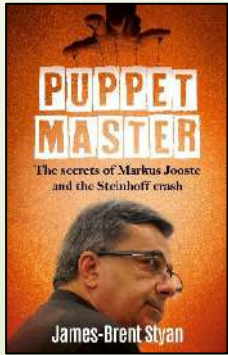


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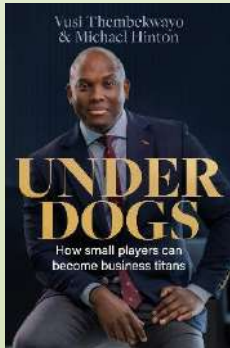
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Puppet Master by James-Brent Styan

9781776194308 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R350

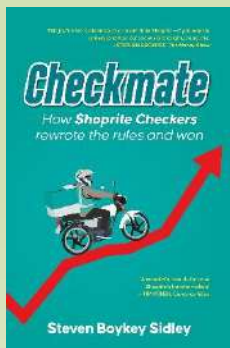
When Markus Jooste died in 2024, he took many of Steinhoff's secrets with him. But not all of them. The collapse of Steinhoff wiped more than R200-billion from global stock markets and exposed the largest corporate fraud in South African history. For years the full account of what happened remained locked inside a confidential forensic report and was kept from the public. Now, James-Brent Styan, author of the bestselling 2018 book on Steinhoff, returns to the scandal that shook South Africa's business world. Drawing on the full forensic report and multiple interviews with key insiders speaking for the first time, Styan uncovers new details about Jooste's secret lives, the way he ran his company and the silences that allowed the deception to grow. This gripping sequel reveals how unchecked ambition and blind self-interest outmaneuvered every corporate-governance safeguard and built a house of cards in plain sight. Until it all came crashing down.



Underdogs by Vusi Thembekwayo & Michael Hinton

9781776195961 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R330

Why do some individuals and businesses thrive despite impossible odds? What allows them to persevere when others quit? How can you develop the courage and conviction that define some of the most remarkable success stories? Vusi Thembekwayo and Michael Hinton challenge the conventional wisdom that life is about becoming the 'top dog' and argue that the greatest competitive advantage in business and in life is the willingness to think differently, embrace adversity and keep moving forward when all seems stacked against you. Drawing on stories of business disruptors, visionary entrepreneurs and purpose-driven organisations, *Underdogs* uncovers the mindset, habits and values that enable ordinary people to achieve extraordinary outcomes. Through fascinating case studies, including those of Nando's, Hyundai, Canva and Gift of the Givers, this book distils practical lessons on innovation, leadership and perseverance.



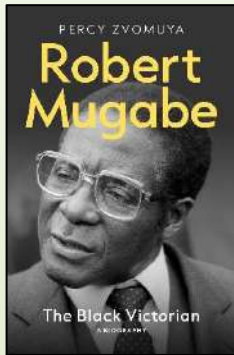
Checkmate by Steven Boykey Sidley

9781776195923 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R360

Checkmate traces the astonishing ascent of Shoprite Checkers since 2017, which marked the end of the Whitey Basson era. By almost any measure the Shoprite Group holds a commanding position in the South African economy: It's the largest South African company by revenue. Over 35 million South Africans shop at their 28 different brands. 8 out of 10 home deliveries are provided by Sixty60. With over 170 000 employees, they are the largest private employer in the country. But in 2017 the future was far from rosy. Pieter Engelbrecht, the newly anointed CEO, was immediately hit with trouble on multiple fronts: collapsing African economies, internal IT chaos, failing national infrastructure, strikes and labour friction, the pandemic and riots. *Checkmate* is the extraordinary untold story about how the company confronted crisis after crisis, leaning aggressively into sometimes risky cutting-edge technology, and built what is now a near impenetrable digital and physical retail fortress.



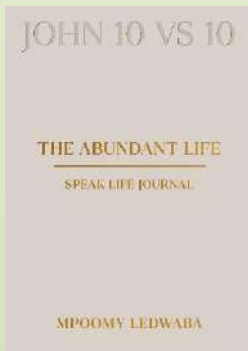
Non-fiction / Nie-fiksie



Robert Mugabe by Percy Zvomuya

9781776195497 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | TPB | R380

Percy Zvomuya spent a decade researching and writing this definitive biography of Robert Gabriel Mugabe (1924-2019). Allowing the dust to settle after Mugabe's decades of misrule, Zvomuya goes far beyond the easy stereotype of 'African nationalist who went from liberator to dictator', creating a complex portrait of a man who was always the outsider as a young man, a leader of a revolutionary movement and as president of his country. The curious figure of the black Victorian emerges as Mugabe's fascinating contradictions are exposed. The author is highly critical of Mugabe and how he oversaw the devastating decline of Zimbabwe, but the reader will come away with a far richer understanding of the country and its people. Zvomuya has created a beautifully written and intimate portrait which is suffused with a deep cultural understanding of Mugabe and his times.

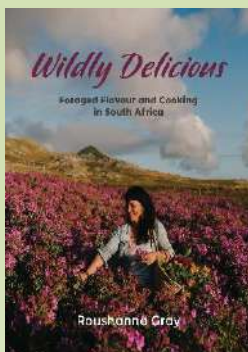


The Abundant Life by Mpoomy Ledwaba

9781776195800 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | HB | R300

In this deeply personal and faith-filled guided journal, bestselling author Mpoomy Ledwaba invites you to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with the abundant life God has called you to live.

Through honest and vulnerable storytelling, powerful journaling prompts, Scripture-based reflections, and practical encouragement, *The Abundant Life: A Speak Life Journal* creates space for healing, surrender, gratitude, prayer, and meaningful connection. As Mpoomy shares lessons from her own journey, she gently guides readers to process their emotions, deepen their faith, and embrace God's promises of abundance for their lives. Whether you are navigating a season of growth, uncertainty, healing, or renewal, this journal offers a safe place to encounter God, rediscover hope, and cultivate a life marked by purpose, peace, and abundance.



Wildly Delicious by Roushanna Gray

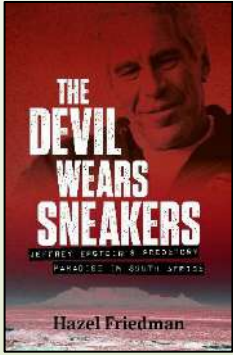
9781928363279 | Sunbird | PB | R390

Discover the extraordinary edible bounty growing all around us in this guide to sustainable and responsible foraging and cooking in South Africa. Packed with practical information, and beautifully illustrated with inspiring photos of landscapes, plants and feasts, the book explores 38 wild ingredients from across the country, covering identification, origins, nutritional and healing properties, harvesting techniques, storage methods and culinary uses. Each ingredient is accompanied by a simple, scrumptious recipe, and suggested alternatives for when wild ingredients are unavailable, making the book as useful in the kitchen as it is in the field.

More than a field guide or cookbook, however, this volume is also a celebration of connection to place, past, season and the natural world.

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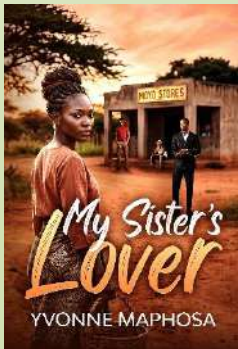


The Devil Wears Sneakers by Hazel Friedman
9780624096900 | Tafelberg | TPB | R340

As the world gets to grips with sex-trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's monstrosity, one dimension of his network has remained largely hidden: South Africa. Award-winning investigative journalist Hazel Friedman tracked down South African women whom Epstein had recruited and convinced them to share their stories.

Drawing on extensive research and interviewing sources who had not spoken out before, Friedman searches for answers: What attracted Epstein, notorious for his aversion to 'dark girls', to Africa? How did Cape Town become his hunting ground? And why did he want to buy a home in Bantry Bay? But this is not solely a story of predation and impunity. It is also about silence, trauma - and survival. *The Devil Wears Sneakers* is a work of relentless reporting and unflinching courage that proves some truths cannot stay buried.

Fiction / Fiksie



My Sister's Lover by Yvonne Maphosa
9780795711640 | Kwela | TPB | R330

A desperate escape. A forbidden desire. A debt that must be paid in blood.

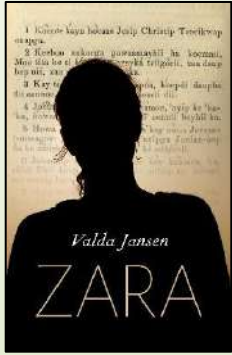
For Lelani Ncube, a job at Moyo Stores in the quiet Zimbabwean village of Mambale was supposed to be a fresh start. Instead, it becomes a trap. When the one man she never truly let go of walks back into her life, Lelani is caught in a stifling web of desire.

In pure desperation, she turns to the village Healer. He promises to grant her heart's deepest desires but magic always demands a price. And she is not the only one paying it.

As her whole world begins to crumble, Lelani sees only one way out: She has to leave home and start over in Gaborone. But with secrets trailing her across the border, how long can she outrun her past?

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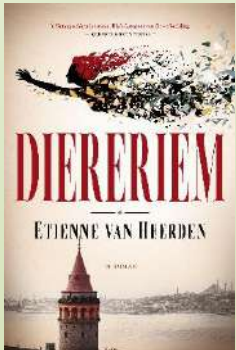
Fiction / Fiksie



Zara deur Valda Jansen

9780798186308 | Human & Rousseau | TPB | R290

Klara Thomas, 'n skrywer van Kaapstad, wy haar aan die skryf van 'n roman oor Zara Schmelen. Die bietjie wat ons oor haar weet, is in haar man en ander sendelinge se dagboeke opgeteken. Zara, 'n Namavrou wat in ongeveer 1793 naby Steinkopf in die Klein-Namakwaland gebore is, trou later met Hinrich Schmelen, 'n sendeling van Duitse afkoms. Saam het hulle drie dogters en 'n seun. Later vestig die egpaar hul in Komaggas waar hulle hul vertaling van die vier Evangelies in Nama afrond. In die Nasionale Biblioteek se afdeling vir spesiale versamelings soek Klara na antwoorde tussen die teer en weerlose bladsye van dié tweehonderd jaar oue publikasie en ander geskrifte; probeer sy 'n beeld wek van die Namavrou voor en tydens haar huwelik met die sendeling. Sy luister na die wind totdat Zara se woorde na haar toe kom... Klara neem die leser op 'n liriese pelgrimstog terug op Zara se spore; 'n poging om hierdie sonderlinge figuur en haar lewenswerk uit die skadu's te lig.



