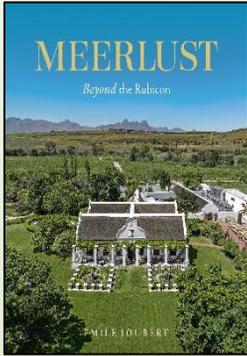


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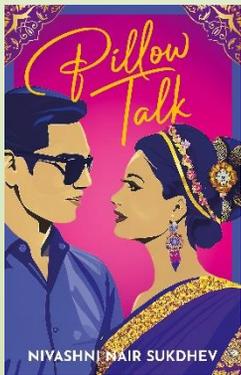
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Meerlust by Emile Joubert

9781776194650 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | HB | R495

Nestled in the heart of the Stellenbosch wine district lies Meerlust Wine Estate, producer of the iconic Rubicon. For over three centuries and seven generations, the land has been tended to by the Myburgh family, who transformed it into one of the country's most revered wine estates. For the first six generations of the Myburgh tenure, the vineyards were grown for making bulk batches of wine for selling on to the big traders. In 1975 the estate produced its first vintage, a Cabernet Sauvignon, under its own label. The Rubicon red Bordeaux blend, first made in 1980 by Nico Myburgh and his Italian-born winemaker Giorgio Dalla Cia, set Meerlust on a new trajectory. It announced not only a new path for Meerlust and the Myburgh family, but also a revolution in wine style. Today, this legacy lives on under owner Hannes Myburgh and cellar master Wim Truter.

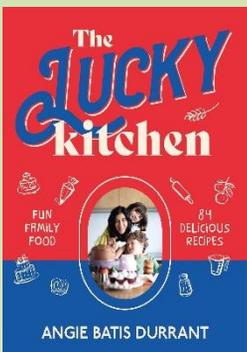


Pillow Talk by Nivashni Nair Sukdhev

9781776195176 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | BPB | R260

Shona Shah's life is chaotic. She is shackled to a family obligation, has a casual relationship with a childhood friend, Senthil Aiyer, unfulfilled dreams and a heap of clothing at the bottom of her cupboard that she doesn't have time to hang up. In a bold move, Shona walks out of her family's tailor business to forge her own path. But the beautiful, twenty-something bridal designer soon realises that to move forward, she has to look at her family's past.

Shona's journey of self-discovery is a whirlwind of humour and heartache as she learns to accept that her 'no *pillow talk*' rule with Senthil can be broken. Sen discovers that sometimes the greatest love stories can unfold right in the middle of the 'chaos' that he has always tried to avoid.



The Lucky Kitchen by Angie Batis Durrant

9781776193653 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | PB | R390

The kitchen is truly the heart of the home for popular content creator Angie Batis Durrant and her musician husband Shane, frontman for Desmond and the Tutus. You're invited to join the Durrant family, whose playful weeknight dinners and mouthwatering treats are sure to bring laughter and joy to your own kitchen. Angie, a mother of two, brings her warm, witty approach to cooking, a nod to her Greek heritage, and her love of baking into every dish. Many of the recipes are perfect for involving the kids, making it easy for the whole family to roll up their sleeves and make a mess, all while creating delicious memories. Plus, Angie shares her top-secret Wolves' red velvet cake recipe!

The Lucky Kitchen is full of real food, with fun, easy recipes made to be enjoyed by real families.

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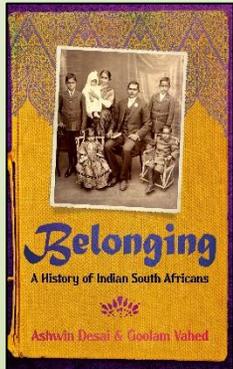
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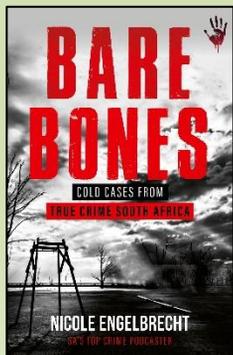
Brahman Hills by Michele Magwood, with Iain Buchan & Tim Steyn
9781776194520 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | HB | R750

In 2011 a property in the Midlands in South Africa that contained a run-down motel went on sale. Rumours were that it would become a truck stop and would start renting out rooms by the hour. That was until entrepreneur Iain Buchan, who owned the neighbouring farm, and his wife, Carol, stepped in. The Buchans created a wedding venue, but the couple yearned for more. They had been dazzled by the grand gardens they had seen on their travels and decided to transform the green grasslands into something spectacular. Landscaper Tim Steyn was asked to draw up plans and they were about to break ground when the pandemic broke out. A man of endless action, Iain pressed on and persuaded the staff of the wedding venue to help. Four years on an audacious, magical garden has been rendered from the fertile Midlands soil. Today Brahman Hills boasts a moat, a grotto, a magnificent sculpture garden, water features, paths and 16 beehives that are works of art.



Belonging: The History of Indian South Africans by Ashwin Desai & Goolam Vahed
9781776193714 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R350

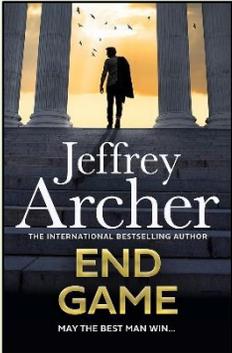
Spanning oceans and centuries, this sweeping history moves from London's Colonial Office to Durban's contested streets and Delhi's growing influence, uncovering the untold struggles of Indian South Africans under the shadow of empire. It traces freed indentured labourers, a rising merchant class, and communities resisting the constant threat of repatriation, only to face new assaults from apartheid's Group Areas Act. Drawing on fresh research, it blends seismic events and the independence of India, South Africa's National Party rise, forced removals, with intimate family stories of ambition, displacement, and resilience. From the turmoil of uprooted lives emerge new townships, schools, and professionals, forging hope in unlikely places. Rejecting easy narratives, it reveals the human terrain between resistance and compromise. In the fall of apartheid lies a question that echoes still: what does it mean to truly belong?



Bare Bones by Nicole Engelbrecht
9781776193363 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

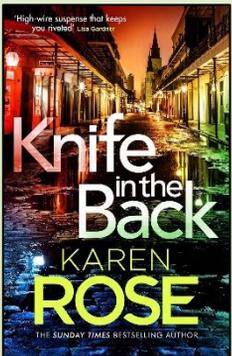
Nicole Engelbrecht is back with a new book that delves into the cold cases of her phenomenally popular True Crime SA podcast. In *Bare Bones*, she re-examines missing and murder cases she has covered in her podcast series and revisits the leads and the interviews she conducted. Much of the information has never been made public before. From the bones of a Jane Doe discovered under a swimming pool to a troubled young man who seemed to vanish in the prison system, from a business trip turned deadly, to a child snatched from outside her home, Engelbrecht sifts the evidence anew and shines a light on old and new unsolved cases in the hope of bringing closure to the victims' families and friends. Join her in the search for the truth behind the scenes of the podcast desk.

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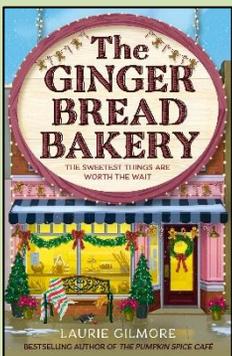
End Game by Jeffrey Archer
9780008640217 | HarperCollins | TPB | R389

London, 2012. The eyes of the world are on Britain as the country prepares to host the Olympic Games. But the glare of the spotlight makes London a target for some of the most dangerous people on earth. And the moment the bid is won, an international conspiracy is set in motion to unleash a devastating attack that will leave the world in chaos. One man stands between triumph and disaster: Commander William Warwick, heading up Scotland Yard's elite team. But as he pursues the shadowy organisation, he sets off a deadly game of cat and mouse which will take him from the bustling streets of London to the hidden corridors of power. Can Warwick stop the assassin before the greatest show on earth becomes a catastrophe ...



