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Osprey military history

### **Pacific Carrier War:**

Carrier Combat from Pearl Harbour to Okinawa

general military  
**Stille, Mark**

A detailed and comprehensive study of the carrier formations of the Pacific War, including their origins, development and key battles from the Coral Sea, through Midway and Guadalcanal to the battle of the Philippine Sea. The defining feature of the Pacific Theatre of World War II was the clash of carriers that ultimately decided the fate of nations. The names of these battles have become legendary as some of the most epic encounters in the history of naval warfare. Pre-war assumptions about the impact and effectiveness of carriers were comprehensively tested in early war battles such as Coral Sea, while US victories at Midway and in the waters around Guadalcanal established the supremacy of its carriers. The US Navy's ability to adapt and evolve to the changing conditions of war maintained and furthered their advantage, culminating in their comprehensive victory at the battle of the Philippine Sea, history's largest carrier battle, which destroyed almost the entire Japanese carrier force. Examining the ships, aircraft and doctrines of both the Japanese and US navies and how they changed during the war, Mark E Stille shows how the domination of American carriers paved the way towards the Allied victory in the Pacific.

Naval history HC \$59.99

### **German Tanks in Normandy 1944:**

the Panzer, Sturmgeschütz and Panzerjäger forces that faced the D-Day invasion  
New Vanguard 298

**Zaloga, Steven J & Rodríguez, Felipe (illustrator)**

A new study of the German Panzer forces that stood between the Allies' D-Day beachhead and victory in World War II – how they compared, how they were organised, and how they fought. The German tank forces in Normandy in June–August 1944 had the advantage of fighting on the defensive side, as well as comprising of some of the most powerful and advanced tanks used by any side in the war. Yet success in tank warfare depends on many things beyond technological superiority. This book describes the types of tanks, tank destroyers and assault guns used by the Panzer units in Normandy, how they fought on the Normandy battlefield, and why they were overwhelmed by the advancing Allies. It discusses the organisation and equipment of the units, providing thumbnail sketches of basic organisation and doctrine as well as statistical data on the types and categories of AFVs in German service.

Military history PBK \$26.99

General nonfiction

### **Wise Words from Bookish Women:**

Smart and sassy life advice

This uplifting collection celebrates inspiring bookish women the world over and their thoughts on life, love, politics, education and beyond. This uplifting collection celebrates inspiring bookish women the world over and their thoughts on life, love, politics, education and beyond. From writers, thinkers, leaders, activists, and change-makers, each of these quotes demonstrates the power of words and positive thinking in our everyday lives.

Bookishness HC \$16.99

### **Refuse to Be Done:**

How to Write and Rewrite a Novel in Three Drafts

**Bell, Matt**

They say writing is rewriting. So, why does the second part get such short shrift? *Refuse To Be Done* will guide you through every step of the novel writing process, from getting started on those first pages to the last tips for making your final draft even tighter and stronger. From lauded writer and teacher Matt Bell, *Refuse To Be Done* is encouraging and intensely practical, focusing always on specific rewriting tasks, techniques, and activities for every stage of the process. You won't find bromides here about the 'the writing Muse'. Instead, Bell breaks down the writing process in three sections. In the first, Bell shares a bounty of tactics, all meant to push you through the initial conception and get words on the page. The second focuses on reworking the narrative through outlining, modelling, and rewriting. The third and final section offers a layered approach to polishing through a checklist of operations, breaking the daunting project of final revisions into many small, achievable tasks. Whether you are a first-time novelist or a veteran writer, you will find an abundance of strategies here to help motivate you and shake up your revision process, allowing you to approach your work, day after day and month after month, with fresh eyes and sharp new tools.

Writing TP \$24.99

### **Moonshot:**

Inside Pfizer's Nine-Month Race to Make the Impossible Possible

**Bourla, Albert**

The exclusive, first-hand, behind-the-scenes story of how Pfizer raced to create the first COVID-19 vaccine, told by Pfizer's CEO Dr Albert Bourla. A riveting, fast-paced, inside look at one of the most incredible private sector achievements in history, *Moonshot* recounts the intensive nine months in 2020 when the scientists at Pfizer, under the visionary leadership of Dr Albert Bourla, made 'the impossible possible' – creating, testing, and manufacturing a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine that previously

