives. Yet, the real story of the Eastern Front is still not truly understood, outside of Germany and Eastern Europe. Little is known of those who suffered in the horror of Hitler's 'War of Annihilation' – the soldiers and civilians of Eastern Europe who fought and died trying to save their homelands and their loved ones. In *Barbarossa*, Stewart Binns tells the story of how they lived and survived, and how, once the tide had turned, they exacted an appalling revenge on the Nazi aggressors. This is the story of the bloodiest war in history.

Military history TP \$34.99

#### A Brief History of Britain 1851-2010:

A Nation Transformed

Black, Jeremy

From the Great Exhibition to the Credit Crunch – the transformation of Britain from the world's greatest nation to the present day. In 1851, Queen Victoria opened the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park, it was the high-water mark of English achievement – the nation at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution, at the heart of a burgeoning Empire, with a queen who would reign for

another 50 years. In the following 150 years, the fate of the nation has faced turmoil and transformation. But it is too simple to talk of decline? Has Great Britain sacrificed its identity, in order to stay part of the present world order. Leading historian, Jeremy Black, completes the landmark four volume Brief History of Britain series with a brilliant, insightful examination of how present-day Britain was formed.

History PBK \$24.99

#### Wayfinding:

The Art and Science of How  
We Find and Lose Our Way

Bond, Michael

The physical world is infinitely complex, yet most of us are able to find our way around it. We can walk through unfamiliar streets while maintaining a sense of direction, take shortcuts along paths we have never used and remember for many years places we have visited only once. These are remarkable achievements. In *Wayfinding*, Michael Bond explores how we do it: how our brains make the 'cognitive maps' that keep us orientated, even in places that we don't know. He considers how we relate to places, and asks how our understanding of the world around us affects our psychology and behaviour. The way we think about physical space has been crucial to our evolution: the ability to navigate over large distances in prehistoric times gave *Homo sapiens* an advantage over the rest of the human family. Children are instinctive explorers, developing a spatial understanding as they roam. And yet today few of us make use of the wayfaring skills that we inherited from our peripatetic ancestors. Most of us

#### Vehicles of the Long Range Desert Group 1940-45

New Vanguard 291

Mortimer, Gavin & Morshead,  
Henry; Rodríguez, Irene Cano  
(illustrators)

The Long Range Desert Group was one of the most famous special units of World War II, operating heavily modified vehicles deep behind enemy lines to gather intelligence and support the raids of David Stirling's new Special Air Service. When war broke out, a pre-war explorer and army officer, Ralph Bagnold, convinced Middle East Command of the need for a reconnaissance force to penetrate into Italian-held desert. Bagnold tested four types of vehicles over rocks and through soft sand to find the best one for his new unit. Bagnold selected the Chevrolet WB (30 CWT) as the signature vehicle of the Long Range Desert Group because it is fast, simple and easy to handle. With left-hand steering, horizontal grill and round fenders on the rear wheels, these trucks proved themselves popular and effective. The durability of the Chevrolets was demonstrated in January 1941 with an audacious raid on the Italian fort/air strip at Murzuk, hundreds of miles behind enemy lines. This book explains the detail of all the vehicles of the LRDG, as well as their modifications, driving techniques, and special kit for surviving behind enemy lines in one of the most hostile environments on earth.

Military history PBK \$24.99

have little idea what we may be losing. Bond seeks an answer to the question of why some of us are so much better at finding our way than others. He also tackles the controversial subject of sex differences in navigation, and finally tries to understand why being lost can be such a devastating psychological experience. For readers of writers as different as Robert Macfarlane and Oliver Sacks, *Wayfinding* is a book that can change our sense of ourselves.

