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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback
TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

Ten Tomatoes that Changed the World: a History **Alexander, William**

William Alexander takes readers on the surprisingly twisty journey of the beloved tomato in this fascinating and erudite microhistory. The tomato gets no respect. Never has. Lost in the dustbin of history for centuries, accused of being vile and poisonous, subjected to being picked hard-green and gassed, even used as a projectile, the poor tomato has become the avatar for our disaffection with industrial foods – while becoming the most popular vegetable in America (and, in fact, the world). Each summer, tomato festivals crop up across the country; the Heinz ketchup bottle, instantly recognisable, has earned a spot in the Smithsonian; and now the tomato is redefining the very nature of farming, moving from fields into climate-controlled mega-greenhouses the size of New England villages. Supported by meticulous research and told in a lively, accessible voice, *Ten Tomatoes That Changed the World* seamlessly weaves travel, history, humour, and a little adventure (and misadventure) to follow the tomato's trail through history. A fascinating story complete with heroes, con artists, conquistadors, and – no surprise – the Mafia, this book is a mouth-watering, informative, and entertaining guide to the food that has captured our hearts for generations.

History HC \$39.99

The Lego Story:

How a Little Toy Sparked the World's Imagination

Andersen, Jens

The definitive history of LEGO, based on unprecedented access to the company's archives and rare interviews with the founding family who still owns the company. It's estimated that each year between 80 and 90 million children around the globe are given a box of LEGO, while up to 10 million adults buy sets for themselves. Yet, LEGO is much more than a dizzying number of plastic bricks that can be put together and combined in countless ways. LEGO is also a vision of the significance of what play can mean for humanity. This book tells the extraordinary story of a global company and a Danish family who, for 90 years, have defended children's right to play – and who believe grown-ups, too, should make the time to nurture their inner child. *The LEGO Story* is built on Jens Andersen's unique access to LEGO's own archives, as well as on Andersen's extensive conversations with Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, former president and CEO of the LEGO group and grandson of its founder, Ole Kirk Kristiansen. A riveting cultural history of changing generations' views of childhood and the importance of play, *The LEGO Story* also a fascinating case study of how innovation and creativity

helped leaders transform LEGO from a small carpentry business into the world's largest producer of play materials and one of the most beloved brands in the world. Richly illustrated, with never-before-seen photos from the family's private archive, this is the ultimate book for fans of LEGO, revealing everything you ever wanted to know about the brand. 'This book tells the story of how my family built the LEGO brand.' – *Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen*, former President/CEO of the LEGO Group and third-generation owner.

Lego TP \$34.99

Novelista:

Anyone Can Write a Novel (Yes, Even You)
Askew, Claire

Writing books is no longer something only other people do. It's your turn. *Novelista* is a friendly, straight-talking writing guide for people who want to write a novel but don't know how to begin. It asks all the important questions and gives a host of reassuring answers that demonstrate that anyone can write a novel – even you! To begin with, what the hell is a novel? It's basically a tiny world, where characters are born, live, and (sometimes) die. To write one all you need is a notebook and a pen – but along the way you'll want to learn about good writing habits, planning, mastering descriptions and dialogue and how to pull it all together. This book will guide you through the process and orient you towards the goal of publication. From absolute beginner to *novelista*, this book will change the way you write and think about writing.

Writing PBK \$22.99

Space Race 2.0:

SpaceX, Blue Origin, Virgin Galactic, NASA, and the Privatisation of the Final Frontier

Bergan, Brad

Space Race 2.0 is the only authoritative photographic history of the efforts of private companies – often alongside NASA – to accelerate humankind's exploration and understanding of the final frontier. The private space sector is growing tremendously. The industry's consensus leader, SpaceX, headed by outspoken billionaire Elon Musk, is today worth an estimated \$74 billion. And SpaceX and its chief competitors, Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic, are taking on more roles – flying cargo, supplies, and astronauts to outer space. *Space Race 2.0* tells their story with expertly written text by science journalist Brad Bergan and stunning photography of the spacecraft, key players, and facilities in California, Texas, and Florida. In the 1950s and '60s, the first Space Race pitted two political ideologies against one another: either Communism or Capitalism would prove superior. Ultimately, the US landed on the moon, the race's crowning achievement. Now, more than a half-century later, the Space Race has pivoted from a contest between ideological rivals to private aerospace firms

