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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 TP \$29.99

Writely or Wrongly

An unstuffy guide to language stuff

Anderson, Joanne

A humorous, irreverent guide to writing with more clarity and fearlessness. An essential guide for anyone with cause to communicate in written form (most of us), a passing interest in doing it better (some of us), and a disinterest in a book on said subject that is humourlessly preoccupied with rules (almost all of us). Author Joanne Anderson has expanded on the popular tips she shares weekly with writers at Nine mastheads, so that readers everywhere can benefit from her entertaining and incisive observations. *Writely or Wrongly* considers: why English needs conventions for clarity but also why some things many of us believe are correct or important ain't necessarily so; cool things punctuation marks do; things that mangle sentences; uncool things jargon does; common pitfalls; and much more!

Writing HC \$29.99

The Goodbye Cat

Arikawa, Hiro

Against changing seasons in Japan, seven cats weave their way through their owners' lives... A needy kitten rescued from the recycling bin teaches a new father how to parent his own

human baby. An elderly cat hatches a plan to pass into the next world as a spirit so that he and his owner may be together for ever. A colony of wild cats on a holiday island shows a young boy not to stand in nature's way. A family is perplexed by their cat's devotion to their charismatic but uncaring father. A woman curses how her cat constantly visits her at night. A huge bestseller in Japan, every page is a joyous celebration of cats, and how we cannot resist sharing our lives with them.

Cats PBK \$32.99

An Intimate History of Evolution

The Story of the Huxley Family

Bashford, Alison

Two hundred years of modern science and culture, told through one family history. In his early 20s, poor, racked with depression, stranded in the Coral Sea on the seemingly endless survey mission of HMS *Rattlesnake*, hopelessly in love with the young Englishwoman Henrietta Heathorn, Thomas Henry Huxley was a nobody. And, yet, together he and Henrietta would return to London and go on to found one of the great intellectual and scientific dynasties of their age. The Huxley family, through four generations, profoundly shaped how we all see ourselves. In innumerable fields observing both nature and culture, they worked as scientists, novelists, mystics, filmmakers, poets, and – perhaps above all – as public lecturers, educators, and explainers. Their speciality was evolution in all its forms – at the grandest level of species, deep time, the Earth, and at the most personal and intimate. They shaped great organisations – the Natural History Museum, Imperial College, the London Zoo, UNESCO, the World Wildlife Fund – and they shaped fundamentally how we see ourselves, as individuals and as a species, one among many. But, perhaps, their greatest subject was themselves. Alison Bashford's marvellously engaging and original new book interweaves the Huxleys' momentous public achievements with their private triumphs and tragedies. The result is the history of a family, but also a history of humanity grappling with its place in nature. This book shows how much we owe – for better or worse – to the unceasing curiosity, self-absorption, and enthusiasms of a small, strange group of men and women.

Science/Biography PBK \$29.99

How We Came to Be

Creatures of Camouflage and Mimicry

Bayly, Sami

Discover the stories, secrets and tricks behind some remarkable creatures who use camouflage and mimicry to not only survive, but thrive, with award-winning author and illustrator, Sami Bayly. Find out about the chameleon who changes colour to communicate with its friends, the burrowing

owl who copies the sound of a fiercer animal to protect itself from threats, and the harlequin filefish that has come to smell like coral to blend in with its surroundings. You'll be amazed by how these clever creatures use disguise and imitation to find food, send out warning signals and, most of all, avoid predators!

Natural history HC \$19.99

Emperor of Rome

Ruling the Ancient Roman World

Beard, Mary

A sweeping account of the social and political world of the Roman emperors by 'the world's most famous classicist' (*Guardian*). In her international bestseller *SPQR* (PBK, \$24.99), Mary Beard told the thousand-year story of ancient Rome. Now, she shines her spotlight on the emperors who ruled the Roman empire, from Julius Caesar (assassinated 44 BCE) to Alexander Severus (assassinated 235 CE). *Emperor of Rome* is not your usual chronological account of Roman rulers, one after another: the mad Caligula, the monster Nero, the philosopher Marcus Aurelius. Beard asks bigger questions: What power did emperors actually have? Was the Roman palace really so bloodstained? *Emperor of Rome* goes directly to the heart of Roman (and our own) fantasies about what it was to be Roman, offering an account of Roman history as it has never been presented before.

History HC \$65.00

Russia

Revolution and Civil War 1917–1921

Beevor, Antony

Between 1917 and 1921, a devastating struggle took place in Russia following the collapse of the Tsarist empire. Many regard this savage civil war as the most influential event of the modern era. An incompatible White alliance of moderate socialists and reactionary monarchists stood little chance against Trotsky's Red Army and Lenin's single-minded Communist dictatorship. Terror begat terror, which in turn led to even greater cruelty with man's inhumanity to man, woman, and child. The struggle became a world war by proxy, as Churchill deployed weaponry and troops from the British empire, while armed forces from the United States, France, Italy, Japan, Poland, and Czechoslovakia played rival parts. Using the most up-to-date scholarship and archival research, Antony Beevor, author of the acclaimed international bestseller *Stalingrad*, assembles the complete picture in a gripping narrative that conveys the conflict through the eyes of everyone from the worker on the streets of Petrograd to the cavalry officer on the battlefield and the woman doctor in an improvised hospital.

History PBK \$26.99

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Eve

How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution

Bohannon, Cat

An ambitious, eye-opening, myth-busting, and ground-breaking history of the evolution of the female body, by a brilliant new scientist and writer. How did wet nurses drive civilisation? Are women always the weaker sex? Is sexism useful for evolution? And are our bodies at war with our babies? In *Eve*, Cat Bohannon answers questions scientists should have been addressing for decades. With boundless curiosity and sharp wit, she covers the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex. *Eve* is not only a sweeping revision of human history, it's an urgent and necessary corrective for a world that has focused primarily on the male body for far too long. Bohannon's findings, including everything from the way C-sections in the industrialised world are rearranging women's pelvic shape to the surprising similarities between pus and breast milk, will completely change what you think you know about evolution and why *Homo sapiens* have become such a successful and dominant species, from tool use to city building to the development of language.

Science TP \$36.99

Atlas of Imagined Cities

Brown, Matt & Davies, Rhys & Hall, Mike

Explore the fictional topography of the most inspiring world cities – including London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, and Tokyo... Did you know that James Bond and George Smiley were practically neighbours, or that girls-about-town Holly Golightly, Annie Hall, and Carrie Bradshaw all lived a couple of blocks from one another? Fourteen of the world's most stunning city maps show exactly where your favourite characters lived, loved, worked, and played. Find out where to enjoy a coffee from Central Perk (*Friends*), a butterbeer in the Leaky Cauldron (*Harry Potter*), or a revolutionary tippie in the Defarge Wine Shop (*A Tale of Two Cities*). Navigate round London's fictional tube network, from Walford East (*EastEnders*) to Hobbs End (*Quatermass*). Or fly between cities on one of a dozen fictional airlines (mapped to their home airports). Characters' homes, bars, clubs, metro stations, and skyscrapers that you've seen or read about are all plotted in beautiful vintage-style city maps. The maps draw from the movies, TV, novels, video games and more, all painstakingly tracked down, mapped, annotated, and wittily divulged by the authors. Let them show you how to get to *Sesame Street*, and thousands of other places besides, in this indispensable guidebook to all those places you always wanted to visit... if only they were real.

