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Osprey military history

Stalingrad 1942–43 (3):

Catastrophe: the Death of 6th Army, Campaign 385

Forczyk, Robert & Noon, Steve (illustrator)

The final part in a three-book series on the Battle of Stalingrad, examining the Soviet encirclement, German relief efforts, and the final surrender of Paulus' 6.Armee. Having fought hard just to reach the outskirts of Stalingrad, the Axis forces found themselves embroiled in a protracted urban battle amid the ruins of a devastated city on the Volga. The Soviet Red Army was able to hold onto the city then mount a surprise winter counter-offensive known as Operation *Uranus*, which succeeded in encircling the German 6.Armee at Stalingrad. Despite a desperate German relief operation, the Red Army eventually crushed the 6.Armee and hurled the remnants of the German southern front back in disorder. This third and final volume in the Stalingrad trilogy begins just after the German 6.Armee has been isolated at Stalingrad, and covers the period from 24 November 1942 to 2 February 1943. The specially commissioned maps and 3D diagrams guide the reader in step-by-step, easy-to-follow detail through the German relief operation (*Wintergewitter*), the fighting on the Chir River, and the Soviet operations *Koltso* and *Little Saturn*, and are complimented by the battlescene artworks that vividly depict the harsh conditions experienced by the common soldiers fighting on both sides.

Military history PBK \$32.99

The Capture of U-505:

the US Navy's controversial Enigma raid, Atlantic Ocean 1944, Raid 58
Lardas, Mark & Rodríguez, Irene Gano (illustrator)
U-505 was the first enemy warship the US Navy captured at sea since 1812. This is a new account of how Captain Gallery planned and executed the raid on his own initiative, and how his success almost endangered the war against the U-boats. On June 4, 1944 a US Navy antisubmarine task group in the Atlantic captured an enemy U-boat on the high seas. It was not the first time the Allies had taken a German U-boat as a prize, but the capture of U-505 was different. Captain Gallery and his Task Group 22.3 devised a risky plan to capture scuttled U-boats. This book analyses in detail Gallery's dangerous strategy, using contemporary sources to explore why he thought the reward was worth the risk: instead of attempting to sink the next U-boat that surfaced among them, a destroyer escort would send off its whaleboat. Everyone else was to smother the U-boat with light gunfire to encourage

its crew to abandon quickly. Unaware that the Allies had already cracked the German's codes and the capture of a U-boat could endanger that secret, Gallery hoped to capture the vessel's codes and coding equipment to read U-boat message traffic. The plan culminated in the capture of U-505 in early June, which nearly caused the exposure of the Bletchley Park codebreaking secret. Featuring contemporary photographs, specially commissioned artwork and 3D maps, this book is a fascinating exploration of one of the most controversial and dangerous raids, which could have changed the outcome of World War II, as we know it.

Naval history PBK \$29.99

Japanese Conquest of Burma 1942:

the Advance to the Gates of India, Campaign 384

Moreman, Tim & Shumate, Johnny (illustrator)

This book provides a fascinating exploration of the Japanese conquest of Burma, as the Allied forces were forced back in disarray to India and China. The Japanese invasion of Burma in January 1942 marked the beginning of the single longest campaign of World War II. In the Burmese jungles, the battle-hardened, highly-trained, and lightly-equipped Imperial Japanese Army quickly proved itself a vastly superior fighting force in clashes against the British, Indian and Gurkha troops that formed Burma Army and Chinese nationalist forces deployed in eastern Burma. This superbly-illustrated book narrates Burma Corps' epic fighting retreat northwards, carried out mostly in contact with the enemy and across hundreds of miles of highly malarial and extremely difficult terrain, to safety in India. Among the battles covered are the disaster at the Sittang Bridge on 22 February 1942 (where 17th Indian Division was all but destroyed), the fall of Rangoon in March 1942 and the clashes at Yenangyaung, Monywa, and Shwegyin. The performance of the opposing commanders and forces is also examined in detail, highlighting the success of Japanese aggressive light infantry tactics, which ruthlessly exploited the cover and concealment provided by the jungle to outflank, bypass and encircle their bewildered enemy.