competing for contracts. Today, rather than symbolic goals motivated by patriotism, the defining success of a launch system extends beyond engineering and science to image and ROI. Founded in 2002, SpaceX's trajectory was determined by Musk's realisation that he could achieve higher profits by vertically integrating – manufacturing his own rockets and spacecraft – rather than relying on third parties. The decision was prescient, resulting in a state-of-the-art headquarters in Hawthorne, California, and a series of stunning achievements. *Space Race 2.0* follows the development of commercial space exploration to the present. While tentative first steps in private ventures are covered, such as those by Space Services Inc and Orbital Science in the 1980s and '90s, the focus is on today's major players: SpaceX, Blue Origin (headed by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos), and Virgin Galactic (founded by Richard Branson). While examining the hardware, Bergan also explores such considerations as the importance of design-forward equipment and the endgame: what ultimately is 'in it' for firms at the forefront? Natural resources? NASA and ESA contracts? Commercial travel? Communications? And what legal boundaries, if any, restrain corporate interests in space? *Space Race 2.0* is the ultimate visual look at this relatively young industry, looking back at recent remarkable decades – and ahead to what the future might bring.

History/Science HC \$59.99

The Man from the Future: the Visionary Life of John von Neumann **Bhattacharya, Ananyo**

An exhilarating new biography of John von Neumann: the lost genius who invented our world. The smartphones in our pockets and computers like brains. The vagaries of game theory and evolutionary biology. Nanotechnology and nuclear weapons. All bear the fingerprints of one remarkable man: John von Neumann. Born in Budapest at the turn of the century, von Neumann is one of the most influential scientists to have ever lived. His colleagues believed he had the fastest brain on the planet – bar none. He was instrumental in the Manhattan Project and helped formulate the bedrock of Cold War geopolitics and modern economic theory. He created the first ever programmable digital computer. He prophesied the potential of nanotechnology and, from his deathbed, expounded on the limits of brains and computers – and how they might be overcome. Taking us on an astonishing journey, Ananyo Bhattacharya explores how a combination of genius and unique historical circumstance allowed a single man to sweep through so many different fields of science, sparking revolutions wherever he went. Insightful and illuminating, *The Man from the Future* is a thrilling intellectual biography of the visionary thinker who shaped our century.

Science/Biography PBK \$22.99

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The Little Book of Building Fires:

How to Chop, Scrunch, Stack and Light a Fire

Coulthard, Sally

An inspiring, aspirational and practical guide to building fires both indoors and out. Nothing beats the companionable crackle of an open fire. Fires invite us to sit and share stories or watch in contemplative silence. We feel drawn to the flickering flames, the gentle curls of aromatic smoke and reassuring radiant heat. Snuggled under a blanket, toasting crumpets and listening to the pleasing pops of burning wood – what better way to spend a winter's evening?

Or, come the summer, few pleasures are richer than cooking food, perched around a campfire, waiting for the stars to come out. But for all this talk, how many of us know how to build a fire? Would we know which kinds of trees burn best? Could we make our own firefighters or build the perfect fire stack? *The Little Book of Building Fires* is a richly-illustrated pocket guide to sourcing, seasoning and storing firewood, choosing kindling and tinder, and how to build and light the perfect fire. From campfires to wood burners, bonfires to open hearths, this book blends practicality with personal experience and will get you back in touch with your ancient fire-making instincts.

Natural history PBK \$16.99

The New Breed:

How to Think About Robots

Darling, Kate

A bold, optimistic exploration of the relationship between robots and humans, based on our history with animals, from a renowned MIT researcher. The robots are here. They make our cars, they deliver fast food, they mine the sea floor. And in the near-future their presence will increasingly enter our homes and workplaces – making human-robot interaction a frequent, everyday occurrence. What will this future look like? What will define the relationship between humans and robots? Here Kate Darling, a world-renowned expert in robot ethics, shows that in order to understand the new robot world, we must first move beyond the idea that this technology will be something like us. Instead, she argues, we should look to our relationship with animals. Just as we have harnessed the power of animals to aid us in war and work, so too will robots supplement – rather than replace – our own skills and abilities. A deeply original analysis of our technological future and the ethical dilemmas that await us, *The New Breed* explains how the treatment of machines can reveal a new understanding of our own history, our own systems and how we relate – not just to non-humans, but also to each other.