Science PBK \$19.99

#### The Contact Paradox:

Challenging our Assumptions in the  
Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

Cooper, Keith

In 1974, a message was beamed towards the stars by the giant Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico, a brief blast of radio waves designed to alert extraterrestrial civilisations to our existence. Of course, we don't know if such civilisations really exist. For the past six decades a small cadre of researchers have been on a quest to find out, as part of SETI, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. So far, SETI has found no evidence of extraterrestrial life, but with more than a hundred billion stars in our Galaxy alone to search, the odds of quick success are stacked against us. The silence from the stars is prompting some researchers to transmit more messages into space, in an effort to provoke a response from any civilisations out there that might otherwise be staying quiet. However, the act of transmitting raises troubling questions about the process of contact. In *The Contact Paradox*, author Keith Cooper looks at how far SETI has come, since its

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modest beginnings, and where it is going, by speaking to the leading names in the field and beyond. SETI forces us to confront our nature in a way that we seldom have before – where did we come from, where are we going, and who are we in the cosmic context of things? This book considers the assumptions that we make in our search for extraterrestrial life, and explores how those assumptions can teach us about ourselves.

Science PBK \$22.99

### 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 TP \$35.00

### Doom:

#### The Politics of Catastrophe

Ferguson, Niall  
All disasters are, in some sense, manmade. Setting the *annus horribilis* of 2020 in historical perspective, Niall Ferguson explains why we are getting worse, not better, at handling disasters. Disasters are inherently hard to predict. Pandemics, like earthquakes, wildfires, financial crises, and wars, are not normally distributed; there is no cycle of history to help us anticipate the next catastrophe. But when disaster strikes, we ought to be better prepared than the Romans were when Vesuvius erupted, or medieval Italians when the Black Death struck. We have science on our side, after all. Yet, in 2020, the responses of many developed countries, including the United States, to a new virus from China were badly bungled. Why? Why did only a few Asian countries learn the right lessons from SARS and MERS? While populist leaders certainly performed poorly in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Niall Ferguson argues that more profound pathologies were at work – pathologies already visible in our responses to earlier disasters. In books going back nearly twenty years, including *Colossus*, *The Great Degeneration*, and *The Square and the Tower*, Ferguson has studied the foibles of modern America, from imperial hubris to bureaucratic sclerosis and online fragmentation. Drawing from multiple disciplines, including economics, cliodynamics, and network science, *Doom* offers not just a history but a general theory of disasters, showing why our ever more bureaucratic and complex systems are getting worse at handling them. *Doom* is the lesson of history that this country – indeed the West as a whole – urgently needs to learn, if we want

to handle the next crisis better, and to avoid the ultimate doom of irreversible decline.

Politics/Economics TP \$35.00

### House of Glass:

The Story and Secrets of a Twentieth-Century Jewish Family  
Freeman, Hadley  
Hadley Freeman knew her grandmother Sara lived in France, just as Hitler started to gain power; but, rarely, did anyone in her family talk about it. Long after her grandmother's death, she found a shoebox tucked in the closet containing photographs of her grandmother with a mysterious stranger, a cryptic telegram from the Red Cross, and a drawing signed by Picasso. This discovery sent Freeman on a decade-long quest to uncover the significance of these keepsakes, taking her from Picasso's archives in Paris to a secret room in a farmhouse in Auvergne to Long Island to Auschwitz. Freeman pieces together the puzzle of her family's past, discovering more about the lives of her grandmother and her three brothers, Jacques, Henri, and Alex. Their stories sometimes typical, sometimes astonishing – reveal the broad range of experiences of Eastern European Jews during the Holocaust.

Biography PBK \$24.99

### The Frontiers of Knowledge

Grayling, A C  
In very recent times, humanity has learnt a vast amount about the universe, the past, and itself. But through our remarkable successes in acquiring knowledge, we have learned how much we have yet to learn: the science we have, for example, addresses just five per cent of the universe; pre-history is still being revealed, with thousands of historical sites yet to be explored; and the new neurosciences of mind and brain are just beginning. What do we know, and how do we know it? What do we now know that we don't know? And what have we learnt about the obstacles to knowing more? In a time of deepening battles over what knowledge and truth mean, these questions matter more than ever. Bestselling polymath and philosopher A C Grayling seeks to answer them in three crucial areas at the frontiers of knowledge: science, history, and psychology. A remarkable history of science, life on earth, and the human mind itself, this is a compelling and fascinating *tour de force*, written with verve, clarity, and remarkable breadth of knowledge.

