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Osprey military history

The Kamikaze Campaign 1944–45:

Imperial Japan's Last Throw of the Dice,
Air Campaign 29

Lardes, Mark

An illustrated history of how Japan devised and launched a new kind of air campaign in late 1944 – the suicidal assaults of the kamikaze units against the approaching Allied fleets. As summer changed to autumn in 1944, Japan was losing the war. Still unwilling to surrender, Japan's last hope was to try to wear down US resolve enough to reach a negotiated settlement. Extraordinary measures seemed necessary, and the most extraordinary was the formation of Special Attack Units – known to the Allies as the kamikazes. The concept of organised suicide squadrons was first raised on June 15, 1944. By August, formations were being trained. These formations were first used in the October 1944 US invasion of the Philippine Islands, where they offered some tactical success. The program was expanded into a major campaign over the rest of the Pacific War, seeing a crescendo during the struggle for Okinawa in April through May 1945. This highly illustrated history examines not just the horrific missions themselves, but the decisions behind the kamikaze campaign, how it developed, and how it became a key part of Japanese strategy. Although the attacks started on an almost ad hoc basis, the kamikaze soon became a major Japanese policy. By the end of the war, Japan was manufacturing aircraft specifically for kamikaze missions, including a rocket-powered manned missile. A plan for a massive use of kamikazes to defend

the Japanese Home Islands from invasion was developed, but never executed because of Japan's surrender in August 1945. Packed with diagrams, maps and 3D reconstructions of the attacks, this book also assesses the Allied mitigation techniques and strategies and the reasons and the degree to which they were successful.

Aviation history PBK \$29.99

Macchi C.202/C.205V Units in Combat

Combat Aircraft 145

Mattioli, Marco

A study of the Macchi Folgore and Veltro, the most successful Italian fighters in World War II. With specially commissioned profiles, the book examines how these fighters were conceived, their performance and the fascinating stories of their pilots. Italian fighters, such as the Fiat G.50 and Macchi C.200, had always struggled with their straight-line speed and restricted armament when engaging their Allied counterparts. To solve these problems, Macchi initially designed the C.202 Folgore using German engines, which contributed to create a faster aircraft, with a superior rate of climb and reachable altitude. Folgore's success in various North African engagements then paved the way for the development of Macchi's most successful fighter, the C.205V Veltro, which managed to combine increased speed and increased power. Packed with specially commissioned artwork and original photos, and written by Italian military aviation specialist Marco Mattioli, this fascinating book explores how the premier Italian fighter of the war came to life and

the historical circumstances that prevented it from becoming one of the most dreaded aircraft in the Mediterranean.

Aviation history PBK \$29.99

Siege of Budapest 1944–45:

The Brutal Battle for the Pearl
of the Danube, Campaign 377

Mihalyi, Balazs

A gripping and detailed study of the brutal urban battle for Budapest, which saw German and Hungarian troops struggling to halt the joint Soviet-Romanian offensive to take the key city on the Danube. The 52-day-long siege of Budapest witnessed some of the most destructive urban fighting of the war. The Transdanubia region was strategically vital to Nazi Germany for its raw materials and industry, and because of the bridgehead it allowed into Austria. As a result, Hitler declared Budapest a fortress city, in early December 1944. The battle for the city pitted 90,000 German and Hungarian troops against 170,000 Soviet (2nd and 3rd Ukrainian Fronts) and Romanian attackers. The operations to take the city ran across several phases, from the initial Soviet approach to Budapest commencing in late October 1944, through the encirclement of city first on the Pest side of the Danube, and then on the Buda bank, and on to the savage urban fighting that began in December 1944 for the Hungarian capital. This superbly detailed work analyses the background, chronology and consequences of the siege from both a military and political perspective, and documents the huge losses in military and civilian casualties and material damage.

Military history PBK \$32.99

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General nonfiction

Dancing on Ropes:

Translators and the Balance of History

Aslanyan, Anna

Horizon-expanding tales of how translators altered the course of world events. Would Hiroshima have been bombed if Japanese contained a phrase meaning 'no comment'? Is it all right for missionaries to replace the Bible's 'white as snow' with 'white as fungus' in places where snow never falls? Who, or what, is Kuzma's mother, and why was Nikita Khrushchev so threateningly obsessed with her (or it)? The course of diplomacy rarely runs smooth; without an invisible army of translators and interpreters, it could hardly run at all. Join veteran translator Anna Aslanyan to explore hidden histories of cunning and ambition, heroism and incompetence. Meet the figures behind the notable events of history, from the Great Game to Brexit, and discover just how far a simple misunderstanding can go.

History PBK \$22.99

Taking on Gravity:

A Guide to Inventing the Impossible

Browning, Richard

Richard Browning tells the inspiring story behind his iconic jet suit and shares his creative principles for generating true innovation. From Icarus to Iron Man, the dream of human flight has always inspired and challenged us. Now, with his pioneering jet suit, Richard Browning has redefined what is possible. Richard Browning's story is one of ground-breaking innovation. Building an aviation business from his garage, he has invented a whole new form of personal flight – a fantasy previously reserved for the pages of science fiction. His iconic jet suit has captured the imaginations of millions around the world, triggered ongoing developments in technology and engineering, and inspired a new generation of creative minds to pursue their dreams. In *Taking on Gravity*, Browning reveals the creative principles of his multimillion-pound company, Gravity

Industries, and shows us how grass-roots innovation can disrupt established industries in exciting and unexpected ways. On this journey into the sky, we'll experience what it's like to take flight, to test the limits of the human body, and to convert moonshot ideas into tangible results. The Gravity story is an inspiring example of human creativity and our ceaseless desire to push the boundaries of what is possible. Where we go next is up to you. For fans of Adrian Newey, Guy Martin, and Chris Hadfield.