Diereriem deur Etienne van Heerden

9780624096849 | Tafelberg | TPB | R370

Tydens hul studentejare word drie Stellenbosch-studente geworf as agente vir die geheimsinnige "Diereriem": Jannie Benade, later bekend as Alfa, wat tot skatryk internasionale speler ontwikkel, Carl Goedhals, gladde Karoosun-Casanova, en die introvert Antonie Vermeulen, kodenaam Muskeljaatkat. 'n Kampustragedie verbind die drie onlosmaaklik aan mekaar. Dis die verhaal van Muskeljaatkat, wat 'n hoogs geheime, grillerige opdrag vir Alfa moet uitvoer. Muskeljaatkat is emosioneel geknak deur sy vrou, Samantha, se dood, en hy is hopeloos verlief op die briljante Cambridge-navorsers Mei Hui. Sy lojaliteit aan haar, asook Alfa se agendas, dryf hom voort van Zimbabwe na Portugal, van Malta na Italië, van Frankryk na Turkye, stuur af op 'n verrassende openbaring op die eiland Prinkipo en sluit af in Istanboel.



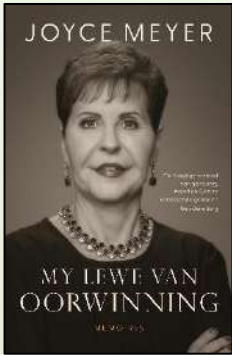
Swerwerskraal deur Keina Swart

9780624097266 | Tafelberg | TPB | R340

Alida Mees is die jongste dogter uit 'n welvarende skeepsboufamilie in Rotterdam. Die Mees-dogters is gewoon aan privaat onderwys, musieklesse, swierige partytjies en huisbediendes. Wanneer 'n tragedie die oudste sussie tref, verruil sy haar lewe as teaterkunstenaar in Haarlem vir dié van boervrou in die verre Noord-Transvaal-provinsie van Suid-Afrika. Die plaas Swerwerskraal in die Potgietersrust-distrik is skaapwêreld. Beeswêreld. Tabakwêreld. Harde wêreld. Alida, die jongste, bekwaam haar as botanis en rits die wêreld vol op op haar pa se bote na bekende blommeskoue, koninklike museumtuine en drywende vlottuine. En ook na Afrika... Die skrywer neem die leser op reis van die asemrowende weelde van Europa na die afgeleë, ongerepte Noord-Transvaal. Dit is 'n reis deur die Eerste Wêreldoorlog, die twee Boere-oorloë, die Rebelle, die Ossewabrandwag-jare en die Tweede Wêreldoorlog. *Swerwerskraal* is 'n ware verhaal. Een wat 'n mens soms aan die keel beetkry en jou hart wil uitruk..

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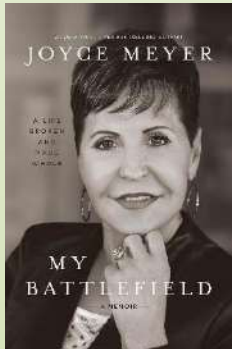


My lewe van oorwinning deur Joyce Meyer
9780796324122 | Lux Verbi | TPB | R320

Joyce Meyer se jong jare was bitter swaar. Sy is uitgelewer aan meedoënlose woede en seksuele misbruik. Joyce het ook erg gely onder haar ma se geestes ongesteldheid. Ten spyte van hierdie traumatiese begin, 'n latere egskeiding en enkel ouerskap, word Joyce 'n baanbreker geestelike leier wat baie mense se lewens verander.

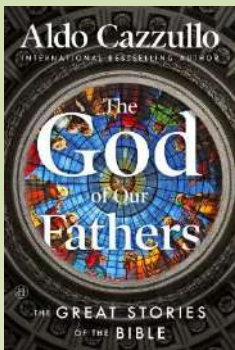
In *My lewe van oorwinning* deel sy haar volle lewensverhaal met dieselfde eerlikheid, vasberade geloof en humor wat haar top verkoperboeke en lering van die afgelope vyf dekades kenmerk. 'n Lewe wat eens deur oneer gemerk is, bring nou hoop en lig na miljoene mense.

Joyce is 'n lewende getuigenis van God se ver moë om selfs die diepste gewondes onder ons te genees en te verlos.



My Battlefield by Joyce Meyer
9781546008842 | Hachette | HB | R550

Joyce Meyer grew up in America's Midwest in the 1940s and 50s. After her father's return from the battlefields of World War II, she spent her childhood in a home warped by his relentless rage and the horrific sexual abuse she suffered at his hands, a battlefield of her own. Yet it was from these harrowing beginnings that she emerged as a pioneering figure, becoming the first modern woman to lead a global Christian ministry, investing her life in helping others, raising a loving family, and creating a legacy of hope and healing that will live on well beyond the span of her extraordinary life. Her story is a living testament to God's ability to transform and redeem even the most deeply wounded among us. *My Battlefield* tells this story with the same unflinching honesty, determined faith, and surprising humour that has characterized Joyce's teaching over the last five decades.



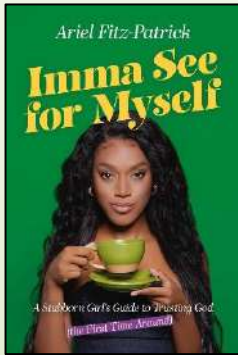
The God of Our Fathers by Aldo Cazzullo
9780063489080 | HarperCollins | TPB | R405

Until a few generations ago, people of the Western world believed they lived under the watchful eye of God. His existence was as certain as that of the rising sun and quoting passages and verse from the Bible was common. But that familiarity with the Bible is no longer a mainstay of contemporary life. For Aldo Cazzullo, it isn't until he finds himself sitting by his dying father's bed that he revisits the Bible, connecting with both a beloved believer and the text itself. While recognizing its spiritual and religious value, above all he is astounded by the extraordinary power of its storytelling.

Beginning with the Creation, Cazzullo takes us through key stories of the Old Testament, all the while them for their beauty, insights, and mysteries...Never failing to connect these stories to the present day and taking readers on an illuminating journey to the roots of Western culture and identity.

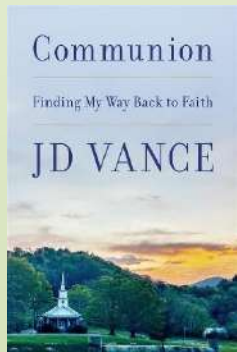
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Imma See for Myself by Ariel Fitz-Patrick
9781546016564 | Hachette | TPB | R300

"Is that you, God? Telling me not to do that thing that you know will turn out badly for me? Telling me to listen to your Word instead of my own foolish ideas? Yeah, *imma have to see for myself* ..." -Every Christian Ever. We've all been there. We've all had moments where we heard God telling us to do that thing (or not do that thing) that's been bouncing around in our heads for a while. Sometimes He tells us to stop complaining and start praying. Ariel Fitz-Patrick, gospel musician and TikTok star, has been exactly where you are. She's been in a lot of situations where God asked her to trust Him even when she wanted to go her own way. There were lots of smaller moments when she was called on to trust God...All of these moments, big or small, were opportunities from God to rely on Him. Everything around you will tell you that you can't know for sure unless you see for yourself, but our faithful God knows what's best for you every time.

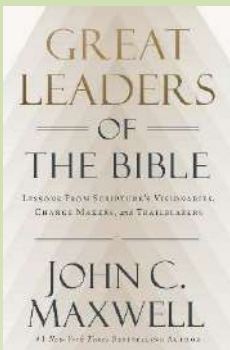


Communion by J. D. Vance
9780008846633 | HarperCollins | HB | R585

Communion is a spiritual exploration of what it means to be a Christian in all the seasons of life JD Vance has experienced as a child, a young man, a husband, a father, and a leader.

Picking up in some ways where Hillbilly Elegy left off, *Communion* recounts how Vance's pursuit of material privileges ultimately led him into a secular wilderness.

Communion reveals how Vance regained his faith and discusses his conversion to Catholicism, how his faith guides his work in public life, and how it shapes his thoughts about the future.



Great Leaders of the Bible by John C. Maxwell
9781546016533 | Hachette | TPB | R320

Discover timeless leadership principles through the lives of Scripture's greatest figures. In *Great Leaders of the Bible*, John C. Maxwell, a *New York Times* bestselling author and one of the world's most trusted voices on leadership, explores 28 biblical examples of men and women who demonstrated extraordinary courage, faith, and wisdom in the face of life's greatest challenges. From Moses leading God's people through the wilderness to Esther risking everything for her people, each story reveals what true leadership looks like when tested by adversity. Every chapter includes: A biblical story highlighting a defining leadership moment. A life lesson for everyday application. A leadership principle from the Bible. A heartfelt prayer for personal growth and guidance. *Great Leaders of the Bible* will inspire you to lead with humility, courage, and conviction.



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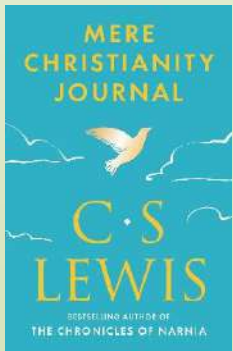
Chasing the Dragon by Jackie Pullinger

9781399832304 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R380

The Walled City was Hong Kong's most foreboding territory. It was a lawless place, dominated by the Triads, and which the police hesitated to enter. Drug smuggling and heroin addiction flourished, as did prostitution and pornography, extortion and fear.

When Jackie Pullinger set sail from England in 1966, she had no idea that God was calling her to the Walled City. Yet, as she spoke of Jesus Christ, brutal Triad gangsters were converted, prostitutes quit, and Jackie discovered a new treatment for drug addiction: baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Sixty Years on and millions of people have read *Chasing the Dragon*, the remarkable story of God's power at work. And the adventures continue today...



Mere Christianity Journal by C. S. Lewis

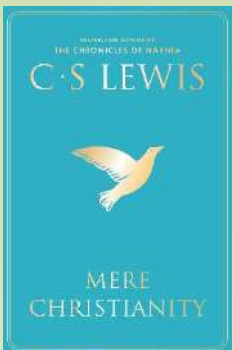
9780008851439 | HarperCollins | TPB | R460

In one of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever written, C. S. Lewis sets out simply to 'explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times.'

'Rejecting the boundaries that divide its many denominations, he provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for Christianity.'

Bringing together his celebrated BBC lecture series broadcast during the war years, *Mere Christianity* reminds us of the truly important things in life and shows the way to joy and contentment.