Knife in the Back by Karen Rose
9781035403257 | Headline | TPB | R450

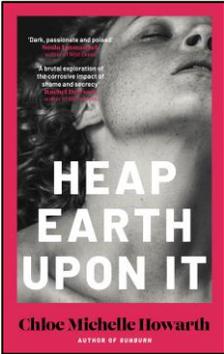
Naomi Cranston's five years in jail for something she didn't do were the worst of her life. Now the former NOPD cop is being targeted again by the people who framed her for stealing evidence. If she doesn't comply with their demands to deliver drugs, they'll hurt her teenage son, Everett. When she arrives at the Burke Broussard Investigation Agency asking for help, Burke is reluctant to assist a convicted cop. But her story and her courage in standing up to the criminals touch him to the core. Even if taking on the case puts him and the rest of his team in grave danger. As they try to work out who is responsible for framing Naomi, they must do all they can to keep their families safe. There might be something far more sinister at play than a drugs enterprise and someone would do anything to stop Burke and the team finding out what.



The Gingerbread Bakery by Laurie Gilmore
9780008728090 | HarperCollins | PBO | R295

A wedding in Dream Harbor can only mean one thing; everyone wants to get involved! With Jeanie and Logan set to tie the knot, and Kira desperate to hire out her newly renovated barn at the Christmas tree farm, everything seems to be going well. Annie has agreed to bake the cake, and Mac is responsible for, well... just being Mac. And as the whole of Dream Harbor comes together to celebrate the wedding of the year with the snow falling around them, can Annie and Mac put aside their dislike for each just long enough for the 'I Do's' or is that one request too far...

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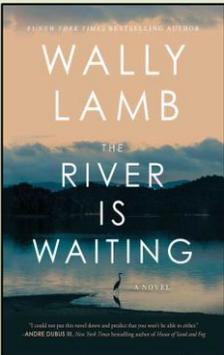
Heap Earth Upon It by Chloe Michelle Howarth
9780857309174 | Oldcastle | TPB | R410

January 1965. The orphaned O'Leary siblings, Tom, Jack, Anna and Peggy, arrive in the village of Ballycrea, tight-lipped about their troubled past and desperate for a fresh start.

After being met with suspicion from most of the locals, the family are thrilled when they're taken under the wing of their well-respected neighbours, Bill and Betty Nevan, who offer them work, companionship and an opportunity to fit in.

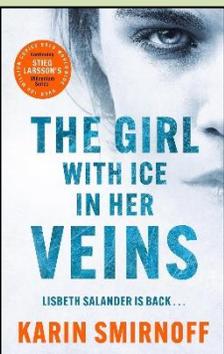
But for one of the O'Learys, this new friendship sparks an intense attachment that makes the dynamic dangerous for all.

It's difficult to bury secrets, but almost impossible to bury feelings...



The River Is Waiting by Wally Lamb
9781668211861 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R400

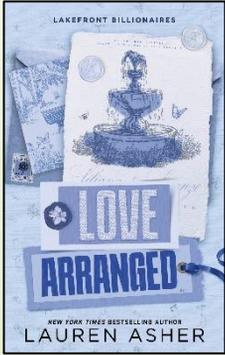
Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart. Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive life on the inside, where he bears witness to frightful acts of brutality but also experiences small acts of kindness and elemental kinship with a prison librarian who sees his light and some of his fellow offenders, including a tender-hearted cellmate and a troubled teen desperate for a role model. Buoyed by them and by his mother's enduring faith in him, Corby begins to transcend the boundaries of his confinement, sustained by his hope that mercy and reconciliation might still be possible. Can his crimes ever be forgiven by those he loves?



The Girl with Ice in her Veins by Karin Smirnov
9781529427110 | Quercus | TPB | R450

Spring returns to Sweden's far north, but darkness lies at the heart of the small town of Gasskas. Natural resources in the region are being shamelessly exploited by shadowy multinationals, opposed only by Lisbeth Salander's niece Svala and a group of environmental activists. What begins as a protest spins out of control when a young journalist is found murdered. Journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who has taken a new job at the Gasskas newspaper, starts the investigation and unravels a story that has the makings of an explosive scandal. At the same time, Lisbeth Salander is desperate to track down her old hacker friend, Plague, who has disappeared. When it becomes clear that both she and Svala are on a secret underworld hit list, Lisbeth decides to go to war with old and new enemies alike . . .

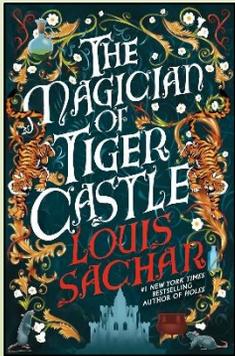
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Love Arranged (Lakefront Billionaires) by Lauren Asher
9780349438016 | Little Brown | BPB | R295

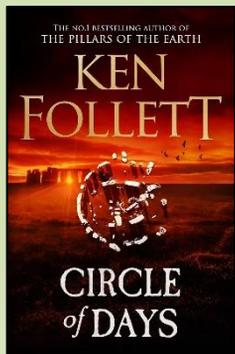
Lorenzo: Five months, one fake relationship, and a complicated past with Lily Muñoz. She offers to date me to boost my image, something I should decline. But my future hinges on her help. Pretending in public is easy. Catching real feelings in private? That wasn't part of the plan.

Lily: A dating app match with Lorenzo Vittori? Worst luck ever. My sister's boyfriend hates him, my mom's suspicious and I've avoided him for a year. But when my business is at risk, I'm forced to strike a deal: help him win the mayoral race, and he'll protect my shop. Simple. Except fake dating isn't my strength, and Lorenzo? He doesn't do real love. Or so I thought. A fake romance rooted in past pain becomes dangerously close to something real in this enemies-to-lovers twist.



The Magician of Tiger Castle by Louis Sachar
9781035426607 | Welbeck | TPB | R440

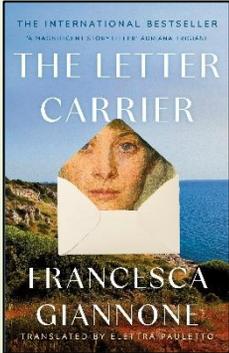
Long ago, in a kingdom far away, the magician of tiger castle is on thin ice. Once the greatest in the land, Anatole's spells have dried up. He can't even turn sand into gold anymore. The only one who still believes in him is kind Princess Tullia, and he hopes for the sake of their friendship, that he can soon redeem himself and stay within the king's court. When the opportunity arises, Anatole is faced with an impossible decision. Princess Tullia is betrothed to the prince of a rich neighbouring kingdom, an alliance which will save bankrupt Esquaveta and all its citizens. But, Tullia has secretly fallen in love with a lowly apprentice scribe and refuses to wed the prince. The King tasks Anatole with the most difficult magic of all: an anti-love potion. Anatole can save everything and everyone if he can shatter the young lovers' romance. But, with the fate of the kingdom hanging in the balance, can he achieve it? Can he even bring himself to try? After all, is true love not the purest form of magic?



