

Hachette India Media Roundup 2026:

Books to Look Forward To

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Children's Non-fiction

- *Lightning Kid* by Viswanathan Anand with Susan Ninan

International Titles

Fiction

- *Land* by Maggie O'Farrell
- *Villa Coco* by Andrew Sean Greer
- *Guilt* by Keigo Higashino
- *The Keeper of the Camphor Tree* by Keigo Higashino
- *Anatomy of an Alibi* by Ashley Elston
- *Molka* by Monika Kim
- *It Will Come Back To You* by Sigrid Nunez
- *The Name Game* by Beth O'Leary
- *How to Cheat Your Own Death* by Kristen Perrin
- *The Pain Chasers* by Bora Chung
- *Go Gentle* by Maria Semple
- *Spies and Other Gods* by James Wolff
- *The Sharma Sisters* by Rachael Fernandes
- *The Simp* by Roshan Sethi
- *How to Commit a Postcolonial Murder* by Nina McConigley
- *Good People* by Patmeena Sabit
- *The Final Six* by Akinari Asakura
- *The Book of Fallen Leaves* by A.S. Tamaki
- *How Korean Corn Dogs Changed My Life* by Alice Amelia
- *Japanese Gothic* by Kylie Lee Baker
- *Bat Eater* by Kylie Lee Baker
- *Feast* by Catherine Kurtz
- *Country People* by Daniel Mason
- *Lords of Serendipity* by Randy Boyagoda
- *The Lowe Job* by Grace Alexander
- *This Story Might Save Your Life* by Tiffany Crum
- *Women, Seated* by Zhang Yueran

Biographies and Memoirs

- *The Steps* by Sylvester Stallone
- *The Land and Its People* by David Sedaris
- *Rasputin* by Antony Beevor
- *Ghost Stories* by Siri Hustvedt
- *Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!* by Liza Minnelli
- *Vivienne Westwood* by Linda Watson
- *Fire in Every Direction* by Tareq Baconi

History

- *The Cauldron* by Simon Sebag Montefiore
- *Servus* by Emma Southon
- *The Age of Alchemy* by Kit Chapman
- *On the Mark* by Florence Hazrat
- *The Nuremberg Women* by Natalie Livingstone
- *The Death of Trotsky* by Josh Ireland
- *The Illegals* by Shaun Walker

Economy and Politics

- *Recession* by Tyler Goodspeed
- *The Next World War* by Peter Apps
- *The New Tech Titans of China* by Rebecca A. Fannin
- *How to AI* by Christopher Mims
- *We Know You Can Pay a Million* by Anja Shortland
- *The Wealth Habit* by Ken Okoroafor and Mary Okoroafor
- *Streetwise* by Lloyd Blankfein
- *Everybody Loves Our Dollars* by Oliver Bullough
- *Big Math* by Steven Strogatz and Alex Townsend

Sports

- *Kylian Mbappé* by Julien Laurens
- *Ball of the Century* by Brendan Cooper
- *Three Kings* by Mark Hodgkinson

Mind, Body, Spirit

- *The Balancing Act* by Nedra Glover Tawwab
- *80/20 Beliefs* by Richard Koch
- *ReParenting the Inner Child* by Dr Nicole LePera
- *Consolations* by Irene Vallejo
- *Chain Reaction* by Ijeoma Uchegbu
- *The One Who Broke You Can't Heal You* by Najwa Zebian
- *Brain Defenders* by David Perimutter
- *The Invincible Brain* by Dr Majid Fotuhi
- *Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain* by Partha Nandi
- *The Optimized Human* by Olli Sovijärvi, M.D., Teemu Arina and Jaakko Halmetoja
- *Tales of Green Tea* by Miyako Watanabe
- *Tsundoku* by Taiki Raito Pym

Local Titles

Fiction

The Bucket

by Arnab Ray

Water is a patient killer. It remembers.