Literary cities HC \$49.99

Illumisaurus

Explore the world of dinosaurs with your magic three colour lens

Brownridge, Lucy & Carnovsky (illustrator)

Journey back in time to the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods with *Illumisaurus*, coming face to face with prehistory's most spectacular dinosaurs, plants, and animals. Bring this lost world to kaleidoscopic life

with your magic three-colour viewing lens (included). With your lens in hand, discover amazing places and the creatures that roamed them, many millions of years ago.

Science HC \$39.99

Women in White Coats

How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine

Campbell, Olivia

Meet the pioneering women who changed the medical landscape for us all... For fans of *Hidden Figures* and *Radium Girls* comes the remarkable story of three Victorian women who broke down barriers in the medical field to become the first women doctors, revolutionising the way women receive health care. In the early 1800s, women were dying in large numbers from treatable diseases because they avoided receiving medical care. Examinations performed by male doctors were often demeaning and even painful. In addition, women faced stigma from illness – a diagnosis could greatly limit their ability to find husbands, jobs, or be received in polite society. Motivated by personal loss and frustration over inadequate medical care, Elizabeth Blackwell, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Sophia Jex-Blake fought for a woman's place in the male-dominated medical field. For the first time ever, *Women in White Coats* tells the complete history of these three pioneering women who, despite countless obstacles, earned medical degrees and paved the way for other women to do the same. Though very different in personality and circumstance, together these women built women-run hospitals and teaching colleges – creating for the first time medical care for women by women. With gripping storytelling based on extensive research and access to archival documents, *Women in White Coats* tells the courageous history these women made by becoming doctors, detailing the boundaries they broke of gender and science to reshape how we receive medical care today.

History/Science PBK \$24.99

The Earl and the Pharaoh

From the Real Downton Abbey to the Discovery of Tutankhamun

Carnarvon, Countess of

Enter a world of ancient secrets, old money, new ambitions and the discovery of priceless treasure in this revelatory new biography. Between November 1922 and spring 1923, a door to the ancient Egyptian world was opened. The discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun would be the most astonishing archaeological find of the century, revealing not only the boy pharaoh's preserved remains, but thousands of finely crafted objects, from the iconic gold mask and coffins to a dagger made from meteorite, chalices, beautiful furniture, and even 3,000-year-old food and wine. The world's understanding of Ancient Egyptian civilisation was immeasurably enhanced, and the quantity and richness of the objects in the tomb is still being studied today. Two men were ultimately responsible for the discovery: Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter. It was Lord Carnarvon who held the concession to excavate, and whose passion and ability to finance the project allowed the eventual discovery to take place. *The Earl and the Pharaoh* tells the story of the fifth Earl of Carnarvon. Carnarvon's life, money and sudden death became front-page

news throughout the world following the discovery of the tomb, fuelling rumours that persist today of 'the curse of the pharaohs'. His beloved home, Highclere Castle, is today best-known as the set of *Downton Abbey*. Drawing on Highclere Castle's never-before-plumbed archives, bestselling author Fiona, the Countess of Carnarvon, charts the twists of luck and tragedies that shaped Carnarvon's life; his restless and enquiring mind that drove him to travel to escape conventional society life in Edwardian Britain.

History PBK \$24.99

Future Stories

A user's guide to the future

Christian, David

Big History professor tells you everything you need to know about the future in this ambitious, interdisciplinary book, taking in history, philosophy, theology, physics, biology, chemistry and, of course, futurology... Every second of our lives – whether we're looking both ways before crossing the street, celebrating the birth of a baby, or moving to a new city – we must cope with an unknowable future. How do we do this? And how do we, like most living organisms, manage this impossible challenge quite well... at least, most of the time? Historian David Christian is renowned for pioneering the emerging discipline of Big History, which surveys the whole of the past. But with *Future Stories*, he casts his sharp analytical eye forward, offering an introduction to the strange world of the future, and a guide to what we think we know about it at all scales, from the predictive mechanisms of single-celled organisms and tomato plants to the merging of colossal galaxies billions of years from now. Drawing together science and history, philosophy and theology from a huge range of places and times, Christian explores how we prepare for uncertain futures, including the future of human evolution, artificial intelligence, interstellar travel, and more. By linking the study of the past much more closely to the study of the future, we can begin to imagine what the world will look like in the next 100 years and consider solutions to the biggest challenges facing us all.

Futurism/History PBK \$24.99

Elusive

How Peter Higgs Solved the Mystery of Mass

Glose, Frank

The story of the Higgs boson – the so-called 'God particle' – and the man who thought of it. In the summer of 1964, a reclusive young professor at the University of Edinburgh wrote two scientific papers which have come to change our understanding of the most fundamental building blocks of matter, and the nature of the universe. Peter Higgs posited the existence of an almost infinitely tiny particle – today, known as the Higgs boson – which is the key to understanding why particles have mass, and but for which atoms and molecules could not exist. For nearly 50 years afterwards, some of the largest projects in experimental physics sought to demonstrate the physical existence of the boson which Higgs had proposed. Sensationally, confirmation came in July 2012 at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva. The following year, Higgs was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics. One of the least-known giants of science, he is the

only person in history to have had a single particle named for them. This revelatory book is 'not so much a biography of the man, but of the boson named after him'. It brilliantly traces the course of much of 20th-century physics from the inception of quantum field theory to the completion of the 'standard model' of particles and forces, and the pivotal role of Higgs' idea in this evolution. It also investigates the contested history of Higgs' responsibility for the breakthrough when there were others close by, and explains why the boson is named for him, alone. Competition between institutions and states, Glose shows, then played as much of a role in creating Higgs' fame, as his work itself. Drawing on conversations with Higgs over a decade (a figure generally as elusive as his particle) this is a superb study of a scientist and his era – and of how scientific knowledge advances.

Science PBK \$26.99

The Fiction Writer's Guide to Alternate History

A Handbook on Craft, Art, and History

Dann, Jack

A comprehensive guide to the speculative subgenre of alternate history fiction, this book maps the unique terrain of this vibrant mode of storytelling and then explains how to write it. First giving a concise conceptual overview and the critical tools to differentiate the different forms of counterfactual fiction, Jack Dann lays out the 'tricks of the trade' such 'Heinlein-ing', how to create recognisable 'divergent points' and how to employ paratextual elements and 'layering' to overcome readers' unfamiliarity with invented counterfactual events and cultures. Alongside this, Dann takes you, step by step, through a complete short story to demonstrate, line by line, how alternative history fiction works. As well as Dann's exacting methodology for writing professional quality alternate history stories, this book also features a live-on-the-page Q&A with some of the most esteemed alternate history writers working today, including Kim Stanley Robinson, John Birmingham, and Lisa Goldstein, among many others, who will detail their own particular hacks, theories, processes, methods, and strategies. Combining extensive and deep knowledge of the field with accessible writing advice, this is the ultimate guidebook to the broad and complex subgenre of counterfactual and alternative history fiction.

Writing TP \$34.99

Modern Manga Tarot

David, Hera

& Miller, Patrick (illustrator)

A fresh, modern take on a classic tarot deck, *Modern Manga Tarot* combines two hugely popular trends in a beautifully illustrated and informative deck. With text by Hera David, author of numerous books on oracles, astrology and fortune-telling, and illustrations by Patrick Miller, illustrator of several books, this pack is a great introduction to tarot and an essential addition to any established collection. The accompanying booklet explains the background of tarot and how to manifest and provides detailed explanations of each card, alongside information on how to clean and energise the card and suggested spreads.