Science PBK \$24.99

Grounded:

How soil shapes the games we play, the lives we make and the graves we lie in
Bryce, Alisa
Life on land could not exist without soil. Almost everything we need can be traced to the soil: food, fibre, medicines – even oxygen produced by plants. What would we be without it? Certainly not a planet worthy

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of the name Earth. There are already plenty of books about agriculture, ecology or how to grow tomatoes. This book is about the other stuff. Like... how soil evidence can nail a murderer; the ingredients that make a Test cricket pitch; how the soil affects the taste of your favourite wine; the soil microbes that could be the next wonder drug; tips for digging a POW camp escape tunnel (disclaimer: don't try it at home) or mounting an invasion of Normandy (ditto); and how to be ecofriendly when you're dead.

Science TP \$34.99

The Scrap Iron Flotilla:

Five Valiant Destroyers and the Australian War in the Mediterranean

Carlton, Mike

When the Second World War broke out in September 1939, the British asked Australia for help. With some misgivings, the Australian government sent five destroyers to beef up the British Royal Navy in the Mediterranean. HMAS *Vendetta*, *Vampire*, *Voyager*, *Stuart*, and *Waterhen* were old ships, small with worn-out engines. Their crews used to joke they were held together by string and chewing gum; when the Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels heard of them, he sneered that they were a load of scrap iron. Yet, by the middle of 1940, these destroyers were valiantly escorting troop and supply convoys, successfully hunting for submarines and indefatigably bombarding enemy coasts. Sometimes the weather could be their worst enemy – from filthy sandstorms blowing off Africa to icy gales from Europe that whipped up mountainous seas and froze the guns. Conditions on board were terrible – no showers or proper washing facilities; cramped and stinking sleeping quarters; unpleasant meals of spam and tinned sausages, often served cold in a howling squall. And always the bombing, the bombing. And the fear of submarines. When Nazi Germany invaded Greece, the Allied armies – including Australian Divisions – reeled in retreat. The Australian ships were among those who had to rescue thousands of soldiers. Then came the Siege of Tobruk – Australian troops holding out in that small Libyan port city. The Australian destroyers ran 'the Tobruk Ferry' – bringing supplies of food, medicine and ammunition into the shattered port by night, and taking off wounded soldiers. But the four destroyers now left were struggling, suffering from constant engine breakdowns, with crews beleaguered by two years of bombings, wild seas and the endless fear of being sunk. In late 1941 the ships were finally sent home, staggering back to Australia, proudly calling themselves the Scrap Iron Flotilla, in defiance of the Goebbels' sneer. That flotilla is now an immortal part of Australian naval legend, and this is its story.

Naval history TP \$34.99

Coward:

Why We Get Anxious and What We Can Do About It

Clare, Tim

Blending memoir, self help, and science, and offering practical help, Tim Clare asks us to rethink anxiety. Tim Clare has suffered from anxiety and panic attacks for over a decade. At their worst, his attacks would see him

curled on the floor, screaming to his wife for help. When they became more than he and his family could manage, Tim made a promise to himself – he would try everything he could to get better, every method and medicine. In *Coward*, Tim Clare explores all the possible treatments for anxiety, from SSRIs to hypnosis, running to extreme diets. He interviews experts and becomes a guinea pig, testing their methods on himself. At the end of a year of many ups and downs, Tim discovers what helps him (and what doesn't), and what might help others. Most of all, he comes to rethink anxiety and encourages all of us to do the same.

Science HC \$34.99

Ten Days in Physics that Shook the World:

How Physicists Transformed Everyday Life

Glegg, Brian

The breakthroughs that have had the most transformative practical impacts, from thermodynamics to the Internet. Physics informs our understanding of how the world works – but more than that, key breakthroughs in physics have transformed everyday life. We journey back to ten separate days in history to understand how particular breakthroughs were achieved, meet the individuals responsible and see how each breakthrough has influenced our lives. It is a unique selection. Focusing on practical impact means there is no room for Stephen Hawking's work on black holes, or the discovery of the Higgs Boson. Instead we have the relatively little-known Rudolf Clausius (thermodynamics) and Heike Kamerlingh Onnes (superconductivity), while Albert Einstein is included not for his theories of relativity but for the short paper that gave us $E=mc^2$ (nuclear fission). Later chapters feature transistors, LEDs, and the Internet.

History/Science PBK \$24.99

In Praise of Good Bookstores

Deutsch, Jeff

From a devoted reader and lifelong bookseller, an eloquent and charming reflection on the singular importance of bookstores. Do we need bookstores in the 21st century? If so, what makes a good one? In this beautifully-written book, Jeff Deutsch – the director of Chicago's Seminary Co-op Bookstores, one of the finest bookstores in the world – pays loving tribute to one of our most important and endangered civic institutions. He considers how qualities like space, time, abundance, and community find expression in a good bookstore. Along the way, he also predicts – perhaps audaciously – a future in which the bookstore not only endures, but realises its highest aspirations. In exploring why good bookstores matter, Deutsch draws on his lifelong experience as a bookseller, but also his upbringing as an Orthodox Jew. This spiritual and cultural heritage instilled in him a reverence for reading, not as a means to a living, but as an essential part of a meaningful life. Central among Deutsch's arguments for the necessity of bookstores is the incalculable value of browsing – since, when we are deep in the act of looking at the shelves, we move through space as though we are inside the mind itself, immersed in self-reflection. In the age of one-click shopping, this is no ordinary defence of bookstores,

but rather an urgent account of why they are essential places of discovery, refuge, and fulfilment that enrich the communities that are lucky enough to have them.

