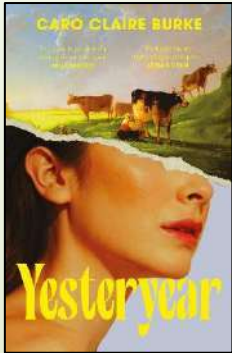
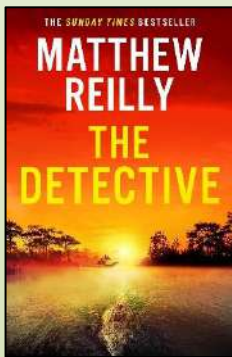


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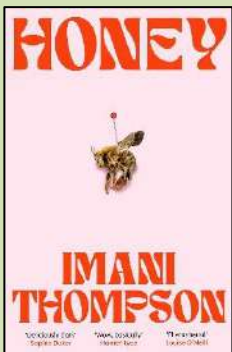
Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke
97800008742775 | HarperCollins | TPB | R380

Natalie lives a traditional lifestyle and has the social media accounts to prove it. Her charming farmhouse on her working ranch is artfully cluttered, her husband is a handsome cowboy, her homemade sourdough boules are each more beautiful than the last. So, what if there are nannies and producers and industrial-grade ovens behind the scenes? What Natalie's followers don't know won't hurt them. Then, one morning, Natalie wakes up in a strange, horrible version of reality. Her home, her husband, her children, they're all familiar, but something's off. Is this a hoax? A reality show? A test from God? Natalie knows just two things for sure: this isn't her perfect life, and she must escape, by any means possible.



The Detective by Matthew Reilly
9781398722163 | Orion | TPB | R425

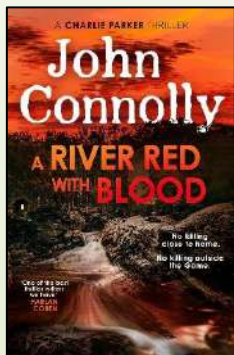
For 150 years, women have been going missing. And all of the investigators who went in search of them have disappeared, too. Now Sam Speedman, a most unique private detective, is on the case. Brilliant, direct and disarming, Sam is ... not your average detective. But then again, this isn't your average case. For not even Sam is prepared for the long-buried secrets he will find. Set in the most isolated corners of the American South, tapping into the dark currents that simmer beneath the surface of the modern United States, Matthew Reilly brings you a detective thriller like no other.



Honey by Imani Thompson
97800008759780 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

She just wants to know what justice feels like. Yrsa is bored: bored with her PhD program, her entitled students, and the never-ending pages of racial violence and feminist theory she has to read. But most of all, she's bored with the men in her life—especially the bad ones. And then, one sunny afternoon, she accidentally kills one. Suddenly a problematic professor is dead, and Yrsa, well, she's no longer bored. Emboldened, she starts to chase the high, and soon no misbehaving sexist man within commuting distance is safe. Finally, Yrsa's academic research feels useful. But how long can killing in the name of feminist and racial solidarity justify her actions? And how long until her actions and buried family secrets come back to unravel her?

Fiction



A River Red With Blood: (Charlie Parker Thriller) by John Connolly
9781399758475 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

No Killing Close to Home.

No Killing Outside the Game

But what happens when those rules get broken?

When the drowned body of a troubled teenager is recovered from a river in Maine's Kennebec Valley, and a young woman disappears from a small rural town, they draw the attention of the private investigator named Charlie Parker. Now Parker will be forced to confront a band of men without morality and without loyalty, not even to one another, in a place where the very darkness is alive. Because something has emerged from the shadows, something very bad.

And it wants revenge.



One Dark Summer by Saskia Sarginson
9781399725927 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

It's not the job Meg is anxious about, though. It's the house itself that scares her, and the secrets lurking inside. Not only that, but will her new employer recognise her?

The door opens. A beautiful, smiling woman greets her and ushers her inside. As she walks in, Meg realizes the house is exactly as she remembers. Her employer hasn't changed much, either, unlike Meg. The last time they met was fifteen years ago, when Meg was a child. Because this is where Meg lived the summer her mother went missing. The summer her life changed. The summer Meg believes she killed a man. Now she's back, in disguise as Margaret the nanny, and determined to find out what really happened. But some secrets are best left buried. Because someone knows exactly who Meg is, and they will do whatever it takes to keep her quiet...



Molka by Monika Kim
9781840918632 | Octopus | TPB | R395

Molka (n): the Korean term for spy cameras secretly and illegally installed, often to capture voyeuristic images and videos.

Dahye has met the man of her dreams, Hyukjoon, who happens to be the heir to a multi-billion fortune. Till one day, a video of them having sex goes viral. She is all over the internet and he is nowhere to be found.

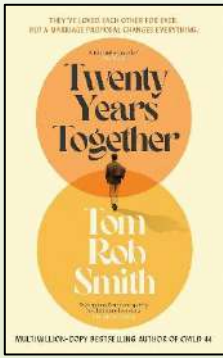
Junyoung is a nobody; a nothing office worker who harbours a dark secret: in every women's cubicle, shower and bathroom in his workplace, are cameras, his secret cameras. Junyoung spends his days watching and preying on his unsuspecting female victims.

Soon his perverse obsession turns to Dahye but, this time, he has chosen the wrong woman to wrong. When Dahye's pain turns to blind rage, she decides that she will not rest until he has paid in blood...

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Twenty Years Together by Tom Rob Smith
9781471133152 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R410

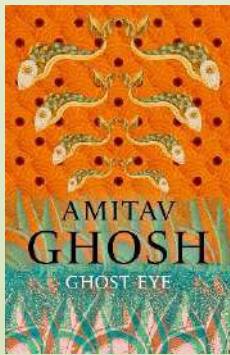
TWO MEN. TWENTY YEARS. ONE PROPOSAL.

Danny and Luis have been a couple for decades. Piece by piece, they've built a life together. They've created a home.

The only thing they didn't have was a marriage. When they met, it was illegal.

But the law finally changes, and Danny decides to propose on a Scottish hilltop, to the love of his life. Luis loves Danny, but does he love marriage?

And, as the past begins to catch up to them both, everything they have worked for begins to fall apart. Can their love survive the ultimate test? And is a yes still worth fighting for after twenty years together?



Ghost Eye by Amitav Ghosh
9781473686700 | John Murray | TPB | R470

Calcutta, September 1969: Varsha Gupta wants fish for her lunch. Her family can't understand it; the three-year-old has never tasted fish in her life. The Guptas are strict vegetarians and don't allow it inside their Calcutta mansion. But Varsha claims she can remember another life, a mud house by a river where she caught and cooked fish with a different mother. Perplexed, the Guptas turn to Dr. Shoma Bose, a psychiatrist who has been investigating what are known as 'cases of the reincarnation type' for years. But her understanding of the world is changed forever by Varsha's revelations. Half a century later, Varsha's therapeutic case file catches the attention of a group of environmental activists, and Shoma's nephew Dinu is drawn inexorably into their plans. And as Dinu finds himself caught up in the search for Varsha, buried memories of his own past begin to surface.



The Midnight Train by Matt Haig
9781837262823 | Canongate | TPB | R420

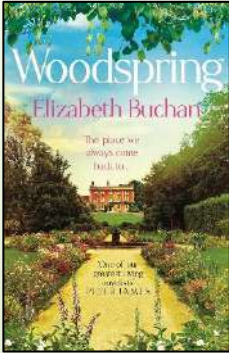
When your life flashes before your eyes, what will matter most?

For Wilbur it was his time with Maggie, the love of his life. Their honeymoon in Venice. Before he threw it all away.