Military history PBK \$24.99

McDonnell XP-67 'Moonbat'

X-Planes 17

Richardson, Steve; Mason, Peggy & Tooby, Adam (illustrator)

Packed with never-before-seen photos, plans and meticulous new digital artwork, this is the first history of the USAAF's futuristic World War II prototype interceptor, the

XP-67 'Moonbat'. The series of X-planes that sprang from the US Army's Request for Data R40C, focused on high-altitude, high-speed, long-range bomber interceptors. Among these aircraft was the McDonnell Aircraft Company's first ever clean sheet design, the XP67. Its futuristic lines promised performance that it was ultimately unable to deliver, but development was still underway when disaster struck. Just before Army performance demonstration flights were scheduled to begin, an engine fire destroyed the only XP-67 prototype, leaving a host of unanswered questions about what might have been, and leading to decades of continuing fascination with the XP-67 among aviation buffs and aircraft modelers. The authors of this book have uncovered new sources of information and a wealth of photographs and line drawings that document not just the XP-67 but also its immediate precursors within the McDonnell Aircraft design community, as well as alternative configurations for unbuilt variants aimed at different missions. Packed with unpublished photos of all stages of construction including key airframe changes made after initial flight tests, showing in detail how the final configuration was evolved, this volume finally provides clear focus on a story that has long been shrouded in mystery.

Aviation history PBK \$32.99

Foreign Panthers:

the Panzer V in British, Soviet, French and other service 1943–58, New Vanguard 313

Seignon, Thomas; Robinson, M P & Morshead, Henry (illustrator)

A study of the little-known career of Germany's Panther, perhaps the greatest tank of World War II, in foreign hands both during and after the war. The Panther was arguably the most successful medium tank design of World War II, demonstrated by the number of Germany's enemies that used them after, and even during the war. While some were used by the Western Allies, the Russians used the greatest number of captured Panthers against Nazi Germany, though they did not find much favour thanks to their mechanical unreliability and difficulty in acquiring spare parts. After the war, they were mostly passed on to satellite states such as Bulgaria and Romania. The French army also used them in significant numbers after the war with approximately 50 in service, from 1946 to 1950, and they were a significant influence on future French tank design. Using detailed artwork and contemporary photographs, this fascinating book tells the little-known story of the Panther tank in foreign hands in World War II and beyond.

Military history PBK \$24.99

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Ron and Leanne

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Super-Battleships of World War II:

Montana-class, Lion-class, H-class, A-150 and Sovetsky Soyuz-class, New Vanguard 314

Stille, Mark & Wright, Paul (illustrator)

An illustrated study of the design, development and eventual fates of the uncompleted super-battleships intended to be built before and during World War II. Before the start of World War II, the battleship was still king, and all the major powers were designing even mightier battleships to surpass their most modern and powerful classes. But when war broke out, aircraft carriers would dominate naval warfare, and none of these monster warships would ever be completed. In this book, naval expert Mark Stille uncovers these

lost battleships as they are reconstructed with the help of superb new full-colour artwork and photos. The US Navy planned five Montana-class ships, based on the Iowas but with a heavier main battery and improved protection, while the Royal Navy began work on three 16in-gun Lion-class fast battleships. The German Navy began to develop its H-class designs, initially an improved Bismarck-class which became more fantastical, culminating in the 141,500-ton, 20in-gun H-44. The Japanese A-150 was based on the Yamato-class but with 20.1in guns, while the 15 ships planned for the USSR's Sovetsky Soyuz-class would have rivalled the Montanas in size. Explaining the design, intended roles and fate of these ships, this is the story of the last super-battleship designs in history.