Circle of Days by Ken Follett
9781529442359 | Quercus | TPB | R450

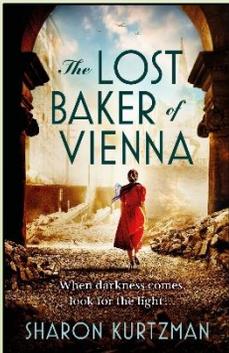
Seft, a skilled flint miner, crosses the Great Plain in summer to trade at the Midsummer Rite and find Neen, the girl he loves. Neen's prosperous herder family offers him escape from his brutal home. Her sister Joia, a visionary priestess, dreams of building a monument from the largest stones in the world. As a child, she is captivated by the ceremony, imagining a great stone circle uniting the Plain's divided tribes. Seft is inspired, and the dream becomes their shared purpose. But drought grips the land, stoking tension among herders, farmers, and woodlanders. When an act of savage violence erupts, mistrust turns to open war, threatening both the tribes' survival and the monumental vision that could unite them. From the master of epic fiction comes the deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.

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The Letter Carrier by Francesca Giannone
9781035435807 | Headline | TPB | R440

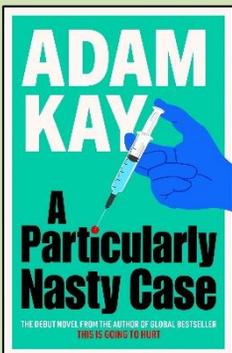
In June 1934, Carlo returns to his hometown of Lizzanello in southern Italy with his Northern wife, Anna. Her independence, intellect, and modern views shock the traditional village. Unlike other women, Anna reads unfamiliar books, wears pants, and believes in gender equality. When the local post office hires her, the town is stunned, a female letter carrier is unheard of. Yet Anna becomes a vital link, delivering messages between lovers, war-separated families, and aiding the illiterate. Her presence stirs unresolved tensions: Carlo's former love resents her, his niece suffers in a loveless marriage sparked by jealousy, and a buried family secret threatens to erupt. Through it all, Anna's courage and quiet rebellion begin to reshape the village, one letter at a time.



The Lost Baker of Vienna by Sharon Kurtzman
9781035418206 | Headline | TPB | R425

1946. Having survived a concentration camp, Chana Rosenzweig arrives in Vienna seeking not only protection for her and her family, but also the freedom to be a baker, just as her father had once been. Torn between a black-market dealer who offers escape to Europe, and an apprentice baker who shares her dreams, Chana battles to stay true to herself and the promise she made her father to live against all odds...

2018. When Zoe Rosenzweig's beloved grandfather dies, Zoe travels to Vienna to speak to an elusive man who may be the only person who can help her unearth the hidden story of her grandparents. Haunted by what she does not know, Zoe risks her journalism career and her home to find the truth.

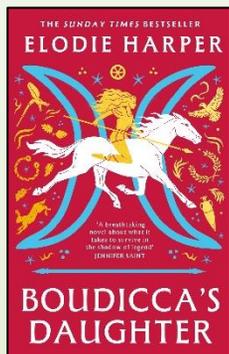


A Particularly Nasty Case by Adam Kay
9781398704411 | Orion | TPB | R425

When a toxic hospital consultant dies of a heart attack, fellow doctor Eitan Rose smells foul play. Nobody else does though, including some quite crucial players like the police and the coroner.

But Eitan just won't let it drop, and his friends and colleagues become increasingly concerned about his mental health as his chaotic investigation and equally chaotic life spiral out of control. Is he making a career-ending mistake, or could there genuinely be a killer stalking the wards?

Fiction



Boudicca's Daughter by Elodie Harper
9781804544648 | Head of Zeus | TPB | R445

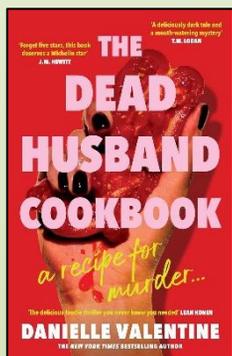
Boudicca. Infamous warrior, queen of the British Iceni tribe and mastermind of one of history's greatest revolts. Her defeat spelled ruin for her people, yet still her name is enough to strike fear into Roman hearts.

But what of the woman who grew up in her shadow?

The woman who has her mother's looks and cunning but a spirit all of her own?

The woman whose desperate bid for survival will take her from Britain's sacred marshlands to the glittering façades of Nero's Roman Empire.

Born to a legend. Forced to fight. Determined to succeed.



The Dead Husband Cookbook by Danielle Valentine
9781800819214 | Profile | TPB | R400

Maria Capello is a celebrity chef like no other. A household name with dozens of cookbooks and a weekly television show, not to mention her line of bestselling supermarket sauces. Once just the timid wife of famous chef Damien Capello, she stepped into the spotlight after his mysterious disappearance, an event she's never spoken about publicly... until now.

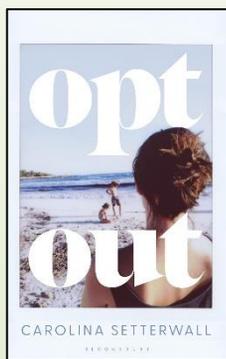
Why is Maria willing to break her silence? When editor Thea Woods is invited to Maria's remote farmhouse to work on the manuscript of her tell-all memoir, Thea spots an opportunity. She could be the one to finally learn whether the rumours are true. Did Maria kill Damien for his recipes and the legendary 'secret ingredient'? Or is the truth even darker?



The Midnight Shift by Seon-Ran Cheon
9781526679826 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R445

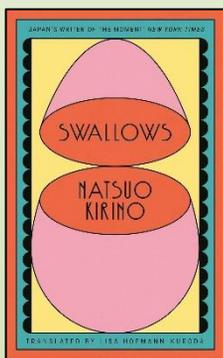
When four isolated elderly people die back-to-back at the same hospital by jumping out of the sixth-floor window, Su-Yeon doesn't understand why she's the only one at her precinct that seems to care. But her colleagues at the police force dismiss the case as a series of unfortunate suicides due to the patients' loneliness. But Su-Yeon doesn't have the privilege of looking away: her dearest friend, Grandma Eun-Shim, lives on the sixth floor, and Su-Yeon is terrified that something will happen to her next. As Su-Yeon begins her investigation alone, she runs into a mysterious woman named Violette at the crime scene. Violette claims to be a vampire hunter, searching for her ex-lover, Lily, and is insistent that a vampire is behind the mysterious deaths. Su-Yeon is skeptical at first, but when a fifth victim jumps from the window, her investigation reveals the body was completely drained of blood.

Fiction



Opt Out by Carolina Setterwall
9781526608079 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R485

Everything will be fine. That is what Mary and John promise when they tell their two children that they are getting a divorce. But while the end of their marriage offers them both freedom from their dissatisfaction, it brings to the fore the pain and resentments that have always percolated through their relationship and throws into stark relief their shortcomings as partners and as parents. While John finds a second chance at love, still retaining the support of their children, Mary is forced to contend with the fact that, having always yearned for the approval of others, she is thoroughly unprepared for the waves of change that are coming to reshape her life.



Swallows by Natsuo Kirino
9781837264285 | Canongate | TPB | R475

Twenty-nine-year-old Riki is sick of her dead-end job, of struggling to get by ever since she moved to Tokyo from the country. So, when someone offers her the chance to become a surrogate in return for a life-changing amount of money, it's hard to turn down. But how much of herself will she be forced to give away? Retired ballet star Motoi and his wife, Yuko, have spent years trying to conceive. As Yuko begins to make peace with her childlessness, Motoi grows increasingly desperate for a child to whom he can pass on his elite genes. Their last resort is surrogacy; a business transaction, plain and simple. But as they try to exert ever more control over Riki, their contract with her starts to slip through their fingers . . .