Science PBK \$22.99

What's Eating the Universe? and Other Cosmic Questions

Davies, Paul

The story of the universe in 30 cosmological conundrums. In the constellation of Eridanus there lurks a cosmic mystery. It's as if something has taken a huge bite out of the universe, leaving a super-void. What could be the culprit? A super massive black hole? Another, bigger universe? Or an expanding vacuum bubble, destined to envelop

and annihilate everything in existence?

Scientists, now, understand the history of our universe better than the history of our own planet, but they continue to uncover startling new riddles-the hole in the universe being just one. In this electrifying book, award-winning physicist Paul Davies walks us through the puzzles and paradoxes that have preoccupied cosmologists from ancient Greece to the present day. Laying bare the audacious research that has led us to mind-bending solutions, Davies reveals how we might begin to approach the greatest outstanding enigmas of all.

Science PBK \$22.99

Flights of Fancy:

Defying Gravity by Design and Evolution

Dawkins, Richard

& Lenzová, Jana (illustrator)

Have you ever dreamt you could fly?

Or imagined what it would be like to glide and swoop through the sky like a bird?

Do you let your mind soar to unknown, magical spaces? Richard Dawkins explores the wonder of flight: from the mythical Icarus, to the sadly extinct but spectacular bird *Argentavis magnificens*, from the Wright flyer and the 747, to the *Tinkerbella fairyfly* and the Peregrine falcon. But he also explores flights of the mind and escaping the everyday – through science, ideas and imagination. Fascinating and beautifully illustrated, this is a unique collaboration between one of the world's leading scientists and a talented artist.

Science PBK \$22.99

Word Perfect:

Etymological Entertainment for Every Day of the Year

Dent, Susie

Welcome to a year of wonder with Susie Dent, lexicographer, logophile, and long-time queen of *Countdown's* Dictionary Corner. From the real Jack the Lad to the theatrically literal story behind stealing someone's thunder, from turtle (forgetting someone's name at the very moment you need it) to snaccident (the unintentional eating of an entire packet of biscuits), *Word Perfect* is a brilliant linguistic almanac full of unforgettable stories, fascinating facts, and surprising etymologies tied to every day of the year. You'll never be lost for words again. 'Susie Dent is a national treasure' – *Richard Osman*.

Language PBK \$24.99

The Library:

a Fragile History
der Weduwen, Arthur
& Pettegree, Andrew

Princes, collectors, bookworms, and thieves: the extraordinary story of the library, from Alexandria to the age of Google. Famed across the known world, jealously guarded by private collectors, built up over centuries, destroyed in a single day, ornamented with gold leaf and frescoes or filled with bean bags and children's drawings – the history of the library is rich, varied and stuffed full of incident. In this, the first major history of its kind, Andrew Pettegree and Arthur der Weduwen explore the contested and dramatic history of the library, from the famous collections of the ancient world to the embattled public resources we cherish today. Along the way, they introduce us to the antiquarians and philanthropists who shaped

the world's great collections, trace the rise and fall of fashions and tastes, and reveal the high crimes and misdemeanours committed in pursuit of rare and valuable manuscripts.

Knowledge management PBK \$24.99

Impossible, Possible, and Improbable:

Science Stranger Than Fiction

Gribbin, John

A scintillating collection of short essays that really does cover 'life, the Universe, and everything'. From the mysteries of the subatomic world to the curious property of water that makes our planet inhabitable, master of popular science John Gribbin delves into the astonishing facts that underlie our existence. Some aspects of the quantum world really do seem impossible to 'common sense', but have been proved correct by experiments. Other features of the Universe appear obvious, such as the fact that atoms are mostly empty space. But this familiarity hides the truly amazing truths underpinning these observations. And some things merely seem improbable but are also hiding a Deep Truth, such as the fact that the Moon and Sun look the same size as viewed from Earth. This book will change, forever, the way you view the world.