Naval history PBK \$24.99

F6F Hellcat: Philippines 1944

Dogfight 05

Young, Edward M & Laurier, Jim; Hector, Gareth (illustrators)

Using maps, contemporary photographs, and new artwork, this book examines the Hellcat and the naval aviators who flew them. Joining combat in the Pacific in late 1943, the Hellcat squadrons soon demonstrated their ascendancy over their Japanese opponents, culminating in the great 'Marianas Turkey Shoot' during the Battle of the Philippine Sea in June 1944. The fighter proved to be a dream for pilots to fly, allowing both novice and veteran Naval Aviators alike to prevail in largescale aerial combats. From October 1944 to January 1945, the Fast Carriers supported General MacArthur's invasion

of the Philippines. Featuring specially commissioned armament views and battle scenes, this book covers the key role played by Naval Aviators flying the Hellcat into action during the Fast Carrier Task Force's strikes against the Philippines in September and October 1944. Using maps, contemporary photographs, and technical diagrams, the volume examines the highly effective tactics used to prevail against large enemy formations, and reveals the training that underpinned the success enjoyed by the Naval Aviators and their Hellcats. The key combat actions are vividly described through 3D ribbon diagrams providing a step-by-step depiction of the main dogfights featured in the book, as well as action reports, both from previously unknown pilots and from more famous Hellcat aces.

Aviation history PBK \$26.99

General nonfiction

Password Logbook

Keep track of your online passwords in this gorgeous, alphabetically tabbed notebook. In this hardcover notebook with removable cover band, record the necessarily complex passwords and user login names required to thwart hackers. You'll find: internet password safety and naming tips; A to Z tabbed pages with space to list website, username, and five passwords for each; dedicated pages to record software license information, with spaces for license number, purchase date, renewal date, and monthly fee; dedicated pages to record network settings and passwords, including for modem, router, WAN, LAN, and wireless; and a notes section with blank, lined pages. Just say 'no' to piles of sticky notes and scraps of paper with your passwords and logins! This internet password logbook provides an easy way to keep track of website addresses, usernames, and passwords in one discreet and convenient location. Available either in a hip floral, or a black and gold cover.

Stationery HC \$19.99 each

Taxtopia:

How I Discovered the Injustices, Scams and Guilty Secrets of the Tax Evasion Game

Accountant, The Rebel

An anonymous accountant provides an eye-opening expose of the dubious tax practices of the super-rich and the broken global tax system. In *Taxtopia* a rogue accountant breaks ranks to share his journey from clueless naif to skilled tax consultant – and, in doing so, blows the lid on the murky world of making the tax burdens of the ultra-wealthy disappear. In the topsy-turvy world of tax avoidance, you can get richer by buying a yacht, the world's biggest exporter of coffee is Switzerland, and billionaires like Jeff Bezos, Donald Trump, and the Duke of Westminster often pay less tax than you do. Written with sharp wit and over-brimming with inside secrets, the anonymous author shows us that not only does the global tax system encourage dubious practice which favours the rich, but that it was specifically founded with that in mind. If you suspect that tax is a rigged game, a con, designed to fleece the little guy, you are about to find out just how shockingly true that really is. Welcome to *Taxtopia*.

Finance TP \$34.99

We Are Electric:

The New Science of Our Body's Electrome

Adee, Sally

Award-winning science and technology journalist Sally Adee reveals the new science of our body's electrome. You may be familiar with the idea of our body's biome – the bacterial fauna that populates our gut and can so profoundly affect our health. In *We Are Electric* we cross the next frontier of scientific understanding: discover your body's electrome. Every cell in our bodies – bones, skin, nerves, muscle – has a voltage, like a tiny battery. This bioelectricity is why our brains can send signals to our bodies, why we develop the way we do in the womb and how our bodies know to heal themselves from injury. When bioelectricity goes awry, illness, deformity and cancer can result. But if we can control or correct this bioelectricity, the implications for our health are remarkable: an undo switch for cancer that could flip malignant cells back into healthy ones; the ability to regenerate cells, organs, even limbs; to slow ageing and so much more. In *We Are Electric*, award-winning science writer Sally Adee explores the history of bioelectricity: from Galvani's epic 18th-century battle with the inventor of the battery, Alessandro Volta, to the medical charlatans claiming to use electricity to cure pretty much anything, to advances in the field helped along by the unusually massive axons of squid. And finally, she journeys into the future of the discipline, through today's laboratories where we are starting to see real-world medical applications being developed. The bioelectric revolution starts here.