Years later, on the brink of his own death, a train arrives. It can take Wilbur back in time. To relive his most important moments. Soon he realises just how much he would have changed.

An adventure through time, *The Midnight Train* is a story of love and second chances, from the world of The Midnight Library.

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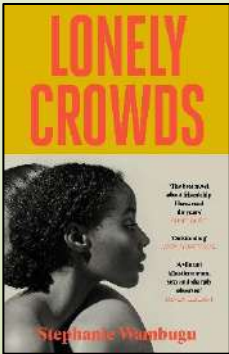
Woodspring by Elizabeth Buchan
9781838955328 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R430

Since the house was built in 1810, the Danes have lived in the elegant, light-filled rooms of *Woodspring*, and walked in the fields and woods that surround the house. Over the years, and through the changing seasons, it has brought shelter, solace and joy.

But now it's 1940 and Europe is on the brink of war. Everything is about to change, and nothing will be the same again.

The next three generations of Danes will live very different lives to their predecessors, at home and abroad. Yet they know they are forever tied to *Woodspring*.

Love and fortunes may come and go, no one is untouched by loss... But, throughout all this, *Woodspring* remains a constant.



Lonely Crowds by Stephanie Wambugu
9781837266432 | Canongate | BPB | R320

Ruth's life changes the day she stands in line with her mother to buy a new school uniform and sees another girl and her aunt turned away, unable to afford one. The girl, Maria, meets Ruth's stare without shame, and from that moment, Ruth can't stop thinking about her. When school begins, and they turn out to be the only two girls attending on scholarship, Ruth musters the courage to introduce herself. A friendship forms - not by choice, but by something stronger. Ruth is drawn into Maria's orbit, always circling: never too close, never quite able to pull away. As they grow up like sisters, attend the same college, and eventually move to 1990s New York to chase dreams in the art world, the bond between them begins to buckle under the weight of ambition and rivalry. Their lives continue to converge and diverge - until they meet in one final and momentous confrontation.



Son of Nobody by Yann Martel
9781838859084 | Canongate | TPB | R420

Harlow Donne has devoted his life to the Classical world. When a chance comes up to study an obscure collection of papyrus fragments at Oxford University, he seizes it. Though it means leaving his daughter and fracturing marriage back home in Canada, this is the kind of career break he desperately needs. In the depths of the Bodleian Library, Harlow discovers a lost account of the Trojan War, a glimpse into the founding of Western civilization itself. He names the epic poem *The Psoad*, after its protagonist, a Greek commoner identified as Psoas of Midea but known to all as 'son of nobody'. As sole translator and interpreter of the *Psoad*, Harlow dedicates the poem and its modern footnotes to his daughter, Helen. Under his gaze, the text unlocks echoes of Ancient Greece into the present day, and a personal message to his beloved child appears.

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Communion by Jon Doyle
9781805465140 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R430

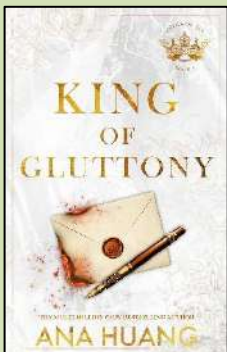
When Mack O'Brien left his home in Port Talbot for the seminary as a teenager, he didn't imagine he'd be back a decade later, unordained and still at a loss as to what makes for a moral life. He takes a job as a security guard at the local steelworks and begins an uneasy transition into the world he once rejected. When the men of the steelworks organise an unprecedented strike in protest against job cuts, he sees no reason not to go along with it. The last person Mack expects to see in the local club is Siwan Roderick, the woman who appeared out of the blue at the seminary one day to make a confession and swear him to secrecy. Mack kept his word. But as the day of the strike nears, and as he begins to fully understand what Siwan is planning, Mack is forced to reckon with his loyalty to her and the question of whether an act of violence can ever be justified.



Kiss Marry Kill by Yemi Dipeolu
9780571395866 | Faber & Faber | PB | R290

Kiss Marry Kill: the pulse-racing, bingeable thriller about love, marriage and obsession for fans of Adele Parks and The List.

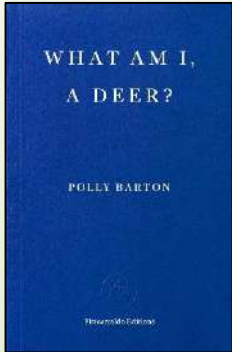
It's Ife's dream wedding, until her new husband Ade is arrested for murder. His missing ex, Cynthia, has been found dead on the Dorset coast. Case closed: it's always the ex, right? But did Ade kiss, marry and kill? One person hopes the truth never comes out.



King of Gluttony (Kings of Sin) by Ana Huang
9780349436418 | Little Brown | BPB | R305

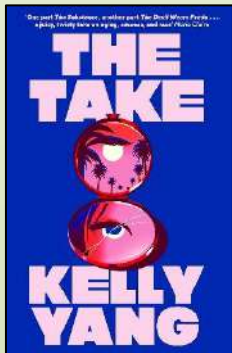
She's his greatest rival . . . and his greatest weakness. Handsome, talented, and beloved by (almost) everyone, Sebastian Laurent is used to being on top. The heir to a culinary empire, his sharp instincts and effortless charm have made him a legend. What people don't see are the demons lurking beneath his golden-boy façade. There's only one person who's come close to knowing the real him, Maya Singh, his childhood rival and secret obsession. She's also the only one who's ever successfully challenged him. He can't stand her, but if that's true . . . why can't he stop thinking about her?

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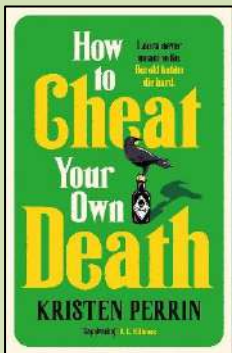
What Am I, A Deer? by Polly Barton
9781804272176 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

What does it mean to lose yourself and is that something you should be aiming for? A young woman with little interest in games takes up a job in Frankfurt at a famous gaming company, naively set on reinvention. On her morning commute, in the familiar clutches of tedium and self-loathing, she encounters a nice-eyed stranger who returns her forgotten umbrella and finds herself catapulted into a dizzying, year-long whirlwind of obsession, not just with this endlessly attractive spectre, but also with the feverish karaoke trips from which she draws the ultimate solace. With astonishing existential acuity, Polly Barton's formidable debut novel renders the paradoxes of modern life in all its complexity, in deliriously self-conscious prose that is at once propulsive, titillating and bitingly funny.



The Take by Kelly Yang
9781408721766 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

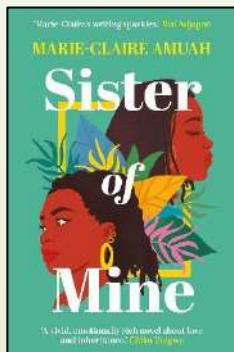
Maggie Wang, a broke young Asian American writer, needs a lifeline. Ingrid Parker, a veteran white Hollywood producer with her career on the edge, offers an irresistible deal: \$3 million for ten experimental medical sessions to reverse aging, using Maggie as a transfusion partner. For Ingrid, it's a chance to recapture her youth and save her fading career. For Maggie, it's freedom, money to support her parents and the connections to finally get her novel published. What starts as a professional transaction, quickly becomes a complex psychological dance. As Maggie gains unprecedented access to Ingrid's hard-earned wisdom, Ingrid sees in Maggie a weapon against an industry that's been trying to sideline her. As their relationship intensifies, the rules around aging begin to shift. So does the balance of power between the two women...



