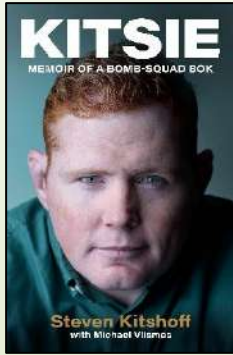


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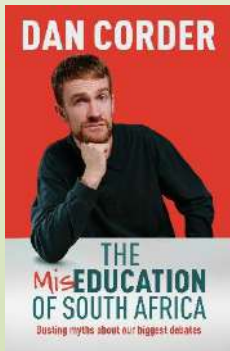
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Kitsie by Steven Kitshoff

9781776195282 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R360

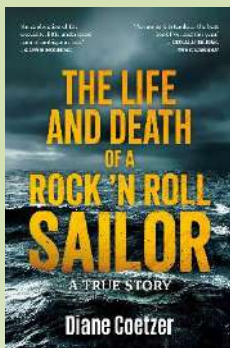
Steven Kitshoff, the formidable former Springbok prop, is much loved on field and off for his discipline and determination and for his humility, honesty and warmth. Now he takes us beyond the bruising scrums and World Cup trophies to reflect on a rugby career defined by an unwavering commitment to what is best for the team. This book charts his journey from schoolboy prodigy in the Western Cape to captaining the Stormers and reaching the pinnacle of international rugby as part of the team that won the World Cup twice in a row under Siya Kolisi's leadership. The big man the fans call 'Kitsie' and the 'Spicy Plum' delves into the magic of the Bomb-Squad strategy, his forced retirement due to a devastating neck injury and finding purpose after rugby. Some of the biggest names in world rugby, including Rassie Erasmus and Tendai 'The Beast' Mtawarira, also give their personal recollections of a man they all admire.



The Miseducation Of South Africa by Dan Corder

9781776195688 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

Dan Corder takes aim at the myths, half-truths and inherited narratives that shape how South Africans understand our past, our politics and ourselves. With clarity and wit, Corder interrogates the stories we repeat at braais and on social media, about race, power, history, economics and identity and asks a deceptively simple question: what if much of what we think we know is incomplete or deliberately distorted? This book dismantles the lazy binaries and wild ideas amplified by social media that fuel polarisation among South Africans. Corder delves into our recent history and further back to explain why, for example, the Brits messed up the country before the Afrikaners, Mandela didn't sell out the country and why white South Africans should stop whining about BEE.

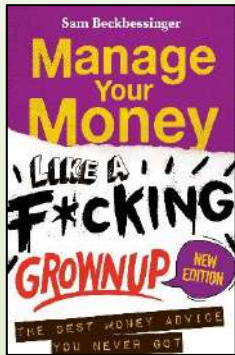


The Life And Death Of A Rock 'n Roll Sailor by Diane Coetzer

9781776195466 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R340

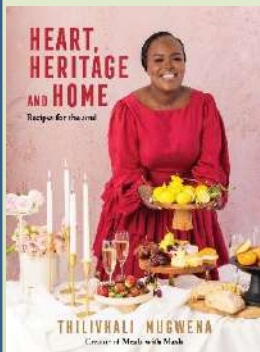
In January 2015, Diane Coetzer's beloved brother-in-law disappeared with his two crew when their yacht was caught in a cyclone in the Indian Ocean. More than a decade later, she is ready to tell the story of Anthony John Murray. Award-winning journalist Coetzer recounts the desperate search for the missing sailors and the truth, racing against time and fighting against big organisations. What unfolds is a journey through the very best and worst of human nature, as three grieving families cling to one another in the face of an unspeakable tragedy and ambiguous loss. Yet this is a story as much about life as it is about death. As Coetzer hunts for answers, she uncovers Anthony's wild, untethered, rock 'n roll life both on land and in the place where he felt most himself: at sea.

Non-fiction / Nie-fiksie



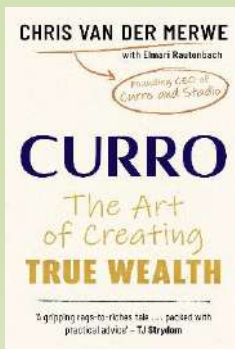
Manage Your Money Like A F*cking Grown Up New Edition! by Sam Beckbessinger
9781776194766 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R310

We never get an instruction manual about how money works. We never have to pass a test to get our Money Licence before we can take a new credit card for a drive. Most of what we learn about money comes from advertising or from other people who know as little as we do. No wonder so many of us just decide to stick our heads in the damn sand and never deal with it. When this book first came out in 2018, Corona was just a beer, Cyril Ramaphosa still had that fresh president smell and 'working from home' was code for 'unemployed'. A lot of shit's happened since then, so it's time for a refresh. In this UPDATED AND EXPANDED edition of the bestselling book, Sam Beckbessinger tells you how to manage your money with crypto, rising inflation, SA's two-tier retirement system and financial planning for children and aging parents. The first edition has sold more than 100 000 copies sold.



Heart, Heritage and Home by Thilivhali Mugwena
9780798186445 | Human & Rousseau | TPB | R390

Heart, Heritage & Home is a South African cookbook that brings authentic heritage recipes into your home kitchen. Featuring recipes shared by elders from across South Africa, every dish comes with a story. Born from Chef Mash's own story of finding her love for cooking during a family crisis, this book is packed with authentic South African meals made simple, relatable, and budget-friendly. From mastering kitchen basics to sitting down for a proper breakfast or lunch, this book covers every occasion and every table. Whether it's a relaxed simple supper, a special date night for two, a traditional Sunday meal, or a full heritage feast, Chef Mash has you covered. And for those who love to entertain, the hosting chapter ensures that every guest leaves happy.

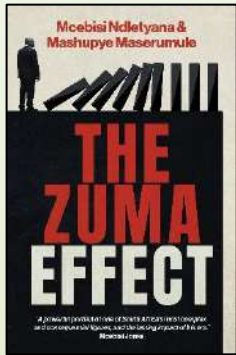


Curro by Chris van der Merwe with Elmari Rautenbach
9780624096757 | Tafelberg | TPB | R320

Dr Chris van der Merwe is the founding CEO of Curro and Stadio, creating enormous wealth while equipping thousands of South Africans with an excellent education. Chris recounts his life story in lively, anecdotal style. The child of a single mom, Chris grew up in a working-class family who never owned a car. No one had any qualifications. It was thought he would become a mechanic, like his uncle. Yet the young Chris had a burning passion for learning. With bursary support, he trained as a teacher, but he had a daring idea that turned him into a self-made millionaire. Today, he has a doctorate, a fleet of luxury cars, and a supportive family. With his inspirational book, Chris shares his message that every child, no matter how poor or fatherless, can make it in the world.

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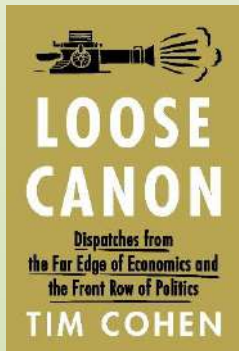


The Zuma Effect by Mcebisi Ndletyana & Mashupye Maserumule
9780624087359 | Tafelberg | TPB | R380

Leading political scientists Mcebisi Ndletyana and Mashupye Maserumule recount the full story of how Zuma, through plots, proxies and power plays, transformed the ANC from a party of principle to one of rent-seeking.

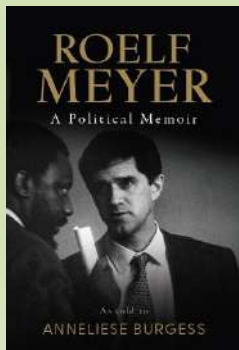
Examining Zuma's personality and ethnic background, *The Zuma Effect* shows why populism and ethnic mobilisation are so powerful and dangerous.

Drawing on more than 50 interviews with key insiders, this is the definitive account of the Zuma presidency.



Loose Canon by Tim Cohen
9780624097082 | Tafelberg | TPB | R330

Tim Cohen has a voice like no other in South African journalism. Lucid, informed, witty and creative, is how the nation will remember his oeuvre at *Business Day*, *Financial Mail*, *Daily Maverick* and, most recently, *Currency*. If those decades of experience as reporter, columnist, and editor were the studio, the blogosphere was the stage where Cohen could let his voice really rip. His *Loose Canon*, a blog started only in 2014, was this solo artist on tour - and what a tour de force! This book is the greatest hits of Cohen's light, but enthralling, take on the politics, economics and governance of our time. These ruminations on the strange rules and the even stranger new rulers of this random world will help you make sense of it all, with a smile.

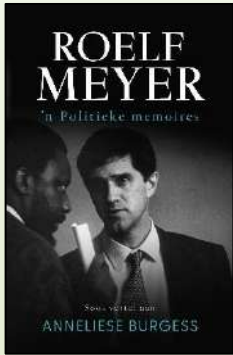


Roelf Meyer: A Political Memoir by Anneliese Burgess & Roelf Meyer
9780624097037 | Tafelberg | TPB | R350

Born into a world shaped by Afrikaner nationalism and political power, *Roelf Meyer* rose rapidly through the ranks and joined the inner circle of the National Party in the turbulent 1980s. But after his work as deputy minister exposed him to the living conditions of black South Africans and the inhumanity of apartheid laws, his assumptions about race started to shift. As chief negotiator for the NP, Meyer was at the heart of the high-stakes talks with the African National Congress and other parties to end apartheid and bring about democracy. He offers a candid insider's account of the personalities, forces and tensions that shaped the transition. During the negotiations, his special bond with Cyril Ramaphosa, chief negotiator of the ANC, proved critical. He sheds light on their relationship, which played a role 30 years later in Meyer's appointment as US ambassador.

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Roelf Meyer: 'n Politieke memoires deur Anneliese Burgess & Roelf Meyer
9780624097051 | Tafelberg | TPB | R350

Van die dag wat hy die studentepolitiek betree het, was *Roelf Meyer* se paadjie uitgekap. Dit was die laat 1960's en die hoogbloeit van Afrikanernasionalisme. In 1979 word hy lid van die parlement vir die Nasionale Party (NP) en teen die middel 1980's was hy in die party se binnekring. As adjunkminister van Wet en Orde besoek hy egter talle plakkerskampe en beleef die lewensomstandighede van swart mense en sy geloof in die beleid van apartheid begin wankel. Toe hy as hoofonderhandelaar van die NP in die Kodesa-onderhandelinge aangestel is, het Meyer reeds geweet verandering is nodig. Sy memoir bied 'n aangrypende blik op die persoonlikhede en kragte wat die oorgang bepaal het. In kernmomente was dit sy spesiale verhouding met Cyril Ramaphosa, hoofonderhandelaar van die ANC, wat die knoop deurbraak.

Christian / Christelik



Elke dag nader aan God deur Joyce Meyer
9780796324108 | Lux Verbi | TPB | R320

Die alledaagse lewe vra baie van ons.