Tarot KIT \$39.99

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Illuminatlas

Explore the world with your magic three-colour lens

Davies, Kate

& Carnovsky (illustrator)

Set off on a journey around the world... use your three-colour lens to explore the continents: use your green lens to see the landscape, the red lens to see plants and animals, and the blue lens to see cultural highlights and famous buildings. Packed with facts and stunning illustrations, this is an atlas like no other from Milan-based design duo Carnovsky.

Science HC \$39.99

Slouching Towards Utopia

An Economic History of the 20th Century

deLong, Brad

From one of the world's leading economists, a sweeping new history of the 20th century – a century that left us vastly richer, yet still profoundly dissatisfied. Before 1870, most people lived in dire poverty, the benefits of the slow crawl of invention continually offset by a growing population. Then came a great shift: invention sprinted forward, doubling our technological capabilities each generation, and creatively destroying the economy, again and again. *Slouching Towards Utopia* tells the story of the major economic and technological shifts of the 20th century in a bold and ambitious, grand narrative. In vivid and compelling detail, DeLong charts the unprecedented explosion of material wealth after 1870 which transformed living standards around the world, freeing humanity from centuries of poverty, but paradoxically has left us now with unprecedented inequality, global warming, and widespread dissatisfaction with the status quo. How did the long 20th century fail to deliver the utopia our ancestors believed would be the inevitable result of such material wellbeing? How did humanity end up less on a march to progress than a slouch in the right direction? And what can we learn from the past in pursuit of a better world?

Economics PBK \$26.99

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable

20th edition

Dent, Susie (editor)

'This is, in fact, not what you were looking for; but it's much more interesting' – *Terry Pratchett*. Take the scenic route to knowledge. Much loved for its wit and wisdom since 1870, *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* takes you on a captivating adventure through its trademark blend of language, culture, myth, and legend. Nowhere else could the histories of the guillotine and Guinness stout sit so comfortably alongside the KGB and the Keystone Kops. *Brewer's* is a catalogue of curiosities and absurdities that, over almost 150 years in print, has acquired near-mythical status. Edited by Susie Dent, this new edition includes a brand-new Collection of Curious Words and many new and updated entries. Its pages brim with esoteric and entertaining oddities – everything from curious customs to the world of newspapers and political alliances of yesteryear – all seen through the distinctive Brewer lens. This 20th edition of *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* encapsulates all the charm and wit that characterise its predecessors and maintains the standards of scholarship and

eclecticism that have long been its hallmark. Whether you're a committed Brewerophile or a newcomer to its pages of fascinating entries, this edition will draw you in and keep you glued to its rich mix of eccentric nuggets. As Susie Dent explains in the foreword, *Brewer's* 'is unlike any other reference book that exists, anywhere'.

Reference HC \$99.99

Life as We Knew It

The extraordinary story of Australia's pandemic

Dow, Aisha

& Cunningham, Melissa

The gripping inside account of Australia's extraordinary pandemic story. It was never part of the plan that Australia would be locked down, and shut off from the world, for two years. But when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in 2020, and the bodies began piling up overseas, Australians took unprecedented steps to avoid a catastrophe heading their way. The country's near elimination of the deadly virus, in the first phase of the pandemic, saw it avoid tens of thousands of deaths. But not all Australians were sheltered from disaster, and the strategy came with heavy costs. Many said goodbye to life as they knew it. With unmatched access to Australia's top politicians and pandemic officials, *Life as We Knew It* is a gripping investigation into the nation's COVID-19 response and its incredible untold human stories. It delves into the worst days of the pandemic and its terrible disasters. But it also shows Australians at their best, the weird and the wonderful, and a public spirit of collectivism over individualism that set the country apart. The authors travel across the nation shedding new light on the disruptive outbreaks that plunged Victoria and New South Wales into lockdowns. Based on more than 150 interviews, it also examines the unique experience of Australia's COVID-zero states – Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia, and the Northern Territory – places where it, sometimes, felt like the pandemic didn't exist. Many of the most significant moments in Australia's pandemic happened behind closed doors. *Life as We Knew It* lifts the curtain.

Pandemic TP \$35.00

Mortal Monarchs

1,000 Years of Royal Deaths

Edge, Suzie

A humorous deep dive into the varied – and oft-gruesome – deaths of the King and Queens of England and Scotland from a medical historian. How the monarchs of England and Scotland met their deaths has been a wonderful mixture of violence, infections, overindulgence, and occasional regicide. In *Mortal Monarchs*, medical historian Dr Suzie Edge examines 1,000 years of royal deaths to uncover the plots, accusations, rivalries, and ever-present threat of poison that the kings and queens of old faced. From the 'bloody' fascinating story behind Oliver Cromwell's demise and the subsequent treatment of his corpse and whether the arrow William II caught in the chest was an accident or murder, to Henry IV's remarkable skin condition, and the red-hot poker up Edward II's rear end, *Mortal Monarchs* captivates, grosses out, and informs. In school, many of us learned

the dates they died and who followed them, but sadly never heard the varied – and oft-gruesome – way our monarchs met their maker. Featuring original medical research, this history forms a rich record not just of how these people died, but how we thought about and treated the human body, in life and in death. This paperback edition has been updated with additional material on HM Queen Elizabeth II.

History PBK \$24.99

A Pipeline Runs Through It

Oil, Sovereignty and Politics to 1914

Fisher, Keith

The origin story of our modern oil age.

A Pipeline Runs Through It is a fresh, comprehensive in-depth look at the social, economic, political, and geopolitical forces involved in our transition to the modern oil age. It tells an extraordinary story, from the pre-industrial history of petroleum through to large-scale production in the mid-19th century and the development of a dominant, fully-fledged oil industry by the early 20th century. Petroleum was used as an adhesive by Neanderthals, as a waterproofing agent in Noah's Ark, and as a weapon during the Crusades. Its eventual extraction from the earth in vast quantities transformed light, heat, and power. This was always a story of imperialist violence, political disenfranchisement, economic exploitation, and environmental destruction. The near total eradication of the Native Americans of New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio has barely been mentioned as a precondition for the emergence of the first industrialised oil region in the United States. Britain's invasion of Upper Burma in 1885 was, perhaps, the first war fought – at least, in part – for access to oil; the growth of Royal Dutch-Shell involved genocidal fighting; and the exploitation of oil in the Middle East arose seamlessly out of Britain's prior political and military interventions in the region. Finally, in an entirely new analysis, the book shows how British navy's increasingly desperate dependence on vulnerable foreign sources of oil may have been a catalytic ingredient in the outbreak of the First World War.