Science TP \$34.99

Fatherland

Bilger, Burkhard

What do we owe the past? How to make peace with a dark family history? Burkhard Bilger hardly knew his grandfather growing up. His parents immigrated to Oklahoma from Germany after World War II, and though his mother was an historian, she rarely talked about her father or what he did during the war. Then one day a packet of letters arrived from Germany, yellowing with age, and a secret history began to unfold. Karl Gönner was a schoolteacher and Nazi party member

from the Black Forest. In 1940, he was sent to a village in occupied France and tasked with turning its children into proper Germans. A fervent Nazi when the war began, he grew close to the villagers over the next four years, 'til he came to think of himself as their protector, shielding them from his own party's brutality. Yet, he was arrested in 1946 and accused of war crimes. Was he guilty or innocent? A vicious collaborator or just an ordinary man, struggling to atone for his country's crimes? Bilger goes to Germany to find out. What follows is a literary suspense story: a tale of chance encounters and serendipitous discoveries in villages and dusty archives across Germany and France. Intimate and far-reaching, *Fatherland* is an extraordinary odyssey through the great upheavals of the past century, tracing one family's path through history's wreckage.

History TP \$34.99

Emotional Ignorance:

Lost and Found in the Science of Emotion

Burnett, Dean

After losing his dad, a neuroscientist goes on a journey of discovery into where our emotions come from, what purpose they serve, and why they make us feel the way they do. Why do we have nightmares? Get hungry? Relive embarrassing memories? Find canned laughter so annoying – and fake news so effective? Emotions can be a pain. If only we were more rational, life would be a lot easier, wouldn't it? Dean Burnett certainly used to think so. And then, in April 2020, his father died of COVID-19. Suddenly, Dean was confronted with a host of powerful, unfamiliar, and often unwelcome emotions. And so, he decided to put his feelings under the microscope – for science. In *Emotional Ignorance*, Dean takes us on his incredible journey of discovery. Along the way he reveals: why we would ever follow our gut; whether things really were better in the old days; why it's so hard to stop doomscrolling; whether women really are more emotional than men (spoiler: no). Combining expert analysis with powerful insights into the grieving process, the end result is a fascinating and endlessly entertaining account of the science underlying our emotional lives.

Science TP \$32.99

Reality+

Virtual Worlds and the Problems of Philosophy

Chalmers, David J

From one of our leading thinkers, a dazzling philosophical journey through virtual worlds. In the coming decades, the technology that enables virtual and augmented reality will improve beyond recognition. Within a century, world-renowned philosopher David J Chalmers predicts, we will have virtual worlds that are impossible to distinguish from non-virtual worlds. But is virtual reality just escapism? In a highly original work of 'technophilosophy', Chalmers argues categorically, no: virtual reality *is* genuine reality. Virtual worlds are not second-class worlds. We can live a meaningful life in virtual reality – and increasingly, we will. What is reality, anyway? How can we lead a good life? Is there a god? How do we know there's an external world – and how do we know we're not living in a computer simulation? In *Reality+*, Chalmers conducts a grand tour of philosophy, using cutting-edge technology to provide invigorating new answers to age-old questions. Drawing on examples from pop culture, literature and film that help bring philosophical issues to life, *Reality+* is a mind-bending journey through virtual worlds, illuminating the nature of reality and our place within it.

Philosophy TP \$26.999

Dispatch from Berlin, 1943:

the story of five journalists who risked everything

Cooper, Anthony with Perl, Thorsten

In December 1943, five courageous correspondents join a British air raid on Berlin. They are Australians, Alf King from the *Sydney Morning Herald* and Norm Stockton from the *Sydney Sun*; Americans, Ed Murrow from CBS, and Lowell Bennett from the International News Service; and Norwegian journalist and activist, Nordahl Grieg. Each is assigned to one of the 400 Lancaster bombers that fly into the hazardous skies over Germany on a single night. Of the five, only two land back at base to file their stories. After parachuting

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out of his doomed aircraft, one reporter is taken prisoner. From there, his captors take him on a remarkable tour of bombed-out German cities. In *Dispatch from Berlin, 1943*, Anthony Cooper and Thorsten Perl uncover this incredible true story of life on both sides of the war.