Ons aandag kan maklik afgelei word deur dinge wat ons dink belangrik is.

Maar om 'n betekenisvolle en bevredigende lewe te leef moet ons tyd maak vir die mees belangrikste ding: ons verhouding met God.

In *Elke dag nader aan God* wys topverkoperskrywer Joyce Meyer praktiese maniere om intimiteit met God te beleef. Sy deel kragtige skrifgedeeltes en illustrasies uit haar eie lewe om ons te help om die vrede wat in nabye verhouding met Hom voorkom te ontdek.

Jy sal geïnspireer word om elke dag beter besluite te neem, meer doeltreffend te leef en om die vreugdevolle lewe te leef wat God vir jou beplan het.

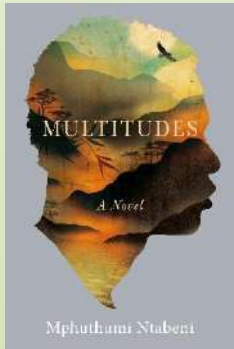
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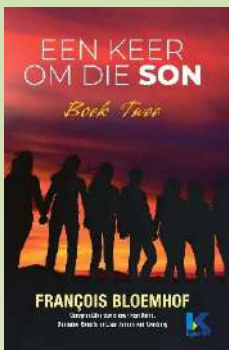
Everything Will Be Okay by Puseletso Tsotetsi
9780795711510 | Kwela | TPB | R260

Katlego Phiri is a young creative entrepreneur who has moved back home to take care of her ill mother. Late one afternoon when her laptop stops working, she goes to Incredible Connector hoping for a quick repair. When she meets the store manager, their attraction is instant and intense. In a moment of vulnerability, she and Mr Incredible spend the night together. A whirlwind romance follows, until someone takes a sneak photograph of them boarding his private jet, which goes viral. He suspects that Katlego plotted it in an attempt to blackmail him, so he breaks off all contact. Katlego decides not to chase him. Instead, she focuses on herself and her mother's deteriorating health. Eventually, her best friend, Dintle, and her fiancé, Thato, arrange an intervention so that Kay and Mr Incredible can make peace, and face the truth.



Multitudes by Mphuthumi Ntabeni
9780795711572 | Kwela | TPB | R340

Phila Maseti is estranged from his daughters by his late Scottish wife and is adrift. He accepts a commission to write the biography of the journalist Bloke Modisane, but as he pieces together the restless life of this great literary voice, he finds that it mirrors his own unravelling. He moves between Cape Town and Europe, tracing the footsteps of his dispossessed peoples who once sought justice in a language not their own. In his journey from past to present, Phila carries ancestors, ghosts of former selves and the grief of his wife's death. The slow return of his daughters also brings the challenge of teaching them about culture and identity in a country still wrestling with its own history. Phila is steadied only by his new partner, Kyuri, whose own spiritual inheritance has been shaped by Asian migrations, unhealthy silences, and colonial history. Together, they attempt to build a life attentive to memory without becoming imprisoned by it.



Een keer om die son: Boek Twee by François Bloemhof
9780795803499 | Queilleries | TPB | R280

TYD STAAN NOOIT STIL NIE.

Net so min kan die Van Wyks. Hulle het 'n reis van groei en genesing om voort te sit.

Ruan en sy drie kinders: Markus, Leandri en Sophia, is steeds besig om 'n gedeelde tragedie te verwerk. Dit is egter nie al waarmee hulle vanjaar te kampe sal kry nie.

Liefde is deel daarvan. Die kwessie van identiteit. En die ou, ou vraagstuk, wanneer om vas te hou en wanneer om te laat los.

Elkeen sal die komende twaalf maande op sý manier aflê. Volgende toetse deurstaan. Tweede kanse aangryp.

Want altyd is daar nuwe eise. En nuwe hoop.



Vlam van die sprokkelhout by SD Fourie
9780795803413 | Queillerie | TPB | R320

Maré l'Abillionni het soos 'n tak van die moederboom afgebreek. Vanaf die Dourovallei in Portugal reis sy na Madagaskar om na haar lank verlore niggie te soek. Jare later, in 1766, gaan sy aan boord van 'n slaweskip wanneer gevaar op die eiland dreig. Maar dan loop die skip op 'n sandbank by Stuisbaai en Maré spoel op die strand uit. Sy is sprokkelhout. Opgebreek in stukke in 'n vreemde land waar almal oor haar kan uitsprake lewer. Maré se vlam is egter nog lank nie geblus nie, soos Matthys Lourens maar te goed besef wanneer hulle paaie kruis. Hetta Uys, getaak met die opruiming van haar ouma se "spookhuis", beland 258 jaar later op Agulhas. Ook gebreek soos sprokkelhout. Wanneer 'n nutsman 'n stokoue dagboek in die huis ontdek, word Hetta ingetrek in 'n lank vergete storie wat haar toekoms kan bepaal. Al lê daar eeue tussen hulle, stook al twee dié vroue 'n vuur in die Strandveld. *Vlam van die sprokkelhout* is 'n aangrypende historiese én kontemporêre roman deur 'n geliefde skrywer.

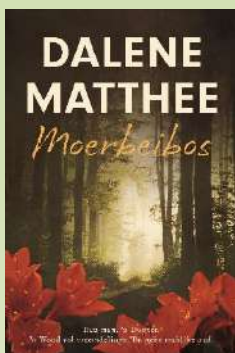


Fiela se kind: (REV ED 2026) deur Dalene Matthee
9780624096993 | Tafelberg | TPB | R320

Die driejarige seuntjie van Elias en Barta van Rooyen raak spoorloos weg in die Knysna-bos. In die Lange Kloof, anderkant die berg, ontferm Fiela Komoetie haar oor 'n weggooilam wat een nag voor haar deur kom huil.

Die een kind is Lukas, die ander Benjamin. Is dit dieselfde kind? Dié raaisel word nege jaar later oopgekrap deur twee sensusmanne wat die wit kind met die blou oë by 'n bruin gesin in die Lange Kloof kry.

Fiela se kind is 'n boek met 'n warm hartklop, dit is 'n boek oor moederliefde, oor liefde wat oor alle grense heen strek.



Moerbeibos: (REV ED 2026) deur Dalene Matthee
9780624097013 | Tafelberg | TPB | R320

Italiaanse sywurmboere word na Suid-Afrika gebring om 'n sybedryf te kom vestig in Gouna se boswêreld, maar moerbeibome versag om in potklei te groei.

In die strawwe boswinter word die verwarde immigrante geteister deur reën, koorssiekte en onbegrip, en raak hulle al meer verbitter teen die goewerment wat hulle onder valse voorwendsels in die wildernis afgelaai het.

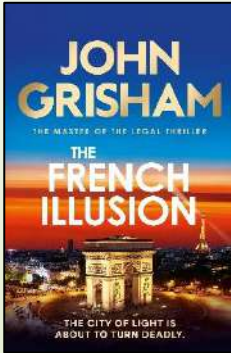
Die man wat hulle tot hulp kom, is 'n bosmens met 'n onregeerbare dogter en 'n kop vol planne, die eiesinnige Silas Miggel.

Hy wil hulle op 'n skip kry, terug Italië toe . .

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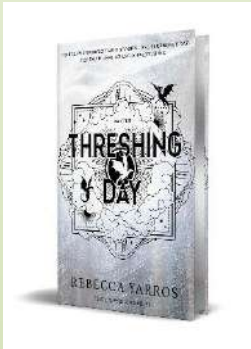
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Fiction



The French Illusion by John Grisham
9781399703475 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

After Paul and Chelsea Tanner's fairytale wedding, their future is full of promise. But their honeymoon to Paris takes a dark, shocking turn when they are kidnapped while on a day trip to the French countryside. Who would target them and why? It appears this is not the first crime of its kind. The search for answers soon stretches across borders, with the FBI, CIA and French intelligence trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Struggling to find answers, a young lawyer is recruited to be the bait in an elaborate CIA operation.

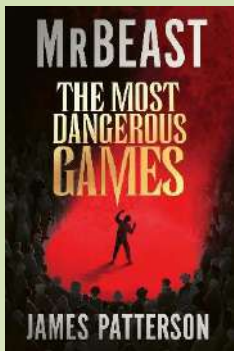


The Threshing Day (Wing and Claw Collection) by Rebecca Yarros
9780349450612 | Little Brown | HB | R645

Rebecca Yarros is the no. 1 Sunday Times and New York Times bestselling author of over twenty novels, including *Fourth Wing*.

The next book in the blockbuster Emphyrean series, *Threshing Day*, contains thirteen stories starring your favourite characters and their dragons.

The entire first print run is a limited deluxe full-colour hardback that includes sixteen original illustrations by artist Joe Requeza and silver-gilded edges.



The Most Dangerous Games by MrBeast & James Patterson
9780008802868 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

In a world on the brink of collapse, one hundred players face off in a ruthless, high-stakes competition with everything on the line.

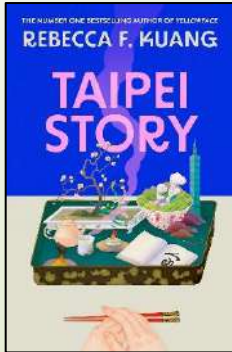
The reward? The chance to save humanity and one billion dollars.

The stakes couldn't be higher.

Across brutal environments and relentless challenges, players are pushed beyond every limit as the stakes escalate and survival becomes the only rule.

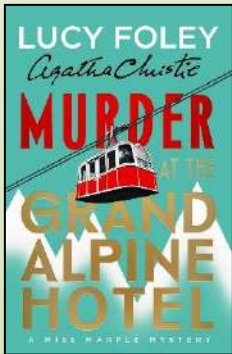
Fast-paced, cinematic, and impossible to put down, *The Most Dangerous Games* is a global thriller event where spectacle meets suspense and the world is watching.

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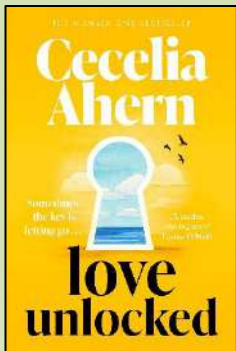
Taipei Story by Rebecca F. Kuang
9780008702564 | HarperCollins | TPB | R420

Yale student Lily Chen arrives in Taipei hungry: for family, for culture, for connection. But her summer of discovery quickly unravels. Her classes are grueling, her roommate unbearable, and a reckless, deeply awkward trip to the hot springs with a guy she barely knows soon ignites vicious gossip. Then her grandfather dies. Grieving and adrift, Lily must confront her own questions about the culture she inherited but never fully understood. She embarks on a wryly funny, often devastating search for understanding: of herself, her family, and the meaning of home. All over one unforgettable summer in Taipei.



Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel by Lucy Foley
9780008694838 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

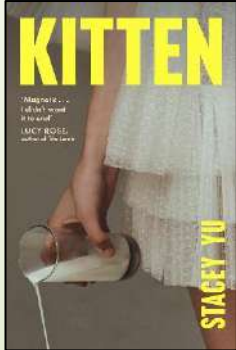
High in the Swiss Alps, with glorious mountain views and exclusive access to powdery slopes, the Grand Alpine Hotel draws guests from far and wide. The notorious actress. The high-flying politician. The inscrutable political wife. The reckless friend. The shrewd doctor. But when a guest enters a gondola alive, only to be found dead at the top of the mountain, it's clear there's a killer in their midst. As tensions rise, and old grudges emerge like cracks in the ice, someone watches from the shadows. An unassuming woman with an extraordinary mind: Miss Marple. She suspects everyone in the hotel, and she's right to. For it isn't just a question of who has a motive, but who's next...



Love Unlocked by Cecelia Ahern
9780008608156 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

Melody has vowed never to fall in love again. Al is a hopeless romantic. So, when they quite literally bump into each other, there's no reason sparks should fly. But the world seems a little upside down lately. A few weeks ago, Al ordered the removal of all the lovers' padlocks from one of Dublin's beautiful bridges. Ever since then, couples across the world have started splitting up. And as Melody begins investigating this mysterious wave of breakups for her podcast, it seems there might be a bigger story to tell. Together, they decide to uncover what's unravelling so many love stories. And, in the middle of solving everyone else's heartbreak, can they unlock their own?

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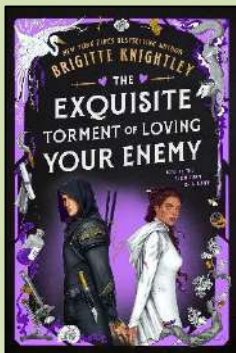
Kitten by Stacey Yu
9781399754316 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

Katie hasn't spoken to her mother in a year when her boyfriend James introduces her to his cat Silver. A small, vulnerable, incorrigible ball of need, Silver's acceptance of Katie cracks open something inside of her: an unravelling begins. Fresh out of college and far from home, Katie is desperate to skirt the demands of adult life, especially because, as she promised her mother, the plan was to never grow up in the first place. Luckily, she has James: self-assured, generous, and seemingly happy to make decisions for them both. When they go on holiday to James's family's seaside home, Katie's attachment to Silver grows. Silver, who gets to misbehave spectacularly, be childish, be gross, and still get fed, seems to have the life Katie increasingly longs for. But as their bond intensifies, Katie's other relationships reach tipping points. Soon, Katie must come to terms with what she really wants, and what she might have to risk to get it.



The Romance Revival by Christina Lauren
9780349440439 | Little Brown | PBO | R305

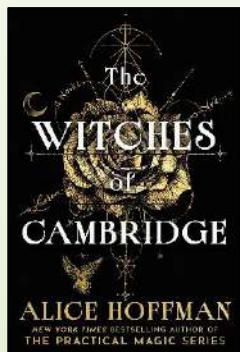
Three years ago, Emery Finch did something completely out of character: she got married. To Luca, the impossibly charming landscaper she met on one blistering night in Vegas who made her laugh, made her dance, made her feel. But now, Emery is consumed by her top-secret job, missing dinners, forgetting anniversaries, and promising herself Luca will understand once her cutting-edge research comes to light. Until the unthinkable happens: A tragic accident takes Luca from her. Desperate not to lose him, Emery breaks every rule to bring him back. And Luca would probably thank her for it, if only he could remember her. Their first kiss, their Sunny Sundays at the beach, the life they built together...all of it is gone. It may be a miracle of science, but for Emery it's her one shot at a second chance. And this time, she won't waste it, because true love is always worth reviving.



The Exquisite Torment of Loving Your Enemy by Brigitte Knightley
9780356524788 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

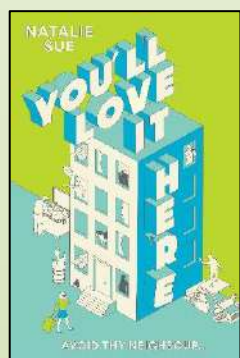
Osric belongs to the Fyren Order, a guild of assassins who kill without remorse. Aurienne is a Haelan scholar-healer devoted to the creed, Harm to none. They should be enemies, bound by opposing ideals of life and death. Yet when Osric secretly bribes Aurienne to treat his recurring injuries, their monthly meetings begin to erode the boundaries between them. What starts as necessity grows into an undeniable attraction, forcing both to question everything they have been taught about right and wrong. Their forbidden bond becomes even more dangerous when they uncover evidence that a devastating plague sweeping the Tlendoms was deliberately unleashed. The conspiracy points to a ruthless Order with ambitions that threaten every kingdom. As war looms and trust becomes increasingly fragile, Osric and Aurienne must decide whether to remain loyal to their Orders or risk everything to stop a catastrophe.

Fiction



The Witches of Cambridge by Alice Hoffman
9781398565302 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R440

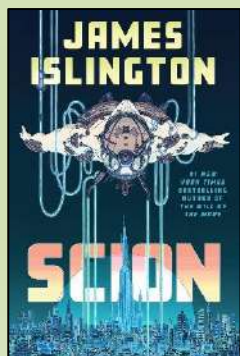
In 1950s Cambridge, Massachusetts, first-year Radcliffe student Ava leaves her quiet hometown in Maine to begin a new chapter. She quickly befriends Lauren, the confident and rebellious daughter of a wealthy local family. Despite their different backgrounds, the two discover they share an extraordinary secret when they are invited to join the Lilith Society, a hidden sisterhood of witches whose origins stretch back to the colonial era and the legacy of Lilith, Adam's first wife. As Ava and Lauren learn to harness their magical abilities, their friendship deepens into love. However, their newfound happiness is threatened by the fear and suspicion of the McCarthy era, when anyone considered different is at risk. When members of the Lilith Society begin disappearing, the pair uncover evidence that the persecution of witches never truly ended. Together, they must confront dangerous enemies while protecting their sisterhood, magic, and future.



You'll Love It Here by Natalie Sue
9780008604516 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

When Mona moved into her glorified broom closet in a broken-down apartment block, she didn't mean to stay long. But somehow, she's spent years with the late-night noises, the missing packages, the fact underwear keeps disappearing from one of the dryers... So, when she's offered free rent in exchange for some work around the building, she jumps at the opportunity to save some money and escape. As long as she doesn't have to talk to any of her neighbours, it should be fine. But the longer she sticks around, the more this falling-apart building and the weirdos inside it – start to feel like something worth fighting for.

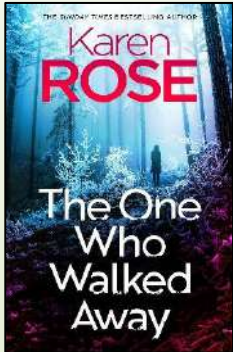
Sharp, heartfelt, and laugh-out-loud funny, Natalie Sue's sophomore novel is about the places we try to leave, and the people who make us want to stay.



Scion by James Islington
9781399641876 | Orion | TPB | R450

My job, when you think about it, isn't so different from a lot of people's. The more old-fashioned crowd do still get hung up on the 'killing people' part of it, I guess, but that's a them problem: it's been perfectly legal to take out lifers for ages. Besides, once ultrawealthy morons realised they had a way to live forever, limited resources be damned, there was only ever going to be one genuinely practical deterrent. So, sure, I have to deal with a tonne of boring planning. Inconvenient hours. Some pretty awkward face-to-face interactions. And like most of us, I'm really only clocking in to try and crawl out from beneath my debts. But someone's got to do it. Luckily, my genetic compatibilities make me really, really good at doing it. Still. This next job . . . I don't know. It's something I haven't had to deal with in years. Kind of the opposite of my regular duties. Strange, that it got thrown my way.

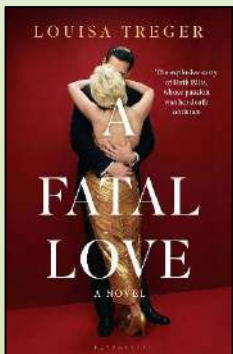
Fiction



The One Who Walked Away by Karen Rose

9781035438037 | Headline | TPB | R450

Bounty hunter Elle Randolph is on the hunt for a fugitive in the wilderness of Mendocino County. She's also on the run from her past, and the accident she walked away from, but that killed her abusive husband. When the manager of the inn Elle is staying in is murdered, she and her boss Sara become people of interest to local detective Ronan Clarke. He needs to know exactly what placed these strangers at the scene of the crime. As Ronan questions Elle and Sara, he realises the fugitive they are tracking could be a suspect for the local murder. But to share information there needs to be trust. And, right now, is Ronan in a position to drop the bounty hunters from his enquiries? When another person turns up dead, Ronan sees there could be more to this investigation than he could have imagined. And that Elle Randolph isn't telling him everything . . .



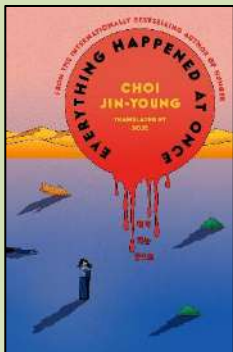
A Fatal Love by Louisa Treger

9781037209840 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R440

It is Easter Sunday in 1955 and a young man lies face-down on the ground covered in blood. A woman, blonde and petite, stands over him with a gun in her hand. This is the story of Ruth Ellis as never told before...

As Ruth awaits her trial in Holloway Prison, she recollects growing up in England during the Second World War and the events that led to the death of her lover, David Blakely.

Meanwhile, Kitty Carrington, the assistant to Ruth's trial lawyer, tries to forge her own path through the male-dominated legal world of the 1950s and ensure that Ruth receives a fair trial. Navigating secrets, betrayal and a broken justice system, Ruth and Kitty try to take control of their own lives and narratives. But do we ever really know the full story?



Everything Happened at Once by Choi Jin-young

9781840919868 | Octopus | TPB | R395

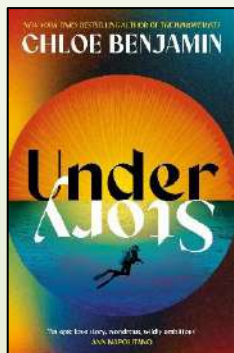
What is the date today? Here, time doesn't pass in days. I wouldn't be surprised if spring slid straight into summer, if I looked at a clear lake and saw an old woman in my reflection. A mutant virus has swept half of the world's population overnight. The known world has collapsed. The new world is a lawless place where children's livers are believed to provide immunity.

In one apartment block, an unlikely pack break out of quarantine in a stolen lorry and brave an aching empty world once teeming with colour. The desolate reaches of Eurasia are signposted with fellow defectors and found family. A wandering travel agent.

A mixed-race divorcee embracing her sacred desire.