Knowledge TP \$35.00

### Six Impossible Things:

The 'Quanta of Solace' and the Mysteries of the Subatomic World  
Gribbin, John

A concise and engaging investigation of six interpretations of quantum physics. Rules of the quantum world seem to say that a cat can be both alive and dead at the same time and a particle can be in two places at once. And that particle is also a wave; everything in the quantum world can be described in terms of waves – or entirely in terms of particles. These interpretations were all established by the end of the 1920s, by Erwin Schrödinger, Werner Heisenberg, Paul Dirac, and others. But no one has yet come up with a common-sense explanation of what is going on. In this concise and engaging book, astrophysicist John Gribbin offers an

overview of six of the leading interpretations of quantum mechanics. Gribbin calls his account 'agnostic', explaining that none of these interpretations is any better – or any worse – than any of the others. Gribbin presents the Copenhagen Interpretation, promoted by Niels Bohr and named by Heisenberg; the Pilot-Wave Interpretation, developed by Louis de Broglie; the Many Worlds Interpretation (termed 'excess baggage' by Gribbin); the Decoherence Interpretation ('incoherent'); the Ensemble 'Non-Interpretation'; and the Timeless Transactional Interpretation (which theorises waves going both forward and backward in time). All of these interpretations are crazy, Gribbin warns, and some are more crazy, than others – but in the quantum world, being more crazy does not necessarily mean more wrong.

Science PBK \$22.99

### The Deficit Myth:

Modern Monetary Theory and How to Build a Better Economy  
Kelton, Stephanie  
The leading thinker and most visible public advocate of modern monetary theory – the freshest and most important idea about economics in decades – delivers a radically different, bold, new understanding for how to build a just and prosperous society. Stephanie Kelton's brilliant exploration of modern monetary theory (MMT) dramatically changes our understanding of how we can best deal with crucial issues ranging from poverty and inequality to creating jobs, expanding health care coverage, climate change, and building resilient infrastructure. Any ambitious proposal, however, inevitably runs into the buzz saw of how to find the money to pay for it, rooted in myths about deficits that are hobbling us as a country. Kelton busts through the myths that prevent us from taking action: that the federal government should budget like a household, that deficits will harm the next generation, crowd out private investment, and undermine long-term growth, and that entitlements are propelling us toward a grave fiscal crisis. MMT, as Kelton shows, shifts the terrain from narrow budgetary questions to one of broader economic and social benefits. With its important new ways of understanding money, taxes, and the critical role of deficit spending, MMT redefines how to responsibly use our resources so that we can maximise our potential as a society. MMT gives us the power to imagine a new politics and a new economy and move from a narrative of scarcity to one of opportunity.

Economics PBK \$22.99

### The Princess Spy:

The True Story of World War II Spy, Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones  
Loftis, Larry  
When Aline Griffith was born in a quiet suburban New York hamlet, no one had any idea that she would go on to live 'a life of glamour and danger that Ingrid Bergman only played at, in *Notorious*' (*Time*). As the US enters the Second World War, the young college graduate is desperate to aid in the war effort, but no one is interested in a bright-eyed young woman whose only career experience is modelling clothes. Aline's life changes when, at a dinner party, she meets a man named Frank Ryan and reveals how

desperately she wants to do her part for her country. Within a few weeks, he helps her join the Office of Strategic Services – forerunner of the CIA. With a code name and expert training under her belt, she is sent to Spain to be a coder, but is soon given the additional assignment of infiltrating the upper echelons of society, mingling with high-ranking officials, diplomats, and titled Europeans, any of whom could be an enemy agent. Against this glamorous backdrop of galas and dinner parties, she recruits sub-agents and engages in deep-cover espionage to counter Nazi tactics in Madrid. Even after marrying the Count of Romanones, one of the wealthiest men in Spain, Aline secretly continues her covert activities, being given special assignments when abroad that would benefit from her impeccable pedigree and social connections. Filled with twists, romance, and plenty of white-knuckled adventures fit for a James Bond film, *The Princess Spy* brings to vivid life the dazzling adventures of a remarkable American woman who risked everything to serve her country.