This brilliant collection confirms C. S. Lewis' reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age.



Mere Christianity Gift Edition by C. S. Lewis

9780008851484 | HarperCollins | HB | R520

One of the most popular and beloved introductions to the concept of faith ever written, *Mere Christianity* has sold millions of copies worldwide.

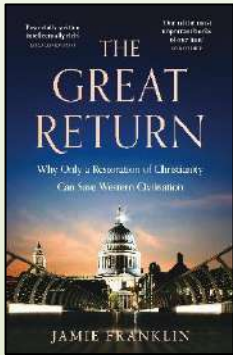
The book brings together C.S. Lewis's legendary radio broadcasts during the war years, in which he set out simply to 'explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times'. A brilliant collection, the book remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writer and thinkers of our age.

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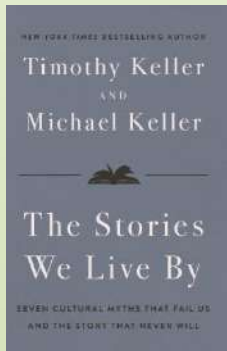


The Great Return by Jamie Franklin

9781399814935 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R380

Many people have a sense that the Western World is in decline and that our society is fragmenting around us. Many people have an ominous sense that we are living at the end of a civilised age and are moving into something far less pleasant and humane. But fewer people understand why this is happening.

In this new book, Jamie Franklin argues that the reason for this decline is because we have jettisoned the underlying belief system that gave birth to the Western world and the Western mind in the first place: Christianity. He argues that there is a logical and inevitable link between the decline of Christianity and the decline of the West.



The Stories We Live by Timothy Keller & Michael Keller

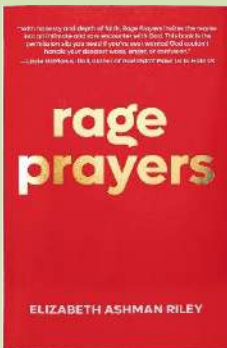
9781399833608 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R430

'Do what makes you happy.' 'Be true to yourself.' 'Live free.' If these slogans promise the good life, why do they so often leave us feeling hollow and empty?

Could the very stories our modern world tells us about happiness, freedom, and identity be the source of our growing anxiety and disillusionment?

The culmination of a journey Michael Keller began with his father, beloved pastor and bestselling author Timothy Keller, before his passing, *The Stories We Live By* unmask the hidden cultural narratives that shape our lives, often without our knowledge.

Michael and Timothy Keller examine seven dominant narratives of modern culture - concerning identity, power, freedom, morality, truth, happiness and progress.



Rage Prayers by Elizabeth Ashman Riley

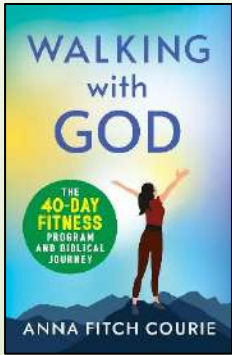
9781640657489 | PGW | TPB | R440

Forget about whispering sweet nothings into the ether, "*Rage Praying*" is about turning your pent-up frustrations, daily annoyances, and righteous anger into a raw and transformative dialogue with a higher power who's ready to listen. Fed up with injustice, environmental neglect, or just the jerk who stole your parking spot? Good. Priest and social media sensation, Elizabeth Riley, has you covered, with a prayer for every peeve and a mantra for every meltdown. Dive into this daring collection and discover the liberating power of a spiritual practice that doesn't just understand your inner turmoil but welcomes it with open arms. That means you can say goodbye to the guilt of having not-so-holy thoughts and embrace a spiritual journey that's as real and messy as life itself. With *Rage Prayers*, you'll learn to channel your inner fury into a profound and unapologetically honest communion with the divine.



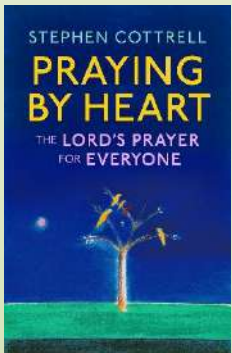
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Walking with God by Anna Fitch Courie
9781640657816 | PGW | TPB | R440

In this inspiring guide, wellness expert Anna Fitch Courie explores forty biblical journeys and how they can help us improve our physical and spiritual wellbeing. From Israel's trek to the Promised Land to the Holy Family's flight into Egypt to Paul's missionary trips throughout Rome, this book takes readers on an adventure through scripture, encouraging them to journey on foot like their biblical forebears and to contemplate the power of faith as they make their own journeys. Each chapter offers a thought-provoking passage from scripture, a spiritual lesson readers can draw from it, and steps they can take to incorporate physical activity into their daily life. Meant to be consumed over 40 days, an ideal time period to establish a healthy, new habit. *Walking with God* promises to help readers start an invigorating fitness routine that will enrich not only their body but also their soul.

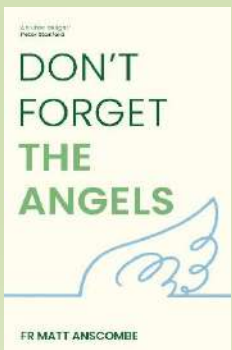


Praying by Heart by Stephen Cottrell
9781399805322 | Hodder & Stoughton | PB | R290

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell argues that the first two words of Christianity's most famous prayer, the Lord's Prayer, encapsulate the radical heart of the Christian faith: that we belong to each other, and that we all have access to God.

And if we could understand both these ideas, they would truly change our lives and the world.

Unpacking each clause of this ancient prayer both for those who want to encounter it afresh and those beyond church circles, this is the Lord's Prayer recast as a manifesto for the 21st-century church and all who are searching to belong.

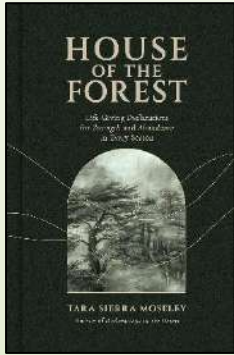


Don't Forget the Angels by Fr Matt Anscombe
9781399833493 | Hodder & Stoughton | HB | R430

Angels are everywhere in popular culture, often reduced to vague 'guardian' figures filtered through crystals, tarot cards, and folklore. But what does the Catholic Church actually teach about them? With a foreword by international Catholic speaker, teacher, and author David Wells, Fr Matt Anscombe cuts through the misconceptions to offer a rich, grounded exploration of the theology of angels. Drawing on Scripture, the teaching of the Church, and his lived experience as a parish priest, Fr Matt invites readers to rediscover who and what angels truly are as agents of God's will and why they still matter for us in the world today. Blending clear teaching with personal reflection, this book opens a window onto an unseen yet profoundly real world, helping readers gain a deeper, more authentic understanding of the essential role angels play in God's plan and in our daily lives.

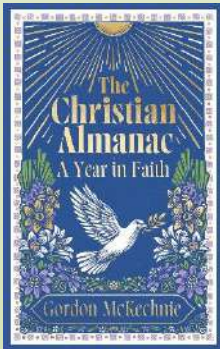
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Christian



House of the Forest by Tara Moseley
9781546011866 | Hachette | HB | R460

Words for when prayer is hard. Strength for when the season is heavy. A beautiful and powerful collection of scripture-based declarations for moments when faith must be spoken before it is felt. Birthed in prayer and forged in the fire, each decree carries the authority of Heaven and is meant to be spoken in faith. Inspired by Solomon's *House of the Forest* of Lebanon—a sacred armory where gold shields and trophies of victory were stored—this book is a spiritual armory of its own. Not for display, but for use. Organized by theme, *House of the Forest* offers life-giving declarations for every season, including: Decrees of Health and Healing · Decrees over Family and Relationship. Decrees over Identity and Struggle. Decrees over Suffering and Crisis. Decrees for Home and Daily Life. *House of the Forest* is a gift for the weary, the believing, and the barely holding on—a reminder that God is present, faithful, and that nothing is impossible with Him.



The Christian Almanac by Gordon McKechnie
9780008835873 | Hodder & Stoughton | HB | R400

From the anticipation of Advent to the joy of Christmas to the renewal of Easter and beyond, this almanac tracks the rhythm of the Christian calendar.

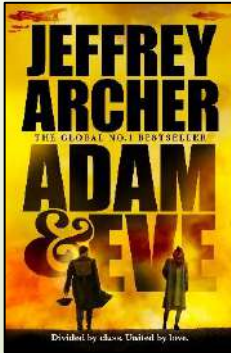
What are the origins of each festival, feast or holy day? How are they celebrated in the different traditions of the Church? What can they offer us today? How, taken together, do they tell the Christian story?

Beautifully illustrated, and with extracts from poetry, hymns and the Bible, it will accompany you through seasons of joy and wonder, sorrow and loss, gratitude and hope, feasting and celebrating.

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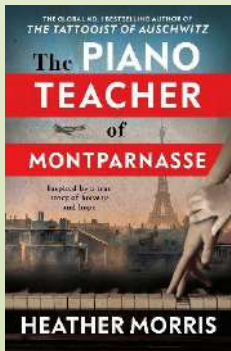
October 2026 Highlights

Fiction



Adam and Eve by Jeffrey Archer
9780008640316 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

November 11th, 1918. As the guns of the Great War fall silent, two babies draw their first breath. Eve is the daughter of an Earl. Adam, a shepherd's son. Yet from their first meeting they form an extraordinary bond that neither privilege nor prejudice can break. Then on a single September night in 1940, as Hitler prepares to invade the British Isles, their actions will change his mind. Determining not just their own futures but the fate of a nation. They will show extraordinary courage. They will make unimaginable sacrifices. And the story of what they did will stay with you long after you've turned the last page. From the broads of Norfolk to the beaches of Dunkirk, *Adam & Eve* is a breathtaking epic of courage, sacrifice, and love forged in Britain's darkest hour.



The Piano Teacher of Montparnasse by Heather Morris
9781918107111 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

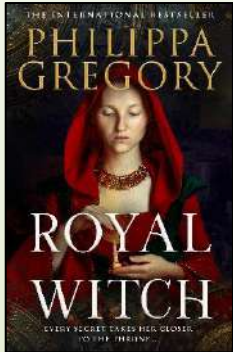
In 1942, the Nazis come for a Jewish family living in Montparnasse, occupied Paris. In the chaos of their arrest, eleven-year-old Josie flees to the only person she trusts: her piano teacher, Andrée Levallois, secretly an operative in the French Resistance. Andrée takes her in as a member of the family, spreading their rations and risking everything to keep her safe. But soon the authorities close in, and both Andrée and Josie are caught in a desperate race to stay alive. Heather Morris, author of the international bestseller, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, returns with a masterful new novel that captures the astonishing bravery of French Resistance operatives, and one piano teacher who is willing to risk everything to save a young girl.