Science HC \$49.99

Wild Maps:

a Nature Atlas for Curious Minds

Higgins, Mike & Bortoletti, Manuel (illustrator)

Here is a cartographic journey through our planet's weirdest and most wonderful phenomena. Which migrating birds fly the furthest? Which nations have launched which animals into space? Which countries' leaders don't believe in climate change? Where were our planet's now-extinct species last sighted? Where can you hug the world's oldest trees? Where could you find the largest gatherings of cockroaches? With maps that cover the entire globe, *Wild Maps* will delight lovers of maps and lovers of nature, as well as anyone with an interest in all that is fascinating and awe-inspiring in the world around us. Beautifully designed and illustrated, *Wild Maps* is an eye-opening celebration of our planet and the plants and animals with whom we share it.

Geography HC \$39.99

Nuclear Fusion

Holgate, Sharon Ann

The thrilling scientific quest for almost limitless clean energy from nuclear fusion. Since the 1950s, scientists have attempted to harness nuclear fusion – the process that creates the Sun's energy – to generate near-limitless amounts of electricity. But the fact that we still have no fusion power plants is testament to the complexities of the challenge. Now, the deepening climate crisis means that researchers around the world are in a race to create a mini-Sun, here on Earth. The glittering prize is an energy source that emits no greenhouse gases and could solve energy equity and supply issues at a stroke. Sharon Ann Holgate, a former Young Professional Physicist of the Year, tells the compelling story of the ongoing scientific quest for a revolutionary new era of green energy production.

Science PBK \$22.99

Bibliomaniac:

an Obsessive's Tour of the Bookshops of Britain

Ince, Robin

Why play to 12,000 people when you can play to 12? In Autumn 2021, Robin Ince's stadium tour with Professor Brian Cox was postponed, due to the pandemic. Rather than do nothing, he decided instead to go on a tour of over a hundred bookshops in the UK, from Wigtown to Penzance; from Swansea to Margate. Packed with witty anecdotes and tall tales, *Bibliomaniac* takes the reader on a journey across Britain as Robin explores his lifelong love of bookshops and books – and also tries to find out just why he can never have enough of them. It is the story of an addiction and a romance, and also of an occasional points' failure, just outside Oxenholme.

Books & bookshops HC \$34.99

The Pathfinders:

the Elite RAF Force that Turned

the Tide of WWII

Iredale, Will

The untold story of the elite force that spearheaded almost every British bombing raid over Nazi Germany, by the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Kamikaze Hunters*. The incredible story of the crack team of men and women who transformed RAF Bomber Command and helped the Allies deliver decisive victory over Nazi Germany. The Pathfinders were ordinary men and women from a range of nations who revolutionised the efficiency of the Allies' air campaign over mainland Europe. They elevated Bomber Command – initially the only part of the Allied war effort capable of attacking the heart of Nazi Germany – from an impotent force on the cusp of disintegration in 1942 to one capable of razing whole German cities to the ground in a single night, striking with devastating accuracy, inspiring fear and loathing in Hitler's senior command. With exclusive interviews with remaining survivors, personal diaries, previously classified records and never-before seen photographs, *The Pathfinders* brings to life the characters of the airmen and women – many barely out of their teens – who took to the skies in legendary British aircraft such as the Lancaster and the Mosquito, facing almost unimaginable levels of violence from enemy fighter planes to strike at the heart of the Nazi war machine.