Energy production TP \$39.99

Einstein in Time and Space

A Life in 99 Particles

Graydon, Samuel

A rollercoaster ride through the life and ideas of the 20th century's most famous and controversial scientist in 99 sparkling vignettes. *Dropout. Pacifist. Physicist. Casanova. Refugee. Rebel. Genius. Think you know Einstein? Think again.* His face is instantly recognisable. His name is shorthand for genius. Today, he's a figurehead as much as a man, symbolic of things larger than himself: of scientific progress, of the human mind, even of the age. But who was Einstein, really? The Nobel Prize-winning physicist who discovered relativity, black holes and $E = mc^2$, dined with Charlie Chaplin in Hollywood and was the inspiration for (highly radioactive) element 99, Albert Einstein was also a high school dropout with an FBI file 1,400 pages long. In this book, Samuel Graydon brings history's most famous scientist back to life. From his lost daughter to escaping the Nazis, from his love letters to unlikely inventions, from

telling jokes to cheer up his sad parrot Bibo to refusing the Presidency of Israel, through the discoveries and thought experiments that changed science, *Einstein in Time and Space* tells 99 unforgettable stories of the man who redefined how we view our universe and our place within it.

Science/Biography TP \$34.99

The Savage Storm

The Battle for Italy 1943

Holland, James

This is World War 2 in microcosm, told through the brutal story of the most pivotal campaign the Allies were to fight by one of the UK's most acclaimed and bestselling historians. With the invasion of France the following year taking shape, and hot on the heels of victory in Sicily, the Allies crossed into Southern Italy in September 1943. They expected to drive the Axis forces north and be in Rome by Christmas. And although Italy surrendered, the German forces resisted fiercely, and the swift hoped-for victory descended into one of the most brutal battles of the war. Even though shipping and materiel were already being safeguarded for the D-Day landings, there were still huge expectations on the progress of the invading armies, but those shortages were to slow the advance with tragic consequences. As the weather closed in, the critical months leading up to Monte Cassino would inflict a heavy price for every bloody, hard fought mile the Allied troops covered. Chronicling those dark, dramatic months in unflinching and insightful detail, *The Savage Storm* is unlike any campaign history yet written. James Holland has always recounted the Second World War at ground level, but this version telling brings the story vividly to life like never before. Weaving together a wealth of letters, diaries, and other incredible documents, Holland traces the battles as they were fought – across plains, over mountains, through shattered villages and cities, in intense heat and, towards the end, frigid cold and relentless rain – putting readers at the heart of the action to create an entirely fresh and revealing telling of this most pivotal phase of the war.

Military history TP \$36.99

The Rebel and the Kingdom

The True Story of the Secret Mission

to Overthrow the North Korean Regime

Hope, Bradley

The wild story of a college activist's high-stakes attempt to topple the North Korean regime and change the world. *How did a college kid become a global fugitive?* In the early 2000s, Adrian Hong was a soft-spoken Yale undergraduate looking for his place in the world. After reading a harrowing account of life inside North Korea, he realised he had found a cause to which he could devote his life. Hong journeyed to China, outwitting Chinese security services as he helped ferry asylum-seeking North Korean escapees to safety. Meanwhile, Hong's secret organisation, Cheollima Civil Defence (later renamed Free Joseon), began tracking the North Korean government's activities, and its volatile ruler, Kim Jong-un. Free Joseon targeted North Korean diplomats who might be persuaded to defect, while drawing up plans for a government in exile. After the shocking broad-daylight assassination in 2017 of Kim Jong-nam, the dictator's older

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brother, Hong, along with US Marine veteran Christopher Ahn, helped ferry Jong-nam's family to safety. Then Hong took the group a step further. He initiated a series of high-stakes direct actions, culminating in an armed raid at the North Korean embassy in Madrid – an act that would put Ahn behind bars and turn Hong into one of the world's most unlikely global fugitives. *The Rebel and the Kingdom* is an exhilarating account of how a trip down the safe and well-worn path of activism soon morphed into something extremely dangerous. Acclaimed journalist and bestselling author Bradley Hope – who broke numerous details of Hong's operations in the *Wall Street Journal* – reveals his remarkable story of idealism and insanity, hubris and heroism, all set within the secret battle for the future of the world's most mysterious and unsettling nation.

Politics PBK \$24.99

Queer Heroes of Myth and Legend Jones, Dan

Featuring 50 profiles and select B&W illustrated portraits, *Queer Heroes of Myth and Legend* is a celebration of gay gods and goddesses, sapphic saints, misunderstood mermen, lesbians of legend, and transgender trailblazers. Hidden in the margins of history books, classical literature, and thousands of years of stories, myths, and legends – through to contemporary literature, TV and film, there is a diverse and otherworldly super community of queer heroes to discover, learn from, and celebrate. Be captivated by stories of forbidden love like Patroclus and Achilles (explored in Madeleine Miller's bestseller *Song of Achilles*), join the cult of Antinous (inspiration for Oscar Wilde), get down with pansexual god Set in Egyptian myth, and fall for Zimbabwe's trans God Mawi. And from modern pop culture, through Dan Jones' witty, upbeat style, learn more about '90s fan obsessions *Xena: Warrior Princess* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*, and the BBC's *Doctor Who*. *Queer Heroes of Myth and Legend* brings to life characters who are romantic, brave, mysterious, and always fantastical. It is a magnificent celebration of queerness through the ages in all its legendary glory.

Queer history TP \$29.99

Hudson Fysh

The extraordinary life of the WWI hero who founded Qantas and gave Australia its wings

Kieza, Grantlee

A fascinating, lively, and thoroughly-researched portrait of a modest, resolute family man with a steady hand during turbulence, a man who guided Australia's national airline from its humble beginnings through the dark days of the Great Depression, the perilous years of World War II, when the airline flew dangerous missions for the Allies, and into the great boom in international tourism that followed with the jet age. Hudson Fysh was a decorated World War I hero who, not only, founded Australia's national airline, Qantas, but steered it for almost half a century from its humble beginnings with two rickety biplanes to the age of the jumbo jets. More than anyone, Fysh shaped the way that Australians saw the world. A sickly boy traumatised by

his parents' broken marriage, Fysh was a poor student, but the courage and determination he developed playing sport propelled him through his toughest challenges and became the foundations of this great Australian life. One of Australia's celebrated Light Horsemen at Gallipoli, Fysh went on to fly death-defying missions for Lawrence of Arabia with the Australian Flying Corps and battle Germans in deadly dogfights in the skies over Palestine. On his return from the Great War, Fysh launched his bush airline, the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (Qantas), with the help of a wartime pilot friend and some western Queensland graziers. After flying the first scheduled Qantas passenger flight in 1922, he ushered in the Flying Doctor Service that still assists remote communities and the first Qantas international airmail services, which revolutionised Australian communications. Fysh went on to guide Qantas through the dark days of the Great Depression, the perilous years of World War II, when the airline flew dangerous missions for the Allies, and into the great boom in international tourism that followed with the jet age, giving millions of Australians their first experience of international travel.

Biography/Australian history TP \$34.99

Dark Matter

The New Science of the Microbiome

Kinross, James

An urgent investigation into a brave new world in science – the microbiome – and how it could save our health. The microbiome is the missing link in modern medicine, a vast genetic universe of 'dark matter' – bacteria, yeasts, viruses and parasites – that lives inside us. It conducts the orchestra of our immune system, adapts with us as we age and influences how we think and feel, our sex lives and even how fast we run. In this mind-blowing book, scientist and surgeon James Kinross explains how the organisms that live within us have helped us evolve, shaped our biology and defined the success of our species. But just as we have discovered this delicate and complex ecosystem within us, it is being irrevocably destroyed through antibiotic addition, industrial food production, the globalisation of our diets and lifestyles, and the destruction of our environment. This pioneering book is both a guide to hacking the microbiome for a healthier life and a call to protect the most vulnerable human ecosystem of all.