A deaf girl traversing the frozen continent barefoot.

Fiction



Under Story by Chloe Benjamin

9781035437399 | Headline | TPB | R425

At an isolated research station in Antarctica, biologist Laurel Salter washes dishes for a living ten hours a day, six days a week.

She tells no one why she left her career, or why her marriage ended.

But even in this remote outpost, Laurel can't outrun her past. When a strange light appears across the ice and draws a group of physicists to McMurdo, her former husband, Eli, won't be far behind.

Laurel is captivated by the Arc: its surreal glow; the way it seems almost alive. And though Eli is reluctant to test her wildest theory, Laurel is convinced that the Arc leads down a rabbit hole and into a world they can barely imagine. Can she persuade him to risk everything to fix the burden that hangs between them to turn back the clock and live their story a second time?



The Infinite State by Richard Swan

9781399627740 | Orion | TPB | R450

Katherine Fuller's husband is dead. As an esteemed member of Pater Aeternus, governing party of the fascist, galaxy-spanning Decurion Empire, he has left behind an estate of immeasurable wealth. And Katherine is going to inherit it. Life under the Eternal Father is rigidly stratified, surveilled and controlled, each new day to be endured, not lived. But with Katherine's newfound fortune, she is presented with a rare and dangerous opportunity: purchase a virgin world, and create a better, fairer society. But the Empire cannot allow its wayward daughter to succeed. And as Katherine works in secret, recruiting allies she's not even sure she can trust, she will discover exactly how far Pater Aeternus is willing to go to stop her. Because Katherine is going to create something nobody has seen for many years. A democracy.

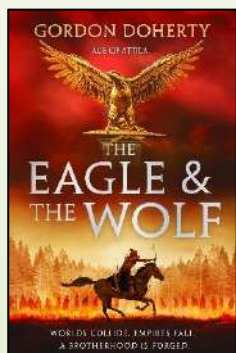


Post Mortem by David Lagercrantz

9781529413298 | Quercus | TPB | R395

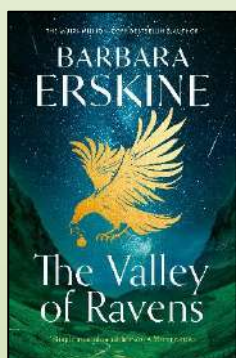
Professor Hans Rekke and Micaela Vargas have earned a reputation for solving the unsolvable. But they've never been confronted by a serial killer. That changes when Rekke receives a visit from Spanish chief inspector Rafael Corales, who is unable to forget the unsolved murder of a young woman in Santander in 1988. Now other bodies have come to light, marked with signs that seem to be some kind of numerical order. Still recovering from his latest hypomanic episode, his relationship with Vargas strained by a secret she's keeping – Rekke agrees to help track down the killer. Clues from a posthumously published short story by the victim draw him undercover into the murky world of Sweden's literary scene, authors, agents and producers who are past masters at selling a lie. To unmask the killer, Rekke must relearn the difference between fact and fiction, and discover what really happened that night in Santander in 1988.

Fiction



The Eagle and the Wolf (Age of Attila Book 1) by Gordon Doherty
97800008771515 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

As Hun hordes and Germanic tribes maraud through Imperial lands, two legendary men, Attila the Hun and the “Last of the Romans” General Flavius Aetius find their fortunes entangled with the chaos. Flavius Aetius, a noble Roman son, is an outsider in a savage land. He has been banished, given as hostage to the barbaric Huns and sent to the edge of the world. What the Huns do not know, however, is that his father and mother have been murdered in a coup. He is an orphan, with no value at all. His life hangs on a lie. In this new harsh world, he manages to find one grudging ally, a young boy named Attila. A brotherhood is formed. One that, the shamans foretell, will shatter the world.



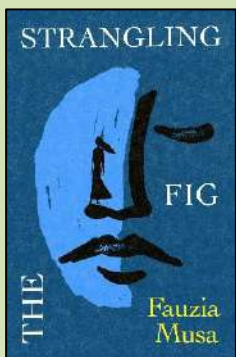
The Valley of Ravens by Barbara Erskine
97800008561123 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

Present

Eve, desperate for a fresh start, arrives in the Valley of Ravens to restore a long-abandoned cottage. Everyone knows the place is cursed. Why else would it be called The Witch's House? As Eve begins her renovations it becomes clear the place has a secret waiting to be uncovered, if only she can make the connection with the past.

Wales, 1260

Alys, a healer living in the depths of the valley, discovers Llewelyn, last true Prince of Wales lying wounded on the battlefield. She tends him and her fate is forever bound to his. Her vow to keep his final secret will echo through the centuries...



The Strangling Fig by Fauzia Musa
97800008753092 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

Hyderabad, 1946

Ashraf is asleep in her mother's bed when her father is murdered on the eve of Partition. She may as well have lost her mother that day too, and her fight to connect with her mother will follow her to America, seeping into who she is as a daughter, a lover, a mother, a wife, and be felt through the next generation of women.

California, 2002

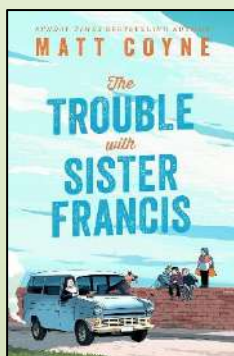
Seher is sixteen years old when she first sees her grandmother's ghost. Feeling lost and abandoned by her own mother, Seher clings to Ashraf's ghost, and it becomes the guiding presence she has always craved. But as Seher starts to move forward with her life, it becomes clear that Ashraf's support comes at a cost.

Fiction



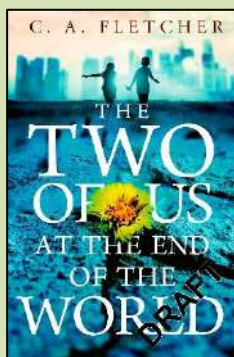
They Say a Girl Died Here by Sarah Pinborough
9781398722569 | Orion | TPB | R450

Anna Maybourne dropped out of university to move to the farming town of Harper's Creek with her mother, sister and grandmother. They don't talk about why. They hoped being back home might help Grandma's dementia, but it only descends deeper, while Anna becomes obsessed with the murder of two local girls, exactly three years apart. The case was closed, but as the next three-year anniversary looms and the town suffers a drought, people pray, people worry, and people wait. But Anna believes that the killer is watching and that Grandma somehow knows more than she should. They say both are, in their own ways, mad. Because when Grandma speaks, only Anna understands that instead of being over, the mystery seems like it's starting again...



The Trouble with Sister Francis by Matt Coyne
9781035425075 | Headline | TPB | R395

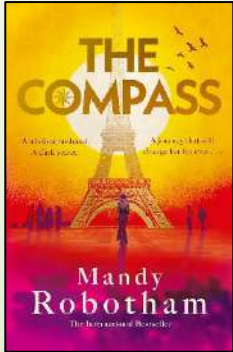
Sister Francis is an unlikely nun. She's sixty, swears, drives like a lunatic and smokes like a stacked chimney . . . and she runs the Blessed Assumption Boys Club. Richie, Bennett, Kenny and Stan are four best friends from the Whittle council estate with little to do but get up to no good. After a run-in with local bullies, they discover the crumbling, forgotten club and find themselves in the company of the most remarkable person they will ever meet. Set against early 1980s Britain, *THE TROUBLE WITH SISTER FRANCIS* is a funny, heartwarming, and heartbreaking story of unlikely heroes, quiet rebellions, fierce loyalty and unexpected hope. And at the centre of it all lies a long-forgotten journal that might just change everything



The Two of Us at the End of the World by C. A. Fletcher
9780356513867 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

A young couple fall in love in a time when scientists are discovering that humanity has stopped being able to have children. When the two realise they are an exception to this rule, so do the authorities. Almost two hundred years later, in the overgrown ruins of a world almost empty of people, the only person Mouse has ever known is Cat, the brave girl who carried him inland, away from the coughing sickness that came from the sea and killed their families. Courageous and clever, the duo know how to survive. And then strangers arrive with a threat to be met, and a choice to be made. Nothing will ever be the same. And innocence may die first, but hope? Hope dies last.

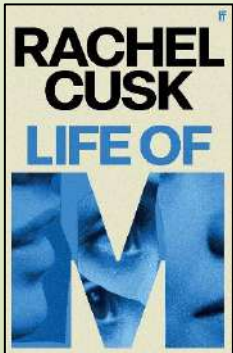
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The Compass by Mandy Robotham
9781408723647 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

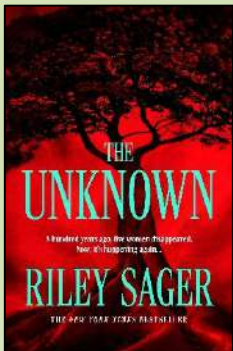
June, 1976. Western Europe is caught in the grip of a relentless and sweltering heatwave. In London, the summer marks a milestone of a different kind for Edie, a decade married to the love of her life, and their first child on the way. But on the night that she plans to tell Joe their news, he doesn't come home. Fearing the worst, Edie scours the city for her missing husband, and eventually she unearths a clue: Joe's wedding ring, alongside a note urging her towards Paris.

Using her heart as a compass, Edie sets off on a journey that takes her across Europe, following a trail that promises to unlock the mystery and lead her to Joe. As tensions rise and temperatures soar, Edie draws closer to the truth, but unravelling the past comes at a cost. When the heatwave finally breaks, will it take Edie down with it?



Life of M by Rachel Cusk
9780571399819 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R450

A little while ago, I told the actor M that I was thinking of writing her autobiography. She liked the idea. She's a good sport. Would you just make it up? she said. M is a film star, and one of the most recognisable faces of our time. With such fame, her life has the appearance of freedom: people are instantly obliging, spaces are altered to accommodate her, time can be rearranged. For her, it seems, the rules of reality have melted away. Now M has agreed to let a stranger write her biography. Their project will sprawl and expand: to the olive groves and holiday beaches where M spends her days; across hotel rooms, bourgeois facades, film sets; through endless modern cities. It is hard not to feel ugly next to M, hard not to feel insignificant. But what truths about the very experience of living, might this proximity allow the writer to briefly capture? And what in the end will M make of their work?



The Unknown by Riley Sager
9781399742139 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

1926

Five dresses hang from the branches of an old oak tree. Five women from across the island disappear into the darkness. Five pages are torn from a diary, lost for 100 years...

2026

A film crew arrive on the island to capture its legendary history. But not long into their stay, strange noises are heard. Mysterious symbols are found, left by the island's previous occupants. And then the disappearances begin again.

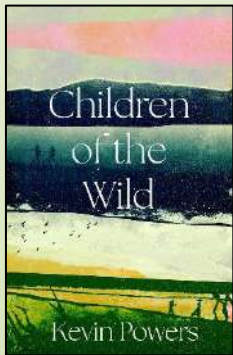
As panic and superstition rise, one actress must use the old diary's remains to uncover the island's terrifying secret, and prevent a dark history from repeating itself...