False Idols by Karla Marie Sweet
9781035422074 | Welbeck | TPB | R440

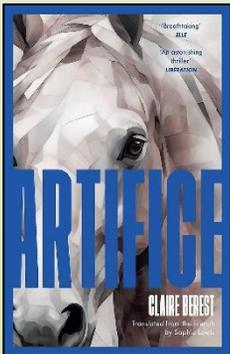
Sadie's been adrift, looking for an escape from her new house and old memories, when a chance encounter leads her to one of the most exclusive wellness classes in LA. At first she's sceptical, but the classes and the attention of its magnetic leader, Liliith are transformative, other-worldly, completely addictive. No one in Sadie's life understands that Deep Flow isn't a cult, but a community. One that offers the chance to feel powerful in her own body again, maybe even a way to finally let go of her past. But when the sisterhood, and Sadie's place within it, comes under threat, the hidden cost of being part of Liliith's inner circle becomes clear. What would Sadie risk to prove her loyalty?

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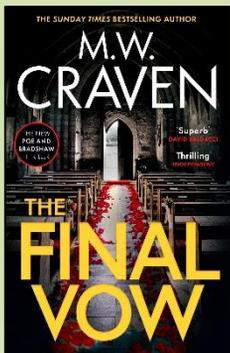
Break Room by Miye Lee
9781035430567 | Headline | TBP | R395

Eight unsuspecting people receive an invitation to participate in a mysterious new reality show called *Break Room*. But what starts as an opportunity to find fame is quickly revealed to be something far more unsettling when they learn how they were chosen; they were voted in by their own co-workers as the people they'd least like to share a *break room* with. But there's another twist. Among them is an imposter, a mole planted by the show's producers and the only way to win the prize money is to uncover the saboteur before time runs out. Labelled as 'villains', the participants are left to grapple with the incredibly alarming realisation that their actions might be perceived differently by others and one moment of kindness might see them branded as the office creep. As alliances shift and paranoia festers, each contestant comes to realise surviving the show isn't the greatest challenge . . . it's facing up to who they are.



Artifice by Claire Berest
9781035431151 | Welbeck | PBO | R305

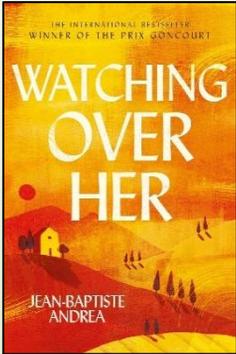
A white horse appears in the library of the Pompidou Centre. Then stuffed wolves are displayed in a gallery, dressed in fine garments and drinking champagne. The authorities are baffled, particularly when investigations lead to suspended police officer Abel Bac. Since being dismissed for unknown reasons, Abel has been wandering the streets of Paris, haunted by a recurring nightmare and hoping to lose himself in the city. But following Abel leads to Mila, the mysterious artist at the heart of this enigma and to a hidden darkness rising to the surface of the city. As soon becomes clear, nothing about this chain of events has been a coincidence...



The Final Vow by M. W. Craven
9781408717547 | Little Brown | TPB | R440

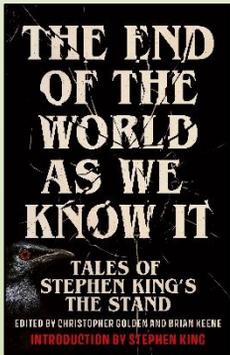
A shooting at Gretna Green. A bride is murdered on her wedding day, seconds after she slips on her new ring. It's brutal and bloody but she isn't the first victim and she won't be the last. With the body count now at 17, people are terrified, not knowing where the sniper will strike next. With the nation in a state of panic, the police are at a loss and turn to Washington Poe and Tilly Bradshaw, the only team who just might be able to track down a serial killer following no discernible pattern and with the whole country as his personal hunting ground. Can Poe and Tilly stop an unstoppable assassin, who never misses his mark and never makes a mistake? Or will he find them before they find him...

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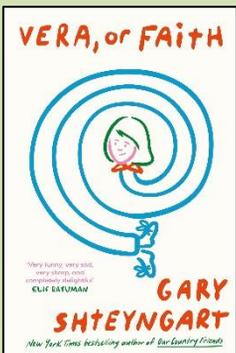
Watching Over Her by Jean-Baptiste Andrea
9781805462736 | Atlantic | TPB | R435

In an Italian monastery, an infamous sculptor lays on his death bed. During Mimo's final hours, he reveals his life story: his impoverished childhood, his unlikely rise to fame and most importantly, his meeting with Viola, the daughter of a powerful aristocratic family. Mimo and Viola are instantly drawn to one another. Together, they traverse the unrest of the twentieth century. While Mimo becomes a celebrated artist, Viola fights to claim her education and independence. Over the decades, they will lose and find each other, but never will they give up on the love they share.



The End of the World as We Know It by Brian Keene & Christopher Golden
9781399738675 | Hodder & Stoughton | HB | R690

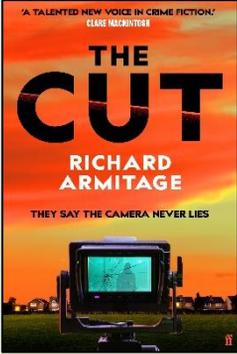
Since its initial publication in 1978, *The Stand* has been considered #1 New York Times bestselling author and master storyteller Stephen King's seminal masterpiece of apocalyptic fiction, with millions of copies sold and adapted twice for television. Although there are other extraordinary works exploring the unraveling of human society, none have been as influential as this iconic novel, with generations of writers impacted by its dark yet ultimately hopeful vision of the end and new beginning of civilization, and its stunning array of unforgettable characters. Now for the first time, Stephen King has fully authorized a return to the harrowing world of *The Stand* through this original short story anthology. Bringing together some of today's greatest and most visionary writers, this book features remarkable, all-new stories. Brilliant, terrifying, and painfully human tales that will resonate with readers everywhere as an essential companion to the classic bestselling novel.



Vera, Or Faith by Gary Shteyngart
9781838958817 | Atlantic | TPB | R435

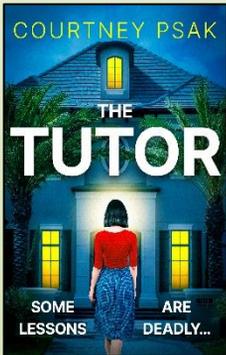
The Bradford-Shmulkin family is falling apart. A very modern blend of Russian, Jewish, Korean, and New England WASP, they love each other deeply but the pressures of life in an unstable America are fraying their bonds. There's Daddy, a struggling, cash-thirsty editor whose Russian heritage gives him a surprising new currency in the upside-down world of 21st century geopolitics; his wife, Anne Mom, a progressive, underfunded blue blood from Boston who's barely holding the household together; their son, Dylan, whose blond hair and Mayflower lineage give him pride of place in the newly forming American political order; and, above all, the young Vera, half-Jewish, half-Korean. Vera wants only three things in life: a friend at school; Daddy and Anne Mom to stay together; and to meet her birth mother, who will at last tell Vera the secret of who she really is and how to ensure love's survival in this great, mad, imploding world.