Science TP \$35.00

Capote's Women

A True Story of Love, Ambition and Betrayal

Leamer, Laurence

The fascinating true story behind one of the original literary scandals – how Truman Capote (author of *In Cold Blood* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*) betrayed his closest friends in service of his next book. 'There are certain women,' Truman Capote wrote, 'who, though perhaps not born rich, are born to be rich.' These women captivated and enchanted Capote – he befriended them, received their deepest confidences, and ingratiated himself into their lives. From Barbara 'Babe' Paley to Lee Radziwill (Jackie Kennedy's sister) they were the toast of mid-century New York, each beautiful

and distinguished in her own way. For years, Capote had been trying to write what he believed would be his magnum opus, *Answered Prayers*. But when he eventually published a few chapters in *Esquire*, the barely-fictionalised lives (and scandals) of his closest female confidantes were laid bare for all to see. The blowback incinerated his relationships and banished Capote from their high-society world forever. In *Capote's Women*, *New York Times* bestselling author Laurence Leamer investigates the true story of the renowned author and his famous friends, weaving a fascinating tale of friendship, intrigue, and betrayal. Currently being adapted as the Ryan Murphy series *Feud: Capote's Women*.

Biography HC \$55.00

Hitchcock's Blondes

The Unforgettable Women Behind the Legendary Director's Dark Obsession

Leamer, Laurence

An engrossing account of the enigmatic director Alfred Hitchcock that finally puts the dazzling actresses, he cast in his legendary movies, at the centre of the story. Alfred Hitchcock was fixated – not just on the dark, twisty stories that became his hallmark, but also by the blond actresses who starred in many of his iconic movies. The director of *North by Northwest*, *Rear Window*, and other classic films didn't much care if they wore wigs, got their hair colouring out of a bottle, or were the rarest human specimen – a natural blonde – as long as they shone with a golden veneer on camera. The lengths he went to, in order to showcase (and often manipulate) these women would become the stuff of movie legend. But the women themselves have rarely been at the centre of the story, until now. In *Hitchcock's Blondes*, bestselling biographer Laurence Leamer offers an intimate journey into the lives of eight legendary actresses whose stories helped chart the course of the troubled, talented director's career – from his early days in the British film industry, to his triumphant American debut, to his Hollywood heyday and beyond. Through the stories of June Howard-Tripp, Madeleine Carroll, Ingrid Bergman, Grace Kelly, Janet Leigh, Kim Novak, Eva Marie Saint, and Tippi Hedren – who starred in 14 of Hitchcock's most notable films, and who bore the brunt of his fondness and sometimes fixation – we can finally start to see the enigmatic man himself. After all, 'his' blondes (as he thought of them) knew the truths of his art, his obsessions and desires, as well as anyone. An intimate, revealing, and thoroughly modern look at both the enduring art created, by a man obsessed... and the private toll that fixation took on the women in his orbit.

Biography HC \$64.95

Going Infinite

The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon

Lewis, Michael

The high-octane story of the enigmatic figure at the heart of one of the 21st century's most spectacular financial collapses. Sam Bankman-Fried wasn't just rich. Before he turned 30, he'd become the world's youngest billionaire, making a record fortune in the crypto frenzy. CEOs, celebrities, and world leaders vied for his time. At one point, he considered paying off the entire

national debt of the Bahamas, so he could take his business there. Then, it all fell apart. Who was this Gatsby of the crypto world, a rumpled guy in cargo shorts, whose eyes twitched across TV interviews as he played video games on the side, who even his million-dollar investors still found a mystery? What gave him such an extraordinary ability to make money – and how did his empire collapse so spectacularly? Michael Lewis was there when it happened, having got to know Bankman-Fried during his epic rise. In *Going Infinite* he tells us a story like no other, taking us through the mind-bending trajectory of a character who never liked the rules and was allowed to live by his own. Both a psychological portrait of a preternaturally-gifted 'thinking machine', and a wild financial rollercoaster ride, this is a 21st-century epic of high-frequency trading and even higher stakes, of crypto mania, and insane amounts of money, of hubris, and downfall. No one could tell it better.

Finance HC \$55.00

2024 Australasian Sky Guide

Lomb, Nick

All you need to know about the night sky. This popular guide by astronomer and author Dr Nick Lomb provides stargazers with everything they need to know about the southern night sky. It contains the latest information on the solar system, historical features, monthly sky maps, details of the year's exciting celestial events, and viewing tips for city dwellers. Wherever you are, in Australia or New Zealand, easy calculations allow you to estimate local rise and set times for the Sun, Moon and planets. The *2024 Australasian Sky Guide* also includes a feature by Uncle Ghillar Michael Anderson on the stars and Euahlayi Law. 2024 highlights: Venus near Saturn in March; Eta Aquariid Meteor Shower in May; Occultation of Saturn in June; Mars near Jupiter in August; Supermoon in September and October; Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) in October; Geminiid meteor shower in December.

Science PBK \$24.99

Courtiers

The Hidden Power Behind the Crown

Low, Valentine

The gripping account of how the British royal family really operates. Valentine Low, royal correspondent for *The Times*, asks the important questions: who really runs the show and, with Charles now crowned as King, what will happen next? Today, as ever, a vast team of people hidden from view steers the royal family's path between public duty and private life. The question of who is entrusted to guide the royals has never been more vital, and yet the task those courtiers face has never been more challenging. With the departure of both Harry and Meghan and the disgraced Prince Andrew from royal life, the complex relationship between modern courtiers and royal principals has been exposed to global scrutiny. William and Kate – equipped with a very 21st-century approach to press and public relations – now hold the responsibility of making an ancient institution relevant for the decades to come. *Courtiers* reveals an ever-changing web of complex characters, shifting values and ideas over what the

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future of the institution should be. This is the story of how the monarchy really works, at a pivotal moment in its history.

Monarchy PBK \$24.99

Signs and Symbols of the World

Over 1,001 Visual Signs Explained

McElroy, D R

This informative and engaging illustrated reference provides the stories behind 1,001 signs and symbols, from ancient hieroglyphs to modern-day political and subculture symbols. What in the world does Ω mean? And what about its meaning might have led my coffee date to tattoo it on his entire forearm? Where did the symbol ∞ originate, and what was its first meaning? How did the ampersand symbol & come about and how was it applied daily in book publishing? And what is the full story behind that staring eye on top of the pyramid on our American dollar bill? This comprehensive guide to signs and symbols explains.

Signs & symbols PBK \$29.99

A Memoir of My Former Self

A Life in Writing

Mantel, Hilary

'I breathed in stories, as soon as I breathed in air. Sometimes I think I wasn't born, but I just came out of an ink blot.'