Books HC \$29.99

Barbarossa:

How Hitler Lost the War

Dimbleby, Jonathan

The largest military operation in history. The turning point of the Second World War. The most important year of the 20th century. *Operation Barbarossa*, Hitler's invasion of Russia in June 1941, aimed at nothing less than a war of extermination to annihilate Soviet communism, liquidate the Jews and create Lebensraum for the German master race. But it led to the destruction of the Third Reich, and was cataclysmic for Germany with millions of men killed, wounded or registered as missing in action. It was this colossal mistake – rather than any action in Western Europe – that lost Hitler the Second World War. Drawing on hitherto unseen archival material, including previously untranslated Russian sources, Jonathan Dimbleby puts *Barbarossa* in its proper place in history for the first time. From its origins in the ashes of the First World War to its impact on post-war Europe, and covering the military, political and diplomatic story from all sides, he paints a full and vivid picture of this monumental campaign whose full nature and impact has remained unexplored. Written with authority and humanity, *Barbarossa* is a masterwork that transforms our understanding of the Second World War and of the 20th century.

Military history PBK \$24.99

Sizing People Up:

A Veteran FBI Agent's User Manual for Behaviour Prediction

Dreeke, Robin & Stauth, Cameron

A former FBI agent shares his simple but powerful toolkit for assessing who you can trust – and who you can't. After two decades as a behaviour analyst in the FBI, Robin Dreeke knows a thing or two about sizing people up. He's navigated complex situations that range from handling Russian spies to navigating the internal politics at the Bureau. Through that experience, he was forced to develop a knack for reading people – their intentions, their capabilities, their desires and their fears. Dreeke's first book, *It's Not All About Me*, has become a cult favourite with readers seeking to build quick rapport with others. His last book, *The Code of Trust*, was about how to inspire trust in others as a leader. In *Sizing People Up*, Dreeke shares his simple, six-step system that helps you predict anyone's future behaviour based on their words, goals, patterns of action, and the situation at hand. Predicting the behaviour of others is an urgent need for anyone whose work involves relationships with others, whether it's leading an organisation, collaborating with a teammate, or closing a sale. But predictability is not as simple as good and evil, or truth and fiction. Allies might make a promise with every intention of keeping it, not realising that they will be unable to do so due to some personal shortcoming. And those seeking to thwart your endeavour may not realise how reliable their malevolent tells have become. Dreeke's

system is simple, but powerful. For instance, a colleague might have a strong moral code, but do they believe your relationship will be long term? Even the most upstanding person can betray your trust if they don't see themselves tied to you or your desired result in the long term. How can you determine whether someone has both the skill and will to do what they've said they're going to do? Behaviours as subtle as how they take notes will reveal their reliability. Using this book as their manual, readers will be able to quickly and easily determine who they can trust and who they can't; who is likely to deliver on promises and who will disappoint; and when a person is vested in your success vs when they are actively plotting your demise. With this knowledge they can confidently embark on anything from a business venture to a romantic relationship to a covert operation without the stress of the unknown.

Science PBK \$22.99

At Day's Close:

A History of Nighttime

Ekirch, A Roger

From blanket fairs to night kings, curfews to crime, *At Day's Close* is an intriguing and captivating investigation into the night. Until now, this rich and complex universe in which we spend nearly half of our lives was a world long-lost to historians. Here, Ekirch explores how the night was lived in the past, through travel accounts, memoirs, letters, folklore, poems, court records and coroner's reports. More than this, it is a passionate argument in the case for less artificial light in an increasingly bright world.

History/Mythology PBK \$24.99

The Confidence Men:

How two prisoners of war engineered the most remarkable escape in history

Fox, Margalit

The astonishing true story of two First World War prisoners who pulled off one of the most ingenious escapes of all time. Imprisoned in a remote Turkish POW camp during the First World War, two British officers, Harry Jones and Cedric Hill, cunningly join forces. To stave off boredom, Jones makes a handmade Ouija board and holds fake séances for fellow prisoners. One day, an Ottoman official approaches him with a query: could Jones contact the spirits to find a vast treasure rumoured to be buried nearby? Jones, a lawyer, and Hill, a magician, use the Ouija board – and their keen understanding of the psychology of deception – to build a trap for their captors that will lead them to freedom. *The Confidence Men* is a nonfiction thriller featuring strategy, mortal danger and even high farce – and chronicles a profound but unlikely friendship.

History PBK \$22.99

A Short History of Russia:

How the World's Largest Country Invented Itself, from the Pagans to Putin

Galeotti, Mark

Russia's epic story told in an accessible, lively and short form, using the country's fascinating history to help us understand its actions today and what the future might hold... A country with no natural borders, no single ethnic group, no true central identity, Russia has mythologised its past

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to unite its people, to justify its military decisions, and to signal strength to outsiders. Mark Galeotti takes us behind the myths to the heart of the Russian story, covering key moments such as: the formation of a nation through its early legends, including Ivan the Terrible and Catherine the Great; the rise and fall of the Romanovs, the Russian Revolution, the Cold War, Chernobyl and the Soviet Union; the arrival of an obscure politician named Vladimir Putin and his ambitions for Russia. *A Short History of Russia* explores the history of this fascinating, extraordinary, desperate and exasperating country through two intertwined issues: the way successive influences from beyond its borders have shaped Russia, and the way Russians came to terms with this influence, writing and rewriting their past to understand their present and try to shape their future. In turn, this self-invented history has come to affect not just their constant nation-building project but also their relations with the world.