History HC \$45.00

### Mudlarking:

Lost and Found on the River Thames  
Maiklem, Lara  
*Mudlark* (/ˈmAdlɑ:k/) noun: A person who scavenges for usable debris in the mud of a river or harbour. Lara Maiklem has scoured the banks of the Thames for nearly twenty years, in pursuit of the objects the river unearths: from Neolithic flints to Roman hairpins, medieval buckles to Tudor buttons, Georgian clay pipes to Victorian toys. What began as a search for solitude came to reveal the story of a city, its people, and their lost ways of life.

Archaeology PBK \$22.99

### Everyday Grammar

#### Made Easy:

A Quick Review of What You Forgot You Know  
Mebane, Rod  
For both adults and students who want to brush up on basic grammar skills, this easy-to-understand and fully-illustrated handbook teaches the important and commonly encountered grammar concepts and basics using real-life situations. Confidently apply perfect grammar usage by learning: correct verb agreements; appropriate pronoun use; common grammar pitfalls; common spelling mistakes; and more. Build your grammar skills and confidence, day by day, in no time at all!

Language HC \$29.99

### Spooked:

The Secret Rise of Private Spies  
Meier, Barry  
A Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist's journey into a billion-dollar, secret industry that is shaping our world – the booming business of private spying, operatives for hire retained by companies, political parties, and the powerful to dig up dirt on their enemies and, if need be, destroy them. For decades, private eyes from Allan Pinkerton, who formed the first detective agency in the US, to Jules Kroll, who transformed the investigations business by giving it a corporate veneer, private spies

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were content to stand in the shadows. Now, that is all changing. High-profile stories grabbing recent headlines – the Steele Dossier, Black Cube, the Theranos scandal, Harvey Weinstein's attacks on his accusers – all share a common thread, the involvement of private spies. Today, operatives for hire are influencing presidential elections, the news media, government policies and the fortunes of companies. . . 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. Private spying has never been cheaper, and the business has never been more lucrative – just as its power has never been more pervasive. *Spooked* is a fast-paced, disturbing and, at times, hilarious tour through the shadowlands of private spying and its inhabitants, a grab-bag collection of ex-intelligence operatives, former journalists and lost souls. In this hidden world, information is currency, double crosses are commonplace, and hacking can be standard procedure. Drawing on his journalistic expertise and unique access to sources, Barry Meier uncovers the secrets private spies want to keep hidden.

Espionage TP \$32.99

### Masters of the Air:

How the Bomber Boys Broke Down the Nazi War Machine

Miller, Donald L

*Masters of the Air* is the deeply personal story of the American bomber boys in World War II, who brought the war to Hitler's doorstep. With the narrative power of fiction, Donald Miller takes you on a harrowing ride through the fire-filled skies over Berlin, Hanover, and Dresden and describes the terrible cost of bombing for the German people. Fighting at 25,000 feet in thin, freezing air that no warriors had ever encountered before, bomber crews battled new kinds of assaults on body and mind. Air combat was deadly but intermittent: periods of inactivity and anxiety were followed by short bursts of fire and fear. Unlike infantrymen, bomber boys slept on clean sheets, drank beer in local pubs, and danced to the swing music of Glenn Miller's Air Force band, which toured US air bases in England. But they had a much greater chance of dying than ground soldiers. The bomber crews were an elite group of warriors who were a microcosm of America – white America, anyway. The actor Jimmy Stewart was a bomber boy, and so was the 'King of Hollywood', Clark Gable. And the air war was filmed by Oscar-winning director William Wyler and covered by reporters like Andy Rooney and Walter Cronkite, all of whom flew combat missions with the men. The Anglo-American bombing campaign against Nazi Germany was the longest military campaign of World War II, a war within a war. Until Allied soldiers crossed into Germany in the final months of the war, it was the only battle fought inside the German homeland. *Masters of the Air* is a story of life in wartime England and in the German prison camps, where tens of thousands of airmen spent part of the war. It ends with a vivid description of the grisly hunger marches captured airmen were forced to make near the end of the war through the country their bombs destroyed. Drawn from recent interviews, oral