Aviation history PBK \$24.99

Rebel with a Clause:

Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian

Jovin, Ellen

For fans of Gyles Brandreth, Susie Dent, and Bill Bryson, an unconventional guide to the English language drawn from the cross-country adventures of an itinerant grammarian. When Ellen Jovin first walked outside her Manhattan apartment and set up a folding table with a sign reading 'The Grammar Table', it took about 30 seconds to get her first visitor. *Everyone* had a question for her. The Grammar Table was such a hit – attracting the attention of *The New York Times*, NPR, and *CBS Evening News* – that Ellen soon hit the road, travelling across the US to answer questions from students, retired editors, bickering couples, and anyone else who uses words in this world. In *Rebel with a*

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Clause, Jovin shares the heart-warming and humorous stories of the people she meets, and what is most on their minds, grammatically speaking – from the Oxford comma to the places prepositions can go, the likely lifespan of ‘whom’, semicolonphobia, and so much more. *Rebel with a Clause* combines the qualities of a first-class work of reference with the laugh-out-loud pleasure of a good read. Punctuated with linguistic debates from tiny towns to crowded cities, this grammar romp will delight anyone wishing to polish their prose or revel in our age-old, universal fascination with language.

Language/Travelogue HC \$45.00

Greek Fire, Poison Arrows, and Scorpion Bombs:

Unconventional Warfare in the Ancient World

Mayor, Adrienne

A gripping and ground-breaking history of how ancient cultures developed and used biological, chemical, and other unconventional weapons of war. Flamethrowers, poison gases, incendiary bombs, the large-scale spreading of disease: are these terrifying agents of warfare modern inventions? Not by a long shot. In this riveting history of the origins of unconventional war, Adrienne Mayor shows that cultures around the world have used biological and chemical weapons for thousands of years – and debated the morality of doing so. Drawing extraordinary connections between the mythical worlds of Hercules and the Trojan War, the accounts of Herodotus and Thucydides, and modern methods of war and terrorism, this richly illustrated history catapults readers into the dark and fascinating realm of ancient war and mythic treachery.

Military history TP \$29.99

The Free World:

Art and Thought in the Cold War

Menand, Louis

The Cold War was not just a contest of power. It was also about ideas, in the broadest sense – economic and political, artistic and personal. In *The Free World*, the acclaimed Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar and critic Louis Menand tells the story of American culture in the pivotal years from the end of World War II to Vietnam and stresses the rich flow of ideas across the Atlantic. How did elitism and an anti-totalitarian scepticism of passion and ideology give way to a new sensibility defined by experimentation and loving the Beatles? How was the ideal of ‘freedom’ applied to causes that ranged from anti-communism and civil rights to radical acts of self-creation via art and even crime? With the wit and insight familiar to readers of *The Metaphysical Club*, Menand takes us inside Hannah Arendt’s Manhattan, the Paris of Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir and the post-war vogue for French existentialism, structuralism and post-structuralism. He also shows how Europeans played a vital role in promoting and influencing American art and thought, revealing how America’s once neglected culture became respected and adored. With unprecedented verve and range, this book offers a masterly account of the main characters and minor figures who played part in shaping the post-war world of art and thought.

Culture/History TP \$29.99

Burn a Black Candle:

an Italian American Grimoire

Norman, Dee

This is a beautifully illustrated introduction to a topic that has rarely been written about before: Italian American magic. Tarot and magic expert Dee Norman shares never-before-disclosed practices and rituals for personal wellbeing. The Italian folklore tradition is one of the most ancient unbroken chains of wisdom on earth. Discover the previously unwritten secrets of an Italian American family’s magical tradition passed down from generation to generation. This spell-book provides easy, step-by-step introductions to the basics of authentic Italian American magical practice. Discover how to: run a magical household, including creating a family altar and connecting with your ancestors; enhance your wellbeing for self and family through *Buona Fortuna*; perform transformative candle magic; diagnose, cure and ward away *malocchio*; learn time-tested health remedies from relieving symptoms of viruses to maintaining healthy skin and sleep routines; develop your most important magical tool – your mind; and master divination through cartomancy, dreams, pendulums, and more. With Tarot and folk Italian magic expert Dee Norman as your guide, build your magical toolkit and discover one of humanity’s longest-lasting traditions for good fortune, a happy home, and self-care.