January, 2026

In 1994, the drowning of Pramila Chatterjee in Kolkata was ruled a closed case, her neighbour accused and imprisoned. But thirty years later, a global true-crime documentary, Hidden Secrets: The Murder of the Rose tears open old wounds, threatening to expose a truth carefully buried.

For Ranadeep, Ishaan, Basab and Krishanu – once inseparable Musketeers bound by friendship, loyalty, and an unspoken past – the long-dead secrets of that night refuse to stay submerged. As old loyalties fray and hidden agendas surface, this investigation forces them to confront not only who they were, but what they became.

Will the shadows of the past finally reveal Pramila's killer, or will the relentless tide of memory drown them all?

The Pralaya Prophecy

by Mridula Ramesh

Rajan must confront his inner demons and rise to protect his daughter, as ancient secrets, corporate greed, and environmental chaos collide in a race against time.



January, 2026

When an ancient prophecy surfaces, it sets off a chain of events that forces Rajan – a grieving, alcoholic father – to protect the one thing he has left: his dutiful young daughter, Lakshmi. After his father’s mysterious disappearance and a violent attack at the temple, Rajan and Lakshmi are thrust into a dangerous world they barely understand.

Their only refuge lies with Swati, Lakshmi’s trusted schoolteacher, who offers them sanctuary and a path into hiding with the help of the ever-resourceful Thangam and brilliant Arjun. As they adopt new identities and prepare to face the unseen threat to their lives, they uncover a chilling truth: a powerful group of elites is engineering natural disasters to manipulate markets and amass unimaginable wealth from human suffering.

The Missing Piece

by Parul Sharma

A journey of self-realization: sometimes we have to travel far and wide to recover the missing pieces that can make us whole again.

It's 1981 in Delhi. Shiladitya Pandey, the brilliant, awkward, scholarship boy from Meerut, sets his eyes on the beautiful, polished Aparajita Dugar. Shila and Api elope and move to London, where they welcome their daughter who is told stories about Bulandwada, the ancient mohalla in Meerut where Shila grew up, as a way of giving her a sense of home. Young Sukanya falls deeply in love with this idealized, imagined homeland, and all of its funny, loveable, quirky characters.

But as the years go by, she realizes that she's denied access to the real-world equivalent of this abstract neighbourhood. There is no extended family, there are no trips to India, there are no visitors carrying mathris and laddoos from home. There is a missing piece of her that's floating out there somewhere, she feels, perpetually out of reach, and she wants nothing more than to be able to recover it.

Sukanya turns eighteen. In many ways, she's a fairly typical eighteen-year-old Londoner – sharp-witted, excessively polite when upset and constantly in search of her next cup of tea. She carries a yellowing copy of *Trainspotting* in her bag at all times, a literary talisman of sorts. She smokes Marlboro Lights with her best friend Angelina, drinks covertly out of beer cans, and tries to sneak her way into clubs and pubs with a fake ID. But beneath this exterior, she's still struggling to make sense of the invisible family, which she feels is the key to her identity and roots. Her parents wish to see her lead a structured, academic life by going to university, whereas she wants to take a gap year while she figures things out. Around this time, her grandmother Badi Mummy takes severely ill, and it's her last wish to meet Sukanya.

Gulabiya

by Abha Purbey, *translated by Shivangi and Tejaswi*

*In a caste-ridden society where love is out of bounds for the downtrodden,
their romance will shake the very earth they till for others...*

On the hot floodplains of the Kosi river near Bhagalpur, Bihar, Gulabiya is a young farmhand in love with Balesar, the farmhands' leader.

When Balesar decides he would rather farm his own land, he attracts the wrath of his landlord. Gulabiya is forcibly married off to another man, and Balesar is made to migrate after his venture fails. The powerful believe they have suppressed yet another attempt at resistance, but they couldn't be more wrong.

What follows is a tale that shocked and scandalized readers when it was first published in 2008, a story that breaks down the realities of farm labour and life in the 21st century, a tale of love and acceptance in a society full of hierarchies. Breaking free of their chains, Gulabiya and Balesar emerge as one, no longer fragmented and grasping in their desires and convictions.