histories, and American, British, German, and other archives, *Masters of the Air* is an authoritative, deeply moving account of the world's first and only bomber war.

Aviation history PBK \$19.99

### Stuff Every Coffee Lover Should Know

Rardon, Candace Rose

This pocket-sized handbook is the perfect gift for coffee connoisseurs, those looking to grind and brew their own beans, and anyone who appreciates a cup of coffee with or without caffeine. If you're like most people, you start every day with a hot cup of joe. But beyond your steaming morning mug, there's a whole world waiting to be discovered – from roast varieties to brewing methods to the traditions, ceremonies, and customs of cultures around the globe. Within the pages of this guide, coffee lovers of all levels will find useful information, helpful how-tos, and fascinating trivia about their beloved beverage, including: highlights from coffee history; anatomy of the coffee cherry; freshness in coffee; caffeine content 101; popular espresso drinks; and coffee cocktails. So, get ready to read about the world's best coffee-growing regions, learn how to host a coffee cupping like a pro, get tips for buying ethically sourced beans, and much, much more!

Food HC \$16.99

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This pocket-sized handbook – to all things, tea – is the perfect gift for tea connoisseurs, tea newbies, and anyone who appreciates a good cuppa. Tea is one of the most popular beverages in the world – second only to water. And there's so much to learn and try beyond the colourful boxes in the grocery store. Like wine and beer, each tea variety has its own distinct history, source, and flavour profile. Tea is also embedded in the traditions of many cultures around the world and is shared with others through distinctive ceremonies that include unique customs, foods, and accessories. Within the pages of this pocket-sized guide, you'll find information, how-tos, and trivia for tea lovers of all levels. Experts and newbies alike will learn about: tea bags versus loose leaf; anatomy of a tea plant; how to prepare tea; tea families and common varieties; types of teapots and how to use them; and tea traditions across the world. Plus, an illustrated guide to tea accessories, terms every tea lover should know, highlights from tea history, a tea tasting guide, tips for throwing tea parties, and much more!

Food HC \$16.99

### How Innovation Works:

And Why It Flourishes in Freedom

Ridley, Matt

Innovation is the main event of the modern age, the reason we experience both dramatic improvements in our living standards and unsettling changes in our society. Forget short-term symptoms like Donald Trump and Brexit, it is innovation that will shape the twenty-first century. Yet, innovation remains a mysterious process, poorly understood by policy makers and businessmen alike. Matt Ridley argues that we need to see innovation

as an incremental, bottom-up, fortuitous process that happens as a direct result of the human habit of exchange, rather than an orderly, top-down process developing according to a plan. Innovation is crucially different from invention, because it is the turning of inventions into things of practical and affordable use to people. It speeds up in some sectors and slows down in others. It is always a collective, collaborative phenomenon, involving trial and error, not a matter of lonely genius. It happens mainly in just a few parts of the world at any one time. It still cannot be modelled properly by economists, but it can easily be discouraged by politicians. Far from there being too much innovation, we may be on the brink of an innovation famine. Ridley derives these and other lessons from the lively stories of scores of innovations, how they started and why they succeeded or failed. Some of the innovation stories he tells are about steam engines, jet engines, search engines, airships, coffee, potatoes, vaping, vaccines, cuisine, antibiotics, mosquito nets, turbines, propellers, fertiliser, zero, computers, dogs, farming, fire, genetic engineering, gene editing, container shipping, railways, cars, safety rules, wheeled suitcases, mobile phones, corrugated iron, powered flight, chlorinated water, toilets, vacuum cleaners, shale gas, the telegraph, radio, social media, block chain, the sharing economy, artificial intelligence, fake bomb detectors, phantom games consoles, fraudulent blood tests, hyperloop tubes, herbicides, copyright, and even life, itself.