Fiction



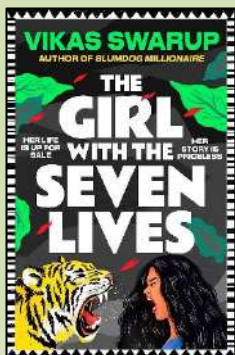
Song for Another Home by Bora Lee Reed
9781806491414 | Profile | TPB | R430

1950, Pyongyang. Oksoon's father, confident that the war is over has left for Seoul in search of opportunity. There is nothing to do but wait, until the Chinese army attacks and forces Oksoon, her mother and her brother to flee southward themselves. But the journey is dangerous, and wartime makes enemies of even the kindest of friends. Meanwhile, Oksoon's cousin Junho has found uncertain refuge in a struggling orphanage near the southern coast. When the orphanage director's rich niece arrives, harbouring a secret, Junho must choose between his duty and his dreams if they are all to survive.



Children of the Wild by Kevin Powers
9781805466000 | Atlantic Book | TPB | R455

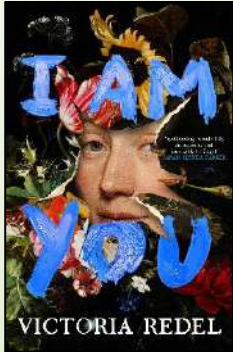
Ewer's Rock, Virginia, 1917. Roy Young is restless, determined to leave this rural valley and make his mark on the twentieth century. Samantha Hatton, the minister's daughter, knows the town expects her and Roy to marry, but she hungers for more. The arrival of Ennis Duke, a mysterious wild boy tending to a lost herd of cattle up the mountain, will change everything. Within a year, the lives of these three young people will be dramatically transformed. In the crucible of conflict, Roy and Ennis forge a fierce bond. Meanwhile, back in Virginia, Samantha's love and courage endure unthinkable sacrifice in a corner of the world fractured by violence. *Children of the Wild* captures what it means to be human in times of loss and how, even in darkness, the light of friendship and love endures.



The Girl with the Seven Lives by Vikas Swarup
9781035924653 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R470

Devi is a fighter. Growing up in the slums of Delhi, she has learnt that survival comes at a cost and naturally, that means she's made a few enemies along the way. Now she's being held captive, her life up for sale in an online auction, where the highest bidder will determine her fate. With her existence hanging in the balance, Devi proceeds to give her captor 'a confession to beat all confessions', as over the course of a single night, Devi unveils the secrets of her seven extraordinary lives. Devi is the ultimate survivor, a girl from the gutters who dares to rewrite her own destiny. But will she survive the longest night of her life?

Fiction



I Am You by Victoria Redel
9781918107074 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R440

At eight years old, Gerta Pieters is forced to disguise herself as a boy and sent to work for a genteel family.

When their daughter Maria sees through Gerta's ruse, she insists Gerta accompany her to Amsterdam and help her enter the elite, male-dominated art world.

While Maria rises in the ranks of society as a painting prodigy, Gerta makes herself invaluable in every way: confidante, muse, lover.

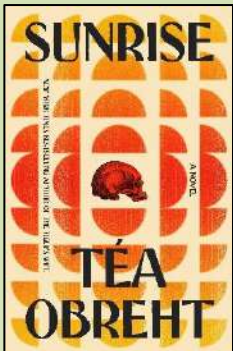
But as Gerta steps into her own talents, their relationship fractures into a complex web of obsession and rivalry, until the secrets they keep threaten to unravel everything.



And I Am The Arrow by Pia Ghosh-Roy
9781917378215 | Indigo Press | TPB | R390

Chatterjee Mansion is a 1940s art-deco house in Calcutta with floors of polished marble and rooms filled with lies and omissions. In this house, late on a rain-soaked night, the turn of a single key unlocks a story that throws its women on a journey across the worlds of the living and the dead, and shatters all they know to be true.

Trying to make sense of this world is Mishu, a young woman recently returned to India, just as Niyoti, her grandmother and the family matriarch, falls into a coma. As Mishu, her mother Ira, and their servant Bani wait to see if Niyoti wakes or leaves them forever, long-buried truths come to the surface, revealing a rich and dramatic story of India's social and political struggles entwined with the family's gains and sacrifices.

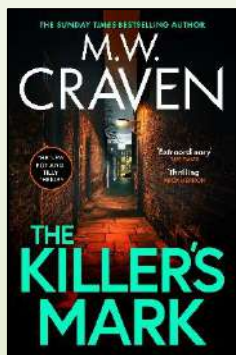


Sunrise by Téa Obreht
9781399644525 | Orion | TPB | R450

In 2024, Nina's small aircraft crashes into a lake in the Wyoming mountains. Lost, freezing and alone, she stumbles upon *Sunrise*, an abandoned frontier town that is strangely well-maintained. In 2003, Sunrise's golden boy Coll is about to start rehearsals for the town's annual historical reenactment when he is linked with a scandalous incident at a local bar. When an author comes to him with questions about one of Sunrise's most beloved figures, Coll is forced to reassess everything he thought he knew about the city and himself. In 1902, town founder, gunslinger and adventure-novel hero Anton Vargas returns to Sunrise and helps the search for a missing boy. But who really is Vargas? What does he know about the boy's disappearance?

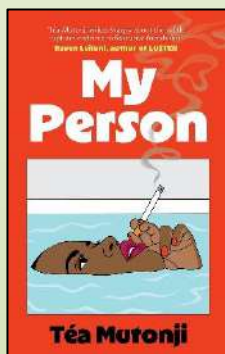
And why has he returned after so many years away?

Fiction



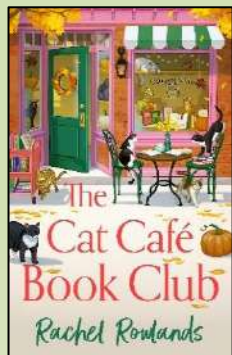
The Killer's Mark by M. W. Craven
9781408717585 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

When Vice Admiral Boyer, RN (retd) died without leaving a will, his estranged daughter inherited his not inconsiderable estate. Called home to sort through his belongings, she found an AegisBox, a tamper proof safe within a safe designed to self-destruct if anyone without the code attempts to open it. Unable to walk away without the truth, she uncovered something so horrifying it launched the biggest investigation in the National Crime Agency's history. Five years later, Washington Poe is unwittingly, and unwillingly, sucked into its gravity. Finally able to escape the authority they railed against, Washington Poe and Tilly Bradshaw are enjoying their new jobs as private detectives, when a teenage girl walks into their office, looking for the mother she long believed to be dead, they agree to take the case. As Poe and Tilly investigate the girl's claims, they find themselves drawn into a murky world of trafficking, pornography and prostitution. Will they be able to help the girl find her mother, or will the dark forces at work, who will stop at nothing to protect themselves, get there first...



My Person by Téa Mutonji
9781846016547 | Octopus | TPB | R450

Best friends of over twenty years, Tania and Margot are preparing to host their monthly Sunday Loaf dinner party, when Tania tells Margot this isn't working for her anymore, they've been entangled for too long, she wants to "unknow" her. But how do you extricate yourself from someone whose family owns the apartment you live in, who has taken you in as their own, even claims you as their "person"? As Tania attempts to live her life loudly on the outskirts of Margot's bubble, Margot's past betrayals become increasingly clear. But she means well, doesn't she? They had felt like sisters from the start. Or had Tania just been blind to Margot's antics? Set in the framework of a tense will-they-won't-they breakup, Tania and Margot get entangled in a rigorous revision of history, their once delicate dance intensifying toward a frantic finale that neither person sees coming.



The Cat Café Book Club by Rachel Rowlands
9781399752039 | Hodder & Stoughton | PBO | R325

Brenna has moved to the countryside looking for peace and quiet with her many black cats. But Brenna is keeping a secret she can't share with anyone...
Matt, the cheerful barista behind the counter at Catpurrchino, runs a monthly book club for locals to bring people (and cats) together.
When Matt and Brenna both reach for the same book at the library he invites her to come to the next meeting. Brenna is wary of letting anyone new into her life, but she can't say no to her two favourite things combined, cats and books or Matt's gorgeous smile. Just as Brenna starts to think she has finally found a haven in the warmth and friendship of the book club they are rocked by terrible news: a big developer is threatening the future of not only the café, but the whole town

Fiction



Boy A by Jonathan Trigell
9781805227748 | Profile | TPB | R360

His new name is Jack.

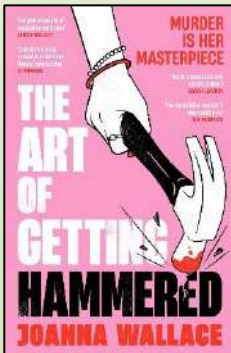
To his new friends, he is a good guy with occasional flashes of unexpected violence.

To his new girlfriend, he is strangely inexperienced and unreachable.

To his case worker, he's a victim of the system and of media-driven hysteria.

And to himself, Jack is on permanent trial: most of his life has been spent in juvenile institutions, guilty of a monstrous childhood crime.

Searing and heartfelt, *Boy A* is a devastating exploration of guilt, retribution and the blurred lines between fact and fabrication.



The Art of Getting Hammered by Joanna Wallace
9781805227748 | Profile | TPB | R495

What use is a part-time serial killer who doesn't want to kill people?

Once the terror of rude and irritating people everywhere, now Claire has lost her murderous mojo. Not even the overly chatty woman in the supermarket or the man who stole her neighbour's dog can motivate her to get out the zip ties.

Then a lucky break and a new job in the local pub gives Claire the perfect target: someone is spiking drinks and causing mayhem. But as Claire closes in on the culprit, punters start dropping like flies - and for once she's not the one doing the killing. Is someone else murdering on her patch? Claire has questions. And she's not afraid to use her hammer to get answers...



Please Form Pairs by Chiren Kina
9781846017537 | Octopus | TPB | R395

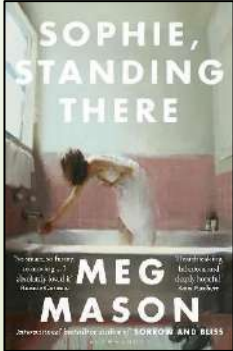
1. Please form pairs
2. You cannot pair with someone twice
3. Anyone without a partner will be executed

Mishin Mizushima isn't nearly cool enough by Japanese standards. Even her Mum has ditched Mishin for a new lover, leaving her alone in their tiny apartment.

At school, towering alpha females move and think as a single, terrifyingly beautiful organism. The betas know to lay low. The rest grovel at the bottom of the cut-throat food chain.