History TP \$34.99

More. Numbers. Every. Day:

how figures are taking over our lives and why it's time to set ourselves free

Dahlen, Micael & Thorbjornsen, Helge

Two quirky economists explain how a 'numberdemic' is taking over lives – and what we can do about it. How many steps have you done today? How many emails answered? How much money have you spent this week? And how many hours have you slept? Welcome to the numberdemic, where a deluge of figures, stats and data manipulate your every move. From the way you work, date and exercise to the products you buy and the news you read, numbers have worked their way into every part of our lives. But is life better this way? How are all of those numbers affecting us? With fascinating, sometimes frightening and sometimes shrewdly funny research, behavioural economists Micael Dahlen and Helge Thorbjornsen explain why we're so attached to numbers and how we can free ourselves from their tyranny. Along the way, you'll learn why viral videos, however inaccurate, become more convincing with every view; how numbers can affect the way we physically age, if we let them; why the more films you rate the less impressive you'll find them and how numbers that 'anchor' themselves in your brain can affect the size of your mortgage – plus much more. Sharp, insightful and totally engaging, *More. Numbers. Every. Day.* is your vaccination against a world obsessed with numbers.

Science TP \$34.99

The Bright Ages:

a New History of Medieval Europe

Gabriele, Matthew & Perry, David

A lively and magisterial popular history that refutes common misperceptions of the European Middle Ages, showing the beauty and communion that flourished alongside the dark brutality – a brilliant reflection of humanity itself. The word 'medieval' conjures images of the 'Dark Ages' – centuries of ignorance, superstition, stasis, savagery, and poor hygiene. But the myth of darkness obscures the truth; this was a remarkable period in human history. The Bright Ages recasts the European Middle Ages for what it was, capturing this 1,000-year era in all its complexity and fundamental humanity, bringing to light both its beauty and its horrors. *The Bright Ages* takes us through 10 centuries and criss-crosses Europe and the Mediterranean, Asia and Africa, revisiting familiar people and events with new light cast upon them. We look with fresh eyes on the Fall of Rome, Charlemagne, the Vikings, the Crusades, and the Black Death, but also to the multi-religious experience of Iberia, the rise of Byzantium, and the genius of Hildegard and the power of queens. We begin under a blanket of golden stars constructed by an empress with Germanic, Roman, Spanish,

Byzantine, and Christian bloodlines and end nearly 1,000 years later with the poet Dante – inspired by that same twinkling celestial canopy – writing an epic saga of heaven and hell that endures as a masterpiece of literature today. *The Bright Ages* reminds us just how permeable our manmade borders have always been and of what possible worlds the past has always made available to us. The Middle Ages may have been a world 'lit only by fire' but it was one whose torches illuminated the magnificent rose windows of cathedrals, even as they stoked the pyres of accused heretics.

History TP \$32.99

Quantum Physics Made Me Do It

a simple guide to the fundamental nature of everything from consciousness and free will to parallel universes and eternal life

Harris, Jérémie

What the most successful scientific theory in history teaches us about being human. From Silicon Valley entrepreneur, quantum physicist, AI risk expert, and Hollywood 'alternative reality' consultant Jérémie Harris, comes an entertaining and accessible look at the world of quantum physics. The discovery of quantum mechanics has paved the way to just about every important innovation in the last half century: it has led us to the technology that powers microwaves, iPhones, and self-driving cars and is about to trigger a computing revolution that will either spell the end of the human species or propel us to heights we've never imagined. But there's another reason that quantum mechanics is so important: it is really the only way we can understand ourselves and each other. For the last 100 years or so, physicists have been feverishly debating what quantum theory has to say about you: what you're made of, whether you have free will, what will happen to you when you die, and much more. *Quantum Physics Made Me Do It* is an amusing, irreverent exploration of the most successful scientific theory in human history, and a smart, entertaining adventure through the complex and beautiful world mapped out by modern physics.