Fiction



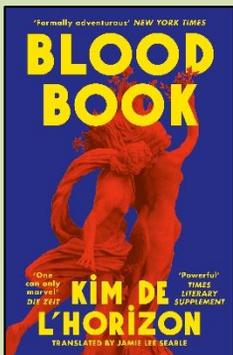
The Cut by Richard Armitage
9780571393510 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R435

Thirty years ago, one of Ben Knott's schoolfriends was murdered. Another went to prison. The story ended. The village of Barton Mallett tried to move on. As the murderer's sentence ends, the village is chosen as the unlikely location for a feature film by a Hollywood producer, with Ben's son Nathan cast in the leading role. As the film takes shape, Ben begins to recognise the storyline - from his own past. As his son becomes immersed in a tale of bullying and retribution, things turn dangerous, and an uncomfortable truth begins to emerge. Ben must choose between the safety of his children and reopening the wounds of the past. How much is he willing to risk to protect his family and himself?



The Tutor by Courtney Psak
9781399748131 | Hodder & Stoughton | PBO | R305

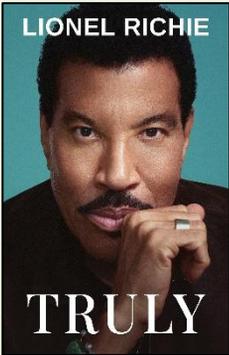
Letting her into your home was your first mistake... Rose is a dedicated wife and mother to her husband Grant and her son James. Having recently moved to a grand mansion in Florida, Rose is keen for James to fit in with his new life and hires a tutor. Isabel is young, smart and beautiful, and not only gets along with James, but she gets results. But when Isabel starts to get too close for comfort, Rose can't help but think that Isabel is looking for more than just tutoring. Can Rose uncover who exactly she has let into her house, or will this lesson be deadly?



Blood Book by Kim de l'Horizon
9781399731430 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R440

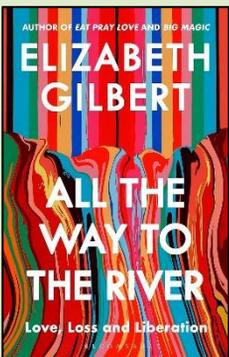
As their grandmother slides into dementia, an unnamed narrator begins to ask questions - to fill in the gaps, to resist the silence that shrouds their family. Childhood memories resurface, revealing a path into the past, winding back through generations. This matrilineal line leads toward nature, witchcraft, freedom. Could this be where they belong? What follows is an astounding quest for liberation, from generational trauma, class identity, the limits of language. It's a search for other forms of knowledge and traditions, other ways of becoming. Bold and expansive, *Blood Book* is an unforgettable reckoning with the past, and a mesmerising exploration of who we are.

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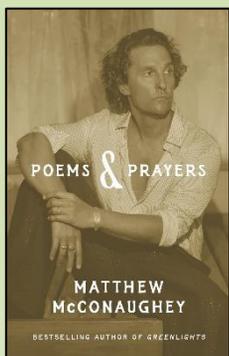
Truly by Lionel Richie
9780008752330 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

In this intimate, deeply candid memoir, Lionel revisits hilarious and harrowing events to inspire all who doubt themselves or feel their dreams don't matter. Lionel chronicles lessons learned during his unlikely story of remarkable success, his dramatic transformation from painfully shy, 'tragically' late bloomer to world-class entertainer and composer of love songs that have played as the soundtrack of our lives. Funny, warm and riveting, Lionel recalls his childhood in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he grew up on its university campus during the heyday of the Civil Rights movement, raucous adventures as a member of The Commodores, coming-of-age in late 1960s Harlem, culture shock playing gigs on the French Riviera, the big break of being signed to Motown, his meteoric solo career that included an Olympics performance witnessed by two billion around the globe, all the way through to writing and recording 'We Are the World' and his current multi-generational fame as a judge on American Idol. Lionel's journey takes us on a thrill ride and delivers a memoir for the ages.



All the Way to the River by Elizabeth Gilbert
9781526654588 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R475

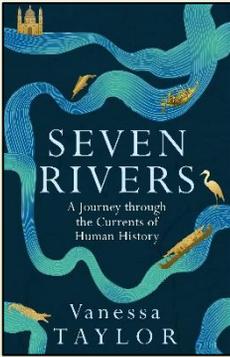
In 2000, Elizabeth Gilbert met Rayya. They became friends, then best friends, then inseparable. When tragedy entered their lives, the truth was finally laid bare: the two were in love. They were also a pair of addicts, on a collision course toward catastrophe. What if your most beautiful love story turned into your biggest nightmare? What if the dear friend who taught you so much about your self-destructive tendencies became the unstable partner with whom you disastrously reenacted every one of them? And what if your most devastating heartbreak opened a pathway to your greatest awakening? *All the Way to the River* is a landmark memoir that will resonate with anyone who has ever been captive to love -or to any other passion, substance or craving - and who yearns, at long last, for liberation.



Poems & Prayers by Matthew McConaughey
9781035405541 | Headline | TPB | R495

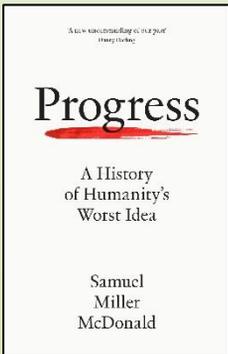
A prescriptionist at heart, I've always looked to reason to find the rhyme, the practical to get to the mystical, the choreography to find the dance, the proof to get to the truth, and reality to get to the dream. I've been finding that tougher to do lately. It's more than hard to know what to believe in; it's hard to believe. But I don't want to quit believing, and I don't want to stop believing in . . . humanity, you, myself, our potential. I think it's time for us to flip the script on what's historically been our means of making sense and instead open our aperture to enchantment and look to faith, belief, and dreams for our reality. Forget logic, certainty, owning, or making a start-up company of it; let's go beyond what we can merely imagine, and believe, in the poetry of life.

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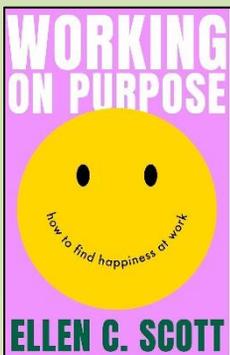
Seven Rivers by Vanessa Taylor
9781474617239 | Orion | TPB | R470

Rivers are the great natural arteries that run through our lives. We have navigated them, dammed them and worshipped at them. From the ancient ecosystems of Egypt to the sinking cities of Shanghai and London, what we do with our rivers tells us about who has power and what we value. Now, when a passion for wild swimming is flourishing but the Amazon is on fire and some of our major river systems are dying, it has never been clearer that rivers are intertwined with humanity at our best and our worst. *Seven Rivers* is story of the Nile, Danube, Niger, Mississippi, Ganges, Yangtze and the Thames. It is a story of imperial frontiers, alluvial gold, kidnappings, slavery, anticolonialism and creation myths. It is about those who've lived and died on these rivers and their endless capacity for invention...



Progress by Samuel Miller McDonald
9780008462482 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

In the pursuit of *progress*, of growth and expansion, we have levelled cities, flattened mountains, charted the globe and ushered in a new geological epoch unique in our planet's 4.5-billion-year history. The idea of *progress* has compelled societies toward exploration, invention, and grandiosity on one hand, and on the other, genocide, slavery, ecocide, and conquest: it is the root of our civilization's success, as well as its looming demise. Geographer Samuel Miller McDonald offers a radical new perspective on the myth upon which the modern world is built, illuminating its blood-strewn lineage and suggesting an urgent alternative. He traces the history of how human societies broke from their pasts, broke from their environments, and broke from longstanding egalitarian values that sustained them, supplanting these with one imperative to rule all others: progress.