How to Cheat Your Own Death by Kristen Perrin
9781529445688 | Quercus | TPB | R395

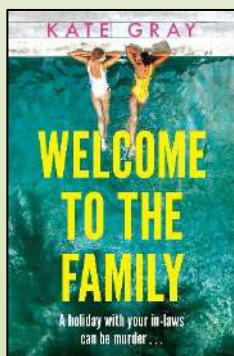
When Annie Adams heads to London to visit her mother, Laura, the last thing she expects to find is a dead body. Least of all for it to be Fliss, the budding artist Laura had just taken under her wing. Annie is no stranger to murder, after all, she's solved a few cases already. And something about the way Fliss died feels familiar. She's seen a case like this before. Or read about it, rather, in the journals of her dead Great Aunt Frances, whose close friend was killed in the 1960s in the exact same way: with her heart surgically removed from her chest. As threats pile up on Laura's doorstep, it soon becomes clear that she's next, and that she's hiding something . . . With her mother's life on the line, can Annie find the killer before it's too late?

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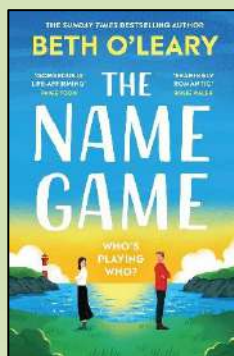
Sister of Mine by Marie-Claire Amuah
9781836430032 | One World | BPB | R280

When Sika is invited to a lavish family party in Accra, she jumps at the chance. Her life might be in London with a high-powered job, demanding boss and intense friendships but she's itching to get to know her cousins, aunts and uncles, and explore the country her mother left just after Sika was born. The holiday is better than she could have imagined, especially when handsome, charismatic Danso steps onto the scene. But on the night of the big party, as her happiness soars, Sika discovers a dark secret that will change everything, for everyone, forever. From an award-winning writer, *Sister of Mine* is a poignant and heartfelt novel about family ties, family lies and the truths we withhold to protect the ones we love.



Welcome to the Family by Kate Gray
9781035423521 | Welbeck | TPB | R395

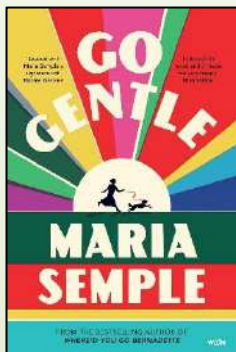
Rosie Riley is nervously excited about meeting the Fraser family. She's head-over-heels for her boyfriend Theo and she hopes that spending a fortnight with the Frasers at their luxury Tuscan villa is a good sign of where their relationship is headed. Fenna Fraser has been part of the family for years. She's always enjoyed the glam annual holiday, but this year she's especially tired with a new baby in tow and she fears her mother-in-law will be more critical than ever. No one is good enough for her sons. It starts as the perfect family holiday. It ends with one of these women arrested for murder.



The Name Game by Beth O'Leary
9781529437942 | Quercus | TPB | R440

The Isle of Ormer: population 500, soon to be 501. Charlie Jones has landed on the island to embark on her brand-new life. As the manager at Ormer's only farm shop, this job will be her perfect next chapter. Good riddance to the mainland, this is it, fresh air, and a clean slate. Except there is one small issue . . . Charlie Jones has also just arrived on the Isle of Ormer, to embark on his brand-new life. His job at the farm shop feels like fate and could not have come at a better moment. On Ormer, Charlie has promised himself he'll escape old friends, bad habits and heartbreak. This second chance is the best thing that could have happened to Charlie . . . and Charlie. That is, until they are introduced . . .

Fiction



Go Gentle by Maria Semple
9781399634229 | Orion | TPB | R395

Adora Hazzard has it all figured out. A contented divorcée, she relishes her teenage daughter, her job as a moral tutor for an old-money family and the bliss of finally being solo.

Alone but far from lonely, she's also quietly assembling a 'coven' of like-minded single women on the sixth floor of the legendary Ansonia building on New York's Upper West Side.

Together, they share groceries, dog walkers and one dirty little secret: despite their age, they're only just getting started.

Adora's life philosophy is simple: want only what you already have.

But could a chance encounter with a charming stranger threaten her joyfully curated life and leave Adora suddenly wanting more, even if she must risk everything to get it?

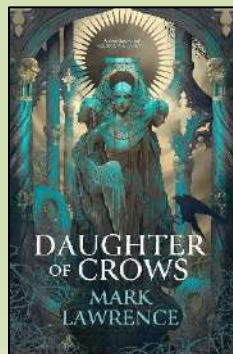


The Ballad of Falling Dragons by Sarah A. Parker
9780008710347 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

Raeve's thirst for vengeance continues to burn, as does her love for Kaan Vaegor, a staunch beacon from a past she's yet to face. With Rekk's blood still fresh on her hands, she learns the world will face its most devastating moonfall yet, forcing her to pick a path:

Chase death. Or life.

Desperate to save his kingdom from ruin, Kaan's crown has never felt so heavy. His many larks to scattered friends and family remain unanswered, and time is running out. As allies merge and enemies surge with bloodlust agendas of their own, secrets brew hot enough to burn, but none so mighty as the truth nesting within the icy depths of Raeve's long forgotten past. Something ... Other. Something with the knowledge to change it all.



Daughter of Crows: (The Academy of Kindness) by Mark Lawrence
9780008696115 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

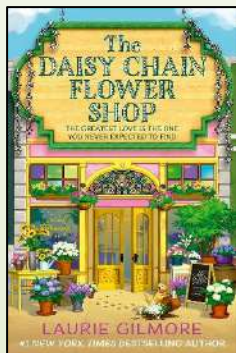
The Academy of Kindness exists to create agents of retribution, cast in the image of the Furies, The Kindly Ones, against whom even the gods hesitate to stand. Each year one hundred girls are sold to the Academy. Ten years later only three emerge. The Academy's halls run with blood.

The few who survive its decade-long nightmare have been forged on the sands of the Wound Garden. They have learned ancient secrets amid the necrotic fumes of the Bone Garden.

They leave its gates as avatars of vengeance, bound to uphold the oldest of laws.

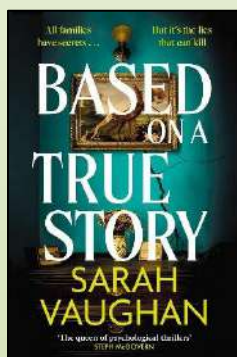
Only the most desperate would sell their child to the Kindnesses. But Rue ... she sold herself. And now, a lifetime later, a long and bloody lifetime later, just as she has discovered peace, war has been brought to an old woman's doorstep. That was a mistake.

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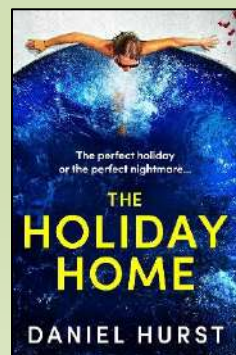
The Daisy Chain Flower Shop by Laurie Gilmore
9780008761479 | HarperCollins | PBO | R295

The greatest love is the one you never expected to find
Daisy is fed up with being unlucky in love. And since Mayor Kelly declared her beloved flower shop cursed in one of his infamous visions, business has been slow.
Dream Harbor newcomer Elliot has been adjusting to small-town life following his own relationship turmoil. And until now he's avoided the flower shop at all costs. If the mayor is correct, he doesn't need any more bad luck in his life. ,
When he finds himself walking through the door of the Daisy Chain Flower Shop, he doesn't expect it to be a life-changing moment. But as the petals blossom in the sunlight, might the unluckiest woman in Dream Harbor finally find that love comes when you're least expecting it?