Science TP \$34.99

The Ulysses Contract:

How to never worry about the share market again

Kemp, Michael

Avoid share market traps and create a watertight plan for long-term investment success. Most of us know the Greek myth of Ulysses, who made a pact with his ship's crew ordering them to block their ears with wax and tie him to the mast of the ship while they steered past an island inhabited by mythological creatures, called Sirens. This story inspired the term Ulysses Contract, which is a commitment device that helps us to build and maintain good habits and decisions despite future temptations. In *The Ulysses Contract*, Michael Kemp uses the Ulysses analogy to warn of the 'sirens' that tempt investors to part with their money and demonstrates how to put in place a successful investment plan that embodies discipline, consistency, and patience. Written with masterful storytelling that expertly explains complex investment concepts, you will learn how to: avoid get-rich-quick temptations – think cryptocurrency and day trading;

learn from the lessons of history – it's *not* different this time; and develop a long term, low-risk investing strategy. Armed with this knowledge you will become empowered to make sound investment decisions and obtain your own slice of financial freedom. Whether that means spending time with friends and family, helping your children achieve their life goals or dispensing of debt, *The Ulysses Contract* demonstrates just how remarkably easy it can be for anyone to develop into a capable and successful investor.

Finance TP \$34.99

The Frontier Below:

the 2000-year quest to go deeper underwater and how it impacts our future

Maynard, Jeff

A journey through time and water, to the bottom of the ocean and the future of our planet. We do not see the ocean, when we look at the water that blankets more than two thirds of our planet. We only see the entrance to it. Beyond that entrance is a world hostile to humans, yet critical to our survival. The first divers to enter that world held their breath and splashed beneath the surface, often clutching rocks to pull them down. Over centuries, they invented wooden diving bells, clumsy diving suits, and unwieldy contraptions in attempts to go deeper and stay longer. But each advance was fraught with danger, as the intruders had to survive the crushing weight of water, or the deadly physiological effects of breathing compressed air. The vertical odyssey continued when explorers squeezed into heavy steel balls dangling on cables, or slung beneath floats filled with flammable gasoline. Plunging into the narrow trenches between the tectonic plates of the Earth's crust, they eventually reached the bottom of the ocean in the same decade that men first walked on the moon. Today, as nations scramble to exploit the resources of the ocean floor, *The Frontier Below* recalls a story of human endeavour that took 2,000 years to travel seven miles, then investigates how we will explore the ocean in the future. Meticulously researched and drawing extensively on unpublished sources and personal interviews, *The Frontier Below* is the untold story of the pioneers who had the right stuff, but were forgotten because they went in the wrong direction.

Science TP \$34.99

Grave

Object Lessons

Meier, Allison C

Grave takes a ground-level view of how burial sites have transformed over time and how they continue to change. As a cemetery tour guide, Allison C Meier has spent more time walking among tombstones than most. Even for her, the grave has largely been invisible, an out of the way and unobtrusive marker of death. However, graves turn out to be not always so subtle, reverent, or permanent. While the indigent and unidentified have frequently been interred in mass graves, a fate brought into the public eye during the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice today is not unlike burials in the potter's fields of the colonial era. Burial is not the only option, of course, and Meier analyses the rise of cremation, green burial, and new practices like human composting, investigating what is next for the grave and how existing spaces of death can be returned to community life.

Burials PBK \$19.99

Wanderlust:

an eccentric explorer, an epic journey, a lost age

Mitenbuler, Reid

The mesmerising, larger-than-life tale of an eccentric adventurer who traversed some of the greatest frontiers of the 20th century, from uncharted Arctic wastelands to the underground resistance networks of World War II. Deep in the Arctic wilderness, Peter Freuchen awoke to find himself buried alive, under the snow. During a sudden blizzard the night before, he had taken shelter underneath his dogsled and become trapped there while he slept. Now, as feeling drained from his body, he managed to claw a hole through the ice only to find himself in even greater danger: his beard, wet with condensation from his struggling breath, had frozen to his sled runners and lashed his head in place, exposing it to icy winds that needed only a few minutes to kill him... But if Freuchen could escape that, he could escape anything. Freuchen's life seemed ripped from the pages of an adventure novel – and provided fodder for many books of his own. A wildly-eccentric Dane with an out-of-nowhere sense of humour, his insatiable curiosity drove him from the twilight years of Arctic exploration to the Golden Age of Hollywood, and from the burgeoning field of climate research to the Danish underground during World War II. He conducted jaw-dropping expeditions, survived a Nazi prison camp, and overcame a devastating injury that robbed him of his foot and very nearly his life. Through it all, he was guided not only by restlessness but also by ideals that were remarkably ahead of his time, championing Indigenous communities, environmental stewardship, and starting conversations that continue today. Meticulously researched and grippingly written, *Wanderlust* is an unforgettable tale of daring and discovery, an inspiring portrait of restlessness and grit, and a powerful meditation on our relationship to the planet and our fellow human beings. Reid Mitenbuler's exquisite book restores a heroic giant of the last century back into public view.