Working on Purpose by Ellen Scott
9780349443980 | Little Brown | TPB | R470

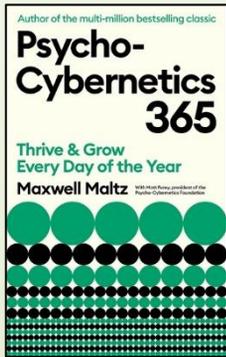
The rise of quiet quitting, bare minimum Mondays, and the fading belief in “dream jobs” signal a breaking point in our relationship with work. Many feel trapped between burnout and boreout. In *Working on Purpose*, journalist Ellen C. Scott explores how to reshape our careers through a 360-degree lens—examining generational differences, personal work styles, and the vital balance between professional and personal life. Packed with practical exercises, hacks, and uplifting advice, this guide empowers readers to find meaning and joy in their work. Scott shows that work shouldn't just be about survival—it can be a space for purpose, creativity, and fulfillment. With insight and clarity, she offers tools to transform how we approach our careers, proving it's possible to work not just harder or longer, but more intentionally and joyfully.

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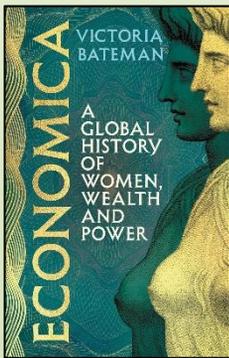


Psycho-Cybernetics 365 by Maxwell Maltz
9781805225690 | Profile | TPB | R475

The proven formula for a year of success.

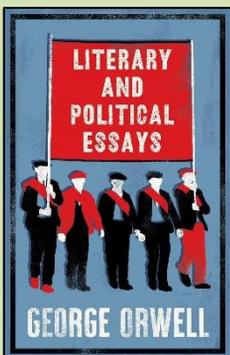
In 1960, Maxwell Maltz introduced his revolutionary theory of psycho-cybernetics: by taking control of your own thoughts, you can achieve greater peace of mind, success, and happiness. His work changed the lives of more than 30 million readers.

Now *Psycho-Cybernetics 365* distills Maltz's teachings into easy-to-digest daily entries, offering a short chapter of wisdom for every day of the year. Drawing on his techniques for improving and managing self-image, visualisation, mental rehearsal and relaxation, it is essential reading for anyone looking to live their most fulfilled life.



Economica by Victoria Bateman
9781035415786 | Headline | TPB | R470

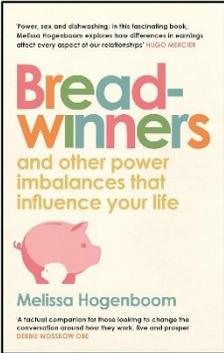
Humanity's journey from poverty to prosperity is filled with men who have become household names. But how many female entrepreneurs, merchants and industrialists can you name? *Economica* places women at the centre of the story of economic growth. Starting in the Stone Age and continuing to the present day, it takes the reader through the key economic milestones of the past twelve millennia, from the birth of farming to the advent of computing, all told through the experiences of women as well as men. We discover the female workers who helped to build the Great Pyramid of Giza, and to plumb the city of ancient Rome; the silk weavers who made a vital contribution to the development of the Silk Road and global trade; the women who dominated London's brewing trade during medieval times; and the brave twentieth-century pioneers who fought to make our economies not just richer but fairer.



Literary and Political Essays by George Orwell
9781847495150 | Bloomsbury | PB | R255

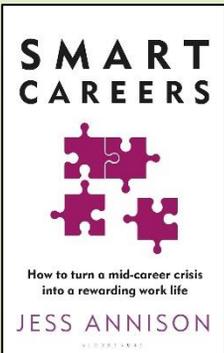
One of the most celebrated novelists in the English language, George Orwell was also a prolific essay writer and literary reviewer, penning articles on such diverse subjects as the craft of writing, international politics and British cookery, and on such varied authors as Charles Dickens, H.G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw and P.G. Wodehouse. This volume collects all of Orwell's major essays, including 'Shooting an Elephant', 'Inside the Whale', 'Politics and the English Language', 'Why I Write' and 'Politics vs Literature: An Examination of Gulliver's Travels', as well as a generous selection of shorter pieces on a variety of literary and political subjects. As a whole, this collection will provide useful insights into Orwell as a committed intellectual and serve as an indispensable companion to his fiction.

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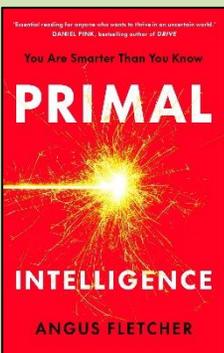
Breadwinners by Melissa Hogenboom
9781837262250 | HarperCollins | TPB | R505

Huge social changes occurring in real time are leading us to rethink traditional roles in our homes, workplaces and in society. So why do women who outearn their male partners still tend to do more housework and childcare? Why are unemployed men generally happier if their female partners are also unemployed? Why is unpaid labour still seen as a less important contribution than paid work within family units? In *Breadwinners*, award-winning science journalist Melissa Hogenboom interviews dozens of female *breadwinners*, stay-at-home dads and same-sex couples, comparing their stories to the latest research to demonstrate the consequences of changing dynamics. She reveals how pursuing and maintaining power is a key part of every human interaction, affecting every area of our lives. *Breadwinners* shows how, the closer we look, the easier it is to see the influence of power structures all around us.



Smart Careers by Jess Annison
9781399425728 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R520

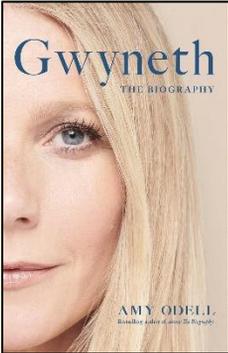
Mid-career crises are on the rise. It's no wonder: working lives are getting longer, 'jobs for life' are a thing of the past, and there's more opportunity than ever before to change role, companies or careers. As a result, more people are questioning whether their work is truly serving them in emotional, spiritual, and practical terms. Yet mid-career crises can also become the springboard to finding greater meaningfulness at work, resulting in huge psychological and performance benefits. In *Smart Careers*, Jess Annison shows you how to craft your career by designing and sustaining a work life that is deeply satisfying and fulfilling. This accessible and hands-on guide deals with the deepest questions of meaning and purpose, and how they impact both what we do and how we work.



Primal Intelligence by Angus Fletcher
9781035412556 | Headline | TPB | R470

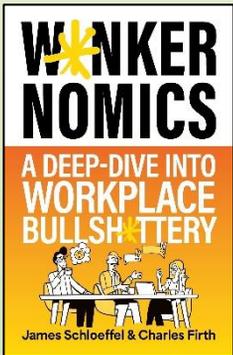
For decades we have focused on logic as the key component of human intelligence but what if this is wrong? In this ground-breaking new book, Professor Angus Fletcher reveals that our true source of resilience, problem solving, innovation and creativity in fact lie in the emotive, non-logical side of our brain. This 'low-data' region in the brain is the driver that helps us problem solve, anticipate things faster, rebound from failure and experience less anxiety and anger. But how do we tap into this unlocked resource? In *Primal Intelligence*, Fletcher shares innovative exercises for training this neglected side of our brains, improving leadership skills, our powers of innovation and our overall resilience. This is a life-changing guide to unlocking the full potential of your brain.