The first English translation from Angika, this Armoury Prize–shortlisted translation brings to readers a tale of love and freedom for the ages, from the heartlands of India.

Thoo!

by Aathma Nirmala Dious

"Then it began. The building coughed. The walls squeezed like your throat muscles. Then the bed was gone. The window looked like a mouth, the rectangle loosening to form the circle. Thoo! Out we were into the night."

In an alternate timeline in Abu Dhabi, the buildings are controlled by a Premeditated Expulsion System (PES), which defenestrates residents out of their apartments whenever they transgress the laws of the land. In the Malayali expatriate community, they are known as Thuppals, the expelled, spat out of the buildings onto the road below.

In this world, Anaswara is an architectural history researcher in New York, whose research on the PES leads her to a series of mysterious deaths when the PES system crashed, forcing her family to move out of Abu Dhabi. Together with Nourah, an old friend, she returns to Abu Dhabi to solve the mystery once and for all – and also make good on a promise to her mother, Latha.

Interspersed with PES product manuals, poems, emails and chats, and journal entries, Thoo! marks the debut of a gifted voice who pushes the novel to new territories. Between the anxieties of defenestration and the wounds of memory, Aathma Nirmala Dious's debut novel brings to life the dislocation that enforced migrations brings in a world not unlike our very own.

The Haunting of Kunjamma P.

by Shinie Antony

A devil with a memoir. A God-fearing woman both comically devout and tragically possessed, whose spiritual ambition turns into existential comedy.



In a sleepy corner of Kerala, Kunjamma Paulose lives a life of perfect piety – sweeping church courtyards at dawn, praying with theatrical intensity, and treating her family with the kind of suffocating love only martyrs can muster. She’s God’s most loyal foot soldier – or so she believes.

But when a devil – not just any devil, but a half-demon, half-phantom hybrid with literary aspirations – takes up residence inside her, things begin to unravel. Kunjamma is compelled to write his autobiography, convinced she’s been tasked with composing a fifth gospel. As her hands move, her world unravels: dreams grow blasphemous, priests grow suspicious, and even her devout hallucinations start asking questions.

The Haunting of Kunjamma P is a wickedly funny, wildly imaginative novel about belief and delusion, the thin line between revelation and madness, and the diabolical absurdity of being human. This is satire at its most unholy and most divine.

You Can't Be Serious!

by Prajwal Hegde

Can love brew in the most unexpected place, or will family legacies and modern ambitions tear them apart?



December, 2025

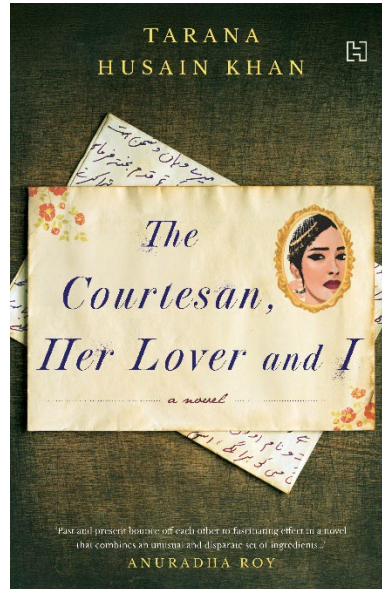
Aaditha Pratap is the brilliant, unapologetic mastermind behind India's trendiest café chain, 'Coffee Before Books & Bras' – because priorities, right? Sure, her family's fortune sparkles like new money does, but Asha is fiercely her own woman. She has absolutely no interest in being anyone's daughter, wife, or – cue the horror music – royal daughter-in-law. With her business booming, you'd think life would be all smooth lattes and soft book nooks, but nope. Trolls of the internet variety love to take a swipe at her, dredging up old scandals she'd much rather leave behind. Now, owing her dad a favour and under family pressure, Asha's considering... options. Even if one of those comes in the form of an incredibly charming, annoyingly exacting Indian prince.