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Ron and Leanne

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HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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would have taken years to develop. Dr Bourla chronicles how the brilliant, dedicated minds at Pfizer, under the enormous strains of the global pandemic, overcame a series of crises that were compounded by social and political unrest, and reveals the doubts, decisions, obstacles, and failures they encountered. As Dr Bourla makes clear, Pfizer's success wasn't due to luck; it was because of preparation driven by four simple values – Courage, Excellence, Equity, and Joy. *Moonshot* is a story of leadership under the most unprecedented circumstances – how Dr Bourla, a Greek immigrant, a child of Holocaust survivors, and a veterinarian, became the head of one of the world's largest corporations and initiated a dramatic transformation of the organisation just before a global health crisis would serve to test the organisation, its scientists and its leader, like never before. *Moonshot* describes best practices that can be used to address the multiple, unprecedented challenges our world faces, reveals Pfizer's implementation of scientific breakthroughs at a record-breaking pace, and offers leadership lessons that can help anyone successfully manage their own seemingly unsolvable problems. As Dr Bourla explains, 'I am sharing the story of our Moonshot – the challenges we faced, the lessons we learned, and the core values that allowed us to make it happen – in hopes that it might inspire and inform your own Moonshot, whatever that may be.'

Science TP \$32.99

### Can Fish Count?

What Animals Reveal about our Uniquely Mathematical Mind

#### Butterworth, Brian

Every pet owner thinks their own dog, cat, fish or hamster is a genius. What makes *Can Fish Count?* so exciting is the way it unveils just how widespread intelligence is in nature. Pioneering psychologist Brian Butterworth describes the extraordinary numerical feats of all manner of species ranging from primates and mammals to birds, reptiles, fish and insects. Whether it's lions deciding to fight or flee, frogs competing for mates, bees navigating their way to food sources, fish assessing which shoal to join, or jackdaws counting friends when joining a mob – every species shares an ability to count. *Homo Sapiens* may think maths is our exclusive domain, but this book shows that every creature shares a deep-seated Darwinian ability to understand the intrinsic language of our universe: mathematics. *Can Fish Count?* is that special sort of science book – a global authority in his field writing an anecdotally-rich and revelatory narrative which changes the way you perceive something we take for granted.

Science TP \$32.99

### The Bright Ages:

a New History of Medieval Europe

#### Gabriele, Matthew & Perry, David M

A lively and magisterial popular history that refutes common misperceptions of the European Middle Ages, showing the beauty and communion that flourished alongside the dark brutality – a brilliant reflection of humanity itself. The word 'medieval' conjures images of the 'Dark Ages' – centuries of ignorance, superstition, stasis, savagery,

and poor hygiene. But the myth of darkness obscures the truth; this was a remarkable period in human history. The Bright Ages recasts the European Middle Ages for what it was, capturing this 1,000-year era in all its complexity and fundamental humanity, bringing to light both its beauty and its horrors. *The Bright Ages* takes us through ten centuries and criss-crosses Europe and the Mediterranean, Asia and Africa, revisiting familiar people and events with new light cast upon them. We look with fresh eyes on the Fall of Rome, Charlemagne, the Vikings, the Crusades, and the Black Death, but also to the multi-religious experience of Iberia, the rise of Byzantium, and the genius of Hildegard and the power of queens. We begin under a blanket of golden stars constructed by an empress with Germanic, Roman, Spanish, Byzantine, and Christian bloodlines and end nearly 1,000 years later with the poet Dante – inspired by that same twinkling celestial canopy – writing an epic saga of heaven and hell that endures as a masterpiece of literature today. *The Bright Ages* reminds us just how permeable our manmade borders have always been and of what possible worlds the past has always made available to us. The Middle Ages may have been a world 'lit only by fire' but it was one whose torches illuminated the magnificent rose windows of cathedrals, even as they stoked the pyres of accused heretics.

History HC \$52.99

### The First Astronomers:

How Indigenous Elders read the stars

#### Hamacher, Duane with Elders and Knowledge Holders

*The First Astronomers* is the first book to reveal the rich knowledge of the stars and the planets held by First Peoples around the world. Our eyes have been drawn away from the skies to our screens. We no longer look to the stars to forecast the weather, predict the seasons or plant our gardens. Most of us cannot even see the Milky Way. But First Nations Elders around the world still maintain this knowledge, and there is much we can learn from them. These Elders are expert observers of the stars. They teach that everything on the land is reflected in the sky, and everything in the sky is reflected on the land. How does this work, and how can we better understand our place in the universe? Guided by six First Nations Elders, Duane Hamacher takes us on a journey across space and time to reveal the wisdom of the first astronomers. These living systems of knowledge challenge conventional ideas about the nature of science and the longevity of oral tradition. Indigenous science is dynamic, adapting to changes in the skies and on Earth, pointing the way for a world facing the profound disruptions of climate change.