Based on a True Story by Sarah Vaughan
9781398502093 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R410

Famed children's author Dame Eleanor Kingman has summoned her family and friends to her exquisite manor house on the cliffs. They're celebrating her birthday and her latest number one bestseller in her series of books based on a mother fox and her cubs. But the night before the party, Eleanor receives an email: an email that threatens to expose the lie she's kept up for over half a century. Someone knows her secret. Is it her estranged literary agent? Is it her ex-husband, to whom she no longer speaks? Is it the nanny she fired all those years ago, who always did have a knack for storytelling? Or is it one of her three daughters, all of whom have a stake in the publishing empire she has built... With a TV crew arriving to film a documentary of her life, Eleanor needs to find out who sent the email and preserve her multimillion-pound career. But when push comes to shove, and it's time to tell the truth, will anyone actually believe her?



The Holiday Home by Daniel Hurst
9781836188797 | Little Brown | PBO | R295

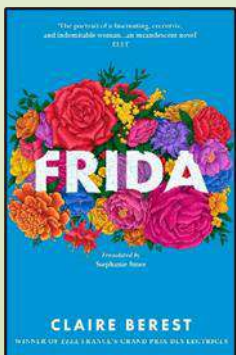
The perfect holiday or the perfect nightmare...
I sip champagne in the warm water as I admire the breathtaking view of gorgeous blue skies and mountains. I can't believe I'm at this stunning holiday home. It's to die for...
My best friend and her husband have invited me and my family to their lakeside property for the weekend. I'm not envious of their wealth, although I know my husband Ryan is. All I want is to get my marriage back on track.
Then I overhear Ryan having a whispered conversation. He says something that turns my whole world upside down. And now I have no idea who to trust.

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Just for the Plot: (Bay Area Players): Book 2 by Meghan Quinn
9781399759243 | Hodder & Stoughton | PBO | R295

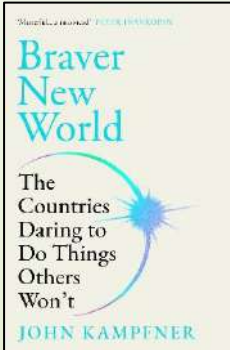
They're just friends. At least, that's what she thinks. Him? He has other plans. Bennett Brinkman is San Francisco baseball's golden boy-focused, disciplined, and very bad at ignoring the one woman he shouldn't want. Falling for his sister's best friend was inevitable, even though she's known him since he was all gangly elbows, bad haircuts, and teenage awkwardness...and still insists on seeing him that way. Bower knows exactly why wanting Bennett is a terrible idea. She's fiercely loyal to her best friend and well aware that crossing this particular line could blow everything up. But when she moves into Bennett's apartment building, that "just friends" boundary begins to blur in the most tempting ways. The banter comes fast. The sparks come faster. And pretending it's "no big deal" is getting ridiculous.



Frida by Claire Berest
9781035426799 | Welbeck | TPB | R395

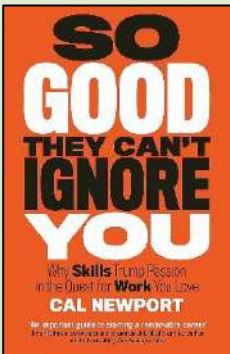
This is the story of Diego and Frida, who couldn't live without each other. They meet at a party. She knows everything about him, about his mythology, and he knows nothing of her, she is nobody. He is Mexico's greatest artist. She drinks like a sailor, wears flowers in her hair, talks openly about sex, loves attending protests and parties to wake the dead. She is from Coyoacán, twenty years his junior and with a broken spine to boot. Even when her body is wracked with pain, she paints. There were two great accidents in her life. The first was when that streetcar hit her . . . but by far the worst was meeting him.

Non- Fiction



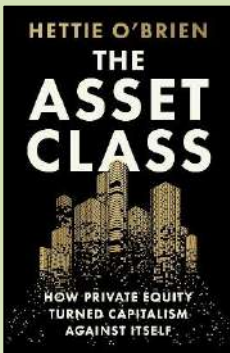
Braver New World by John Kampfner
9781805462514 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R430

At a time when democracies seem paralyzed by fear and populations are turning inward, award-winning journalist John Kampfner travels to ten countries confronting our shared challenges with bravery and imagination. In Japan, he discovers inter-generational care homes ensuring dignity in later life, while Britain ducks the social care question. He visits Vienna's century-old housing projects where 60% of residents live in subsidised accommodation without stigma and communities thrive. Taiwan's health system achieves 90% patient satisfaction at a fraction of the cost of the NHS. From Moroccan solar panels in the Sahara producing enough clean energy to power two million homes to Finnish classrooms preparing children for an uncertain world that Britain's teaching-to-the-test system cannot match, Kampfner introduces us to the people making radical change happen.



So Good They Can't Ignore You by Cal Newport
9780349415864 | Little Brown | TPB | R470

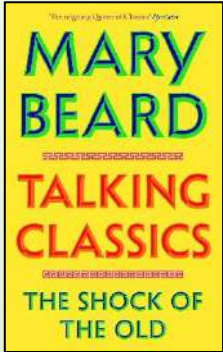
Cal Newport's clearly-written manifesto flies in the face of conventional wisdom by suggesting that it should be a person's talent and skill -and not necessarily their passion - that determines their career path. Newport, who graduated from Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa) and earned a PhD. from MIT, contends that trying to find what drives us, instead of focusing on areas in which we naturally excel, is ultimately harmful and frustrating to job seekers. The title is a direct quote from comedian Steve Martin who, when once asked why he was successful in his career, immediately replied: "Be so good they can't ignore you" and that's the main basis for Newport's book. Skill and ability trump passion. Inspired by former Apple CEO Steve Jobs' famous Stanford University commencement speech in which Jobs urges idealistic grads to chase their dreams...



The Asset Class by Hettie O'Brien
9781399619295 | Orion | TPB | R470

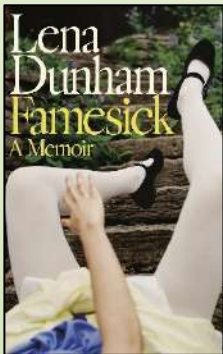
You don't know their names, but they own the house you rent. They own your hospitals, nurseries and care homes, the media you consume and the companies you work for. They even own the tools your union uses to fight back. Business is a contest and they say their people are built to win. But when does competition become a struggle to the death? For decades, private equity firms have infiltrated every corner of modern life. Wielding debt as a weapon, they push vital services into crisis. Their cover story: that this is merely the 'creative destruction' essential to growth. Old-school capitalists say they're dismantling everything that made our economies work. Reporter Hettie O'Brien penetrates a hidden empire of billion-dollar deals and covert financial warfare. She follows the money, the ideological roots and the trail of destruction.