As well as her celebrated career as a novelist, Hilary Mantel long contributed to newspapers and journals, unspooling stories from her own life and illuminating the world as she found it. This strand of her writing was an integral part of how she thought of herself. 'Ink is a generative fluid,' she explains. 'If you don't mean your words to breed consequences, don't write at all.' *A Memoir of My Former Self* collects the finest of this writing over four decades. Mantel's subjects are wide ranging. She discusses nationalism and her own sense of belonging; our dream life flopping into our conscious life; the mythic legacy of Princess Diana; the many themes that feed into her novels – revolutionary France, psychics, Tudor England – and other novelists, from Jane Austen to V S Naipaul. She writes about her father and the man who replaced him; she writes fiercely and heartbreakingly about the battles with her health she endured as a young woman, and the stifling years she found herself living in Saudi Arabia. Here, too, is a selection of her film reviews – from *When Harry Met Sally* to *RoboCop* – and, published for the first time, her stunning Reith Lectures, which explore the process of art bringing history and the dead back to life. From her unique childhood to her all-consuming fascination with Thomas Cromwell that grew into the Wolf Hall Trilogy, *A Memoir of My Former Self* reveals the shape of Hilary Mantel's life in her own dazzling words, 'messages from people I used to be'. Compelling, often very funny, always luminous, it is essential reading from one of our greatest writers. The magnificent final book from the bestselling author of the Wolf Hall trilogy. 'Mantel's idiosyncratic and magisterial voice comes through on every page, carrying readers across an astonishing array of subject matter with ease. This is a treasure' – *Publishers Weekly*.

Writings TP \$34.99

Pyramid of Lies

The Prime Minister, the Banker and the Billion Pound Scandal

Mavin, Duncan

The Pyramid of Lies, by international financial journalist Duncan Mavin, is the true story of Lex Greensill, the Australian farmer who became a high-flying billionaire banker, before crashing back down to earth – exposing a tangled network of flawed financiers, politicians and industrialists. Lex Greensill had a simple, billion-dollar idea – democratising supply chain finance. Suppliers want to get their invoices paid as soon as possible. Companies want to hold off as long as they can. Greensill bridged the two, it's mundane, boring even, but he saw an opportunity to profit. However, margins are thin and Lex, ever the risk taker, made lucrative loans with other people's money: to a Russian cargo plane linked to Vladimir Putin, to former Special Forces who ran a private army, and crucially to companies that were fraudulent or had no revenue. When the company finally collapsed, it exposed the revolving door between Westminster and big business and how David Cameron was allowed to lobby ministers for cash that would save Greensill's doomed business. Instead, Credit Suisse and Japan's SoftBank are nursing billions of dollars in losses, a German bank is under criminal investigation, and thousands of jobs are at risk. *What Bad Blood* did for Silicon Valley and *The Smartest Guys in the Room* did for Wall Street, *The Pyramid of Lies* will do for the world of shadow banking and supply chain finance. It is a world populated with some of the most outlandish characters in business and some of the most outrageous examples of excess. It is a story of greed and ambition that shines a light on the murky intersection between politics and business, where lavish fortunes can be made and lost.

Finance PBK \$24.99

The Nazi Conspiracy

The Secret Plot to Kill Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin

Meltzer, Brad & Mensch, Josh

In 1943, as the war against Nazi Germany raged abroad, President Franklin Roosevelt had a critical goal: a face-to-face sit-down with his allies Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill. This first-ever meeting of the Big Three in Tehran, Iran, would decide some of the most crucial strategic details of the war. Yet, when the Nazis found out about the meeting, their own secret plan took shape – an assassination plot that would've changed history. A true story filled with daring rescues, body doubles, and political intrigue, *The Nazi Conspiracy* details FDR's pivotal meeting in Tehran and the deadly Nazi plot against the heads of state of the three major Allied powers who attended it. With all the hallmarks of a Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch page-turner, *The Nazi Conspiracy* explores the great political minds of the 20th century, investigating the pivotal years of the war in gripping detail. This meeting of the Big Three changed the course of World War II. Here's the inside story of how it almost led to a world-shattering disaster.

History TP \$36.99

Unruly

A History of England's Kings and Queens

Mitchell, David

This will be the most refreshing, entertaining history of England you'll have ever read. Certainly, the funniest. Because David Mitchell will explain how it is not all names, dates, or ungraspable historical headwinds – but, instead, show how it's really just a bunch of random stuff that happened with a few lucky bastards ending up on top. Some of these bastards were quite strange, but they were in charge, so we quite literally lived, and often still live, by their rules. It's a great story. And it's our story. If you want to know who we are in modern Britain, you need to read this book. A seriously *funny*, seriously *clever* history of Britain's early kings and queens, by one of Britain's favourite comedians and cultural commentators.

History TP \$36.99

The Big Fail

How Our Supply Chains Collapsed When We Needed Them Most

Nocera, Joe & McLean, Bethany

A damning indictment of American capitalism, as exposed through the failures of the government, private sector and overall economic resilience throughout the COVID pandemic. From the author of the modern business classic *The Smartest Guys in the Room* comes a damning indictment of late-stage capitalism – and the leaders that were brutally unprepared for a global pandemic. In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic made it painfully clear that governments across the world could not adequately protect their citizens. Millions of people suffered and died, in just two years, while administrations around the globe blundered; prize-winning economists overlooked devastating trade-offs from the collapse of trade; and elites escaped to isolated retreats, unaffected by – and worse, even profiting from – the worst healthcare crisis to hit humanity in decades. In this page-turning economic, political, and financial history, veteran journalists Bethany McLean and Joseph Nocera analyse the American response to the pandemic as a case study, to offer fresh and provocative answers. With laser-sharp reporting and deep sourcing, they investigate what really happened when governments ran out of PPE due to snarled supply chains; and the shock to the financial system when the world's biggest economies stumbled. They zero in on the effectiveness of wildly polarised approaches across states, and they trace why thousands died in hollowed-out hospital systems and nursing homes run by private equity firms, all in the name of 'maximising shareholder value'. *The Big Fail* is an expansive, gripping narrative account on what the pandemic did to one economy, and how it forced us to question the fundamental principles of our society.

Economics TP \$36.99

Team America

Patton, MacArthur, Marshall, Eisenhower, and the World They Forged

O'Connell, Robert L

By the first half of the 20th century, technology had transformed warfare into a series of intense bloodbaths in which the line between soldiers and civilians was obliterated, resulting in the deaths of

100 million people. During this period, four men exhibited unparalleled military leadership that led the United States victoriously through two World Wars: Douglas MacArthur, George Patton, George Marshall, and Dwight 'Ike' Eisenhower; or, as bestselling author Robert O'Connell calls them, Team America. O'Connell captures these men's unique charisma as he chronicles the path each forged – from their upbringings to their educational experiences to their storied military careers – experiences that shaped them into majestic leaders who would play major roles in saving the free world and preserving the security of the United States in times of unparalleled danger. O'Connell shows how the lives of these men – all born within the span of a decade – twisted around each other like a giant braid in time. Throughout their careers, they would use each other brilliantly in a series of symbiotic relationships that would hold increasingly greater consequences. At the end of their star-studded careers (24 out of a possible 25), O'Connell concludes that what set Team America apart was not their ability to wield the proverbial sword, but rather their ability to plot strategy, give orders, and inspire others. The key ingredients to their success were mental agility, a gravitas that masked their intensity, and an almost-intuitive understanding of how armies in the millions actually functioned and fought. Without the leadership of these men, O'Connell makes clear, the world we know would be vastly different.