Partita by Barbara Kingsolver
9780571404728 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R410

Livia Bohusz misses her brother, Cyrus. Unmoored by his death, and the stifling silence of the family farm, eleven-year-old Livia has no choice but to survive. Her only solace: music, an escape in the quiet rapture piano practice brings. The promise of a new life her talent offers, intoxicating. So when Livia starts her college music scholarship it feels as if a new life might begin. Immersing herself in her passions in a world where she excels, even as she struggles to fit in with more urbane classmates, she glimpses the possibilities of a life beyond the farm and her parents. Then one springtime, as the smell of reviving grass and crocuses and the sounds of songbirds fill the air, Livia catches a glimpse of shirt sleeves rolled to the elbow, muscles you wouldn't miss in the rear view: 'Who is that man?' It is a question Livia may come to wish she had never asked.

Fiction



***Royal Witch* by Philippa Gregory**

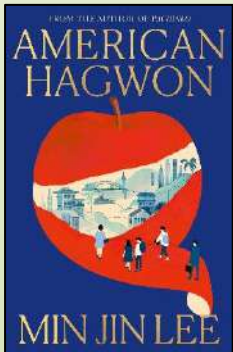
97800008745042 | HarperCollins | TPB | R420

1420. Eleanor Cobham arrives at the court of Henry V. Pretty but not highborn, she hopes for little more than to marry well.

England is in a golden age, but beneath the glittering surface, ancient rivalries fester and chaos lurks in the shadows.

And chaos, Eleanor discovers, creates opportunities. Appointed lady-in-waiting to a Countess who commands her own army, she begins to see what a woman can truly become.

She dares to dream of real power. Perhaps even the crown itself. But for that, she must turn to darker arts. And the higher she climbs, the darker the path becomes...

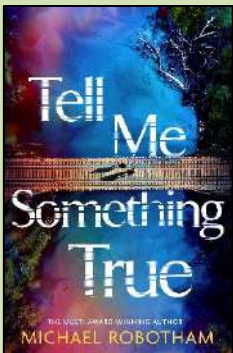


***American Hagwon* by Min Jin Lee**

97800008823917 | HarperCollins | TPB | R430

John and Helen Koh and their three children are building new lives in Korea when they find their worlds upended, first by a terrible betrayal and then by the 1997 Asian financial crisis. Striving to regain their footing, the Kohs set out to do whatever it takes to provide for their children's futures. They leave Seoul for Sydney and eventually settle in California, where new opportunities open for the Koh children, as the parents, strangers in a strange land, adjust to a difficult existence in which their qualifications mean little. Their way forward is lit by the faith that education will lead the next generation to the success and security that have eluded their parents. The Kohs, their friends, relatives and even their foes move in and out of each other's lives as they navigate love, work, fortune and fulfilment across the years.

What are we willing to give up to secure the happiness of the ones we love? What is the purpose of education? And what is truly important for a good life?

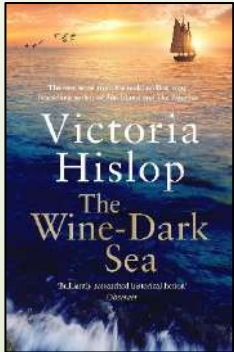


***Tell Me Something True* by Michael Robotham**

9781408722640 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

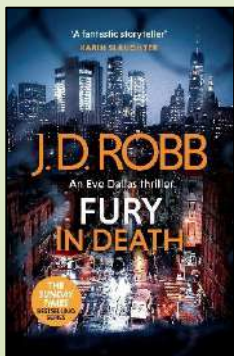
Small towns are quick to anger and slow to forgive, but Arlo Hackett doesn't expect mercy when he emerges from a twelve-year prison sentence and makes his way back to Yulara, a waypoint on Australia's Great Southern Road. The last time Arlo was home, his brother Luke was charged with a terrible crime and Arlo was found guilty by association. His return to the former goldrush town is like cracking open a time capsule full of hatred and violence, along with memories of the people he loved - the ones he couldn't save. Yulara wants Arlo gone, or worse, but every insult and humiliation pushes him to confront what really happened all those years ago. The truth will shock you, surprise you, and break your heart.

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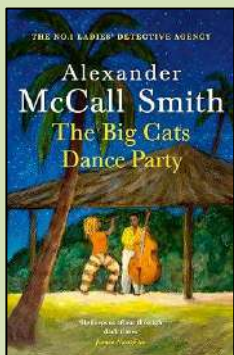
The Wine-Dark Sea by Victoria Hislop
9781472263995 | Headline | TPB | R425

Greece, 1946. In the power vacuum remaining after the Second World War, a brutal civil war erupts between rival left- and right-wing factions. The conflict spirals as the country pays a bitter price in human lives and fighting soon erupts in the mountains, turning villages into battlefields and pulling ordinary women and children into the fray. When the government soldiers come to Kalopetra, Fotini is nursing her newborn second child. She urges her daughter, Iliana, to hide with the older children as she and the other women are herded into trucks. Weeks later, soldiers return for the children . . . but they are not to be reunited with their mothers, a wholly different fate awaits them. Fotini finds herself transported to a prison on the island of Chios, where she befriends Markella, whose little son, Nikos, is wise beyond his years. After months of imprisonment, when Fotini and Markella find themselves separated from one another and from Nikos, Fotini vows to hunt not only for her own child but for Markella's too.



In Death 63: Fury In Death by J. D. Robb
9780349446288 | Little Brown | TPB | R385

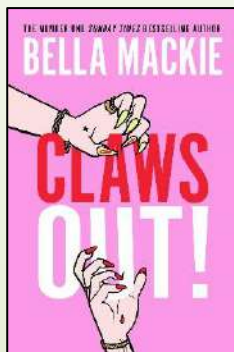
NYSPD homicide detective Eve Dallas has seen a lot in her time but even she is shocked by the savagery of a beating which leaves a wealthy biotech executive dead in his home office. The victim's corpse is so mangled and damaged it's hard to believe a lone assailant would be capable of this. The killer is clearly unnaturally strong. Or very, very angry. While the excessive violence leads Dallas to conclude that this was a deeply personal act, she can't ignore the suspicious bank account in the Cayman Islands, or the shadowy, profit-hungry company Chu worked for. The mystery only grows when it turns out Chu isn't the only victim of this furious killer. Dallas will need to tear through one layer of secrecy after another to reveal the terrible truth behind this series of rage-fuelled murders...



The Big Cats Dance Party by Alexander McCall Smith
9780349147741 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Mma Ramotswe, the beloved founder of the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, finds herself amid a series of hectic events across Botswana. What begins as a calm outing to buy a birthday present for Mr J.L.B. Matekoni quickly spirals into multiple unfolding situations. Back at the agency, Charlie, the junior mechanic and eager trainee detective, gets involved with two rising local jazz musicians known as Lion and Leopard. Despite stern warnings of impending disaster from Mma Makutsi, Charlie insists on planning a major event with the duo. Before Mma Ramotswe can supervise Charlie's risky venture, she is called north to the Okavango Delta. An elephant sanctuary run by her friends is under attack from a malicious campaign, requiring her immediate intervention. Stepping up with her signature warmth and generosity of spirit, Mma Ramotswe travels to the wild delta to resolve the conflict, ultimately guiding the eventful story toward a warm and happy ending.

Fiction



Claws Out by Bella Mackie

9780008545598 | HarperCollins | TPB | R450

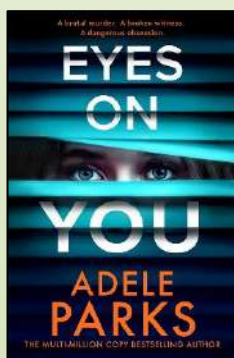
Diana's on the hunt and has the perfect new target.

Finally, the type of wealth she's always dreamed of. A five-storey house in Hampstead, unfettered access to London's liberal elite and a bloated bank account.

If she can ensnare David Farrand, then she really will have clawed her way to the top.

The only snag? David's daughter, Cat.

Diana might have got her claws into David, but Cat is sharpening her own. Entitled, suspicious and used to getting her own way, she's been digging into Diana's past. And it turns out Diana's last three marriages have one thing in common: the silly old fools are all six feet under. To lose one husband is unlucky. To lose two is careless. But three? Three must be murder.

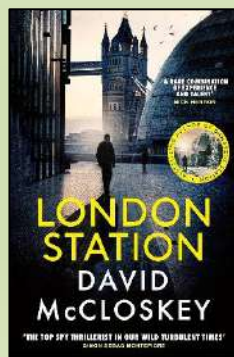


Eyes on You by Adele Parks

9780008586430 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

At 15, Amy witnessed her father murdering his secret lover. Amy's testimony sealed her father's fate and, while he was imprisoned, she and her mother did their best to rebuild their lives, despite living in the long shadow of such a notorious crime. Years later, when Oliver Harrington walks into the restaurant where Amy works, Amy seizes the chance to rewrite her story. Oliver is the son of the woman her father brutally killed, and Amy is drawn to him, like a moth to a flame. Surely, he'll understand her pain? After all, there's a reason fate has put them together like this...

But as their romance ignites, so does obsession, leading Amy down a dark path of deception. A weekend at Oliver's family estate, the site of the murder all those years ago, spirals into something much sinister: a deadly game of cat and mouse.

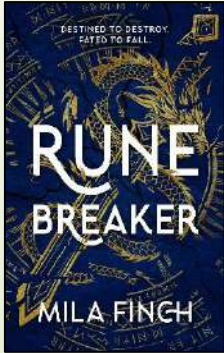


London Station by David McCloskey

9781800755772 | Swift Books | TPB | R400

What if the CIA and British intelligence began spying on each other? This is the question at the heart of David McCloskey's thrilling fifth novel. A new US Administration has taken office, installing a brash and unconventional CIA Director determined to disrupt the Agency and sceptical of its close relationship with their cousins across the Atlantic. Case officers, including newly installed London Chief of Station, Artemis Procter, must now navigate a tense environment as old friends become adversaries and no one knows who to trust. When agents run by both services begin dying, Procter and her team at London Station must decide whether loyalty to the Mission and their friends means disobeying the Agency they serve. Immersing readers in the technological revolution upending intelligence tradecraft, David McCloskey's brilliant new thriller depicts the nuts-and-bolts mechanics of how CIA and MI6 collaborate and explores what happens when politics threaten to destroy the 'Special Relationship' between America and Britain.