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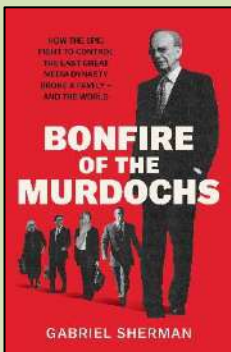
Talking Classics by Professor Mary Beard
9781805220312 | Profile Books | TPB | R425

What's exciting about a piece of bread 4,000 years old? Or some pots of paint abandoned in the eruption at Pompeii? Why should we be bothered with the distant past anyway? What's the point? The life, art and literature of ancient Greece and Rome have something to offer everyone. They are not the property of wealthy white men only. They make us wonder how to make sense of people who lived long ago (from angry landlords to giggling senators) and to think harder about our own world, to look at it differently. In *Talking Classics*, Mary Beard points to the surprising connections between antiquity and the present. From revolutionaries to dictators, Bob Dylan to Beyoncé, she joins forces with the varied modern characters who have been transfixed by the ancient world. It's not compulsory, she argues, to be excited by antiquity, but it's a shame not to be



Famesick: Lena Dunham by Lena Dunham
9780008384227 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

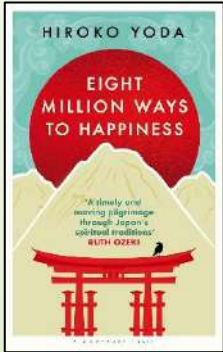
For the last decade, as she's spent countless hours in doctor's waiting rooms searching for diagnoses, treatments, and relief, being the owner and operator of Lena Dunham's body has felt, as she puts it, 'like towing a wrecked car across town at midnight.' It's not easy dragging a wrecked car anywhere, much less to the Met Gala while sewn into a gold lamé corset. Or to the set of the hit show that you, as a twenty-five-year-old are writing, directing, producing, and starring in. Or to the White House, the Golden Globes, or your publicist's office to discuss the latest internet disaster. But Dunham does it, even if it means interminable hospital stays, vomiting in the bathroom when she's meant to be meeting Oprah, or terrifying those closest to her because she can no longer tell the difference between fighting to do what she loves and being a servant to her own ambition. All the while, she is holding out for a love that can withstand her personal and public challenges and, more than anything, yearning to feel like herself again, if only she could remember who that self was.



Bonfire of the Murdochs by Gabriel Sherman
9781398562059 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R470

When Rupert Murdoch first considered who should inherit his media colossus, controlling FOX News, The Washington Post and tabloids on three continents, he believed that pitting his children against each other would produce the most capable heir. That gamble would tear apart one of the world's most powerful families and trigger a multi-billion dollar reckoning in a succession battle of betrayal, lawsuits, and revenge. Rupert's eventual decision to rip up the secret trust controlling his empire and anoint his conservative firstborn son Lachlan as successor set him on a catastrophic collision course with his three more liberal children. What price would Rupert pay to secure his legacy? For the aging patriarch, this would be his final and most personal deal.

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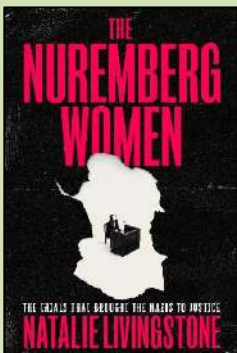
Eight Million Ways to Happiness by Hiroko Yoda
9781526672179 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R520

These aren't abstract philosophies. They are living practices that integrate so seamlessly with modern secular life, even natives can forget they are there. Reconnecting with them helped Hiroko find light after profound loss and realise that they offer powerful tools for anyone seeking meaning, connection or peace in their own life. Through vivid storytelling and immersive experiences, dancing at Shinto shrines, climbing sacred peaks, and meeting mystics, Hiroko shows how Japan's flexible approach to spirituality helps kindle gratitude, connection and kinship with nature. What emerges are practical insights and gentle guidance to spark joy, find balance, and discover what truly matters. Whether you're grieving, searching, or simply curious, this book is a reminder: there are millions of ways to be happy. You just have to find yours.



I Don't Like Mondays by N. Leigh Hunt
9781917439671 | Gemini | PB | R270

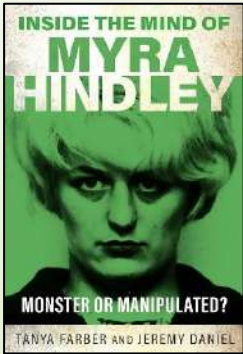
What happened on January 29, 1979, wasn't a crime of passion. This was something new: a child shooting children she didn't know, from her home across the street, for no reason that made sense. In 1979, Brenda Spencer, a seemingly average teenage girl living in a nice suburban neighbourhood, made and executed plans that would place her in infamy and set a violent and terrifying national precedent. She receives a rifle for Christmas and a month later set her sights and opens fire on the elementary school across the street. The event marks the bloody beginning of the American phenomenon of school shootings. Before Columbine and Sandy Hook, there was Brenda Spencer... *I Don't Like Mondays* sifts through the mythology that has sprung up around this fateful day, presenting the raw and riveting facts for the first time. This book lays bare this seemingly average teenage girl's brutal motives and subsequent arrest.



The Nuremberg Women by Natalie Livingstone
9781399813440 | John Murray | TPB | R525

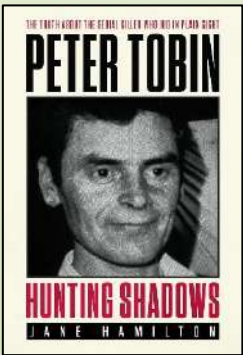
NUREMBERG, 1945. The eyes of a world desperate for truth, hope and justice turn to a courtroom where the leaders of the defeated Nazi regime sit in the dock. In this revelatory history, Natalie Livingstone sheds new light on the trial of the century, through the stories of extraordinary women whose importance has long been ignored. Anti-fascist journalist Erika Mann, daughter of Germany's most famous writer came to Nuremberg seeking a reckoning with a Germany she had fled more than a decade before, while Hungarian countess Ingeborg Kálnoky found herself presiding over a guest house in which perpetrators and survivors of the Nazi's worst crimes lived side by side. Russian interpreter Tatiana Stupnikova would be forced to confront terrifying revelations about her country's recent history, and German writer Ursula von Kardorff, reporting on the trials for domestic audiences, found herself torn between the evidence of the courtroom and a selective memory of her work for the Third Reich.

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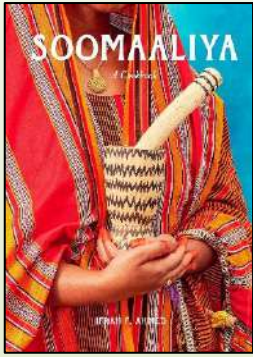
Inside the Mind of Myra Hindley by Tanya Farber & Jeremy Daniel
9781802473797 | Gemini | PB | R245

Inside the Mind of Myra Hindley offers a chilling exploration into the psyche of one of Britain's most reviled criminals. This book meticulously dissects the motivations and twisted thought processes that fuelled her horrific involvement in the Moors Murders, also examining the persistent question of whether she was, in some capacity, a victim of Ian Brady's manipulation. True crime writers Tanya Farber and Jeremy Daniel unpick the complex interplay of sadism and calculated control that defined their partnership, revealing why Hindley remains a figure of enduring fascination and revulsion in true crime history. Uncover the chilling stories of some of the most notorious individuals in true crime. Explore beyond the crimes and delve into the formative years, psychological forces and disturbed minds responsible for these unspeakable acts.



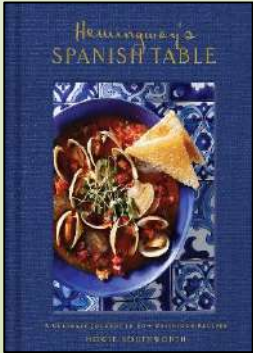
Hunting Shadows: Peter Tobin by Jane Hamilton
9781917439718 | Gemini | PB | R270

Hunting Shadows is a gripping true crime memoir by Jane Hamilton, one of Scotland's most experienced and well-known crime journalists. The book chronicles her decades-long career reporting on some of the country's most harrowing and high-profile criminal cases with a central focus on the chilling investigation into serial killer Peter Tobin. Following Tobin's arrest, she was one of the first journalists to question whether his crimes were more extensive than publicly known. Her reporting uncovered early warning signs and disturbing patterns that would later help prompt Operation Anagram the nationwide police operation that sought to uncover the full extent of Tobin's crimes. She gained unprecedented access to Tobin's personal world through exclusive interviews with his estranged wife and son, interviews no other journalist secured. Their revelations offered rare insight into Tobin's double life and helped reveal how a serial killer hid in plain sight.