Military history TP \$45.00

Fantastic Numbers and Where to Find Them

A Journey to the Edge of Physics

Padilla, Antonio

A dazzling exploration of the strange and extreme numbers that illuminate the ultimate nature of reality. For particularly brilliant theoretical physicists like James Clerk Maxwell, Paul Dirac, or Albert Einstein, the search for mathematical truths – via ever more mind-boggling numbers – led to strange new understandings of reality. But what are these mysterious numbers that explain the universe? In *Fantastic Numbers and Where to Find Them*, leading theoretical physicist and YouTube star Antonio Padilla takes us on an irreverent cosmic tour of nine of the most extraordinary numbers in physics. These include Graham's number, which is so large that if you thought about it in the wrong way, your head would collapse into a singularity; TREE(3), whose finite value could never be reached before the universe reset itself; and 10^{120} , which measures the desperately unlikely balance of energy the universe needs to exist... Leading us down the rabbit hole to the inner workings of reality, Padilla demonstrates how these unusual numbers are the key to unlocking such mind-bending phenomena as black holes, entropy and the problem of the cosmological constant, which shows that our two best ways of understanding the universe contradict one another. Combining cutting-edge science with an entertaining cosmic quest, *Fantastic Numbers and Where to Find Them* is an electrifying, head-twisting guide to the most fundamental truths of the universe.

Mathematics PBK \$24.99

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In a Flight of Starlings

The Wonder of Complex Systems

Parisi, Giorgio

From the 2021 Nobel Prize winner in Physics, an enlightening and personal journey into the practice of ground-breaking science. The world is shaped by complexity. In this enlightening book, Nobel Prize-winner Giorgio Parisi guides us through his unorthodox yet exhilarating work to show us how. It all starts with investigating the principles of physics, by observing the sophisticated flight patterns of starlings. Studying the movements of these birds, he has realised, proves an illuminating way into understanding complex systems of all kinds – collections of everything from atoms to planets to other animals like ourselves. Along the way, Parisi reflects on the lessons he's taken from a life in pursuit of scientific truth: the importance of serendipity to the discovery of new ideas, the surprising kinship between physics and other fields of study and the value of science to a thriving society. In so doing, he removes the practice of science from the confines of the laboratory and brings it into the real world. Complexity is all around us – from climate to finance to biology, it offers a unique way of finding order in chaos. Part elegant scientific treatise, part thrilling intellectual journey, *In a Flight of Starlings* is an invitation to find wonder in the world around us.

Science HC \$39.99

Fear

An Alternative History of the World

Peckham, Robert

A ground-breaking examination of the societal impact of fear that gives us a thrilling new insight on world history. It's been said that, after 9/11, the 2008 financial crash and the COVID-19 pandemic, we're a more fearful society than ever before. Yet, fear, and the panic it produces, have long been driving forces – perhaps the driving forces – of world history: fear of God, of famine, war, disease, poverty, and other people. In *Fear: An Alternative History of the World*, Robert Peckham considers the impact of fear in history, as both a coercive tool of power and a catalyst for social change. Beginning with the Black Death in the 14th century, Peckham traces a shadow history of fear. He takes us through the French Revolution and the social movements of the 19th century to modern market crashes, Cold War paranoia and the AIDS pandemic, into a digital culture marked increasingly by uniquely 21st-century fears. What did fear mean to us in the past, and how can a better understanding of it equip us to face the future? As Peckham demonstrates, fear can challenge as well as cement authority: some crises have destroyed societies; others have been the making of them. Through the stories of the people and the moments that changed history, *Fear: An Alternative History of the World* reveals how fear and panic made us who we are.

History TP \$34.99

Conflict

The Evolution of Warfare from 1945 to Ukraine

Petraeus, David & Roberts, Andrew

Two leading authorities – a bestselling historian and the outstanding battlefield commander and strategist of our time – collaborate on a landmark examination of war since 1945. *Conflict* is both a sweeping history of the evolution of warfare up to Putin's invasion of the Ukraine, and a penetrating analysis of what we must learn from the past – and anticipate in the future – in order to navigate an increasingly perilous world. In this deep and incisive study, General David Petraeus, who commanded the US-led coalitions in both Iraq and Afghanistan and former CIA director, and the prize-winning historian Andrew Roberts, explore over 70 years of conflict, drawing significant lessons and insights from their fresh analysis of the past. Drawing on their different perspectives and areas of expertise, Petraeus and Roberts show how often critical mistakes have been repeated, time and again, and the challenge, for statesmen and generals alike, of learning to adapt to various new weapon systems, theories and strategies. Among the conflicts examined are the Arab-Israeli wars, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the two Gulf Wars, the Balkan wars in the former Yugoslavia, and both the Soviet and Coalition wars in Afghanistan, as well as guerrilla conflicts in Africa and South America. *Conflict* culminates with a bracing look at Putin's disastrous invasion of Ukraine, yet another case study in the tragic results when leaders refuse to learn from history, and an assessment of the nature of future warfare. Filled with sharp insight and the wisdom of experience, *Conflict* is not only a critical assessment of our recent past, but also an essential primer of modern warfare that provides crucial knowledge for waging battle today as well as for understanding what the decades ahead will bring.

Military history TP \$37.99

Literary Cats

Robinson, Judith & Pack, Scott

Cats have provided the inspiration for an incredible range of fiction, memoir and poetry, from ancient myths and fables to much-loved children's books, and from classic tales to contemporary novels. This light-hearted book is a whirlwind journey through the history of literary cats; and includes their domestication, early cultural beginnings and religious associations, as well as their roles in different literary genres, world literature, and some real-life authors' cats.

Cats HC \$34.99

The Encyclopedia of the Weird and Wonderful

Curious and Incredible Facts that Will Blow Your Mind

Rossi, Milo

In *The Encyclopedia of the Weird and Wonderful*, TikTok educator and Youtuber Milo Rossi presents an assortment of funny and detailed anecdotes of some of the more quotidian mysteries of life, such as: Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a mother in the Mesolithic period as the climate shifted, the seas rose, and wild game migrated?

Or what types of dogs paced the wide and narrow forest patches of North America as their masters constructed some of the largest earthen works in the world?

Or what meals were eaten under the trees of the old-growth forests of ancient Europe; how China accidentally invented standardised testing by refining their government; or what fashion trends shook the mining camps during the California gold rush?

Knowledge TP \$29.99

Spells to Raise Hell Cards

50 Spells and Rituals to Reveal Your Inner Power

Saxena, Jaya & Zimmerman, Jess

Spells to Raise Hell distils Jaya Saxena and Jess Zimmerman's *Basic Witches*, an exploration of feminine power and rejecting societal constraints, into a deck of 50 spells and rituals for the modern mystic. Each card features bold and playful artwork on the front along with any materials needed for the ritual – simple items like a pen and paper, a lipstick or photograph, or simple pantry ingredients for an empowering (and delicious) potion. The back of the card gives the instructions on how to complete the ritual and harness its energy. No black magic here – these spells are all about giving you a boost. Tap into your inner power and upend the status quo by casting spells to unlock your potential, including: a spell to make peace with your body; a ritual to move through loss; a recipe to nurture a friendship; a tarot ritual for accepting singleness; a spell to focus on what you want. Display the cards on the included stand, slip the deck in your bag, or tuck one in a pocket to complete with a friend. Featuring simple rituals for both the beginner witch and the occult savvy, *Spells to Raise Hell* is a perfect self-empowering, mystical tool for adding magic into your daily life.