History PBK \$24.99

The Book of Hope:

A Survival Guide for Trying Times

Goodall, Jane & Abrams, Douglas

In a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope? Looking at the headlines – the worsening climate crisis, a global pandemic, loss of biodiversity, political upheaval – it can be hard to feel optimistic. And yet hope has never been more desperately needed. In this urgent book, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. In *The Book of Hope*, Jane focuses on her Four Reasons for Hope: The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit. Drawing on decades of work that has helped expand our understanding of what it means to be human and what we all need to do to help build a better world, *The Book of Hope* touches on vital questions, including: How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action? Filled with moving and inspirational stories and photographs from Jane's remarkable career, *The Book of Hope* is a deeply personal conversation with one of the most beloved figures in the world today. While discussing the experiences that shaped her discoveries and beliefs, Jane tells the story of how she became a messenger of hope, from living through World War II to her years in Gombe to realising she had to leave the forest to travel the world in her role as an advocate for environmental justice. And for the first time, she shares her profound revelations about her next, and perhaps final, adventure. *The Book of Hope* is a rare and intimate look not only at the nature of hope but also into the heart and mind of a woman who revolutionised how we view the world around us and has spent a lifetime fighting for our future. There is still hope, and this book will help guide us to it.

Science PBK \$24.99

Silent Earth:

Averting the Insect Apocalypse

Goulson, Dave

In the tradition of Rachel Carson's ground-breaking environmental classic *Silent Spring*, an award-winning entomologist and conservationist explains the importance of insects to our survival, and offers a clarion call to avoid a looming ecological disaster of our own making. Drawing on thirty years of research, Goulson has written an accessible, fascinating, and important book that examines the evidence of an alarming drop in insect numbers around the world. 'If we lose the insects, then everything is going to collapse,' he warned in a recent interview in the New York Times – beginning with humans' food supply. The main cause of this decrease in insect populations is the indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides. Hence, *Silent Earth's* nod to Rachel Carson's classic *Silent Spring* which, when published in 1962, led to the global banning of DDT. This was a huge victory for science and ecological health at the time. Yet before long, new pesticides just as lethal as DDT were introduced, and today, humanity finds itself on the brink of a new crisis. What will happen when the bugs are all gone? Goulson explores the intrinsic connection between climate change, nature, wildlife, and the shrinking biodiversity and analyses the harmful impact for the earth and its inhabitants. Meanwhile we have all read stories about hive collapse syndrome affecting honeybee colonies and the tragic decline of monarch butterflies in North America, and more. But it is not too late to arrest this decline, and *Silent Earth* should be the clarion call. Smart, eye-opening, and essential, *Silent Earth* is a forceful call to action to save our world, and ultimately, ourselves. *Silent Earth* includes approximately 20 black-and-white illustrations and charts and graphs.

Science PBK \$24.99

If Nietzsche Were a Narwhal **Gregg, Justin**

What if human intelligence is actually more of a liability than a gift? After all, the animal kingdom, in all its diversity, gets by just fine without it. At first glance, human history is full of remarkable feats of intelligence, yet human exceptionalism can be a double-edged sword. With our unique cognitive prowess comes severe consequences, including existential angst, violence, discrimination, and the creation of a world teetering towards climate catastrophe. What if human exceptionalism is more of a curse than a blessing? As Justin Gregg puts it, there's an evolutionary reason why human intelligence isn't more prevalent in the animal kingdom. Simply put, non-human animals don't need it to be successful. And, miraculously, their success arrives without the added baggage of destroying themselves and the planet in the process. In seven mind-bending and hilarious chapters, Gregg highlights features seemingly unique to humans – our use of language, our rationality, our moral systems, our so-called sophisticated consciousness – and compares them to our animal brethren. What emerges is both demystifying and remarkable, and will change how you look at animals, humans, and the meaning of life itself.

Science TP \$32.99

We Are the Shapes **Jenner, Kevin**

This funny, bold and characterful picture storybook introduces young readers to the shapes, as they meet the Squares and the Triangles. Meet the squares. They are straightforward, supportive, and reliable. Squares like things to be even. But they don't get on very well with the Triangles... The Triangles are edgy, sharp, and creative but they really don't like the Squares. Circle comes across these two groups but just can't take a side! When a fight breaks out between the two shapes, will circle be able to help turn things around? Featuring charmingly simple illustrations and plenty of puns, *We Are the Shapes* is a truly fun introduction to shapes that children will love to read, time and time again.

Science (juvenile) PBK \$14.99

Look Here:

On the Pleasures of Observing the City

Kinsella, Ana

Exploring the delight to be found in small everyday interactions and chance observations, *Look Here* will chart an emotional map of London, navigating ideas of anonymity and identity, freedom and space (and who has access to these things), and community, while reflecting on whether the never-ending carousel of clothing we see on strangers holds some deeper meaning. Wherever she goes, Ana Kinsella looks around her with a keen eye for small, illuminating details, and a love for variety and emotional connection. *Look Here* is a gorgeous, layered portrait of a city and its people, a book that urges us to slow down, look closer and find beauty.

Travelogue PBK \$22.99

How to Survive on Mars

Lazendic-Galloway, Jasmina

Get ready for lift-off on a Martian adventure!

Have you ever imagined living on another planet? *How to Survive on Mars* explores whether we could live on this rocky planet, deep in the solar system. But with no air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat and not enough sunlight to keep us warm, living on Mars is going to be challenging! But it just might be possible. Take a journey to the Red Planet, and discover Mars' natural wonders, like polar ice caps, the highest volcano in the solar system and a 45-kilometre-wide impact crater that was once a Martian lake. Packed with stunning photographs, fun activities and quizzes, this book will show you what you need to do to survive on Mars! Join scientists, engineers and science-fiction writers for a space exploration adventure.