Speaking of royals, Vedveer Rathore is an eco-warrior prince with a mission. He may have grown up playing polo and cricket under the royal sun, but after Harvard, he's back home and facing a harsh reality: his family's finances are, well, not so princely. When an international hotel chain dangles a tempting offer to turn the majestic riverside Ranibagh Palace into a luxury hotel, Vedveer isn't thrilled. But can this royal heartthrob find a way to save the palace without losing his heart in the process? In Prajwal Hegde's delightfully chaotic North-meets-South rom-com, love, family and tradition collide in the most charming and unpredictable ways. Buckle up for a wild ride full of laughter, heart and a little bit of royal scandal.

The Courtesan, Her Lover and I

by Tarana Husain Khan

Two women writers. Two centuries. A creative kinship.



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In the royal courts of nineteenth-century Rampur, courtesan–poet Munni Bai Hijab captivates the legendary Urdu poet Dagh Dehvi, who immortalizes her in his verses while inadvertently eclipsing her voice.

More than a century later, Rukmini, an aspiring writer, stumbles upon Dagh’s letters in the archives of the Rampur Raza Library and finds herself drawn to the fierce, flickering presence of

Munni Bai Hijab. Torn between worlds—a Hindu woman in a Muslim household, a cosmopolitan spirit in a conservative town—Rukmini begins to trace the forgotten threads of Hijab’s story, even as her own life starts to unravel. Her husband chases yet another doomed business idea. Her daughter walks away from medical school. And when her friendship with Daniyal, the stoic guardian of Rampur’s past, deepens into desire, Rukmini must confront her greatest fear: becoming her mother, the woman who once walked away from their family.

The Courtesan, Her Lover and I is a haunting novel of longing, ambition and women who dare to write themselves into history.

Non-fiction

The Silent Syndicate: Who's Pricing Your Health?

by Ameer Shahul

A rigorous inquiry into the changing story of Indian healthcare and its consequences.

With healthcare costs in India already high, a silent takeover is making the system even less accessible to the average Indian. The behemoths of global capital—Blackstone, BlackRock, KKR, Carlyle, Temasek, and Vanguard—are all quietly and quickly buying up Indian hospitals, pharma companies, insurance players, and diagnostic labs. The Indian body is being mapped, monetised, and managed—not from Delhi or Mumbai, but from New York, Boston, and London boardrooms.

In *The Silent Syndicate*, Ameer Shahul uncovers this slow yet mighty infiltration of Western financial interests into India's healthcare sector to explore the long-term risks this poses to India's healthcare sovereignty. Not merely a case study of foreign capital flow into Indian hospitals, this work of investigative journalism dives deep to lay out the broader commodification of a vital sector, underscored by a quiet yet profound philosophical shift. The patient is no longer at the centre of the healthcare ecosystem—capital is.

In The Shade of Many Trees

by Kadambari Devarajan

Nat Geo explorer Kadambari Devarajan uses seven trees from her paati's garden to lead her reader down endlessly fascinating rabbit holes into a reckoning with history, the natural world we are tied to, childhood nostalgia, and unmitigated climate change.

One of the hardest lessons for a scientist is understanding that there are many ways of knowing. Listening and learning must incorporate from 'more-than-human' wisdoms, from life that has been around for much longer than humans and may have some lessons on survival that we are missing in the arrogance of our human-centric blinders.

In this book, ecologist Kadambari Devarajan turns her sights on some such beings: trees. Using seven trees—the coconut, the peepul, the guava, the gooseberry, the sandalwood, the neem and the moringa—from her grandmother's garden as windows, she takes each to explore a social, economic, political, cultural, and ecological angle of conservation and pressing environmental issues.