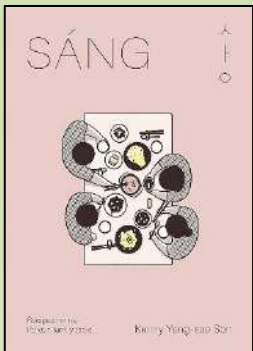
Soomaaliya: Food, Memory, and Migration: A Cookbook by Ifrah F. Ahmed
9781958417836 | Hardie Grant | HB | R680

75 recipes spanning cherished classics and modern interpretations, bringing the soul of Somali cooking to the world stage. Known by many names, the cape of spices, the nation of poets, and the land of cinnamon, Somalia is nestled in the Horn of Africa and is blessed with fertile fields, rich in spices, and endowed with the longest coastline in mainland Africa. This location and natural abundance have made Somalia a corridor between east and west, and a central point in global trade and migration, dating back millennia. In *Soomaaliya*, Ifrah F. Ahmed tells the story of her country through its history, its food, and its people. Somalia's role in the spice trade yields xawaash, the most distinctive of Somali flavors, a heady blend of cumin, coriander, black pepper, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, and turmeric that's used in everything from marinades to stews.



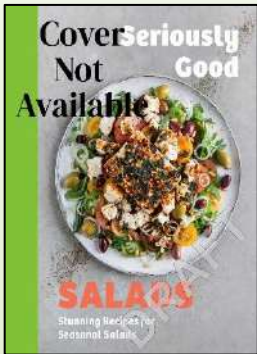
Hemingway's Spanish Table by Weldon Owen
9798886742909 | Insight Edition | HB | R535

Embark on a unique culinary expedition through the heart of Spain with *Hemingway's Spanish Table*, a cookbook that transcends mere recipes, offering a taste of the world that fueled a literary giant. Author and seasoned globetrotter Howie Southworth, drawing upon his own extensive travels through Spain, expertly guides readers through the authentic flavors encountered by Ernest Hemingway himself. This is an immersive experience, weaving together evocative literary references from Hemingway's iconic works with the vibrant landscapes and bustling locales he frequented. Beyond the familiar territory of paella, this cookbook unveils the rich tapestry of Spanish cuisine, showcasing 60 carefully curated recipes that will captivate both dedicated foodies and ardent Hemingway enthusiasts. Each recipe is a passport to a specific region of Spain, reflecting the diverse culinary traditions that Hemingway embraced and immortalized in his writing.



Sáng: Recipes from a Korean Family Table by Kenny Son
9781743799505 | Hardie Grant | HB | R680

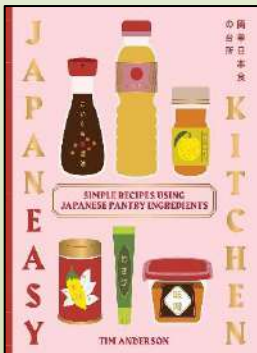
Settle in at the family table in *Sáng*, and discover 100 recipes that celebrate the bold, diverse and comforting flavours of Korea. From crisp Korean fried chicken (best served with beer) to bubbling kimchi-jjigae, handmade banchan and sweet, chewy desserts, this is homestyle Korean food at its best generous, deeply personal, and full of soul. Written by designer-turned-restaurateur Kenny Son, the book reflects the story of his family and their food. His father, Seung kee, brings clean, city-style dishes from Seoul, while his mother, Jin sun, draws on the hearty, seafood-rich flavours of her native Kwangwon-do province near the North Korean border. With desserts and ferments by Kenny's partner, Youmee Jeon, *Sáng* captures the full Korean table, rich in regional nuance, grounded in tradition and adapted for everyday cooking at home.



Seriously Good Salads by Quadrille
9781837833252 | Hardie Grant | HB | R340

Gone are the days of limp leaves and cloying dressings, *Seriously Good Salads* shows you stunning recipes that use a bounty of seasonal vegetables, grains and versatile protein sources, for nourishing, energizing meals. These salads are the Main Event, whether you're flexitarian, pescatarian, veggie or vegan, there's a Seriously Good Salad for every occasion.

From a springtime Papaya Salad with Coconut Poached Chicken or summery White Peach with Prosciutto and Watercress, to comforting autumn platters of Balsamic Fig and Baked Goat's Cheese and wintry Parsnip Tostada and Roast Heritage Carrot Salad, *Seriously Good Salads* is your go-to for tasty and wholesome goodness, all year round. It's salad. And it's seriously good.



JapanEasy Kitchen by Tim Anderson
9781837834549 | Hardie Grant | HB | R635

In *JapanEasy Kitchen*, Tim Anderson shares delightfully easy recipes, centred on a selection of go-to Japanese ingredients:

kombu and katsuobushi, miso, soy sauce, sake, mirin and rice vinegar, rice and noodles, tofu ponzu, yuzu juice and yuzu kosho, curry roux, tea and other beverages

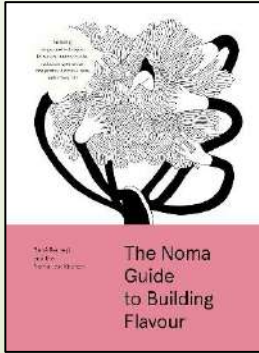
Using these widely available items, you'll learn to make mains, sides, sweets, and drinks. From Watermelon and Avocado Sunomono and Wafu Rarebit, to Baked Crabby Udon and Treacle Tamari Ribs, as well as Hon-Mirin Mont Blanc and the Maple Mugicha Highball, all of these recipes demonstrate that Japanese staples have the power to utterly transform your food.



Madaq: Simple Everyday Recipes with the Flavours of Morocco by Nargisse Benkabbou
9781837836246 | Hardie Grant | HB | R680

The word *Madaq* means 'flavour' in Moroccan Arabic, and Moroccan cuisine pursues bold flavours in every dish, but with simplicity at its heart. With these stunning dishes, Nargisse authentically showcases the rich blend of Arab and Berber influence in her home country's cooking, but in a relaxed style, with simple ingredients and straightforward techniques. Morocco is famous for its tagines and the scented couscous, zingy salads, fragrant roasts and sweet pastries, but beyond these more familiar recipes, there are classic and contemporary dishes to uncover, all celebrating the aromatic and alluring flavours of Morocco. From Roasted Spice Aubergine with Yogurt & Harissa Chilli Crisp and Sticky Orange Turmeric Chicken Skewers to Orange Blossom Lemon Bars with Mint Sugar, these are inspirational recipes that deserve to be shared.

Cookery



The Noma Guide to Building Flavour by René Redzepi
9781579657192 | Hachette USA | HB | R795

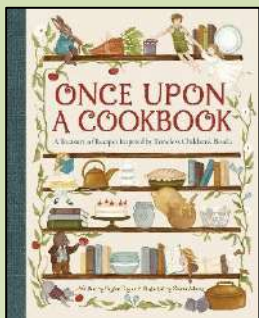
The Noma Guide to Flavor is a cookbook offering recipes for 150 significant seasonings, condiments, sauces, and other flavour compounds developed over two decades by Rene Redzepi and the Noma test kitchen. These are the components that define the inimitable taste of Noma, including iconic preparations such as roasted kelp salt, smoked egg yolk sauce, Nordic pesto, and lacto-koji beurre blanc. Most of the recipes are illustrated with step-by-step photo sequences detailing the techniques needed to transform surprisingly familiar ingredients into elements of Noma's distinctive cuisine. Noma uses these recipes to create elevated preparations for the restaurant (a selection of gorgeous plated-dish photos are included), but readers-whether professionals or avid home cooks-will find plenty of inspiration for their own kitchens, aided by do-able suggestions from Noma chefs.