Science (juvenile) PBK \$29.99

In the Shadow of the Gods:

The Emperor in World History

Lieven, Dominic

A dazzling account of the men (and occasional woman) who led the world's empires, a book that probes the essence of leadership and power through the centuries and around the world. From the rise of Sargon of Akkad, who in the third millennium BCE ruled what is now Iraq and Syria, to the collapse of the great European empires in the 20th century, the empire has been the dominant form of power in history. Dominic

Lieven's expansive book explores strengths and failings of the human beings who held those empires together (or let them crumble). He projects the power, terror, magnificence, and confidence of imperial monarchy, tracking what they had in common as well as what made some rise to glory and others fail spectacularly, and at what price each destiny was reached. Lieven's characters – Constantine, Chinggis Khan, Trajan, Suleyman, Hadrian, Louis XIV, Maria Theresa, Peter the Great, Queen Victoria, and dozens more – come alive with colour, energy, and detail: their upbringings, their loves, their crucial spouses, their dreadful children. They illustrate how politics and government are a gruelling business: a ruler needed stamina, mental and physical toughness, and self-confidence. He or she needed the sound judgement of problems and people which is partly innate but also the product of education and experience. A good brain was essential for setting priorities, weighing conflicting advice, and matching ends to needs. A diplomatically-astute marriage was often even more essential. Emperors (and the rare empresses) could be sacred symbols, warrior kings, political leaders, chief executive officers of the government machine, heads of a family, and impresarios directing the many elements of soft power essential to any regime's survival. What was it like to live and work in such an extraordinary role? What qualities did it take to perform this role successfully? Lieven traces the shifting balance among these elements across eras that encompass a staggering array of events from the rise of the world's great religions to the scientific revolution, the expansion of European empires across oceans, the great 20th century conflicts, and the triumph of nationalism over imperialism. The rule of the emperor may be over, but Lieven shows us how we live with its political and cultural legacies today.

History HC \$75.00

Grécy: Battle of Five Kings **Livingston, Michael**

A ground-breaking new study of the battle of Crécy, in which the outnumbered English under King Edward III won a decisive victory over the French and changed the course of the Hundred Years War. The battle of Crécy, in 1346, is one of the most famous and widely studied military engagements in history. The repercussions of this battle were felt for hundreds of years, and the exploits of those fighting reached the status of legend. Yet, cutting-edge research has shown that nearly everything that has been written about this dramatic event may be wrong. In this new study, Michael Livingston reveals how modern scholars have used archived manuscripts, satellite technologies and traditional fieldwork to help unlock what was arguably the battle's greatest secret: the location of the now quiet fields where so many thousands died. *Crécy: Battle of Five Kings* is a story of past and present. It is a new history of one of the most important battles of the Middle Ages: a compelling narrative account of the battle of Crécy that still adheres to the highest scholarly standards in its detail. It is also an account that incorporates the most cutting-edge revelations and the personal story of how those discoveries were made.

Military history HC \$50.00

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The Gowra Breakout

McLachlan, Mat

The riveting story of the missing piece of Australia's World War II history. During World War II, in the town of Cowra in central New South Wales, Japanese prisoners of war were held in a POW camp. By August 1944, over a thousand were interned and on the icy night of August 5th they staged one of the largest prison breakouts in history, launching the only land battle of World War II to be fought on Australian soil. Five Australian soldiers and more than 230 Japanese POWs would die during what became known as the Cowra Breakout. This compelling and fascinating book, written by one of Australia's leading battlefield historians, vividly traces the full story of the Breakout. It is a tale of proud warriors and misfit Australian soldiers. Of negligence and complacency, and of authorities too slow to recognise danger before it occurred – and too quick to cover it up when it was too late. But mostly it is a story about raw human emotions, and the extremes that people will go to when they feel all hope is lost.

History TP \$32.99

Stalin's War:

A New History of World War II

McMeekin, Sean

A prize-winning historian reveals how Stalin – not Hitler – was the animating force of World War II in this major new history. World War II endures in the popular imagination as a heroic struggle between good and evil, with villainous Hitler driving its events. But Hitler was not in power when the conflict erupted in Asia – and he was certainly dead before it ended. His armies did not fight in multiple theatres, his empire did not span the Eurasian continent, and he did not inherit any of the spoils of war. That central role belonged to Joseph Stalin. The Second World War was not Hitler's war; it was Stalin's war. Drawing on ambitious new research in Soviet, European, and US archives, *Stalin's War* revolutionises our understanding of this global conflict by moving its epicentre to the east. Hitler's genocidal ambition may have helped unleash Armageddon, but as McMeekin shows, the war which emerged in Europe in September 1939 was the one Stalin wanted, not Hitler. So, too, did the Pacific war of 1941–1945 fulfill Stalin's goal of unleashing a devastating war of attrition between Japan and the 'Anglo-Saxon' capitalist powers he viewed as his ultimate adversary. McMeekin also reveals the extent to which Soviet Communism was rescued by the US and Britain's self-defeating strategic moves, beginning with Lend-Lease aid, as American and British supply boards agreed almost blindly to every Soviet demand. Stalin's war machine, McMeekin shows, was substantially reliant on American matériel from warplanes, tanks, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, fuel, ammunition, and explosives, to industrial inputs and technology transfer, to the foodstuffs which fed the Red Army. This unreciprocated American generosity gave Stalin's armies the mobile striking power to conquer most of Eurasia, from Berlin to Beijing, for Communism. A ground-breaking reassessment of the

Second World War, *Stalin's War* is essential reading for anyone looking to understand the current world order.