Science PBK \$24.99

### Thames Mudlarking:

Searching for London's Lost Treasures

Sandy, Jason & Stevens, Nick

You won't believe what you can find in the Thames – exposed for only a few hours at low tide, its foreshore is a mysterious place, where time has stopped, and objects lost centuries ago lie waiting to be discovered and to reveal their long-lost stories. We are not able to travel back in time, but by finding an artefact, untouched since it was lost hundreds or even thousands of years ago, it is possible to develop a deep, tangible connection to our past, to the city and to the personal lives of our ancestors. Revealing secrets buried in the Thames for millennia, this book explores the significance and importance of their discovery. Through the extraordinary artefacts recovered from the river, often by mudlarks, the story of London is told from a unique perspective, unlocking the secrets of the River Thames.

Archaeology PBK \$21.99

### The Hunt for Mount Everest

Storti, Craig

The height of Mt Everest was first measured in 1850, but the closest any westerner got to Everest during the next 71 years, until 1921, was 40 miles. *The Hunt for Mount Everest* tells the story of the 71-year quest to find the world's highest mountain. It's a tale of high drama, of larger-than-life characters – George Everest, Francis Younghusband, George Mallory, Lord Curzon, Edward Whymper – and a few quiet heroes: Alexander Kellas, the 13th Dalai Lama, Charles Bell. A story that traverses the Alps, the Himalayas, Nepal and Tibet, the

British Empire (especially British India and the Raj), the Anglo-Russian rivalry known as The Great Game, the disastrous First Afghan War, and the phenomenal Survey of India – it is far bigger than simply the tallest mountain in the world. Encountering spies, war, political intrigues, and hundreds of mules, camels, bullocks, yaks, and two zebrules, Craig Storti uncovers the fascinating and still largely overlooked saga of all that led up to that moment in late June of 1921 when two English climbers, George Mallory and Guy Bullock, became the first westerners – and almost certainly the first human beings – to set foot on Mt Everest and thereby claimed the last remaining major prize in the history of exploration. With 2021 bringing the 100th anniversary of that year, most Everest chronicles have dealt with the climbing history of the mountain, with all that happened after 1921. *The Hunt for Mount Everest* is the seldom-told story of all that happened before.

Mountaineering history TP \$32.99

### Space

Letters of Note

Usher, Shaun (compiler)

Shaun Usher brings together fascinating correspondence about the universe beyond our planet, containing hopeful thoughts about the future of space travel, awestruck messages penned about the world beyond our own and celebrations of the human ingenuity that has facilitated our understanding of the cosmos. Includes letters by: Buzz Aldrin, Isaac Asimov, Marion Carpenter, Yuri Gagarin, Ann Druyan, Stanley Kubrick, Nikola Tesla, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, and many more.