Fiction



Runebreaker by Mila Finch

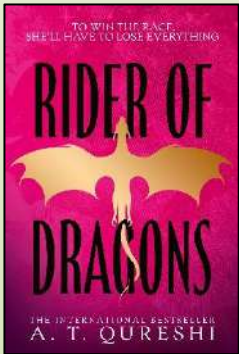
97800008841942 | HarperCollins | TPB | R460

Aelie can break runes with her bare hands, shattering the magic at the heart of fae society. They hate her for it, fear her for it, and, when they finally capture her, sentence her to die for it.

Desperate to survive, Aelie severs the rune enslaving her executioner, Kairos, a devastatingly handsome fae with a blood-soaked past.

The moment he's freed, Kairos slaughters the entire court. Then he drags Aelie to his kingdom, a realm of towering forests and shimmering mists.

Bound to the ruthless king she freed, Aelie is thrown into the deadly politics of the fae courts. To survive, she must master her forbidden power and resist the fae who sees her as his greatest weapon ... and darkest obsession.



Rider of Dragons (Dragon Racer Book 1) by A. T. Qureshi

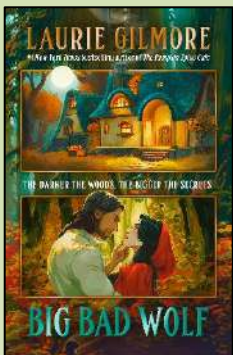
97800008835231 | HarperCollins | TPB | R440

Genevieve's family is dead set against her joining the deadly dragon races. But she won't let them stop her.

Without her family's money, nobody will train her. Desperate for help, she agrees to a terrible deal:

Qais, an alleged member of a dragon poaching gang, will train her to win the races, if she agrees to give him her prize money.

The dragon races aren't just about being the fastest. In these races, sabotage, attacks and all out violence aren't just allowed, they're encouraged. The devastatingly handsome Qais will teach her to be cunning and cruel, and Genevieve will be forced to answer a devastating question: to win, is she willing to lose everything?



Big Bad Wolf : Book 1 (Maple Hollow) by Laurie Gilmore

97800008831783 | HarperCollins | PB | R320

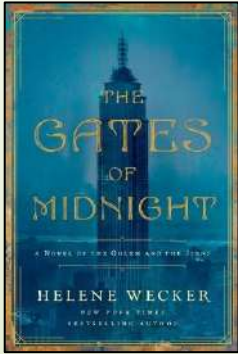
Ruby Bellerose lives on the edge of the woods, in a cottage more akin to a fairy tale than modern day life. Her love life is practically non-existent, and she keeps away from the whispered gossip that travels through Maple Hollow.

Until a chance encounter with Rafe.

As mysterious as he is brooding, Ruby is drawn to the woodsman, curious to find out about the stranger who lives deep within the woods.

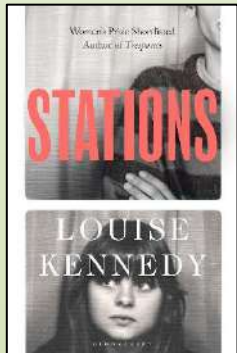
But Rafe is hiding a secret. And with something lurking in the shadowy forest, will Ruby find that Rafe is her knight in shining armor, or something altogether more dangerous...

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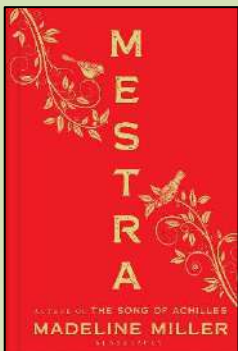
The Gates of Midnight by Helene Wecker
9780063578937 | HarperCollins | TPB | R360

In *The Gates of Midnight*, the riveting conclusion to the saga of the Golem and the Jinni, it's 1930 and three decades have passed since Schaalman's defeat. Chava the golem quietly tends to her house and garden in Brooklyn, hoping to create a refuge for other magical beings. Meanwhile, Ahmad has found employment as an architect in Chicago, helping to build its towering skyline above the prairie. But all is not well in the desert. Schaalman has managed to trick an unsuspecting passerby into digging up the flask, and now it passes from hand to hand as the wizard possesses his victims, all in an effort to get to Chava, the only one who can release him from his prison. Meanwhile others are gravitating to New York as well: Ahmad, Thomas Beshara and Kreindel Altschul. Does the reluctant Kreindel hold the key to saving Chava from Schaalman's revenge? Will Schaalman succeed in escaping the flask, binding Chava to his will, and re-enslaving Ahmad? Or can they find a way to finally defeat him and free themselves from his power?



Stations by Louise Kennedy
9781526664334 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R475

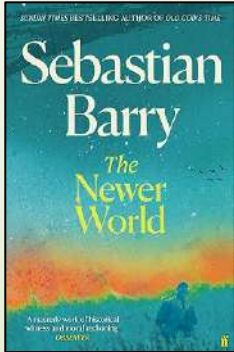
Róisín and Red meet as teenagers in their small Irish hometown in 1982. Brilliant, sharp-tongued and born to slip through the cracks, Red's reputation for trouble precedes him but Róisín finds herself swept up in his storm, and soon their connection deepens. When a brush with the law pushes Red into a corner, he escapes their town to start a new life in England. As the years pass, they remain tethered to one another, a fragile thread holding their once fierce friendship together. When Róisín arrives in London, the promise of freedom, of reinvention, and of finding her dear friend calls. But searching for Red leads Róisín to a truth darker than she could have imagined: when you go looking for someone you may uncover parts of yourself along the way that you'd rather stayed buried. And Red, bright, beautiful Red, might not want to be found at all.



Mestra by Madeline Miller
9781037206122 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R310

Mestra, daughter of the King of Thessaly, is gifted a unique ability by Poseidon: metamorphosis into any being she can imagine. Her father, on the other hand, is cursed. As punishment for disrespecting the goddess Demeter, he is in possession of an unnatural, insatiable hunger. Devoted *Mestra* suggests using her new gift to help her father. But if his hunger is bottomless, how much will he take from her? Soon she must decide: will she keep helping her father survive, or finally break free? A jewel-like tale of human fallibility, *Mestra* confirms Madeline Miller as our high priestess of mythology.

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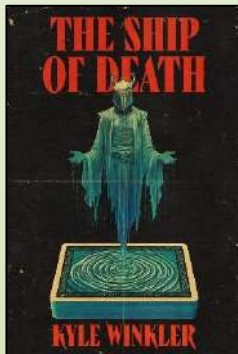


The Newer World by Sebastian Barry
9780571378456 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R455

I knew as I made my way home that there was no home.
All the old things . . . were gone forever.

Against the rapidly shifting landscape of post Civil War America, Tennyson Bouguereau, freed man, devoted brother, nascent singer, conflicted soldier and wanted man, journeys to find meaning and belonging. From the relative safety of home in Tennessee with his sister Rosalee, he is offered the possibility of a whole new life in Nashville, until a surprising trip to Victorian England changes everything.

Exquisitely rendered, and with a rich cast of characters, *The Newer World* is a lyrical, visceral novel about what it is to survive, and what might be lost along the way.

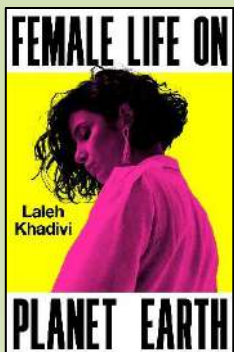


The Ship of Death by Kyle Winkler
9781399767354 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

Cole and Lorraine playtest board games for some extra cash as they save up to buy a house. But after a series of bizarre coincidences, and signing a strange NDA, the couple finds a mysterious tabletop role-playing game on their doorstep: *The Ship of Death*.

The game feeds on the players' imaginations and takes up an ever-growing amount of space: in their home, and in their minds.

As its true sinister nature becomes clearer and more victims fall under its spell, the boundary between the game and reality begins to dissolve. . . and the pair are instructed to possess a stranger's soul. But with the stakes this high, losing this game might just mean the end of everything . . .



Female Life on Planet Earth by Laleh Khadivi
9781836433217 | One World | TPB | R440

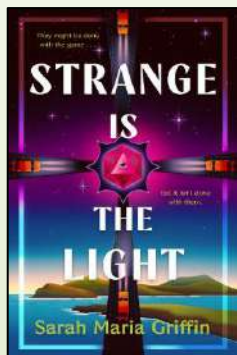
Heti moves in a daze of grief after her mother dies, until her life is upended by the arrival of an unmarked package containing photographs of her mother as a young woman in Iran, enveloped head to toe in a black veil, pointing a machine gun at a group of sobbing young women. Unable to confront the one person she most wants answers from, she turns to the women around her, listening to their surprising, funny and often contradictory stories.

Through them, she realises that every woman contains hidden lives and private truths.

So, when it falls to her to organise a memorial marking the first anniversary of her mother's death, Heti gathers the women who knew her best and asks them: Who was my mother?

And who are we?

Fiction



Strange is the Light by Sarah Maria Griffin

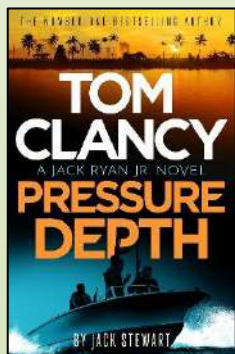
9781803366784 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R310

For Daphne McSharry, Valentia Island was a place of joyful childhood holidays: independence, adventure and playing with her beloved friends, Ronan, Leonie and Finn. They returned to one game of their own making year after year and let their imaginations roam free.

But when the game is stolen from them by an outsider, it becomes something dark and strange, forcing Daphne to make a choice with a terrible cost.

When tragedy brings her back to the island years later, she and her friends finally have to face the consequences of what she did.

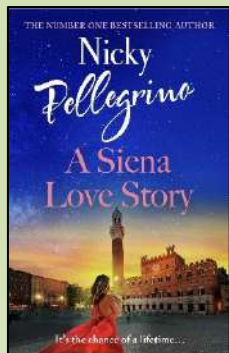
Daphne never took her final turn... And there is a debt that must be paid.