History TP \$45.00

Sisters in Resistance:

How a German Spy, a Banker's Wife, and Mussolini's Daughter Outwitted the Nazis

Mazzeo, Tilar J

The extraordinary true story of how three women – a fascist's daughter, a German spy, and an American socialite – raced against Hitler's SS to get key evidence into the hands of the Allies. In 1943, Edda Mussolini, daughter of the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, gave her father and Hitler an extraordinary ultimatum: release her husband, Italy's former foreign minister, Galeazzo Ciano, from prison, or risk her leaking her husband's diaries to the press. Knowing the diaries would expose Nazi lies and create a foundation for war crimes prosecutions, Hitler and Mussolini vowed to do everything in their power to see the diaries destroyed – even if it meant killing Mussolini's daughter. To do this, they ordered Hilde Beetz, a German spy, to seduce Ciano in prison in order to learn the diaries' location. However, the seducer became the seduced, joining forces with Edda to try to save Ciano from execution. When this failed, Edda fled, with Hilde's daring assistance, to keep Ciano's final wish: to see the diaries published for use by the Allies. Upon learning of Edda's escape, the head of United States intelligence, Alan Dulles, sent in socialite Frances de Chollet, assigned by chance to a mission that would change her life. Her task was to find Edda, gain her trust, and, crucially, hand the diaries over to the Americans. Against all expectations, what developed was a rich and humanising friendship between the two women. Staying one step ahead of the Gestapo agents who were hunting Edda, together they succeeded in preserving one of the most important historic documents of World War II. Containing all the detailed twists and turns of a spy thriller, this is the story of three women, each faced with unbearable pressures and weighty moral questions, whose lives were drawn together in one of the most unlikely rescues of World War II.

History TP \$35.00

Oxford University:

Stories from the Archives

Millea, Alice Blackford

The University Archives was established in 1634. Based in the Bodleian Library, it is the institutional archive of Oxford University, holding records which span just over 800 years, documenting the University's activities and decisions throughout that time. Fifty-two documents and objects from the University Archives are showcased here, telling a wide range of intriguing stories about the University. Arranged chronologically, they deal with the University's relations with governments and monarchs; the effects of war; teaching and student behaviour; the University's buildings and institutions; widening access to university education; and the impact it has had on the city of Oxford and its people. Also documented here are fascinating insights into the University's erstwhile police force, a hidden time

capsule, brewing licences, brawls and illicit steeplechasing. The items – all illustrated – also often unlock human stories to which we can relate today, opening a window on the individuals (from University, city, or even further afield) whose lives the University has touched, including people who would perhaps not be expected to feature in a history of Oxford University, but whose stories are preserved forever in its magnificent archives.

History HC \$59.99

Mathematical Intelligence:

What We Have that Machines Don't

Mubeen, Junaid

A fascinating exploration of a surprising advantage that humans have over our incoming robot masters: we're actually good at maths. There's so much talk about the threat posed by intelligent machines that it sometimes seems as though we should surrender to our robot overlords now. But Junaid Mubeen isn't ready to throw in the towel just yet. As far as he is concerned, we have the edge over machines because of a remarkable system of thought developed over the millennia. It's familiar to us all, but often badly taught and misrepresented in popular discourse – maths. Computers are brilliant at totting up sums, pattern-seeking and performing, well, computation. For all things calculation, machines reign supreme. But Junaid identifies seven areas of intelligence where humans can retain a crucial edge. And in exploring these areas, he opens up a fascinating world where we can develop our uniquely human mathematical superpowers.

Science HC \$39.99

Sweet in Tooth and Claw:

Stories of Generosity and Cooperation in the Natural World

Ohlson, Kristin

Ever since Darwin, science has enshrined competition as biology's brutal architect. But this revelatory new book argues that our narrow view of evolution has caused us to ignore the generosity and cooperation that exist around us, from the soil to the sky. In *Sweet in Tooth and Claw*, Kristin Ohlson explores the subtle ways in which nature is in constant collaboration to the betterment of all species. From the bear that discards the remainders of his salmon dinner on the forest ground, to the bright coral reefs of Cuba, she shows readers not only the connectivity lying beneath the surface in natural ecosystems, but why it's vital for humans to incorporate that understanding into our interactions with nature, and also with each other. Much of the damage that humans have done to our natural environment stems from our ignorance of these dense webs of connection. As we struggle to cope with the environmental hazards that our behaviour has unleashed, it's more important than ever to understand nature's billions of cooperative interactions. This way, we can stop disrupting them and instead rely on them to renew ecosystems. In reporting from the frontlines of scientific research, regenerative agriculture, and urban conservation, Ohlson shows that a shift from focusing on competition to collaboration can heal not only our relationships with the natural world but also with each other.

Science TP \$32.99

The Earth

Panciroli, Elsa

A beautiful and informative history of life on our planet. It is difficult to conceive of the vast scale of the history of life on Earth, from the very first living organisms sparking into life in hydrothermal deep-sea vents to the dizzying diversity of life today. The evolution of life is a sweeping epic of a tale, with twists and turns, surprising heroes, and unlikely survivors. *The Earth* beautifully distils this complex story into a meaningful scale. In taking a closer look at 47 carefully selected organisms over fifteen periods in our planetary history, this book tells the whole story of life on Earth, and the interconnectedness that unites us through our ecosystems and planetary history. Prepare to be confounded by the ingenuity of evolutionary biologies, humbled by our own brief part in this epic history, and disquieted by our disproportionate impact on the world we call home.