Witches HC \$42.99

The Atlas of Atlases:

Exploring the most important atlases in history and the cartographers who made them

Parker, Philip

This beautiful book is a lavishly illustrated look at the most important atlases in history and the cartographers who made them. Atlases are books that changed the course of history. Pored over by rulers, explorers, and adventures these books were used to build empires, wage wars, encourage diplomacy and nurture trade. Written by Philip Parker, an authority on the history of maps, this book brings these fascinating artefacts to life, offering a unique, lavishly illustrated guide to the history of these incredible books and the cartographers behind them. All key cartographic works from the last half-millennium are covered, including: the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, considered the world’s first atlas and produced in 1570 by the Dutch, geographer Abraham Ortelius; the 17th-century *Klencke* – one of the world’s largest books that requires six people to carry it; and the *Rand McNally Atlas* of 1881, still in print today and a book that turned its makers, William H Rand and Andrew McNally into cartographic royalty. This beautiful book will engross readers with its detailed, visually stunning illustrations and fascinating story of how map-making has developed throughout human history.

Geography/History HC \$49.99

N-4 Down:

the Hunt For the Arctic Airship Italia

Piesing, Mark

The riveting true story of the largest polar rescue mission in history: the desperate race to find the survivors of the glamorous Arctic airship *Italia*, which crashed near the

North Pole in 1928. Triumphant returning from the North Pole on May 24, 1928, the world-famous exploring airship *Italia* – code-named N-4 – was struck by a terrible storm and crashed somewhere over the Arctic ice, triggering the largest polar rescue mission in history. Helping lead the search was Roald Amundsen, the poles’ greatest explorer, who himself soon went missing in the frozen wastes. Amundsen’s body has never been found, the last victim of one of the Arctic’s most enduring mysteries... During the Roaring Twenties, zeppelin travel embodied the exuberant spirit of the age. Germany’s luxurious Graf Zeppelin would run passenger service from Germany to Brazil; Britain’s Imperial Airship was launched to connect an empire; in America, the iconic spire of the rising Empire State Building was designed as a docking tower for airships. But the novel mode of transport offered something else, too: a new frontier of exploration. Whereas previous Arctic and Antarctic explorers had subjected themselves to horrific – often deadly – conditions in their attempts to reach uncharted lands, airships held out the possibility of speedily soaring over the hazards. In 1926, the famed Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen – the first man to reach the South Pole – partnered with the Italian airship designer General Umberto Nobile to pioneer flight over the North Pole. As Mark Piesing uncovers in this masterful account, while that mission was thought of as a great success, it was in fact riddled with near disasters and political pitfalls. In May 1928, his relationship with Amundsen corroded beyond the point of collaboration, Nobile, his dog, and a crew of 14 Italians, one Swede, and one Czech, set off on their own in the airship *Italia* to discover new lands in the Arctic Circle and to become the first airship to land men on the pole. But near the North Pole they hit a terrible storm and crashed onto the ice. Six crew members were never seen again; the injured (including Nobile) took refuge on ice flows, unprepared for the wretched conditions and with little hope for survival. Coincidentally, in Oslo a gathering of famous Arctic explorers had assembled for a celebration of the first successful flight from Alaska to Norway. Hearing of the accident, Amundsen set off on his own desperate attempt to find Nobile and his men. As the weeks passed and the largest international polar rescue expedition mobilised, the survivors engaged in a last-ditch struggle against weather, polar bears, and despair. When they were spotted at last, the search plane landed – but the pilot announced that there was room for only one passenger... Braiding together the gripping accounts of the survivors and their heroic rescuers, *N-4 Down* tells the unforgettable true story of what happened when the glamour and restless daring of the zeppelin age collided with the harsh reality of earth’s extremes.

Aviation history TP \$29.99

The Path of the Witch:

Rituals and Practices for Discovering Which Witch You Are

Pradas, Lidia

Elegantly designed and gorgeously illustrated, *The Path of the Witch* presents the key paths and practices of witchcraft. Witchcraft is not one defined path – rather, it is a diversity of

practices you can curate and align with based on your lifestyle and unique gifts. Which witch are you? Do you have an affinity for working with plants and herbs for magic and medicine? You may be a Green Witch. Is the kitchen and home space sacred to you? Are you able to tap into the sensory and healing properties of food for spell work? Is cooking an intentional act for you? You may be a Kitchen Witch. Are you able to easily connect with the spirit world or the liminal realms? You may be a Hedge Witch. Can you do many practices with ease? You may be an Eclectic Witch. *The Path of the Witch* describes the many different types of witches, their gifts and abilities, and their practices. Each path shows readers activities and rituals that they can use to discover and explore that type of witchcraft and discern which one is the fit for them.