Tom Clancy Pressure Depth by Jack Stewart

9781408737965 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Jack Ryan Jr. is on Guam to work on a project for Hendley Associates. It's a perfectly ordinary insurance matter, but trouble finds the Ryans wherever they go. So, it's no surprise when Jack's involvement with a US Navy dive team working off the coast uncovers a threat to international security. For years, rumors persisted that the Soviets had placed a device for tracking American submarines on the sea floor. By now, the technology should be outdated. But the Americans are still interested in recovering it. It's a seemingly routine mission until they make a shocking discovery: the defensive network they thought they were looking for is actually a weapon unlike anything they've ever seen. That explains the arrival of a Chinese special operations team who seem determined to get their hands on the aging tech, even if they have to kill to do it. They're sure they can handle the Americans. But they don't know Jack.



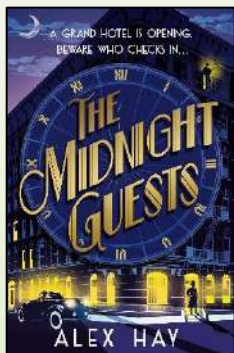
A Siena Love Story by Nicky Pellegrino

9781398715097 | Orion | TPB | R450

Aria wants more. More than a life in the shadow of her famous husband. More than marriage. More than people here in Siena expect of a woman nearing 40.

But is she brave enough to do it? The Palio is the world's most dangerous horserace held on the cobbled streets of her beloved city. Only one woman, Rompicollo, ever dared to ride before. And Aria wants to be next. Ever since she was a little girl, Aria has dreamt of crossing that legendary finish line and hearing the crowds roar only for her. Now, struggling against the will of her controlling, charismatic ex-husband to hold onto her horses, the dream seems further away than ever. But when an English filmmaker, Oliver, arrives in Siena to make a documentary about the Palio, it seems like she might have her chance.

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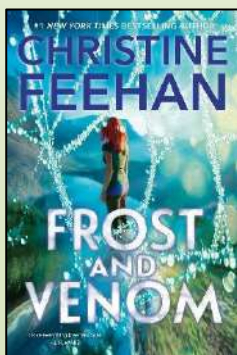


The Midnight Guests by Alex Hay

9781035433902 | Headline | TPB | R425

1926. Diana Gold, owner and impresario, throws open the doors to the most opulent new hotel in London. As the champagne flows and the chandeliers shimmer, millionaires and gamblers rub shoulders with film stars and royalty.

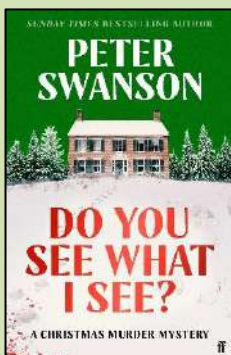
Yet nothing at the Hotel Artemis is quite what it seems, not least two infamous guests who Diana expects at midnight. Powerful and dangerous, they've dragged her from the gutter and taught her all she knows. Now they're calling in her debt and Diana must take perfect care of them, unless they take care of her first. But when a body is found in the hotel's finest suite, the lavish opening night begins to spiral out of control. And over twenty-four fateful hours, the staff and guests of the Artemis will find out why they are really th



Frost and Venom by Christine Feehan

9780349450872 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

Surgical and trauma nurse Harlow Frye loves the small town of Knightly, where breathtaking views of the Sierra and a tight circle of female friends provides a refuge from her professional life. But lately, it's Harlow's personal life that's causing all the chaos. First, a series of anonymous threatening letters are left in her mailbox. Then, Harlow is dealt a blow when her friend Lawyer dies after reacting to some sort of toxin. And to top it off, Harlow finds her secret obsession, CIA operative Hawkin Wilder, bleeding out on a mountain trail. As Harlow turns her home into a makeshift hospital, her infuriating, attractive patient insists on distracting her. But even in the face of their increasing connection, there's no way Harlow can ignore the escalating storm, when someone else close to her is struck down by the mysterious toxin. With little more than intuition to go on, Harlow turns to the five friends who have proved themselves to be a better family than her own flesh and blood.



Do You See What I See? by Peter Swanson

9780571394005 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R300

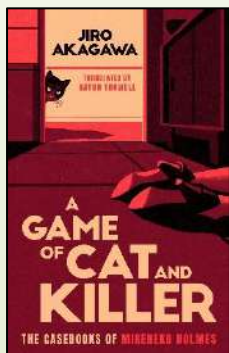
From The Sunday Times Bestselling Author. Welcome to Christmas at Grey Gables, where everyone's a suspect.

Struggling mystery writer Nicholas Child is commissioned to help another writer finish the overdue follow up to his breakout bestseller.

Travelling to Grey Gables, the writer's Cape Cod home, in the week before Christmas, he discovers a house full of secrets, and a cast of very suspicious guests.

When two shocking deaths occur, Nicholas tries to write his account of what happened, and a perfectly fiendish puzzle starts to emerge.

Fiction



A Game of Cat and Killer by Jiro Akagawa
9781529451887 | Quercus | TPB | R425

Detective Yoshitaro Katayama is afraid of many things: heights, dark spaces, blood and . . . women. When a young female student is found murdered, he's given two choices, review the harrowing crime-scene photographs or head to Hagoromo Women's College to investigate and reluctantly opts for the latter.

But the murders don't stop, and soon Katayama has a different surprise on his hands: a calico cat named Holmes, orphaned her owner falls victim.

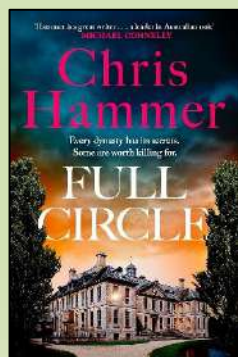
Surely that's the last thing Katayama needs. Until Holmes begins to display some uncanny investigative instincts of her own . . .



The Bestseller by Jenny Knightsby
9781035436316 | Welbeck | PBO | R305

Therapist Helena Salve knows that client confidentiality is the number one unbreakable rule of her job. But the constant stories of coercive control and threat she hears from her client Belle about her dangerous husband have been wearing her down. One night over too many glasses of wine, she tells her best friend Tala everything that Belle has told her. The problem is, Tala is a down-on-her-luck novelist who is looking for an idea for her new thriller. Months later, Tala is excitedly telling Helena that her publisher is saying this is going to be her biggest book ever. The story is Belle's story. Not only is Helena's job on the line, but if Belle's husband is as dangerous as she says, her life is too... Why would Tala do this to Helena? She knows what's at stake.

Your friends are meant to protect you... aren't they?



Full Circle by Chris Hammer
9781035441617 | Headline | TPB | R450

Travis Somerland is a man accustomed to danger, but nothing can prepare him for the peril, the intrigue or the ruthlessness that confronts him at Montechino.

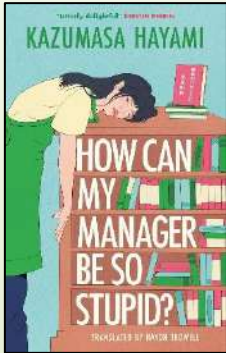
Or the murders.

Montechino: part palace and part fortress, the secluded estate of the uber-wealthy Felix Clapton, a modern-day robber baron who thinks business is arithmetic, not morality.

When the Claptons ignite a generations-old feud with one of the nation's most powerful dynasties, Travis is thrust into a deadly struggle where murder is merely another bargaining chip.

Now, if he wants to bring justice to an unjust world, he'll first have to stay alive.

Fiction



How Can My Manager Be So Stupid? by Kazumasa Hayami

9781529446364 | Quercus | TPB | R395

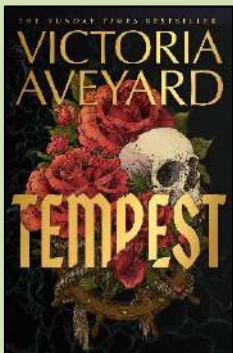
Kyoko Tanihara still loves books. Just about. But life at the Musashino Bookstore is starting to get her down. Instead of promoting her favorite stories, she finds herself distracted, tearing her hair out at the mere sight of her infuriating manager, who can't seem to do anything but get in her way of success. From his obsession with self-help books to his "inspirational" speeches at staff meetings, everything about Takeru Yamamoto seems designed to set her teeth on edge. As the store lurches from crisis to crisis, facing criticism from customers and authors alike, only the prospect of changing a life by handing over the perfect book keeps her going. Until one day she is handed a book that speaks to all her frustrations and opens her eyes to an alarming possibility. What if there's actually more to Yamamoto's obnoxious antics than meets the eye? What if, just maybe, her manager isn't so stupid after all?



Massif by Garth Nix

9781399627184 | Orion | TPB | R450

It's business as usual for Parnell Shi-Sawahla and the crew of the United Earth Government Navy ship Sassafras. For more than two hundred years humans have been hitching rides into space on vast sentient mountain ranges called *Massifs* in an endless interstellar war between the forces of Earth and Mars. But the same unanswered questions burn behind every battle, every conquered world, every new colony. Ship crews aren't supposed to ask these questions and they definitely aren't supposed to speak to the all-powerful avatars piloting the mountains. But when Parnell's deputy, Kaz, is stranded on an enemy planet, he needs the Massif's help to rescue her . . . and that means figuring out how to talk to it. Nothing could ever have prepared him for what he learns of the secrets fuelling their voyages across the galaxy. The only certainty amidst the dread is that there is far more at stake than the lives of his crew.

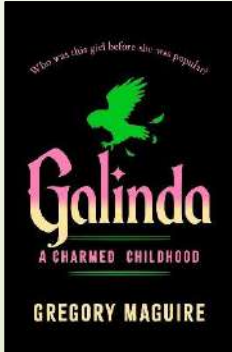


Tempest by Victoria Aveyard

9781399622158 | Orion | TPB | R450

Cat Rose knows what it is to live in two worlds, in two times. Before, as Lady Catrine Rose of the Meridian Empire, chained to a loathsome lord with a dwindling fortune. And after, as the Widow Rose, queen of a pirate tavern on the Lyrian Sea, determined to be the master of her own fate. But tides turn and winds change. The Meridian Empire looms on the horizon, the full weight of her navy falling on the Lyrian, bent on reclaiming the wealthy colonies and crushing the pirate republic once and for all. Ship after ship is captured, save for one, captained by a pirate who continually evades both noose and blade: the legendary Valerian Kane. With his fearsome ship and uncanny connection to the song of the sea, Valerian is the only man who might rally the pirates who remain. The only man who threatens the Empire. And the only man Cat has ever loved, blazing in and out of her life like a star. Desperate for victory, the Empire offers Cat a devastating choice: bring them Valerian or hang.