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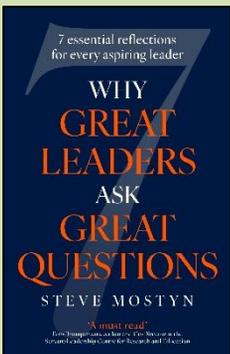
Gwyneth: The Biography by Amy Odell
9781805465713 | Atlantic | TPB | R435

Love her or hate her, Gwyneth Paltrow has managed to stay on the A-list, her influence spanning entertainment, fashion and the wellness industry. Throughout her career, Paltrow has participated in countless carefully managed interviews, but the real Gwyneth - the basis of her motives, desires, strengths, faults and vulnerabilities, has never been fully revealed, until now. Drawing from extensive conversations with more than 220 sources, including close current and former friends and colleagues, Amy Odell provides insight and behind-the-scenes details of Paltrow's relationships, family, friendships, iconic films and tenure as the CEO of Goop. *Gwyneth* is the definitive account of how Paltrow rose to prominence, has stayed in the limelight and continues to shape culture, for better or worse.



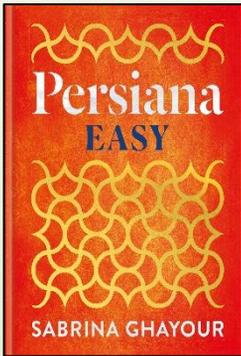
W*nkernomics by James Schloeffel & Charles Firth
9781399828482 | John Murray | TPB | R360

Are you a total failure at work? Do you struggle with simple tasks like using the phrase "moving forward" in every email? Have you never used the word "synergies" in a LinkedIn post? You need *W*nkernomics*. Picture the scene. You're sitting in a meeting at work. Your colleagues are deep in serious discussion. Terry says he wants an end-to-end, digital-first solution by COB Friday. Fiona says she'll have to take that offline and circle back later. And then quite suddenly, you catch yourself thinking, 'hang on... what the f*ck are they talking about?' Like, seriously, what do those words even mean? *W*nkernomics* is for anyone who has ever been told to reach out, touch base, drill down, or optimise their ducks on the same songsheet.



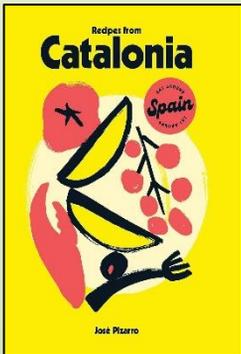
Why Great Leaders Ask Great Questions by Steve Mostyn
9781399820189 | John Murray | TPB | R525

Aspiring leaders are hungry to learn all that they can about how to be a more effective leader. And certainly there are tools and best practices young leaders should know and add to their toolkit. But, as Steve Mostyn, one of the world's leading innovators in executive leadership, has learned over the past decades of teaching this cohort, two equally useful activities for the aspiring leader are reflection and experimentation. In his new book, Mostyn has crafted an elegant collection of the seven provocative questions aspiring leaders should ask themselves in order to spur that reflection and experimentation. These are some of the most important questions Mostyn poses to each cohort of the Oxford Executive Leadership program's students, honed by the past answers and engagement of thousands of students.



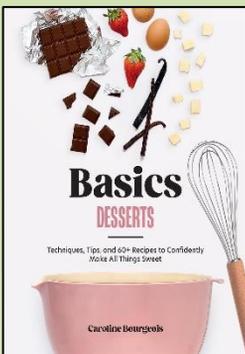
Persiana Easy by Sabrina Ghayour
9781783256129 | Octopus | HB | R795

A brand new collection of inspiring recipes from the bestselling Middle Eastern chef, each carefully designed to be as easy as possible. The hotly anticipated new collection from Sunday Times bestselling author Sabrina Ghayour, every recipe in *Persiana Easy* balances irresistible Middle Eastern flavours with accessible cooking. From midweek meals and traybakes to pastries and sweet treats, this collection features easy recipes to delight your family and friends, time and again. Contents Include: Dips, Snacks and Light Bites, Bread and Pastry, Salads, Midweek Meals, Comfort Food, Roasts and Traybakes, Vegetables and Side Dishes and Sweet Treats.



Recipes from Catalonia by José Pizarro
9781784887735 | Hardie Grant | HB | R460

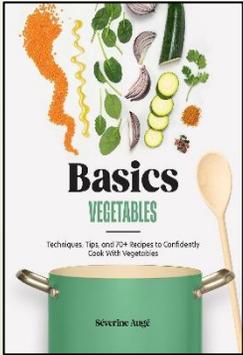
In *Recipes from Catalonia*, José Pizarro travels from the impressive Gaudi architecture in buzzy Barcelona, to the Roman and Greek ruins in Girona and secluded beaches in Costa Brava to create some of the best-loved dishes from the Catalonian region at home. Starting in the markets, José revels in the fresh meat, fish and vegetables, with dishes including classic Patatas Bravas, a delicious Duck Egg and Mushroom Stew, and a Rabbit Rice, typical of the region. From a Roast Chicken with Langoustines, Baby Squid with Mint that's perfect for spring, to a wintery Civet of Venison with Ceps and Mash, and the delicate Hazelnut and Plum cakes, José's interpretation of the regional flavours will inspire you to get into the kitchen. Set to the backdrop of stunning location photography, *Recipes from Catalonia* will make you feel truly transported to this special region.



Basics: Desserts by Caroline Bourgeois
9781964786100 | Hardie Grant | HB | R365

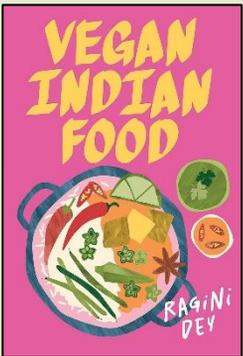
Basics: Desserts is the second in a series that will completely demystify cooking through step-by-step photography. It is a short but comprehensive photographic primer with recipes and techniques that showcase staples like pastry dough, cake batter, and cream fillings, plus how to use them in your favourite classic desserts. From there, learn to bake, assemble, and decorate desserts for any occasion. Bake your way through everything from big celebration cakes to an easy single-serve chocolate mug cake, plus fruit tarts three ways, a 3-tier showstopping pavlova, classic crème brûlée, and more.

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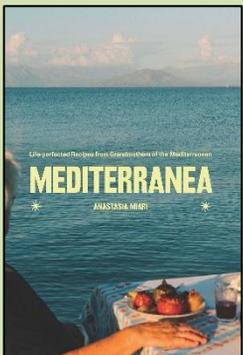
Basics: Vegetables by Séverine Augé
9781964786087 | Hardie Grant | HB | R365

Basics: Vegetables is the first in a series that will completely demystify cooking through step-by-step photography. It is a short but comprehensive photographic primer with recipes and techniques that showcase both classic vegetarian dishes and modern reinventions. Whether you're having a vegetarian guest over for dinner, trying to make a weekday lifestyle shift, or years into a vegetarian diet, learn (or relearn) the basics with step-by-step photos and easy-to-follow instructions. From Hasselback Butternut Squash to Risotto Verde or Tomato Tatin, your next vegetarian meal or dinner party, is only a few ingredients away. Make spinach-tinted green waffles with eggs on the weekend, or treat yourself to a hearty lentil shepherd's pie, assembled in 15 minutes and perfect for weekday lunch leftovers.