Wicca PBK \$32.99

The Complete Grimoire:

Magickal Practices and Spells for Awakening Your Inner Witch

Pradas, Lidia

The Complete Grimoire is a magickal beginner’s guide to witchcraft practices and knowledge, written by Lidia Pradas, the creator of the beloved Instagram handle Wiccan Tips. A grimoire is a witch’s handbook filled with all the magickal information, rituals, and practices that a witch uses during their lifetime – a key tool of their craft. Elegantly designed, featuring a gold foil-embossed cover and beautiful illustrations, and written in Wiccan Tips’ trademark concise and practical style, *The Complete Grimoire* presents the key pillars of witchcraft, including: procuring the proper tools and setting up an altar; harnessing your spells and magick; sabbats and the Wheel of the Year; how to safely work with deities and spirits. You’ll also learn fundamental spells and rituals, such as casting a circle, creating a sigil, and making moon water. Lidia is a reassuring and trusted guide on your witchcraft journey, addressing key questions and debunking common misconceptions. *The Complete Grimoire* is an informative, accurate resource the newly initiated and experienced witch alike can use in their daily craft.

Wicca PBK \$32.99

True Raiders:

the Untold Story of the 1909 Expedition to Find the Legendary Ark of the Covenant

Ricca, Brad

This book tells the untold true story of Monty Parker, a British rogue nobleman who, after being dared to do so, by Ava Astor, the so-called ‘most beautiful woman in the world’, headed a secret 1909 expedition to find the fabled Ark of the Covenant. Like a real-life version of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, this incredible story of adventure and mystery has almost been completely forgotten today. In 1908, Monty is approached by a strange Finnish scholar named Valter Juvelius – who claims to have discovered a secret code in the Bible that reveals the location of the Ark. Monty assembles a ragtag group of blueblood adventurers, a renowned psychic, and a Franciscan father, to engage in a secret excavation just outside the city walls of Jerusalem. Using recently uncovered records

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from the original expedition and several newly translated sources, *True Raiders* is the first retelling of this group's adventures – in the space between fact and faith, science, and romance.

History TP \$41.95

Helgoland **Rovelli, Carlo**

In June 1925, 23-year-old Werner Heisenberg, suffering from hay fever, retreated to a small, treeless island in the North Sea called Helgoland. It was there that he came up with one of the most transformative scientific concepts: quantum theory. Almost a century later, quantum physics has given us many startling ideas – ghost waves, distant objects that seem magically connected to each other, cats that are both dead and alive. At the same time, countless experiments have led to practical applications that shape our daily lives. Today our understanding of the world around us is based on this theory. And, yet, it is still profoundly mysterious. In this enchanting book, Carlo Rovelli, one of our most celebrated scientists, tells the extraordinary story of quantum physics and reveals its deep meaning: a world made of substances is replaced by a world made of relations, each particle responding to another in a never ending game of mirrors. Shifting our perspective once again, Rovelli takes us on a riveting journey through the universe, so we can better understand our place in it.

Science PBK \$24.99

Apollo Remastered **Saunders, Andy**

The definitive photographic record of all the *Apollo* missions, and a mesmerising, high-definition journey into the unknown. In a frozen vault in Houston sits the original NASA photographic film of the *Apollo* missions. For half a century, almost every image of the Moon landings publicly available was produced from a lower-quality copy of these originals. Now, we can view them as never before. Expert image restorer Andy

Saunders has taken newly available digital scans and, applying painstaking care and cutting-edge enhancement techniques, he has created the highest quality *Apollo* photographs ever produced. Never-before-seen spacewalks and crystal-clear portraits of astronauts in their spacecraft, along with startling new visions of the Earth and the Moon, offer astounding new insight into one of our greatest endeavours.