History/Science PBK \$14.99

### Endpapers:

A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home

Wolff, Alexander

A sweeping portrait of the turmoil of the twentieth century and the legacy of immigration, as seen through the German-American family of the celebrated book publisher Kurt Wolff. A literary gem researched over a year the author spent living in Berlin, *Endpapers* excavates the extraordinary histories of the author's grandfather and father: the renowned publisher Kurt Wolff, dubbed 'perhaps the twentieth century's most discriminating publisher' by the *New York Times Book Review*, and his son Niko, who fought in the Wehrmacht during World War II, before coming to America. Kurt Wolff was born in Bonn into a highly cultured German-Jewish family, whose ancestors included converts to Christianity, among them Baron Moritz von Haber, whose desire to demand satisfaction, in a duel, sparked off bloody antisemitic riots. Always bookish, Kurt became a publisher at twenty-three, setting up his own firm and publishing Franz Kafka, Joseph Roth, Karl Kraus, and many other authors whose books would soon be burned by the Nazis. Fleeing Germany in 1933, a day after the Reichstag fire, Kurt and his second wife, Helen, sought refuge in France, Italy, and ultimately New York, where in a small Greenwich Village apartment they founded Pantheon Books. Pantheon would soon take its own place in literary history, with the publication of Nobel laureate Boris

# Pulp Fiction

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Pasternak's novel *Doctor Zhivago*, and as the conduit that brought major European works to the States. But Kurt's taciturn son Niko, offspring of his first marriage to Elisabeth Merck, was left behind in Germany, where – despite his Jewish heritage – he served the Nazis, on two fronts. As Alexander Wolff visits dusty archives and meets distant relatives, he discovers secrets that never made it to the land of fresh starts, including the connection between Hitler and the family pharmaceutical firm E Merck, and the story of a half-brother Niko never knew. With surprising revelations from never-before-published family letters, diaries, and photographs, *Endpapers* is a moving and intimate family story, weaving a literary tapestry of the perils, triumphs, and secrets of history and exile.

History/Publishing HC \$34.99

### **The Artful Dickens:**

*The Tricks and Ploys of the Great Novelist*  
**Mullan, John**

Discover the tricks of a literary master in this essential guide to the fictional world of Charles Dickens. From *Pickwick* to *Scrooge*, *Copperfield* to *Twist*, how did Dickens find the perfect names for his characters? What was Dickens' favourite way of killing his characters? When is a Dickens character most likely to see a ghost? Why is Dickens' trickery only fully realised when his novels are read aloud? In thirteen entertaining and wonderfully insightful essays, John Mullan explores the literary machinations of Dickens' eccentric genius, from his delight in clichés to his rendering of smells and his outrageous use of coincidences. A treat for all lovers of Dickens, this essential companion puts his audacity, originality, and brilliance on full display.

Literary criticism HC \$27.99

### **Countdown 1945:**

*The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days that Changed the World*

**Wallace, Chris & Weiss, Mitch**

April 12, 1945: After years of bloody conflict in Europe and the Pacific, America is stunned by news of President Franklin D Roosevelt's death. In an instant, Vice President Harry Truman, who has been kept out of war planning and knows nothing of the top-secret Manhattan Project to develop the world's first atomic bomb, must assume command of a nation at war on multiple continents – and confront one of the most consequential decisions in history. *Countdown 1945* tells the gripping true story of the turbulent days, weeks, and months to follow, leading up to August 6, 1945, when Truman gives the order to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. In *Countdown 1945*, Chris Wallace, the veteran journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday, takes readers inside the minds of the iconic and elusive figures who join the quest for the bomb, each for different reasons: the legendary Albert Einstein, who eventually

calls his vocal support for the atomic bomb 'the one great mistake in my life'; lead researcher J Robert 'Oppie' Oppenheimer and the Soviet spies who secretly infiltrate his team; the fiercely competitive pilots of the plane selected to drop the bomb; and many more. Perhaps, most of all, *Countdown 1945* is the story of an untested new president confronting a decision that he knows will change the world forever. But more than a book about the atomic bomb, *Countdown 1945* is also an unforgettable account of the lives of ordinary American and Japanese civilians in wartime – from 'Calutron Girls' like Ruth Sisson in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to ten-year-old Hiroshima resident Hideko Tamura, who survives the blast at ground zero but loses her mother and later immigrates to the United States, where she lives to this day – as well as American soldiers fighting in the Pacific, waiting in fear for the order to launch a possible invasion of Japan. Told with vigour, intelligence, and humanity, *Countdown 1945* is the definitive account of one of the most significant moments in history.

History/Science TP \$39.95