Vegan Indian Food by Ragini Dey
9781761451737 | Hardie Grant | HB | R580

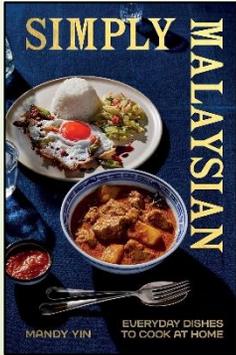
Vegan Indian Food is a cookbook that gives flavourful plant-based alternatives to 86 well-loved and diverse Indian recipes, including breads, curries, rice dishes and desserts. The book draws upon Ragini's experience of wanting to make some of her favourite dishes vegan-friendly, as well as the long history of vegan cooking in India. The recipes use traditional cooking methods and skills to allow you to make vegan versions of dishes such as samosas, pakoras, biryanis, rotis and more. Beautiful photography accompanies the dishes, along with helpful tips on how to master techniques and the author's reflections on food's connection to memory, place and family.



Mediterranea by Anastasia Miari
9781837833559 | Hardie Grant | HB | R675

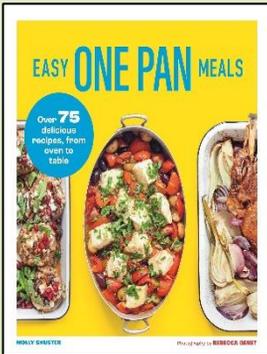
Mediterranea is a delicious deep-dive into the kitchens of the Med's most qualified cooks: its grandmothers. A colourful, sensory journey through the coastal region, this book is a celebration of one of the best food cultures of the world, packed with beautiful location photography to boot, think stunning pasta dishes from Sicily, classic desserts from the Côte d'Azur, Croatia's best fish dishes, fresh and vibrant Turkish salads and Greece's best vegetable-rich one pots, all served with the fascinating back stories of the grandmothers who have perfected these age-old recipes, and pearls of wisdom that only come with a life well lived. As visually engaging as it is mesmerising and heart-warming, *Mediterranea* is a true portrait of an incredible food culture, and the matriarchs that have shaped it.

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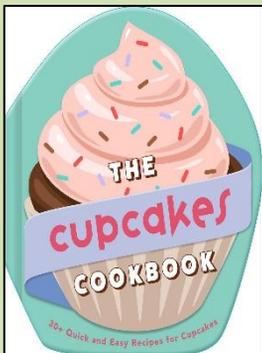
Simply Malaysian by Mandy Yin
9781837832415 | Hardie Grant | HB | R655

Inspired by how Malaysians eat at home and 'economy rice' eateries, where you can help yourself to a generous plate of delicious food at any time of day, as well as favourites from her family kitchen, Mandy Yin presents a collection of over 80 everyday recipes that are quick and easy to make. *Simply Malaysian* is a collection of classic and modern dishes that can be whipped up in no time, with minimal ingredients. Whether it's One Pot Chicken Rice, Sambal Aubergines, Black Pepper Beef or Spicy Tomato Prawns, these resourceful recipes are designed for every night of the week.



Easy One Pan Meals by Molly Shuster
9781789297478 | Michael O'Mara | PB | R440

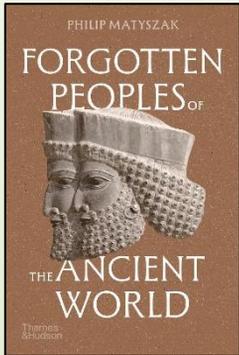
Discover the magic of effortless cooking with *Easy One-pan Meals*, your ultimate guide to simple, delicious meals. This innovative cookbook transforms everyday ingredients into mouthwatering dishes, all crafted with just four ingredients in a single pot. Meat, fish, beans, vegetables, even delicious desserts, there's something here for all tastes and all styles of cooking. Perfect for time-poor people and busy family life, it offers a variety of recipes that are quick, budget-friendly, and full of flavour. From hearty stews to delectable desserts, each recipe minimizes prep time and cleanup, allowing you to savour every bite without the fuss. Elevate your cooking game and enjoy some stress-free homecooked meals.



The Cupcakes Cookbook by Weldon Owen
9798886742442 | Insight | HB | R285

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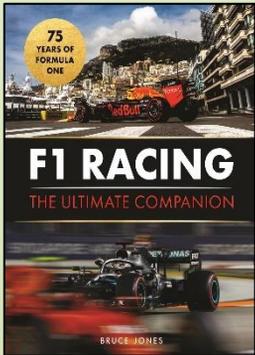
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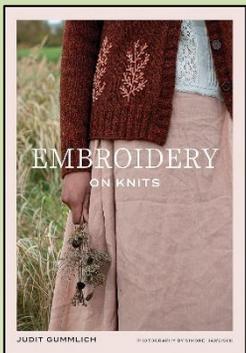
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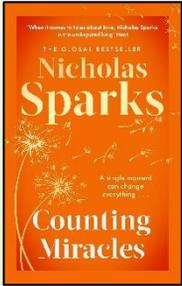
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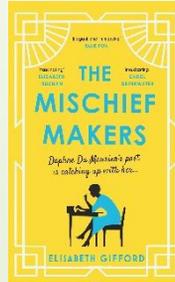
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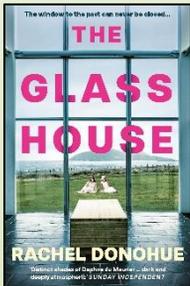
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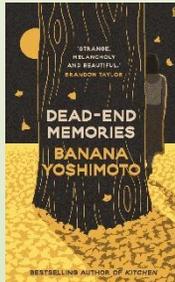
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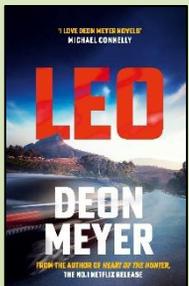
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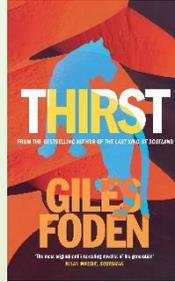
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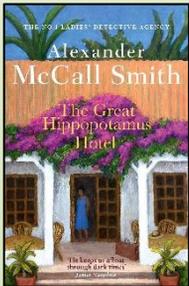
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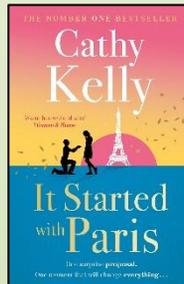
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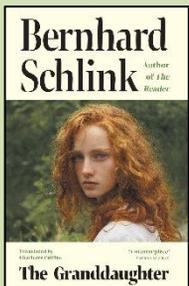
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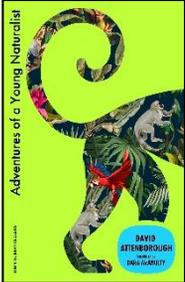
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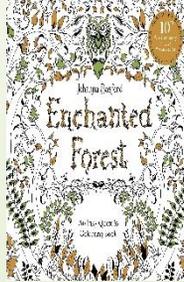
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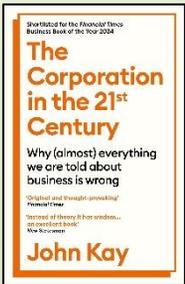
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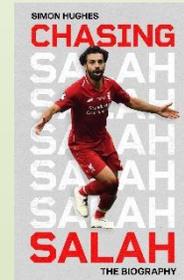


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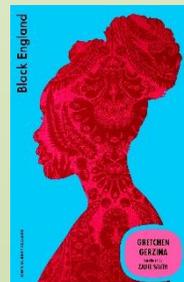
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