Science TP \$34.99

### Symbols of Australia: Imagining a Nation

#### Harper, Melissa & White, Richard (editors)

Australia is a land of symbols. The Southern Cross. The Sydney Opera House. The kangaroo. Vegemite. But what do they actually mean? Where do they come from? Why are some symbols so hotly contested? Does Australia have more than its fair share? *Symbols of Australia* offers illuminating and unexpected insights into the symbols that

surround us: from Uluru to the Australian flag, the rainbow serpent to Holden cars, the democracy sausage to the Great Barrier Reef. Entertaining, provocative, informative, and often surprising, *Symbols of Australia* reveals a great deal about the ways nations are imagined – and how they imagine themselves.

History TP \$39.99

### Dark and Magical Places:

the Neuroscience of How We Navigate

#### Kemp, Christopher

Lose yourself in this extraordinary account of how we navigate the world. Within our heads, we carry around an infinite and endlessly unfolding map of the world. Navigation is one of the most ancient neural abilities we have – older even than language – and in *Dark and Magical Places*, Christopher Kemp embarks on a journey to discover the remarkable extent of what our minds can do. From the secrets of supernavigators to the strange, dreamlike environments inhabited by people with 'place blindness', he will explore the myriad ways in which we find our way, explain the cutting-edge neuroscience that is transforming our understanding of it – and try to answer why, for a species with a highly-sophisticated internal navigation system that evolved over millions of years, do humans get lost such a lot?

Science HC \$34.99

### Black Hole Survival Guide Levin, Janna

Through her writing, astrophysicist Janna Levin has focused on making the science she studies not just comprehensible but also, and perhaps more important, intriguing to the non-scientist. In this book, she helps us to understand and find delight in the black hole – perhaps, the opaquest theoretical construct ever imagined by physicists – illustrated with original artwork by American painter and photographer Lia Halloran. Levin takes us on an evocative exploration of black holes, provoking us to imagine the visceral experience of a black hole encounter. She reveals the influence of black holes as they populate the universe, sculpt galaxies, and even infuse the whole expanse of reality that we inhabit. Lively, engaging, and utterly unique, *Black Hole Survival Guide* is not just informative – it is, as well, a wonderful read from first to last.

Science PBK \$19.99

### I Am Autistic:

an interactive and informative guide to autism (by someone diagnosed with it)

#### Moriah, Chanelle

An essential guide to understanding autism – for autistic people and their families, friends and workmates. When Chanelle Moriah was diagnosed with autism at 21, life finally began to make sense. Hungry for information, Chanelle looked for a simple resource that could explain what autism is and how it can impact the different areas of an autistic person's life, but found that there was little written from the perspective of someone who is autistic. So, Chanelle decided to create that missing resource. Chanelle discovered just how difficult it can be for autistic adults – particularly females or those assigned female at birth – to be diagnosed or even be assessed for autism. This is partly because there is very little

understanding of the different ways autism can present itself. *I Am Autistic* is a tool for both diagnosed and undiagnosed autistics to explain or make sense of their experiences. It also offers non-autistic people the chance to learn more about autism from someone who is autistic. With clear sections describing the different aspects of autism, accompanied by Chanelle's beautiful illustrations, and with space for readers to write down their thoughts, this book is designed to be personalised to the individual's experience. *I Am Autistic* helps people feel less alone in their autism and brings knowledge to an often-misunderstood condition.