Science HC \$55.00

Atoms and Ashes:

A Global History of Nuclear Disasters

Plokhly, Serhii

Almost 145,000 Americans fled their homes in and around Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in late March 1979, hoping to save themselves from an invisible enemy: radiation. The reactor at the nearby Three Mile Island nuclear power plant had gone into partial meltdown, and scientists feared an explosion that could spread radiation throughout the eastern United States. Thankfully, the explosion never took place – but the accident left deep scars in the American psyche, all but ending the nation's love affair with nuclear power. In *Atoms and Ashes*, Serhii Plokhly recounts the dramatic history of Three Mile Island and five more accidents that have dogged the nuclear industry in its military and civil incarnations: the disastrous fallout caused by the testing of the hydrogen bomb in the Bikini Atoll in 1954; the Kyshtym nuclear disaster in the USSR, which polluted a good part of the Urals; the Windscale fire, the worst nuclear accident in the UK's history; back to the USSR with Chernobyl, the result of a flawed reactor design leading to the exodus of 350,000 people; and, most recently, Fukushima in Japan, triggered by an earthquake and a tsunami, a disaster on a par with Chernobyl and whose clean-up will not take place in our lifetime. Through the stories of these six terrifying incidents, Plokhly explores the risks of nuclear power, both for military and peaceful purposes, while offering a vivid account of how individuals and governments make decisions under extraordinary circumstances. Today, there are 440 nuclear reactors operating throughout the world, with nuclear power providing 10 per cent of global electricity. Yet, as the world seeks to reduce carbon emissions to combat climate change, the question arises: Just how safe is nuclear energy?

Science HC \$55.00

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The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi:

Exploring the microscopic world around us
Seifert, Keith

Esteemed career mycologist Keith Seifert reveals the important role that microscopic fungi, including yeasts, moulds, and slimes, play in our lives, all while remaining invisible to the naked eye. Divided into sections, each one exploring a different environment where fungi thrive, *The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi* introduces readers to the fascinating world of mycology, with information on: how fungi are at the heart of life-changing medical breakthroughs, including the development of antibiotics such as penicillin and organ transplant drugs; where fungi live in our homes and how they influence our health, from our gut to our scalps; how fungi add important vitamins to our diet and make our favourite foods and drinks possible, including wine, cheese, chocolate, and beer; and the essential role fungi are playing in innovative technologies, such as creating alternative energy sources, reducing plastic pollution, cleaning up toxins from oil spills, and even building architecture for a Mars colony. Despite their many benefits, we hold a precarious relationship with fungi: fungal diseases lead to over one million deaths each year, and they have played a destructive role in disasters ranging from the Irish Potato Famine to possibly even the extinction of the dinosaurs. *The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi* urges us to better understand our relationship with fungi – and to plan our future with them in mind – while revealing their world in all its beautiful complexity.

Science TP \$32.99

Einstein's Fridge:

The Science of Fire, Ice and the Universe
Sen, Paul

Einstein's Fridge tells the story of how scientists uncovered the least known and yet most consequential of all the sciences, and learned to harness the power of heat and ice. The laws of thermodynamics govern everything from the behaviour of atoms to that of living cells, from the engines that power our world to the black hole at the centre of our galaxy. Not only that, but thermodynamics explains why we must eat and breathe, how the lights come on, and ultimately how the universe will end. The people who decoded its laws came from every branch of the sciences – they were engineers, physicists, chemists, biologists, cosmologists, and mathematicians. Their discoveries, set over 200 years, kickstarted the industrial revolution, changed the course of world wars and informed modern understanding of black holes. This book captures the thrill of discovery and the power of revolutionary science to change the world forever. 'Hugely readable and entertaining' – *Jim Al-Khalili*.

Science PBK \$22.99

The Secret History of Food:

Strange but True Stories about the Origins of Everything We Eat
Siegel, Matt

Is Italian olive oil *really* Italian, or are we dipping our bread in lamp oil? Why are we masochistically drawn to foods that can

hurt us, like hot peppers? Far from being a classic American dish, is apple pie, actually... English? 'As a species, we're hardwired to obsess over food,' Matt Siegel explains as he sets out 'to uncover the hidden side of everything we put in our mouths'. Siegel also probes subjects ranging from the myths – and realities – of food as aphrodisiac, to how one of the rarest and most exotic spices in all the world (*vanilla*) became a synonym for uninspired sexual proclivities, to the role of food in fairy- and morality tales. He even makes a well-argued case for how ice cream helped defeat the Nazis. *The Secret History of Food* is a rich and satisfying exploration of the historical, cultural, scientific, sexual, and, yes, culinary subcultures of this most essential realm. Siegel is an armchair Anthony Bourdain, armed not with a chef's knife but with knowledge derived from medieval food-related manuscripts, ancient Chinese scrolls, and obscure culinary journals. Funny and fascinating, *The Secret History of Food* is essential reading for all foodies.

History TP \$43.95

200 Words to Help You Talk About Gender and Sexuality **Sloan, Kate**

Highly readable guide to help you talk about sexuality and gender with confidence. If you have ever felt at a disadvantage when joining in a conversation on a subject that you aren't confident about, this new series is for you. Each book features definitions of two hundred words frequently used to describe and discuss a smart subject. Gender and Sexuality can seem like a big subject to decode. Let Kate Sloan guide you through it.