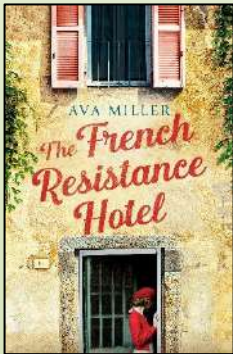
But one day, a new teacher questions the natural order with a simple instruction - and unleashes a gladiatorial catfight for survival.

Fiction



Sophie, Standing There by Meg Mason
9781526664013 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R460

Sophie Pattison is a lovely person, warm, kind, relentlessly positive. She's cherished by her brother Laurie, adored by her best friend Emma and valued by her colleagues. Sometimes, it's true, one day in her life can feel like the entire month of January. It's also true she can go an entire day without speaking. But she's fine really. She spends her time alone reading, finding comfort in the pages of the books she devours. Until one day she stumbles upon an author she hasn't read in years. Her books, interviews and podcasts soon become a lifeline; every word is a solace, company she hasn't felt in so long. It's almost like love. A lot like love. And Sophie would love to meet the author, although she never will obviously. In a way, thank goodness, because that would change everything. Sophie's entire life. Wouldn't it?



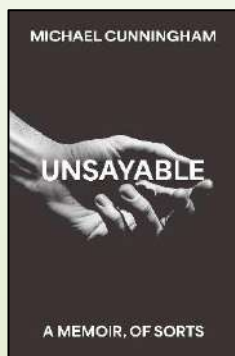
The French Resistance Hotel by Ava Miller
9781399745093 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

After escaping an abusive relationship in Nice, Eloise thought she'd never find a home again. Until she arrives at the Hotel Cordier in the eastern town of Sainte-Béline, straddling the frontier between Switzerland and France. But when the Nazis invade, everything changes.

Trapped under occupation, Eloise finds herself drawn to the resistance and to André, its charismatic local leader. André is determined to use the hotel's unique position to save as many refugees fleeing persecution as he can.

It doesn't take long before the Germans start closing in. Facing the threat of discovery and the shadows of her past, Eloise must decide how much she is willing to risk for the cause, for freedom, for love . . .

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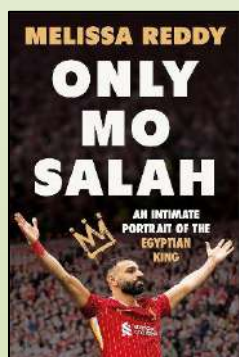
Unsayable by Michael Cunningham

9780008836382 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

In *Unsayable*, Cunningham's memories spill forth, and with them, reflections on the craft of writing. He is fifteen, in a swimming pool at night, gazing at the first boy he ever fell in love with, who is lost in contemplative silence.

He is a new college graduate, setting off for nowhere in a Dodge Dart, hoping to pull meaning (and a novel) from the expanse of America.

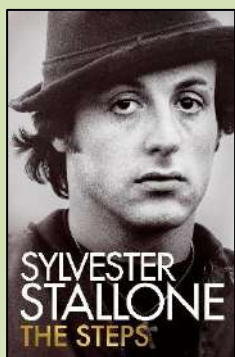
He is on Cape Cod, regaling an elderly couple with invented tales of sexual escapades. He is in an art gallery, unwittingly having the first in a lifetime of conversations with the man he would marry. A thread ties each beautifully-wrought moment to the next: what is unspoken, what won't yield to language, what is embellished beyond recognition, what is still left to say.



Only Mo Salah by Melissa Reddy

9781399639637 | Orion | TPB | R450

Mohamed Salah is one of the greatest footballers of all time. Records have been battered and bettered with such ferocity that there is a special archive of stats under the headline 'Only Mo Salah'. Yet his influence and impact stretches far beyond just goals, triumphs and trophies. Salah is a cultural behemoth; a man who means many different things to a diverse spread of people across the globe, not least in Egypt, where he has become a symbol of hope. However, through all of the success and exposure, Salah has remained true to himself, despite being largely misunderstood. Alongside the success, there is an honest journey through Mo's lowest moments and missteps too, backlit by the millions of people leaning heavily on him. *Only Mo Salah* climbs well beyond how a kid from a remote village scaled unimaginable heights to become a history-maker on and off the pitch, it showcases why Salah has a formidable claim to being the most important footballer on the planet.



The Steps by Sylvester Stallone

9781399629461 | Orion | TPB | R450

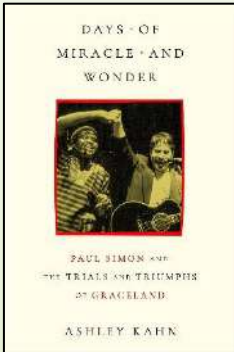
In the fifty years since Sylvester Stallone ran up the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum, he and those steps have become symbols of resilience, determination and have inspired millions from all over the world to pursue their dreams. In *The Steps*, Stallone recounts how he pursued his own dreams. A culmination of decades of reflection, Sly shares where he came from, a difficult birth, an even more difficult childhood, years of struggle in school being misunderstood and he explains how the real story of a successful life is built by facing, embracing and ultimately overcoming our challenges. It's found in the distances we are willing to go and the steps we must take to get from where we are to where we want to go. In a narrative framed between Stallone's arrival in New York City in 1969 and the triumph of Rocky at the 1977 Academy Awards, Sly weaves a vivid and propulsive portrait of struggle, subsistence and ultimately success.

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Days of Miracle and Wonder by Ashley Kahn
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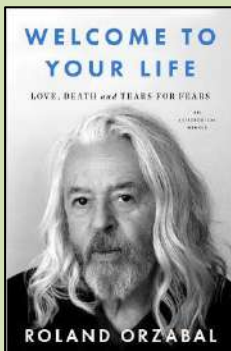
In 1984, Paul Simon was at a professional and personal crossroads. His marriage was failing, his career was in danger of declining and the music scene was shifting to a world of synths, drum machines and music videos. But a chance encounter with the sounds of South Africa created a spark, recalling the joy of the early rock and roll days and inspiring a bold new direction. Simon travelled to Johannesburg in 1985 to record with South African musicians, a bold and risky step on a musical journey that would lead him to New York, Los Angeles, Louisiana and London, culminating in Graceland, a global phenomenon that won multiple Grammys, sold millions of records and helped redefine popular music.

Days of Miracle and Wonder is the first book to tell the full story,



Now What? by Gary John Bishop
9781399763950 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R495

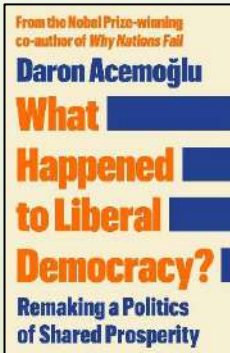
There are countless self-help books telling you how to get the life you want, how to find your purpose, make your plan, follow your goals. Yet, too many of us are frozen in life, unfulfilled and stuck with what we have. Too often, we only see our future through a lens of the past, our past beliefs, experiences, and circumstances. We desire lives that are "better," "more," or "different." But we need to focus on crafting a life of invention, completely free of the constraints of what has been, and Gary John Bishop has the answer. Now What? is your guide to building the right mindset to reinvent not only your life but what you are devoting your life to. Be warned though: Gary's message isn't for the faint of heart. You will be confronted and unsettled, challenged and provoked. But on the other side is an invigorating, hands-on approach to living life. Your life. Maybe even a life you never believed you could have.



Welcome to Your Life by Roland Orzabal
9781408724606 | Little Brown | TPB | R485

Welcome to Your Life is the captivating and deeply personal memoir from Roland Orzabal, founding member and primary songwriter of the iconic English band Tears for Fears. Known for their smash hits including "Everybody Wants to Rule the World", "Shout", "Head Over Heels" and "Mad World", Tears for Fears and their unforgettable songs have been part of the fabric of rock and roll for over forty years. Orzabal shares the story of his band and also his life. It's a journey marked by massive fame, mental health struggles, a career that's navigated a hugely changed political and musical landscape, the creative and personal breakdown of Roland's relationship with Curt Smith, the devastating loss of his wife and the road back to fulfilment as a man, father and musician. As he reflects on love, loss, faith and recovery, Orzabal shows how the power of music can heal even the deepest wounds.

Non- Fiction



What Happened to Liberal Democracy? by Daron Acemoglu
9781805228677 | Profile | TPB | R475

From its inception, liberalism offered a glittering promise of shared prosperity, equality, democratic values and the free pursuit of knowledge. At first, it flourished. And then it faltered. Once a tantalising beacon of hope, it began to erode and decay at the hands of elitism, intolerance and rising autocracy.

One could say that liberalism is broken.

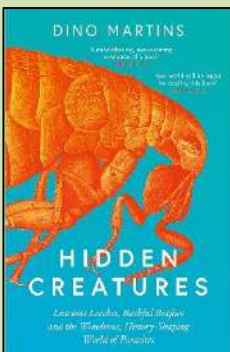
So, what comes next?

Nobel prize-winning co-author of *Why Nations Fail* Daron Acemoglu charts the rise and fall of liberal democracy and offers hope for a way forward: a new theory that lays the groundwork for how we can and must remake liberalism before it's too late.



You Can Just Do Things by Cate Hall & Sasha Chapin
9780008811778 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

You Can Just Do Things argues that extraordinary success is driven not by genius, talent, or relentless hard work, but by agency, the willingness to take initiative and shape your own future. Rather than waiting for permission, perfect timing, or complete confidence, high-agency people act decisively, learn through experience, and create opportunities for themselves. The book challenges conventional ideas about success, showing that many "rules" are simply habits that encourage hesitation. It offers practical strategies for increasing your chances of success, including expanding your exposure to opportunities, taking smart shortcuts, creating systems that make action unavoidable, and turning personal insecurities into motivation. Instead of focusing on productivity or goal-setting, the book encourages readers to take ownership of their lives, embrace uncertainty, and act despite fear or self-doubt.



Hidden Creatures by Dino Martins
9780008753313 | HarperCollins | TPB | R430

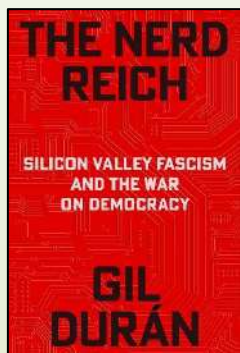
Dr Dino Martins is an award-winning entomologist and biologist from Kenya's Turkana Basin, where life on Earth began and he has made it his life's mission to demystify these beguiling beings. *Hidden Creatures* takes us on a journey around the world ten times over from the wilds of East Africa to the rainforests of the Amazon, from Borneo to the public parks of London. Along the way, we encounter brilliant and eccentric experts and students who join Martins on his adventures to investigate not just parasites but their astonishing cast of hosts: elephants and rhinos, hyraxes and hippos, and, of course, the elusive human. Immersive, entertaining and driven by an utterly infectious curiosity, *Hidden Creatures* has the magnetic force of a David Attenborough documentary and introduces a monumental, charismatic new voice in science writing. It will transform your understanding of the natural world.