Around the Table by Shea McGee
9781400250622 | HarperCollins Focus | HB | R830

The debut cookbook and guidebook for memorable gatherings from bestselling author and interior design expert Shea McGee.

After three years of perfecting every detail and testing recipes on her family at home, Shea McGee presents *Around the Table*, her first cookbook, a beautiful fusion of design expertise and culinary passion. Filled with intimate anecdotes about hosting and entertaining, practical tips, seasonal tablescapes, and curated recipes, readers will learn how to effortlessly create elevated dining experiences. More than just a cookbook, it's a complete guide to memorable gatherings that seamlessly blends food, design, and personal storytelling. *Around the Table* reveals how the right setting transforms every recipe into an invitation for meaningful moments and lasting memories.

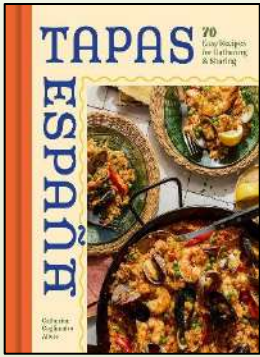


Once upon a Cookbook by Bryton Taylor & Emma Adams
9798886638653 | Insight Edition | HB | R485

Bond with the next generation of your family and introduce them to your favorite classic bedtime stories in a whole new way with this fully illustrated cookbook featuring 40 family-friendly recipes for breakfast, afternoon tea, light luncheons, drinks, desserts, and dinnertime.

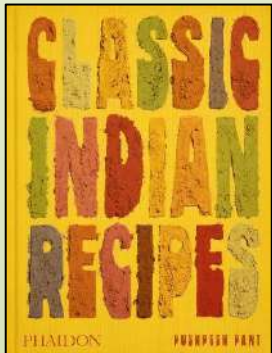
Ever want to try the Marches' Christmas morning breakfast? What about a make-believe play session where you and the kids take off to Neverland? With recipes in this book like the Little Women-inspired Buckwheat Pancakes and Wendy's Mammee-apple Slice, now you can! Each recipe is accompanied by a classically beautiful illustration of the recipe and the cookbook itself is gorgeously designed to be right at home alongside the well-loved classics on your bookcase.

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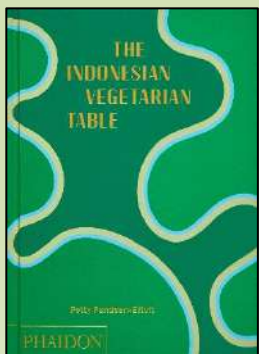
Tapas Espana by Catherine Cogliandro Alioto
9798886743555 | Insight Edition | HB | R535

Bring the vibrant world of Spanish cuisine into your kitchen with *Tapas Española*. This entertaining guide is packed with delicious recipes carefully adapted for the home kitchen, utilizing easy-to-find ingredients and straightforward techniques. Create satisfying small plates from classic patatas bravas and gambas al ajillo to modern interpretations of Spanish favorites. Whether hosting an intimate dinner party or a lively cocktail gathering, these versatile small bites can be mixed and matched to create the perfect spread. Present fresh, restaurant-worthy tapas to your guests and transform any gathering into a memorable feast.



Classic Indian Recipes by Pushpesh Pant
9781837290642 | Phaidon | HB | R1375

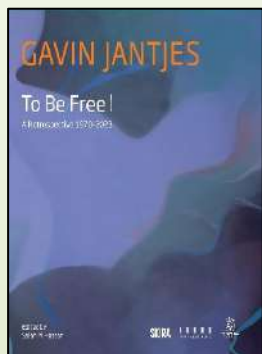
The book's more than 150 recipes reflect the rich tapestry of Indian food traditions. Readers will find an array of homemade meals, including vegetarian options, along with sumptuous feasting dishes and festive sweets, each accompanied by a lively headnote and stunning photograph of the finished dish. With a detailed introduction covering the various regions of the country and the gradual evolution of Indian food across India and the world, Pushpesh Pant sets the stage for the recipes that follow. His insights into the cultural and historical background of Indian cuisine reveal the philosophy of Indian home cooking, one rooted in balance, seasonality, and deeply held roots.



Indonesian Vegetarian Table by Petty Pandean-Elliott
9781837291113 | Phaidon | HB | R860

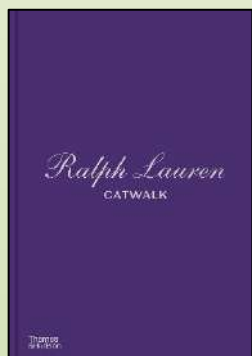
Join acclaimed chef Petty Pandean-Elliott on a delicious plant-based journey through The Spice Islands. This abundant recipe collection features a bounty of vegetarian and vegan dishes, from fiery sambals and crisp pickles to warming stews and bold curries, each showcasing Indonesia's rich culinary heritage. Home cooks of all skill levels will discover accessible, exciting recipes that blend authentic techniques, easy-to-source ingredients, and approachable instructions. The book is a testament to Indonesia's extraordinary biodiversity, as well as the versatility of plant-centric eating. A feast of flavors, from the fragrant spices of author's hometown of Sulawesi to the refined ceremonial fare of Bali and beyond.

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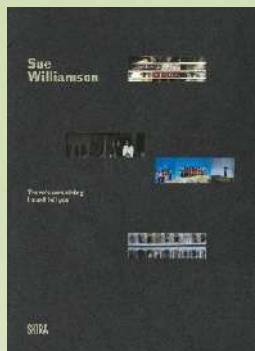
Gavin Jantjes: To Be Free! A Retrospective 1970 – 2023 by Salah M. Hassan
9788857253381 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R1790

Through over 100 prints, drawings, and paintings, as well as archival material, the publication celebrates Gavin Jantjes (1948) as a significant artist, and critical agent of change, while tracing his development as a painter, printmaker, writer, curator and anti-apartheid activist. Published on the occasion of Jantjes' largest retrospective, which was inaugurated in Sharjah, UAE, and London, UK to date. Structured into chapters spanning the 1970s to the present, *Gavin Jantjes: To be Free! A Retrospective 1970 - 2023* focuses on pivotal phases in the artist's life, from his formative years in Cape Town, South Africa during the early years of apartheid regime (1948–1994), his transformative role at art institutions in the UK, Germany and Norway, his compelling figurative portrayals of the global Black struggle for freedom, to his recent transition to non-figurative painting.



Ralph Lauren Catwalk by Bridget Foley
9780500028230 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R2235

Ralph Lauren debuted his first women's runway collection for Fall 1972 with a show that made his mark instantly, highlighting his exquisite tailoring and uncanny ability to mix opposites elegantly. Taking inspiration from New England's rusticity, the West's natural beauty and Hollywood's glamour, Lauren's designs are a gold-standard for timeless American style with panache. This book celebrates more than 50 years of Lauren's creations, which have garnered many awards, made him a much-loved global brand and influenced the way women dress all over the world. Ralph Lauren famously launched his menswear business in 1967 with an audacious tie collection, taken up by Bloomingdale's, from which his Polo brand quickly developed. This became, and has remained ever since, a benchmark for polished tailoring with rugged utility. With his dual collections of 1972, Lauren began his rise in the world of women's fashion; fourteen years later he opened his first Paris store.