Gender language HC \$22.99

Behind Closed Doors:

The Secret Life of London Private Members' Clubs

Thévoz, Seth Alexander

A look inside the hidden world of London's private members' clubs, from the late-18th century to the present. If we think of these clubs as predominantly white, male and aristocratic, we could not be more wrong. Their true story is infinitely more interesting. With a keen eye for the juicy anecdote, Thévoz tells the fascinating and entertaining story of the rise, decline and resurgence of London's private members' clubs, from the late-18th century to the present day. In doing so he looks at cultural and political developments beyond the clubs, revealing how while the clubs may have been products of their city and country, they also exerted significant influence on London, Britain, and places far beyond. This is a chronicle, as informative as it is entertaining, of the ups and downs of London clubland, and how it had an impact on parts of the world far from London. It is packed with amusing anecdotes and illustrative examples of the growth of this quirky, unique institution, which grew to spread around the world. London, though, with its four hundred clubs, was always at its heart. Thévoz reveals how everything we might have thought we knew about these clubs is wrong. They may have started out as white, male, aristocratic watering holes – but that's only part of the story. All sections of society

built their own clubs and lived their lives there: highbrow and lowbrow; women and men; working-class, middle-class and upper-class; international and British. The club has been central to a distinctively British form of leisure over more than three centuries. *Behind Closed Doors* is a distillation of a decade of research and writing on London clubs, based on exclusive behind-the-scenes access to archives and proceedings, as well as a love of gossip and scandal.

History TP \$34.99

Why We Read various

A sparkling anthology of newly-commissioned writing on the joys and rewards of reading non-fiction. Why read non-fiction? Is it just to find things out? Or is it for pleasure, challenge, adventure, meaning? Here, in seventy new pieces, some of the most original writers and thinkers of our time give their answers. From Hilton Als on reading as writing's dearest companion to Nicci Gerrard on reading for her life; from Malcolm Gladwell on entering the minds of others to Michael Lewis on books as secret discoveries; and from Lea Ypi on the search for freedom to Slavoj Žižek on violent readings, each offers their own surprising perspective on the simple act of turning a page. The result is a celebration of seeing the world in new ways – and of having our minds changed.

Books PBK \$24.99

Turning Point:

The Battle for Milne Bay 1942 – Japan's first land defeat in World War II

Veitch, Michael

The Battle for Milne Bay – Japan's first defeat on land in the Second World War – was a defining moment in the evolution of the indomitable Australian fighting spirit. For the men of the AIF, the militia, and the RAAF, it was the turning point in the Pacific, and their finest – though now largely forgotten – hour. Forgotten, until now. In August 1942, Japan's forces were unstoppable. Having conquered vast swathes of south-east Asia – Malaya, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies – and now invading New Guinea, many feared the Empire of the Rising Sun stood poised to knock down Australia's northern door. But first they needed Port Moresby. In the still of an August night, Japanese marines sailed quietly into Milne Bay, a long, malaria-ridden dead end at the far eastern tip of Papua, to unleash an audacious pincer movement. Unbeknown to them, however, a secret airstrip had been carved out of a coconut plantation by US Engineers, and a garrison of Australian troops had been established, supported by two locally based squadrons of RAAF Kittyhawks, including the men of the famed 75 Squadron. The scene was set for one of the most decisive and vicious battles of the war. For ten days and nights Australia's soldiers and airmen fought the elite of Japan's forces along a sodden jungle track, and forced them back step by muddy, bloody step. In *Turning Point*, bestselling author Michael Veitch brings to life the incredible exploits and tragic sacrifices of these Australian heroes.

Military history PBK \$22.99

Beyond Measure:

the Hidden History of Measurement
Vincent, James

A revelatory and vibrant story of measurement which will make you look at the world around you anew. We measure rainfall and radiation, the depths of space, and the emptiness of atoms, calories and steps, happiness and fear. If we could not measure then we could not observe the world around us; we could not experiment, learn, and co-operate. But why did this urge to measure flourish? And when did measurement become ubiquitous? It is an incredible story that spans hunter-gatherer societies to ancient Egyptians, the French Revolution to the relentless quantification of the 21st century self. It is a tale that tracks humanity's search for dependable truths in a chaotic universe. Full of mavericks and visionaries, adventure and breakthroughs, *Beyond Measure* shows that measurement has not only made the world we live in, it has made us too.

History/Science TP \$32.99

Fallen Idols:

History is not erased when statues are pulled down. It is made.

von Tunzelmann, Alex

A hugely entertaining and informative narrative on one of the key arguments raging across the globe. In the past few years, there has been a rush to topple statues. Across the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Belgium and elsewhere, Black Lives Matter protesters defaced and, in some cases, hauled down statues of slaveholders, Confederate icons, and imperialists. In Bristol, Edward Colston was knocked off his plinth and hurled into the harbour. Robert E Lee was covered in graffiti in Richmond, Virginia. Christopher Columbus was toppled in Minnesota, burned and thrown into a lake in Virginia, and beheaded in Massachusetts. King Leopold II of the Belgians was set on fire in Antwerp and doused in red paint in Ghent. Winston Churchill was daubed with the word 'racist' in London. The backlash from conservatives has been fast and intense. Statues are one of the most visible forms of historical storytelling, maybe the most visible. The stories we tell are vital to how we as societies understand our past and make our future. The ultimate question is: 'who controls history?' *Fallen Idols* tells the story of twelve toppled statues around the world. It will look at why they were put up in the first place; the stories they were intended to tell; the symbolism they came to embody; and the manner and consequences of their removal. History is not erased when statues are pulled down. If anything, it is made. 'Alex von Tunzelmann is one of the most gifted historians writing today. Brilliant and trenchant, witty and wise, *Fallen Idols* is a book you will adore, devour, and talk about to everyone you know. Hesitate no longer; buy this book.' – *Suzannah Lipscomb*, author, award-winning historian and broadcaster.

History PBK \$22.99

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