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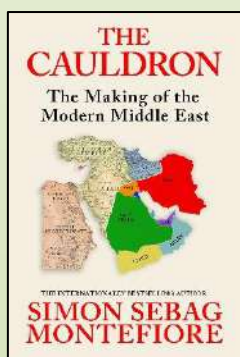
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The Nerd Reich by Gil Durán

9781398555938 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R470

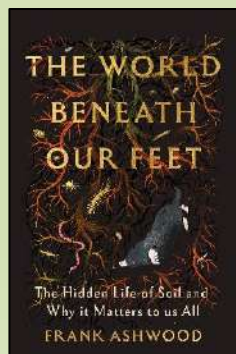
When Silicon Valley 'moves fast and breaks things', the world interprets the chaos as a necessary cost of innovation. Gil Durán reveals something far more sinister afoot: a decades-long campaign to replace elected governments with corporate rule. Drawing on insider political experience and new investigations, Durán traces this ideology from its philosophical roots in *The Sovereign Individual* by James Dale Davidson and Lord William Rees-Mogg. He introduces its modern apostles, Peter Thiel, Marc Andreessen, Balaji Srinivasan and Elon Musk and shows how the promise of technological liberation has transformed into a global movement for digital feudalism, powered by cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence and algorithmically driven propaganda on social media. *The Nerd Reich* explains the origins, strategies and ambitions of Silicon Valley's war on democracy for the first time.



The Cauldron by Simon Sebag Montefiore

9781399634908 | Orion | TPB | R495

The Middle East has forever been the source of religions, prize of empires, spark-wheel of conflicts, well of radicalism and epicentre of our tumultuous world. No other region has such a hold on our imagination nor such a propensity to unleash mayhem. Yet few know its real history; fewer still understand its variety and cosmopolitanism, its complexity and interconnectedness. In *The Cauldron*, Simon Sebag Montefiore delivers a fresh and unique history of the entire region in all its diversity, from 1900 up to the present day. Taking the reader on a spectacular journey from the Ottoman sultanate to the Trump presidency, from Morocco to Iran, this is a dazzling panorama of faith and fanaticism, creativity and tolerance, dictatorship and democracy brought to life by an extraordinary cast of kings, warriors, poets, terrorists and peacemakers.

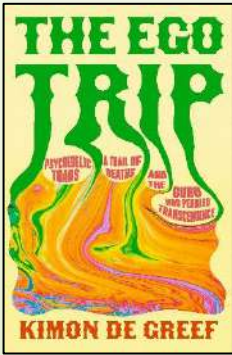


The World Beneath Our Feet by Frank Ashwood

9781399742481 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R485

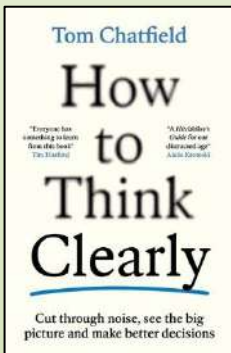
To appreciate the wonders of the world around us, we're often told to look up. But what if we need to look down instead? Everything that happens below ground sustains all life above it, yet we rarely think about this mysterious, dark Underland. In *The World Beneath Our Feet* soil ecologist Frank Ashwood scratches the surface and takes us on an eye-opening safari through this precious ecosystem, from the ancient forests of New Zealand to the vast black soil deposits of the US and China. Every layer of the pedosphere is a world of its own, each more alien than the last as we travel deeper into the Earth. The ground beneath our feet hums with a staggering abundance of winding roots, interconnecting fungal networks, wriggling creatures and mind-blowing microbial life. This hidden ecosystem is the single most biodiverse habitat on the planet.

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The Ego Trip by Kimon de Greef
9781399617956 | Orion | TPB | R450

In 2012, physician Octavio Rettig claimed he had revived a forgotten indigenous ritual: smoking the secretions of the Sonoran Desert toad, which releases a potent psychedelic substance known as 'the God molecule'. The experience promised ego death, communion with the divine and extraordinary relief for those suffering from PTSD, depression and drug addiction. As word spread, Octavio became the face of a global psychedelic movement, drawing seekers from around the world. Yet as his fame grew, so did troubling reports of extreme dosing, abusive behaviour and a disturbing cult-like following. What began as a spiritual revival evolved into something far more dangerous. In this gripping and deeply reported book, Kimon de Greef explores the promise and the peril of 'toad medicine'. Part true crime, part cult story, part investigative journalism...



How to Think Clearly by Tom Chatfield
9781805223504 | Profile | TPB | R395

In a world of alt facts, imperfect algorithms and information overload, thinking clearly has never been more crucial. But it's not easy. It asks us to slow down and reflect; to question assumptions; to be aware of blind spots.

It takes practice and the will to resist a whole host of distractions.

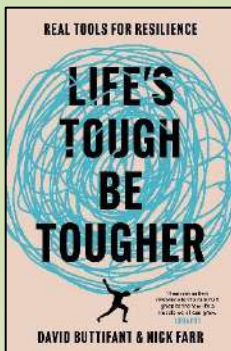
How to Think Clearly is a practical primer that will help you:

Develop the core habits that underpin critical thinking.

Master techniques like powerful pauses and killer questions.

Be data smart and tech savvy.

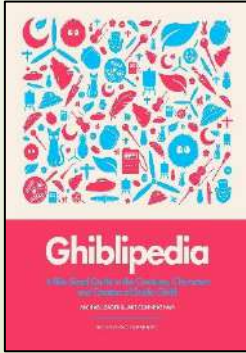
Turn these skills into daily practice, making you think twice and think better.



Life's Tough - Be Tougher by Nick Farr & David Buttifant
9781761472688 | Atlantic Books | TPB | R505

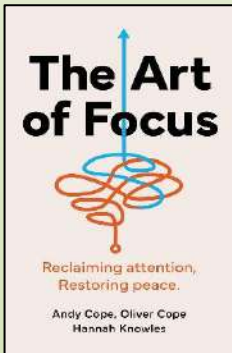
Life is unpredictable and tough times are inevitable, but it's how we respond that defines us. *Life's Tough—Be Tougher* is a straight-talking guide to building resilience and thriving when hard times hit. David Buttifant and Nick Farr draw on decades of coaching experience, as well as their own stories of personal loss and challenge, to show that resilience is not innate, it's a skill you can learn. They outline the four pillars that underpin this, Physical, Emotional, Social and Psychological recovery and provide proven strategies, daily habits and practical exercises you can put into action straight away. Blending insights from ancient philosophy, behavioural science and their pioneering work with Resilience Builders, Buttifant and Farr offer a roadmap for turning setbacks into growth. More than survival, this book shows you how to thrive, build strength and embrace opportunities from whatever comes your way.

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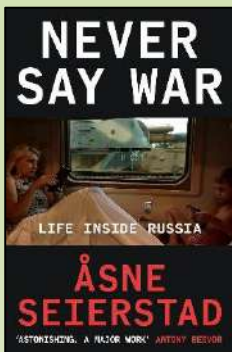
Ghiblipedia by Michael Leader & Jake Cunningham
9781035436415 | Welbeck | HB | R715

Explore the characters, creatures, people and places of Studio Ghibli in this beautifully illustrated encyclopedia. From Arrietty to Zeniba, join Michael Leader and Jake Cunningham, authors and hosts of the Ghibliothèque podcast, on a new journey through the magical worlds of Studio Ghibli. *Ghiblipedia* dives into the details of the world's greatest animation studio, featuring more than 200 bite-sized entries spanning every film, from My Neighbour Totoro to Spirited Away to The Boy and the Heron and beyond. Across seven themed chapters, you'll find illuminating facts and fascinating trivia about everything from iconic creatures (Totoro, No-Face), famous characters (Porco Rosso, Nausicaa) and legendary filmmakers (Hayao Miyazaki, Isao Takahata), as well as locations, contraptions, influences and much more besides.



The Art of Focus by Andy Cope, Oliver Cope & Hannah Knowles
9781399828543 | John Murray | HB | R485

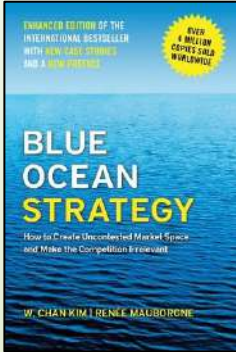
This powerful exploration of how modern society and the relentless march of technology have contributed to the epidemic of anxiety, mental health struggles, and the breakdown of our ability to focus, is an eye-opening read. It argues that in world of infinite distractions, we're losing more than just our attention we're losing our ability to live fully in the present moment. Peppered with cutting-edge insights from positive psychology, neuroscience, and anthropology, *The Art of Focus* is a radical guide to reclaiming control, with a host of practical, research-backed strategies that will help you break free from the constant barrage of distractions and reconnect with what really matters in life.



Never Say War by Åsne Seierstad
9780349020570 | Little Brown | TPB | R485

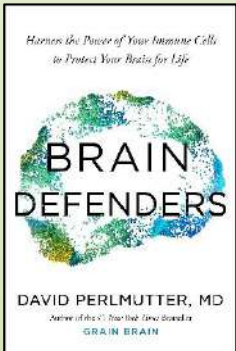
Putin's Russia silences its citizens, targets foreign journalists and invaded a neighbouring country, while declaring it illegal to say the country is at war. This is what we know from the outside: but what does it feel like on the inside? The way into this question, for bestselling author and journalist Åsne Seierstad, was young Russian soldier Andrey Medvedev, who defected from the infamous Wagner Group and sought asylum in Norway in January 2023. He was three years old when Putin rose to power and his life story mirrors the transformation of his country. And as Seierstad dug deeper into his family and connections, more and more of Russian society opened up to her, from teachers and farmers to reporters and women left behind by soldiers at war.

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Blue Ocean Strategy, Enhanced Edition by W. Chan Kim & Renée Mauborgne
9798892793087 | PGW | HB | R735

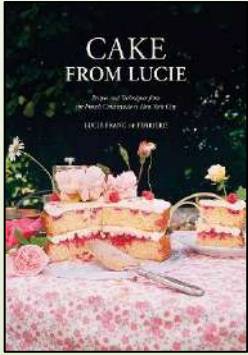
In this perennial bestseller, W. Chan Kim and Renée Mauborgne challenge everything you thought you knew about the requirements for strategic success. Lasting success, they argue, comes not from battling competitors but from creating "blue oceans", untapped market spaces ripe for growth. With its systematic approach and a variety of tools any organization can use to create and capture blue oceans, *Blue Ocean Strategy* is a global phenomenon, published in a record-breaking forty-nine languages and a bestseller across five continents. Now marking its twentieth anniversary, *Blue Ocean Strategy* is enhanced with a new preface; timely, in-depth case studies. *Blue Ocean Strategy* is your indispensable guide to charting a bold new path into the future.