Science photography HC \$130.00

The War of Nerves:

Inside the Cold War Mind

Sixsmith, Martin

A major new history of the Cold War: exploring the conflict through the minds of the people who lived it. More than any other conflict, the Cold War was fought on the battlefield of the human mind. And, nearly 30 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, its legacy still endures – not only in our politics, but in our own thoughts, and fears. Drawing on a vast array of untapped archives and unseen sources, Martin Sixsmith vividly recreates the tensions and paranoia of the Cold War, framing it for the first time from a psychological perspective. Revisiting towering personalities like Khrushchev, Kennedy and Nixon, as well as the lives of the unknown millions who were caught up in the conflict, this is a gripping account of fear itself – and in today's uncertain times, it is more resonant than ever.

History TP \$27.99

Coffee with Hitler:

the British Amateurs Who Tried to Civilise the Nazis

Spicer, Charles

How the British might have handled Hitler differently remains one of history's greatest 'what ifs'. *Coffee with Hitler* tells the astounding and poignant story, for the first time, of a handful of amateur British intelligence agents who wined, dined and befriended the leading National Socialists between the wars. With support from royalty,

aristocracy, politicians and businessmen, they hoped to use the much mythologised Anglo-German Fellowship as a vehicle to civilise the Nazis. A pacifist Welsh historian, a Great War flying ace, and a butterfly-collecting businessman offered the British government better intelligence on the horrifying rise of the Nazis than anyone else. Charles Spicer draws on newly discovered primary sources, shedding light on the early career of Kim Philby, Winston Churchill's approach to appeasement, the US entry into the war, and the Rudolf Hess affair.

History HC \$39.99

The Wordhord:

Daily Life in Old English

Videen, Hana

An entertaining collection of strange, delightful and unexpectedly apt words from the origins of English. Old English is the language you think you know until you hear or see it. Used throughout much of Britain over 1,000 years ago, it is rich with words that haven't changed (like *word*, in fact), others that are unrecognisable (such as *neorxnawang*, or paradise) and some that are curious even in translation (*gafol-fisc* literally means tax-fish). In this beautiful little book, Hana Videen has gathered these gems into a glorious trove that illuminates the lives, beliefs and habits of the earliest English speakers. We discover a world, where choking on a bit of bread might prove your guilt, where fiend-ship was as likely as friend-ship, and you might grow up to be a laughter-smith. These are the magical roots of our own language: you'll never see English in the same way again.

Language PBK \$22.99

The Alien Perspective:

a New View of the Cosmos and Our Future

Whitehouse, David

A journey through the evolving cosmos, considering how human survival will depend on otherworldly perspectives. In David

Whitehouse's most ambitious book to date, he explores how human evolution has been intertwined with the workings of the cosmos from the very beginning, and what the far-distant future may hold, both for the universe and for ourselves. Given enough time, Whitehouse contends, we must communicate with intelligent aliens whose divergent perspective will transform our understanding of the universe. First contact may even come sooner than we think. We have already transmitted signals towards promising exoplanets. If, say, Gliese 581d harbours life, the return signal could reach us in 2051. Drawing the thread of human consciousness from the cave to the cosmos, the acclaimed author of *Apollo 11: The Inside Story* charts our future journey to the end of space and time, and considers whether something of humanity could remain at the end of it all.

Science HC \$34.99

Histories of the Unexpected:

How Everything Has a History

Willis, Sam & Daybell, James

Did you know that the history of the beard is connected to the Crimean War; that the history of paperclips is all about the Stasi; and that the history of bubbles is all about the French Revolution? And who knew that Heinrich Himmler, Tutankhamun, and the history of needlework are linked to napalm and Victorian orphans? In *Histories of the Unexpected*, Sam Willis and James Daybell lead us on a journey of discovery that tackles some of the greatest historical themes – from the Tudors to the Second World War, from the Roman Empire to the Victorians – but via entirely unexpected subjects. By taking this revolutionary approach, they not only present a new way of thinking about the past, but also reveal the everyday world around us as never before. 'A wonderful, eclectic and entertaining history of everything, full of fascinating, surprising stories.' – *Suzannah Lipscomb*.

History PBK \$24.99