Fiction

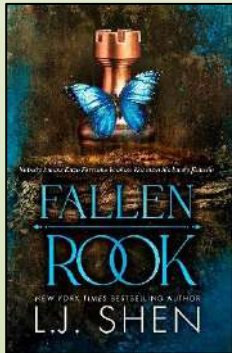


Galinda by Gregory Maguire
9781035444052 | Headline | TPB | R425

Who was *Glinda* the Good Witch before she floated down in her bubble to greet Dorothy? Who was *Glinda* before she became Elphaba Thropp's magnetic and popular roommate at Shiz University? Well, before then, she was *Galinda*. With a 'ga'.

The youngest of four children in a high-born family down on their luck, *Galinda* is both pampered and ignored. Her natural grace promises to elevate her in the district dance competitions - but these efforts distract her from seeing the growing resentments of local merchants who disapprove of her family and their business.

But as her father deftly pivots around the snares and nets laid for him by his rivals, *Galinda* begins to dance toward a life that might lift her above her proud, if hardscrabble, childhood.



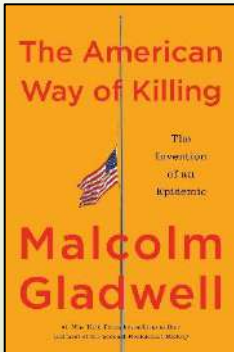
Fallen Rook (Society of Villains) by L.J. Shen
9781399752565 | Hodder & Stoughton | PBO | R305

Tom: I know a secret that can destroy the most powerful crime organization in America.

For years, I've watched Enzo Ferrante get away with murder. Literally. He's slipped between the FBI's fingers time after time, spreading terror and mayhem on the streets of New York, masked beneath a gorgeous face and elegant pedigree. A sloppy error on his part results in an incident that unexpectedly binds us together. Suddenly, I'm no longer the special agent who is thirsty for his blood.

I'm his savior. His god. The light in his pitch-black existence. Now that I caught the social butterfly in my spider web, I'm never letting go. He is about to taste the venomous kiss of betrayal as I put him and his entire family behind bars for the rest of their lives. Because when the night falls, the Camorra's enforcer crawls between my sheets and whispers all his sordid secrets in my ear. Enzo Ferrante is completely and utterly mine, and no one knows. Not even not his lovely fiancée.

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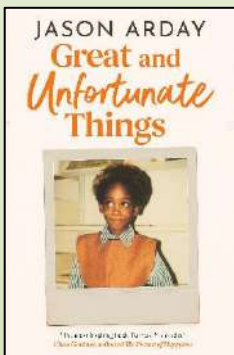


The American Way of Killing by Malcolm Gladwell
9780349149295 | Little Brown | TPB | R495

Malcolm Gladwell returns with a brilliant new work: an incisive investigation into gun violence, America's deadliest and most polarizing crisis.

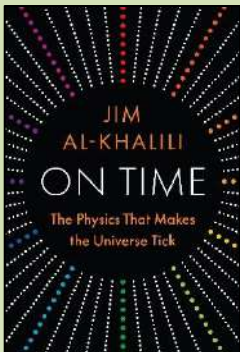
Why, when it comes to lethal violence, is America so different from the rest of the globe? The United States is wealthier, better educated, more technologically sophisticated, more religious than almost any of its peers in the developed world—all of which would suggest that it should also have the lowest levels of violence. Yet the opposite is true.

In this bold new book, Malcolm Gladwell outlines the paradox, then walks the reader through a series of stories drawn from every corner of American life and culture from emergency rooms to Hollywood westerns to big-city police departments to Supreme Court oral arguments—looking for answers.



Great and Unfortunate Things by Jason Arday
9781398542754 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R490

When Jason Arday was thirty-seven years old, everything changed. He made international news by becoming the youngest Black professor in the almost thousand-year history of the University of Cambridge. But that remarkable achievement is only part of his great and unfortunate tale. He grew up in a council house in south London with his parents and two brothers. Diagnosed with autism and global developmental delay at the age of three, he spent much of his non-verbal childhood navigating a system that struggled to understand him. Doctors and teachers believed there was 'no one in there'. But Jason's mother, Giff, refused to accept the limits others placed on her son. With the faith of his family and the support of a handful of extraordinary friends and mentors, Jason slowly found his voice. He spoke his first word at eleven, learned to read and write at eighteen, and discovered a passion for education and helping others that would transform his life.

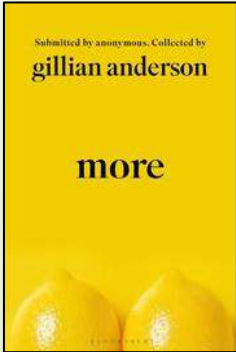


On Time by Jim Al-Khalili
9780691267036 | Princeton University Press | TPB | R490

While we have come a long way toward deciphering the laws of the universe, many physicists still regard time to be one of the greatest unsolved mysteries. *On Time* provides answers to the questions about time that philosophers and scientists have been asking for millennia, such as whether it has a beginning and an end, why it only points toward the future and not the past, whether it can be stretched and squeezed or even reversed, and whether it is even real.

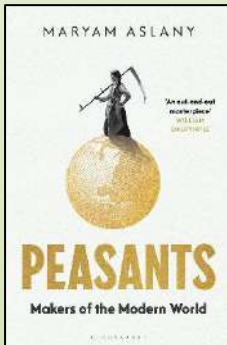
In this mind-altering book, Jim Al-Khalili tackles the enduring problems of time head-on, carefully examining them across the three central pillars of physics, quantum mechanics, general relativity, and thermodynamics. He shows how, in each domain, time can be understood differently: as a coordinate or label, as an inseparable dimension of space-time, or as a direction or "arrow."

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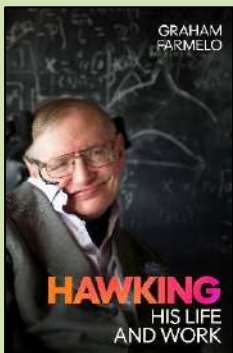
More by Gillian Anderson
9781526677396 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R620

If *Want* sparked the fire of a quiet revolution, *More* gives women the fuel to let it roar. In this electrifying sequel to the landmark bestseller, Gillian Anderson invites us to leave shame and fear at the door as she dials up the heat on women's sexual fantasies and dares us to want more. This collection of intimate letters submitted by anonymous women across the globe, curated and introduced by Gillian, dives deeper into what women everywhere think, feel and dream about in their most private moments. Spilling out of the bedroom, the letters take us to all spaces where desire resides, from office boardrooms to kitchen counters, school gates to forest floors. Bolder and more explicit, they come from over fifty nations and women from eighteen to eighty. Nothing is off limits: there are silken ropes and stirrups, metal collars and machines, neighbours, friends, in-laws and strangers, cravings to own and be owned, people to desire and be desired by, pleasure and pain in equal measure.



Peasants by Maryam Aslany
9781526654786 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R570

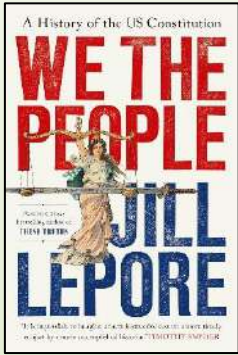
For centuries, *peasants* stood at the heart of human society: feeding empires, leading revolutions, building modern states. Industrial modernity forced them into the shadows, replaced in our imagination by machines and megafarms. But the elimination of the peasantry is a myth. Today, *peasants* make up roughly a quarter of humanity. They underpin the global economy, stabilise food systems and protect fragile ecosystems. *Peasants* hold up the modern world, yet their labour and voices have been hidden in plain sight, until now. In this landmark book, Maryam Aslany restores the peasantry to the centre of our global story. She embarks on an epic journey across three continents into some of the most remote places on earth, travelling deep into the landscapes where global supply chains begin. Here, she uncovers the lives behind some of the world's most vital commodities



Hawking: His Life and Work by Graham Farmelo
9781529339345 | John Murray | TPB | R495

An insatiable curiosity and appreciation for life powered Stephen Hawking to the furthest reaches of the universe and human achievement: during his remarkable lifetime he shed light on many of the mysteries of black holes and made key contributions to our understanding of the beginnings of the universe, all while captivating the world. A brilliant theoretical physicist, Hawking lived one of the most extraordinary lives of the past century. And yet, none of this should have been possible. Aged 21, he was given only a few years to live and spent the next fifty-five showing what can be achieved despite near-hopeless odds. Drawing on his parents' previously unseen letters and diaries, and exclusive interviews with Stephen's family, friends and closest colleagues, Graham Farmelo reveals the complex man behind the theories and global celebrity and the resilience, fortitude and support that enabled him to defy his life-limiting diagnosis.

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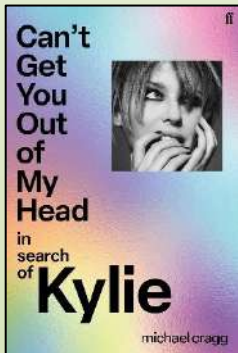


We the People by Jill Lepore

9781399827089 | John Murray | TPB | R450

The US Constitution is among the oldest constitutions in the world and one of the most difficult to amend. Although nearly twelve thousand amendments have been proposed since 1789, only twenty-seven have ever been ratified. Tellingly, the Constitution has not been meaningfully amended since 1971. Without amendment, the risk of political violence rises. So does the risk of constitutional change by presidential power.

Leading Harvard historian Jill Lepore captures the stories of generations of ordinary people who have attempted everything from abolishing the Electoral College to guaranteeing environmental rights, hoping to mend their nation. Recounting the history of America through centuries of efforts to realize the promise of the Constitution, we witness how nearly all those bids have failed.

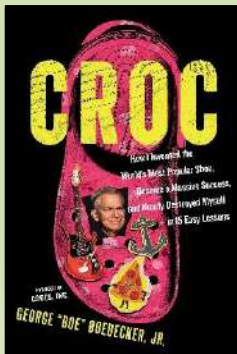


Can't Get You Out Of My Head: In Search of Kylie by Michael Cragg

9780571392773 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R450

From her late-eighties beginnings, capturing our hearts as Charlene in Neighbours, to her gold-plated hits like 'Spinning Around' and 'Padam Padam' soundtracking the euphoria of dancefloors the world over, Kylie Minogue is a modern-day icon. But, having sold over eighty-million records internationally and becoming the bestselling Australian pop star of all time, who is the 'real' Kylie? And how has she remained a mystery while also navigating a forty-year career in the fickle world of pop?