Biography TP \$34.99

Geography is Destiny:

Britain and the World, a 10,000 Year History

Morris, Ian

The story of Britain, from its first moments as an island to its possible future. *Geography is Destiny* tells the history of Britain and its changing relationships with Europe and the wider world, from its physical separation at the end of the Ice Age to the first flickers of a United Kingdom, struggles for the Atlantic, and rise of the Pacific Rim. Applying the latest archaeological evidence, Ian Morris explores how geography, migration, government and new technologies interacted to produce regional inequalities that still affect us today. He charts Britain's geopolitical fortunes over thousands of years, revealing its transformation from a European satellite into a state at the centre of global power, commerce, and culture. But as power and wealth shift from West to East, does Britain's future lie with Europe, or the wider world?

History TP \$27.99

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How to Tell a Story:

the Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from the Moth

Moth, the

Over the past 25 years, the directors of The Moth have worked with people from all walks of life – including astronauts, hairdressers, rock stars, a retired pickpocket, high school students, and Nobel Prize winners – to develop true personal stories that have moved and delighted live audiences and listeners of The Moth's Peabody Award-winning radio hour and podcast. A leader in the modern storytelling movement, The Moth inspires thousands of people around the globe to share their stories, each year. Now, with *How to Tell a Story*, The Moth will help you learn how to uncover and craft your own unique stories, like Moth storytellers Mike Birbiglia, Rosanne Cash, Neil Gaiman, Elizabeth Gilbert, Padma Lakshmi, Darryl 'DMC' McDaniels, Hasan Minhaj, Tig Notaro, Boots Riley, Betty Reid Soskin, John Turturro, and more. Whether your goal is to make it to the Moth stage, deliver the perfect wedding toast, wow clients at a business dinner, give a moving eulogy, ace a job interview, be a hit at parties, change the world, or simply connect more deeply to those around you, stories are essential. Sharing secrets of The Moth's time-honed process and using examples from beloved storytellers, a team of Moth directors will show you how to mine your memories for your best stories; explore structures that will boost the impact of your story; deliver your stories with confidence; and tailor your stories

for any occasion. Filled with empowering, easy-to-follow tips for crafting stories that forge lasting bonds with friends, family, and colleagues alike, this book will help you connect authentically with the world around you and unleash the power of story in your life.

Storytelling HC \$34.99

Penned and Painted:

the Art and Meaning of Books in Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts
Sandler, Lucy Freeman
The idea of the book was central throughout the western European and the eastern Mediterranean world in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. From the beginning, the word for 'book' – *sefer* in Hebrew, *biblia* in Greek, and *liber* in Latin – was identified with sacred writings – the Holy Scriptures of Jews and Christians, who were known as 'people of the book'. The centrality of the book to medieval thought is reflected materially in the countless images of books that appear in the manuscripts of the era, be they in the most treasured, highly decorated, sacred texts or in devotional and secular works as well. In *Penned and Painted*, Lucy Freeman Sandler, one of one of the world's most respected authorities on medieval art, takes us on a personal but highly insightful exploration of some of the British Library's most precious manuscript holdings and describes the many uses and meanings of these 'books in books'. Through the fascinating face-to-face discovery of 60 manuscripts, she investigates the various types and forms of books as

depicted in the era. *Penned and Painted* is presented in full colour, throughout, and includes a high number of images specially photographed for this volume.

History/Books HC \$79.95

Palatine:

an Alternative History of the Caesars
Stothard, Peter
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