Mysticism KIT \$34.99

Bookshop Dogs

Shaw, Ruth

Dogs of all shapes and sizes visit Ruth Shaw's three wee bookshops in Manapuri in the far south of Aotearoa New Zealand. Local dogs, holiday house dogs, travelling dogs: many have great stories, be they funny, sad, strange, bemusing, quirky or sweet. Woven throughout are tales of the very special Hunza, the dog who worked with troubled teens and Ruth when she was a youth worker. This is a window into the wonderful world of Ruth and her generous love of people, books, and dogs. It's a must-read for dog fans, book fans, and anyone who loved her first book, *The Bookseller at the End of the World* (HC, \$34.99).

Dogs/Books HC \$34.99

A History of Delusions

The Glass King, a Substitute Husband and a Walking Corpse

Shepherd, Victoria

The King of France thinking he was made of glass was terrified he might shatter – and he wasn't alone. After the Emperor met his end at Waterloo, an epidemic of Napoleons piled into France's asylums. Throughout the 19th century, dozens of middle-aged women tried to convince their physicians that they were, in fact, dead. For centuries, we've dismissed delusions as something for doctors

to sort out behind locked doors. But delusions are more than just bizarre quirks they hold the key to collective anxieties and traumas. In this ground-breaking history, Victoria Shepherd uncovers stories of delusions from medieval times to the present day and implores us to identify reason in apparent madness.

History/Science PBK \$24.99

The History Hit Miscellany of Facts, Figures and Fascinating Finds

Snow, Dan; et al

Have you ever wondered what Stalin did before he became leader of the Soviet Union? Did you know Socrates, Alcibiades, and Aristophanes once got together to talk about love? Why did Sergeant Stubby become famous? What's the difference between a dolmen and a barrow? Which king invaded Yorkshire in 1471? Was Napoleon really small? Did Edison invent the light bulb? Who said, 'Pardon me, sir, I didn't mean to' just before they were executed? When were submarines invented? The answers to all these questions, and so much more, is contained within this wonderful miscellany of historical facts, figures, and fascinating finds which will enthral, entertain, and inform everyone who loves history and wants to know more about more. The ultimate Christmas gift for every history lover, from the creators of the History Hit podcasts.

History TP \$32.99

100 20th-Century Shops Society, Twentieth Century

A showcase of Britain's most significant shops, throughout the 20th century and beyond. *100 20th-Century Shops* is a fascinating insight into the heritage of Britain's changing high street and the diverse architectural styles of the 20th century. Entries in this book showcase 100 often instantly-recognisable shops from across the county, from throughout the 20th century and stretching into the 21st, capturing the changing architectural styles of our beloved and rapidly disappearing retail shops. Each shop is accompanied by stunning photography of the façades and interiors. From bustling shopping centres, retail stores and supermarkets to independent boutiques, bookshops and bakeries, each of the 100 shops featured evokes a differed design style and traces the history of our cherished high street. The book also contains essays by respected writers on the design, development and decline of the high street over the last 100 years, within a social and political context. This compelling book provides a glimpse into the wonderful shops that Britain has to offer and is a must-have for all fans of design history, architecture, and retail.

History HC \$55.00

Graveyard of the Pacific

Shipwreck and Survival on America's Deadliest Waterway

Sullivan, Randall

A vivid portrait of the Columbia River Bar that combines maritime history, adventure journalism, and memoir, bringing alive the history – and present – of one of the most notorious stretches of water in the world. Off the coast of Oregon, the Columbia River flows into the Pacific Ocean and forms the Columbia River Bar: a watery collision so

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turbulent and deadly that it's nicknamed the Graveyard of the Pacific. Two thousand ships have been wrecked on the bar since the first European ship dared to try to cross it in the late 18th century. For decades, ships continued to make the bar crossing with great peril, first with native guides and later with opportunistic newcomers, as Europeans settled in Washington and Oregon, displacing the natives, and transforming the river into the hub of a booming region. Since then, the commercial importance of the Columbia River has only grown, and despite the construction of jetties on either side, the bar remains treacherous, even today a site of shipwrecks and dramatic rescues as well as power struggles between small fishermen, powerful shipowners, local communities in Washington and Oregon, the Coast Guard, and the Columbia River Bar Pilots – a small group of highly skilled navigators who help guide ships through the mouth of the Columbia. When Randall Sullivan and a friend set out to cross the bar in a two-man kayak, they're met with scepticism and concern. But on a clear day in July 2021, when the tides and weather seem right, they embark. As they plunge through the currents that have taken so many lives, Randall commemorates the brave sailors that made the crossing before him – including his own abusive father, a sailor himself who also once dared to cross the bar – and reflects on toxic masculinity, fatherhood, and what drives men to extremes. Rich with exhaustive research and propulsive narrative, *Graveyard of the Pacific* follows historical shipwrecks through the moment-by-moment details that often determined whether sailors would live or die, exposing the ways in which boats, sailors, and navigation have changed over the decades. As he makes his way across the bar, floating above the wrecks and across the same currents that have taken so many lives, Randall Sullivan faces the past, both in his own life and on the Columbia River Bar.

History HC \$34.99

Illuminoceans

Dive deep into the ocean with your magic three-colour lens
Taylor, Barbara & Carnovsky (illustrator)
The ocean is a big, mysterious place. With the magic three-colour lens included in *Illuminoceans*, shed some light on the darkest depths of our watery world, and encounter the creatures, seascapes, and surprising underwater features of all of Earth's oceans. From the mighty Pacific to the polar seas, *Illuminoceans* takes readers on a journey of discovery through the most mysterious environments known to science. Meet majestic mammals like blue whales, orcas and dolphins, shoals of colourful fish, and whole oceans full of weird and wonderful reptiles, plants and tentacled titans. With your lens in hand, explore the worlds of wonder hidden just below the surface.

Science HC \$39.99

Goth

A History
Tolhurst, Lol
Goth is an entertaining and engaging historical memoir of the genre of Goth music and culture, exploring creative giants like The Cure, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Bauhaus, Joy Division, and many more great bands that offered a place of refuge for the misfits of the '80s, and ever since. Written by Lol Tolhurst, co-founder of The Cure, this book offers a fascinating deep dive into the movers and shakers of goth with stories and anecdotes from Tolhurst's personal memories as well as the musicians, magicians, and artists who made it all happen – the people, places and events that made goth an inevitable and enduring movement. Starting with the Origins of Goth, Tolhurst explores early art and literature that inspired the genre and looks into the work of T S Eliot, Edgar Allan Poe, Sylvia Plath, Albert Camus, and more. He also outlines the path of Gothic forebears and shows how many musicians played in punk bands before transitioning into goth endeavours. Next, he introduces readers to the 'Architects of Darkness' – Bauhaus, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Joy Division, and The Cure – the godfathers of goth who established the genre's roots. Following these early bands, Tolhurst discusses a group he calls the 'Spiritual Alchemists', consisting of bands like Depeche Mode, Cocteau Twins, and more, who helped the darkness expand into the culture. He also tracks the expansion of the genre overseas, from England to New York, Los Angeles, and beyond. Gothic fashion was an important part of the movement as well and Tolhurst discusses the clothing that accompanied and complemented the music. Finally, Tolhurst examines the legacy of goth music and shows how its influence can still be seen to this day across music, film, TV, visual arts, social media and so much more, finally concluding with 'Why Goth matters!'

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Varoufakis, Yanis
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Walsh, Toby
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