Sue Williamson: There's Something I Must Tell You A Retrospective Exhibition by Zoé Whitley
9788857254388 | Chronicle Books | HB | R1555

Room by room, this striking catalogue of South African artist Sue Williamson's major retrospective at the Iziko South African National Gallery in Cape Town takes readers on a walk through 45 years of her work. We begin with *A Few South Africans* (1983–1987), the iconic photo-etched and silk-reened portraits of women who fought for liberation from apartheid, a series now held in a number of international museum collections. From there, the reader moves through *The Apartheid Years*, *Africa and her Colonisers*, *The Voices on the Street*, *No More Fairy Tales*, *Messages from the Moat*, and *The Story of District Six*. Each room highlights a distinct theme. Her work flows fluidly across a wide range of media, including drawing, printmaking, photography, video, and sculptural installation.

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Karl Lagerfeld: Fashion Icon (The Designer Series) by Editors of Createur Magazine
9781419787348 | Abrams | HB | R1030

One of the most important designers of the 20th century, *Karl Lagerfeld* left an indelible mark on the fashion of his time, and this monograph explores his inspirations, his greatest collaborators, his most iconic creations, and his legacy. Karl Lagerfeld's impact on the fashion world cannot be overstated, and this monograph explores his life before fame; his rise through the fashion ranks at houses such as Balmain and Chanel; his muses and models; his sources of inspiration; and more. By focusing on Lagerfeld as a fashion icon behind the worldwide success of maisons Chloé, Fendi, and his eponymous label, Karl Lagerfeld provides a detailed look at both where he started and who he became. This book is an essential companion for fashion-philes and will be published alongside Alexander McQueen in the Designer Series.



Schiaparelli: Fashion Becomes Art by Sonnet Stanfill & Lydia Caston
9781838510619 | Abrams | HB | R1380

Elsa Schiaparelli sent shockwaves through the fashion establishment with her witty, ingenious and artful designs. Lauded by Cristóbal Balenciaga as the 'only real artist in couture' she infused her collections with Surrealism and collaborated on pieces with contemporaries from the art world. Her garments still look fresh today and, though provocative at the time, were eminently wearable, attracting many society and celebrity clients. She caused a stir at Wimbledon by sending Lili Álvarez to the 1931 tennis tournament in culottes; she clothed Amy Johnson for her first solo flight to Cape Town; her lobster dress made it into Wallis Simpson's trousseau. Her designs appeared on the stage in productions and she costumed over 30 films.. This lavishly illustrated book explores the origins and legacy of one of fashion's greatest innovators.

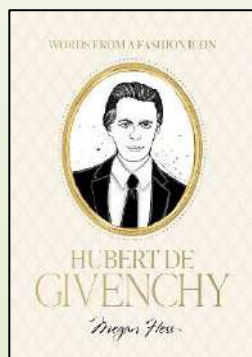
Nike Football Boots by Caleb Azumah & Thomas Turner
9781837291496 | Phaidon | HB | R1200

Nike Football Boots charts the history of the brand's football journey, from the all-black leather boots introduced in the early 70s, the first of any shoe to feature the famous swoosh to the present day, through four key product lines that encapsulate Nike's design ethos: Tiempo, Mercurial, Total 90, and Phantom.

Along the way, readers will discover stories behind the boots worn by football's greatest names, including Brazilian striker Ronaldo, Portuguese phenom Cristiano Ronaldo, US Women's National Team star Megan Rapinoe, and emerging French icon Kylian Mbappé, among others. Lavishly illustrated with 500 images, showcasing boot...



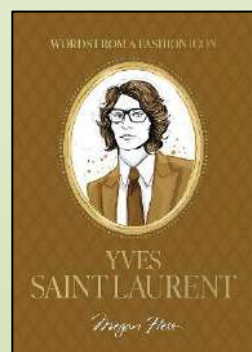
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Words from a Fashion Icon: Hubert de Givenchy by Megan Hess
9781761452581 | Hardie Grant | HB | R245

Words from a Fashion Icon: Hubert de Givenchy is a beautifully illustrated collection of quotes, featuring Megan Hess's iconic and widely beloved artwork. This elegant gift book features the best and inspiring quotes from one of the most celebrated figures in fashion history.

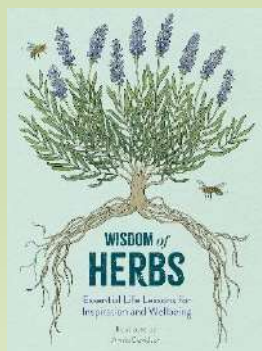
Words from a Fashion Icon: Hubert de Givenchy features all new illustrations and content from Megan Hess in this beautiful gem of a gift book. Other fashion icons in the Words from a Fashion Icon series include: Guccio Gucci, Coco Chanel, Marilyn Monroe, Christian Dior and Yves Saint Laurent.



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9781761452512 | Hardie Grant | HB | R245

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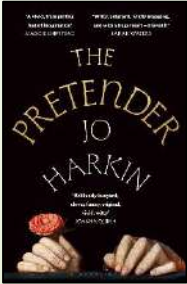
Herbs grow in abundance throughout the world, from the gardener's mellow, sweet lavender to those wild, weather-worn beauties found at the forest's edge like hairy stemmed goldenseal, or thick-leaved nettles. Each has their own unique gift and can be put to a variety of medicinal and practical uses. Whatever their story, they all have a lesson to teach a secret which they share in the way they grow or look, or their symbolism in folklore and history. *Wisdom of Herbs* brings together 60 universal life lessons taken from the world's most amazing herbs. From finding inner strength to the importance of gentleness and the power of patience, this is a celebration of the unsung heroes of the plant world and an essential companion to dip into when we need a little inspiration.

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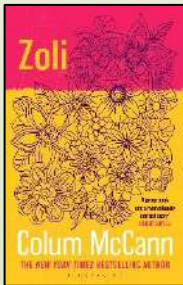
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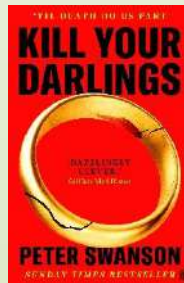
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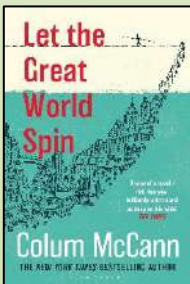
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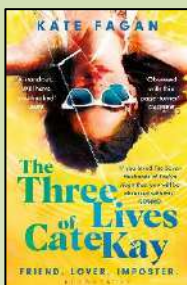
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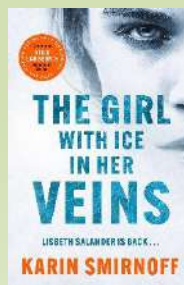
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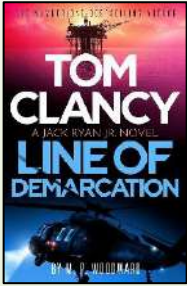
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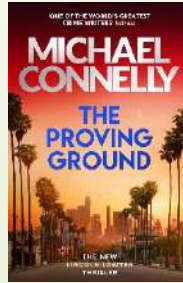
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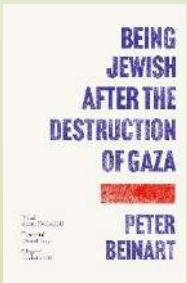
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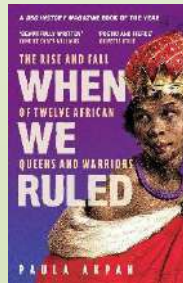
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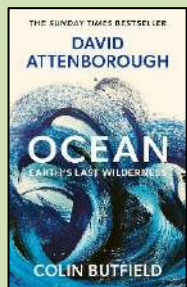
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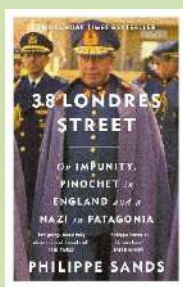
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