Autism HC \$29.99

### The Ship Asunder:

a Maritime History of Britain in Eleven Vessels

#### Nancollas, Tom

A sharply poignant history of British seafaring, from the Bronze Age to the present day. If Britain's maritime history were embodied in a single ship, she would have a prehistoric prow, a mast plucked from a Victorian steamship, the hull of a modest fishing vessel, the propeller of an ocean liner and an anchor made of stone. We might call her *Asunder*; and, fantastical though she is, we could in fact find her today, scattered in fragments across the country's creeks and coastlines. This extraordinary book collects those fragments for a profound and haunting exploration of our seafaring past. In his moving and original new history, Tom Nancollas goes in search of eleven relics that together tell the story of Britain at sea. From the swallowtail prow of a Bronze Age vessel to a stone ship moored at a Baroque quayside, each one illuminates a distinct phase of our adventures upon the waves; each brings us close to the people, places and vessels that made a maritime nation. Weaving together stories of great naval architects and unsung shipwrights, fishermen and merchants, shipwrecks and superstition, pilgrimage, trade and war, *The Ship Asunder* celebrates the richness of Britain's seafaring tradition in all its glory and tragedy, triumph and disaster, and asks how we might best memorialise it as it vanishes from our shores.

History HC \$39.99

### The Writer's Library:

the Authors You Love on the Books that Changed Their Lives

#### Pearl, Nancy

#### & Schwager, Jeff (editors)

With a foreword by Susan Orlean, 23 of today's living literary legends, including Donna Tartt, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Andrew Sean Greer, Laila Lalami, and Michael Chabon, reveal the books that made them think, brought them joy, and changed their lives in this intimate, moving, and insightful collection from 'America's Librarian' and recipient of the National Book Foundation's Litterarian Award for Outstanding Service Nancy Pearl and noted playwright Jeff Schwager that celebrates the power of literature and reading to connect us, all. Before Jennifer Egan, Louise Erdrich, Luis Alberto Urrea, and Jonathan Lethem became revered authors, they were readers. In this ebullient book, America's favourite librarian Nancy Pearl and noted playwright Jeff Schwager interview a diverse range

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of America's most notable and influential writers about the books that shaped them and inspired them to leave their own literary mark. Illustrated with beautiful line drawings, *The Writer's Library* is a revelatory exploration of the studies, libraries, and bookstores of today's favourite authors – the creative artists whose imagination and sublime talent make America's literary scene the wonderful, dynamic world it is. A love letter to books and a celebration of wordsmiths, *The Writer's Library* is a treasure for anyone who has been moved by the written word. The authors in *The Writer's Library* are: Russell Banks, T C Boyle, Michael Chabon, Susan Choi, Jennifer Egan, Dave Eggers, Louise Erdrich, Richard Ford, Laurie Frankel, Andrew Sean Greer, Jane Hirshfield, Siri Hustvedt, Charles Johnson, Laila Lalami, Jonathan Lethem, Donna Tartt, Madeline Miller, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Luis Alberto Urrea, Vendela Vida, Ayelet Waldman, Maaza Mengiste, and Amor Towles.

Books and reading

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\$32.99

**How to be Perfect:**  
the Correct Answer  
to Every Moral Question

**Schur, Mike**

From the writer and executive producer of the award-winning TV series *The Good Place* that made moral philosophy fun: a foolproof guide to making the correct moral decision in every situation you ever encounter, anywhere on earth, forever. How can we live a more ethical life? This question has plagued people for thousands of years, but it's never been tougher to answer than it is now, thanks to challenges great and small that flood our day-to-day lives and threaten to overwhelm us with impossible decisions and complicated results with unintended consequences. Plus, being anything close

to an 'ethical person' requires daily thought and introspection and hard work; we have to think about how we can be good not, you know, once a month, but literally all the time. To make it a little less overwhelming, this fascinating, accessible and funny book by one of our generation's best writers and adept minds in television comedy, Michael Schur, boils down the whole confusing morass with real life dilemmas (from 'should I punch my friend in the face for no reason?' to 'can I still enjoy great art if it was created by terrible people?'), so that we know how to deal with ethical dilemmas. Much as Chidi used humour and philosophy to make Eleanor a less selfish person, Schur takes us on a journey through the 2,500-year discussion of ethics, sketching a roadmap for how we

ought to act along the way. By the time the book is done, we'll know exactly how to act in every conceivable situation, so as to produce a verifiably maximal amount of moral good. We will be perfect, and all our friends will be jealous. OK, not quite. Instead, we'll gain fresh, funny, inspiring wisdom on the toughest issues we face every day. With contributions from Professor Todd May of Clemson University, who served as an advisor on *The Good Place*, this is a brilliant, clever and hugely entertaining book about one of the most important topics in the world. 'The problem is, if all you care about in the world is the velvet rope, you will always be unhappy, no matter which side you're on.' – Tahani Al-Jamil, *The Good Place*.

Ethics

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