Pop-academic and award-winning writer Michael Cragg takes us on a journey into the psyche of one of the world's most enigmatic pop stars. Via a mix of brand new interviews, a dash of oral history and some joyfully irreverent music writing, *Can't Get You Out of My Head* aims to put the puzzle pieces together.

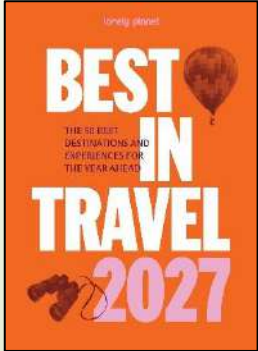


Croc by George Boedecker

9781035438648 | Headline | TPB | R485

Crocs are many things to many people. They're the best-selling non-sneaker shoe on the planet, for starters. For some, it's true, they're the ugliest shoe ever made. What's indisputable is, two decades later, they've worn by billions of feet worldwide, from the supermarket to the red carpet. In fact, they've never been more popular. For me, Crocs are a journey. They've taken me from a kid who stole milk from rich neighbours because he was hungry (until I realised I could sell it back to them), to someone who made millionaires of my childhood friends. Along the way I've circled the planet 28 times, been behind bars 11 times (though never convicted), and been banned from all 15 of a friend's restaurants. Oh, and I partied with Fleetwood Mac, kibbitzed with Robin Williams and bought Keith Richards' first Fender guitar too. Now I'm ready to tell you my lessons on life and leadership.

Non- Fiction



Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2027 by Lonely Planet
9781806534357 | Lonely Planet | TPB | R480

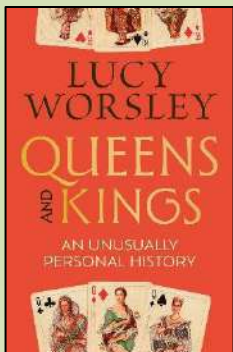
Fuel your wanderlust for the year ahead with Lonely Planet's definitive look at emerging travel hotspots, fresh takes on well-known locations and unforgettable experiences to add to your bucket list. Packed with worldly expertise and enthusiasm from our powerhouse team of travellers, there's something and somewhere for everyone in this book. If you want to know where to go, you've come to the right place... Inside Best in Travel 2027: Presenting a year's worth of travel inspiration to take you out of the ordinary. Brand new top 25 places and top 25 experiences around the world right now as selected by our panel of experts. More personalized recommendations from Lonely Planet's staff, authors, and online travel community than ever before. Features details on when to go with practical advice and indispensable travel tips to help you get there. The ultimate guide for globetrotters planning a once-in-a-lifetime trip in the year ahead.



Miriam's Full English by Miriam Margolyes
9781399838573 | John Murray | TPB | R450

'It starts with the title, the joy of a Full English Breakfast is in the way wildly different things pile together onto the plate to make a delicious whole. And well, that's the real secret of Britain and the British for me, not shutting things out but welcoming in more. I mean, even our flag is called the UNION Jack.'

If you've ever wondered why we are so obsessed with QUEUING, we love SMUT but are terrified of SEX, or how come there are no toilets in the whole of Britain then this book is for you. From SORRY to NICE, from KIPPERS to THE KING and from the strange history of the STIFF UPPER LIP to the Jewish gift to the nation that is FISH AND CHIPS, *Miriam's Full English* is packed with treats and tasty surprises



Queens and Kings by Lucy Worsley
9781399748414 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

Lucy Worsley has lived and breathed royal history for more than twenty years. As Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces, she worked in some of Britain's most famous royal sites, from Hampton Court to the Tower of London, and even lived in one of them herself. Now she takes us behind closed doors to reveal some of the monarchy's best-kept secrets. In *Queens and Kings*, Lucy brings to life the rulers who have shaped Britain over the last thousand years, from Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn to Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II. Venturing through haunted staircases and into private bedchambers, she finds the details that make history feel gloriously human. With her trademark warmth and incisive scholarship, Lucy explores the full splendour, scandal and sorrow of royal life. The result is a wildly engaging history of the monarchy from one of our most beloved historians.

Cookery

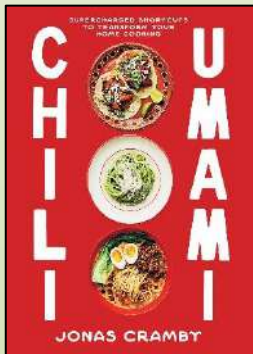


The Butter Cookbook by Monica Cavarsan
9781923503465 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R1070

A book for butter lovers, whether they want to learn about how it came to be, how it's produced today, or how to make their own basic, infused, and flavored butters at home.

The Butter Cookbook's 70 recipes elevate the basic dairy product to a recipe-transforming ingredient while educating readers on everything there is to know this kitchen staple.

Monica Cavarsan shares her expertise with readers from a childhood spent growing up on a dairy farm and her time spent running Lard Ass, a producer of cultured butter in regional Australia. An expert on how to make good butter great, her first book contains a lifetime of knowledge collected across Australia, France, and the United States. Churn your way through the book and indulge in this deep dive into all things butter.

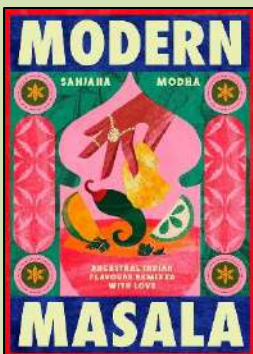


Chili + Umami by Jonas Cramby
9781807120658 | Hardie Grant | HB | R475

Chili + Umami is pure flavour adrenaline. Hot, savoury, thrilling and deeply comforting all at once.

This unbeatable pairing hits every pleasure point, firing up your taste buds and lighting up your brain so powerfully that everything else on the plate suddenly feels a bit boring. It's no wonder chilli-obsessed cultures around the world have their own signature dishes: Thai pad kra pao, Portuguese piri-iri, Italian-American spicy rigatoni vodka, Korean buldak chicken and so many more.

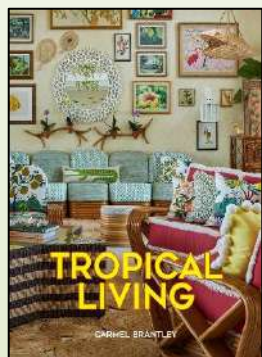
In *Chili + Umami*, you'll cook your way through 85 quick and easy recipes, from bold classics to exciting fusion dishes, and learn how to make flavour-packed condiments that turn everyday food into instant cravings. This is fast, addictive cooking for anyone who wants maximum impact with minimum fuss.



Modern Masala by Sanjana Modha
9781837836727 | Hardie Grant | HB | R625

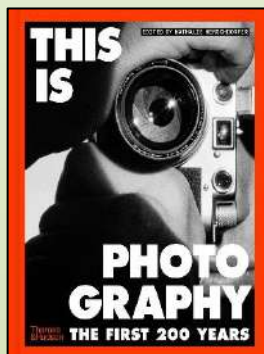
Indian roots don't always mean curry with roti for dinner. *Modern Masala* is a love letter to vibrant, contemporary cooking inspired by Indian heritage, celebrating flavours without borders. This joyful collection of over 70 vegetarian recipes reimagines Indian flavours for the way we eat now. Moving far beyond a bowl of aloo gobi, Sanjana brings together comforting one-pot heroes like Daal Gnocchi, playful mash-ups such as Lime Pickle Paneer Fajitas, and clever bakes including her Eight-Minute Burfi. Each recipe offers a familiar nod to the tastes of her Indian ancestry, adapted for curious, globally minded cooks. Expect bold dishes, simple methods and everyday meals elevated with a subtle Desi sensibility. With its inventive recipes, approachable techniques and thoughtful cultural insight.

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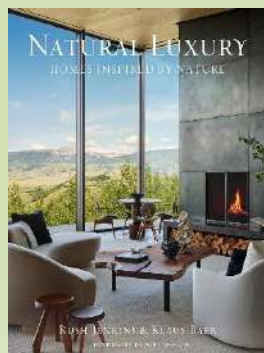
Tropical Living by Carmel Brantley
9780865654853 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R1595

The best tropical design is inspired by its natural surroundings, the foliage, the flora, and the palette, ranging from the hottest hues to the palest pastels. On every page of this exuberant book, photographer Carmel Brantley showcases the ingenuity, whimsicality, and often sublimity that designers bring to entry spaces, public spaces, private spaces, and outdoor spaces in tropical climes. With a foreword by Aerin Lauder and featuring rooms by notable designers such as Meg Braff, Alessandra Branca, Kemble Interiors, Amanda Lindroth, Miles Redd and David Kaihoi, and Mark D. Sikes, as well as gardens by landscape architects like Fernando Wong and Mario Nievera, the book celebrates the joy of giving your home a tropical vibe, wherever you live.



This is Photography by Nathalie Herschdorfer
9780500030363 | Thame & Hudson | HB | R1420

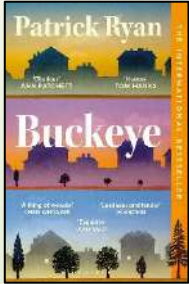
From the earliest 19th-century experiments in fixing light on paper, photography has blossomed and proliferated to a point where some 1.9 trillion photographs are snapped annually. Photographs are now at the core of our image-dominated culture. *This is Photography: The First 200 Years* carves a cohesive, compelling path through this dizzying mass of information. Presented chronologically, the book showcases key photographs and objects year by year, each one accompanied by a short text entry offering historical, technical or critical context. Interleaved throughout are longer thematic texts by contributing writers, as well as extracts from the writings of photographers and major thinkers on the subject, bringing a depth of understanding to the principal genres and developments in photography.



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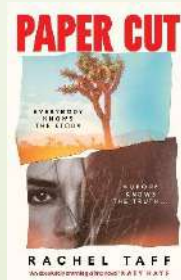
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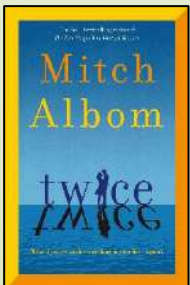
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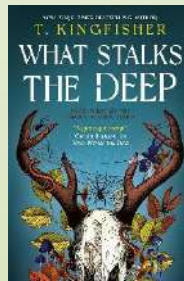
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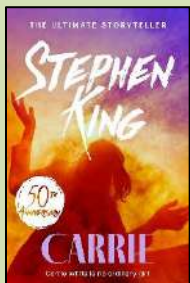
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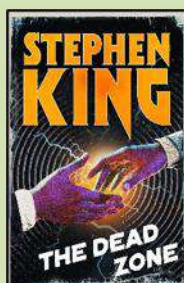
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