Brain Defenders by David Perlmutter
9781399753333 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R545

In recent years microglia cells housed in the brain have been identified as playing a key role in a host of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Long Covid, and MS amongst others. When operating optimally, these cells support healthy brain function. However, when they go rogue, they cause inflammation in the brain, contributing to cell death and devastating neurological conditions. Current drug treatments mostly mask symptoms rather than cure and the statistics are grim worldwide and serious neurological disorders are on a rapid rise. And the good news? By following the lifestyle protocol that Dr David Perlmutter presents in the book people can become 'architects of their cognitive destiny'. *The Brain Defenders* program is accessible to all and will help us start to win the war against the scourge of neurodegenerative diseases.

Cookery



Cake From Lucie by Lucie Franc de Ferriere
9781761453038 | Hardie Grant | HB | R695

Cake From Lucie is a collection of inventive, French-inspired desserts from Lucie Franc de Ferriere, the founder of beloved New York bakery From Lucie, known for its whimsical cakes adorned with fresh flowers.

Born and raised in Southern France, Lucie grew up baking alongside her mother at their family's farmhouse before moving to New York and opening her own bakery.

In this beautiful book, she invites home bakers to recreate her signature style elegant yet gorgeously imperfect cakes and bakes that are lighter, less sweet, and full of surprising flavour pairings.

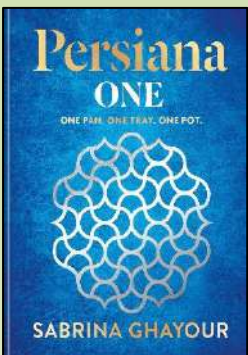
With evocative photography and stories woven throughout, *Cake from Lucie* celebrates the art of baking with beauty, simplicity and heart.



Cheese Please by Sue Quinn
9781964786421 | Hardie Grant | HB | R495

Whether it's the sharp tang of goat's cheese in a salad, the gooeyness of warm raclette on bread or the crumbly creaminess of a hunk of Cheddar, cheese is a kitchen hero. We all know cheese gives life to toast, is essential showered over pasta, and is the hero of any cheeseboard but it has so much more to offer. It melts, crisps, crumbles, and stretches, adds depth, texture and even structure to sweet and savory dishes in ways that few ingredients can match.

This book is a celebration of what cheese, in all its forms, can do in salads, soups, hearty mains, cakes, desserts and more. It will help readers understand the staggering variety of styles of cheese, the best way to store it, how to swap one for another in recipes and how to use up scrag ends home cooks might not consider worth saving.



Persiana One by Sabrina Ghayour
9781783256105 | Octopus | HB | R795

From the Queen of Middle Eastern cookery, every recipe in *Persiana One* makes irresistible Middle Eastern flavours easier than ever in one pot, one tray or one pan.

From dips and bits that make snacking sublime to spectacular salads, and from easy everyday dinners to something a little bit more special, these are recipes designed with clever shortcuts that don't compromise on flavour, to be as simple, and as kit free as possible.

With over 100 recipes, each accompanied by a photograph, this is a sumptuous gift for every cookery lover, who hates washing up!

Cookery



Forbidden Feasts by Navessa Allen
9781529453447 | Quercus | HB | R715

Forbidden Feasts: The Official Cookbook of Navessa Allen's *Lights Out* draws fans deeper into her sultry, suspense-filled world with a one-of-a-kind culinary journey inspired by her bestselling novel. With 60 recipes that tempt at every turn, from wickedly delicious appetisers to decadent desserts and dangerously captivating cocktails, this book transforms every meal into an act of seduction and suspense.

Offering exclusive character notes, in-world anecdotes and revealing behind-the-scenes insights, *Forbidden Feasts* is an immersive experience for any reader who craves the forbidden. Whether you're hosting a themed gathering or simply drawn to darkness at home, each recipe invites you to indulge in rich flavours laced with obsession, desire and just a sprinkle of danger.

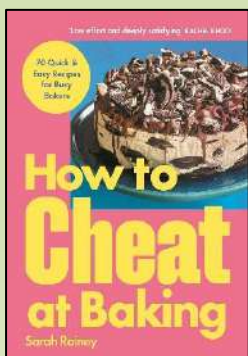


Harry Potter Sweets and Treats Cookbook by Veronica Hinke & Kim Laidlaw
9781529450620 | Quercus | HB | R625

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to make your own Chocolate Frog? Satisfy your sweet tooth with sumptuous delights straight out of Honeydukes?

This collection of 60 mouth-watering confections brings the magic of Harry Potter straight to your kitchen. With step-by-step instructions, handy tips and stunning photography, the *Harry Potter Sweets and Treats Cookbook* will have you making the Golden Trio's favourite desserts from the comfort of your own home in no time.

Whether you are celebrating a special occasion or just indulging your sweet tooth, these recipes have been crafted to bring a dusting of magic and sugar, to your everyday moments.

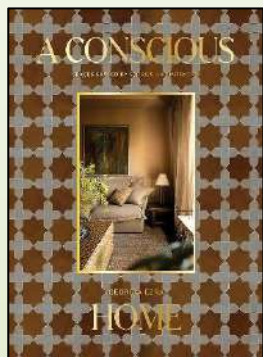


How to Cheat at Baking by Sarah Rainey
9781789299090 | Hardie Grant | HB | R495

Fake it 'til you bake it with 70 deliciously simple recipes and supermarket cake hacks.

Why make life harder than it needs to be? If you love home-baked treats but don't have the time, energy or budget for complicated recipes and endless ingredient lists, *How to Cheat at Baking* is your new secret weapon. From biscuit-based traybakes and freezer cakes to air fryer wonders and microwave miracles, every foolproof recipe is designed to save you time without skimping on flavour. Whether you're a tired parent, a hungry student or just someone who likes a cheat code, this is baking for real life, no pastry-making, proving time or piping skills required for the fab fake bakes. This collection of sweet treats is sure to become a fast family favourite.

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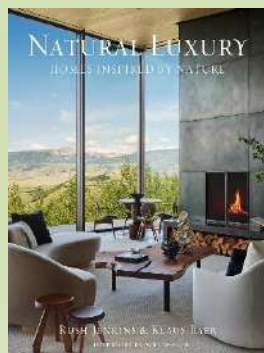
A Conscious Home by Georgia Ezra
9781761451485 | Hardie Grant | HB | R875

A Conscious Home is a beautifully crafted interior design book that balances heart and style in equal measure. Showcasing 20 unique homes by designer Georgia Ezra, it invites you to create spaces that tell your story, celebrate traditional craftsmanship, and embrace the beauty of natural materials. Author and interior designer Georgia Ezra's design philosophy is deeply rooted in authenticity, sensory experience, and a reverence for craftsmanship and the natural world. Her approach transcends trend-based design and she believes conscious design also extends to choosing materials that are sustainable, environmentally conscious and built to last, and champions working with artisanal makers to create homes that are true one-offs.



Hare + Klein Design by Meryl Hare
9781760765385 | Thame & Hudson | HB | R1410

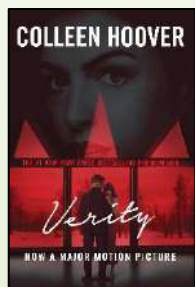
Hare + Klein Design offers a rich new perspective on the celebrated Australian design studio's distinctive approach to interior architecture. Led by Meryl Hare, the book showcases a series of deeply personal, elegantly resolved homes that reflect the firm's bespoke furniture, fittings and artworks for each project. From handwoven rugs to custom joinery an intuitive understanding of space, light and materiality. At the heart of *Hare + Klein's* philosophy is a belief in designing for the people who live in the space; this is especially evident in the studio's commitment to creating a one-of-a-kind lighting, these details speak to the studio's dedication to craftsmanship, collaboration and lasting quality. Through stunning photography and thoughtful insights from Meryl Hare, this book reveals how tailored design transforms interiors into warm, characterful homes.



Natural Luxury by Rush Jenkins, Klaus Baer & David Foxley
9780865654501 | Thame & Hudson | HB | R2295

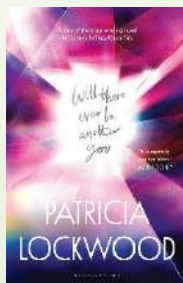
As beautifully shown in their first book, *Natural Elegance*, the cofounders of WRJ Design, Rush Jenkins and Klaus Baer, have a singular approach to mountain living. They are renowned for incorporating clean, lined, contemporary design into envelopes of rugged stone and natural wood. Now, in their second book, they lift this combination of the bespoke and the wild to new heights. It features 10 of their most recent projects, in such idyllic locales as Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Deer Valley, Utah, and Sun Valley, Idaho, including a rustic log cabin nestled near a stream, a modern compound overlooking the Tetons, and even a sophisticated pied-à-terre in Manhattan. Each project illustrates WRJ's signature blend of luxury, elegance, and deference to the surrounding environment.

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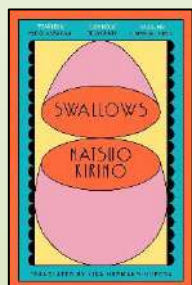
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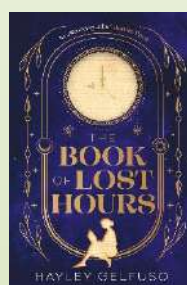
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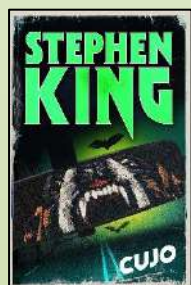
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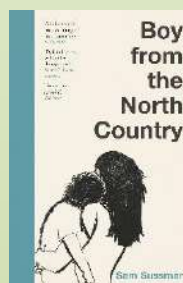
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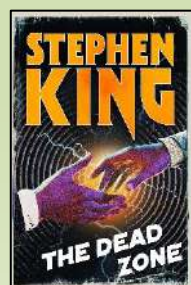
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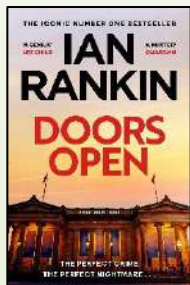
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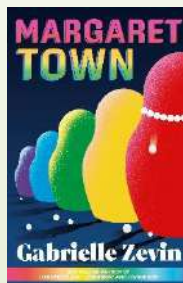
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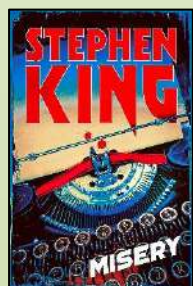
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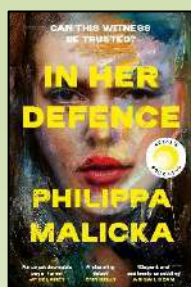
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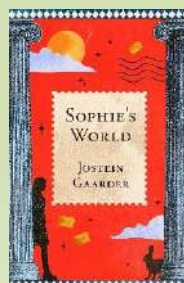
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