A work of scientific research, informed by decades of field experience, *In The Shade of Many Trees*, is also a lyrical work of art that melds memories, anecdotes, stories, folktales, literature, and history to untangle conservation in the Anthropocene.

A Short History of Aligarh

by Atif Syed

From John Murray India 'Cities in Time' series, comes another deep-dive into India's urban memory.

Once upon a time, Aligarh – or Koil, as it was known then – was a city of emperors, adventurers and generals. Located in the fertile doab, between the Ganga and Yamuna rivers, its history begins from the Mahabharata, and over the centuries, kings and invaders all vied for it.

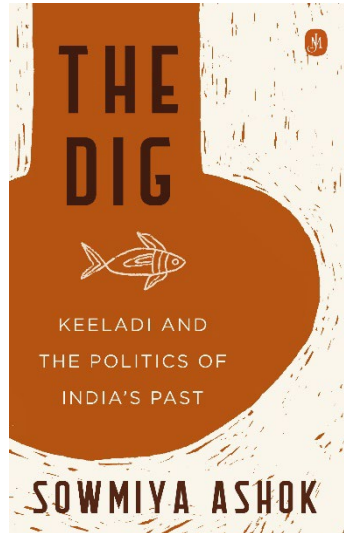
Qutbuddin Aibak's decisive conquest in 1194 turned it into an administrative center for the emperors of Delhi, continuing into the Mughal age, before the Marathas, British, Afghans, and even French forces successively gained control over the city. These histories have been overshadowed by its perception as a Muslim educational hub courtesy the Aligarh Muslim University, founded by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan as a bastion for Muslim modernity.

In this short history, historian and Aligarh resident Atif Syed takes us on a journey to the past of one of India's most fascinating and syncretic cities. From French military men who wrote poetry in Urdu to the indigo cultivation that defined Aligarh during its colonial era, this is the biography of a city that has never been given its due.

The Dig

by Sowmiya Ashok

A brilliant survey of some of India's most contentious historical questions.



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Since its discovery in 2016, the Keeladi excavation has become one of India's most contested digs – hailed by some as proof of an urban civilisation in South India, and dismissed by others as political mythmaking.

Journalist Sowmiya Ashok traces the serendipitous discovery of the ancient settlement and the storm it set off. Her journey takes her from the earliest Iron Age sites in Tamil Nadu to Rakhigarhi in Haryana and the lost port of Muziris in Kerala. Along the way, she chats with archaeologists while sweating under the Tamil sun, clings to rickety platforms at a roaring *jallikattu* stadium, and even tastes ancient pottery at an excavation site.

Blending sharp insight with humour, *The Dig* reveals how battles over science and politics continue to shape our understanding of India's past.

'The Dig is a brilliant survey of some of India's most contentious historical questions. Lucidly crafted, and objectively narrated, Sowmiya Ashok leaves us richer in knowledge, while posing questions about ourselves and our ancestors both.'

– Manu S. Pillai, historian and author of *Gods, Guns and Missionaries*

'Sowmiya Ashok takes the reader companionably through a mesmerizing journey from the country's deepest past to its complicated, compromised present. Part travelogue and part nail-biting whodunnit, [*The Dig*] offers insights into some of the most politically and emotionally charged questions of the 21st century – who we are and where we came from.'

– Ira Mukhoty, author of *The Lion and the Lily*

What the ... What?!

by Nipun Jain and Mohit Mamoria

'I'm delighted that there are YouTube and social media sensations now emerging in the knowledge and learning sectors too.'

— Viswanathan Anand



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A tiny island makes millions of dollars out of thin air. How?

A deadly weapon got its name from a common fruit. Which?

A world-famous genius blundered like the rest of us. Who?

These are not made-up stories; they are odd little facts about things and people you already know! Once you find the answers to these, you'll go, 'What the ... WHAT?!'

Nipun and **Mohit**, the brains behind *Arey Pata Hai* – the channel that made curiosity cool – are your guides through this book. Expect fascinating trivia, bizarre facts, and their trademark 'questionable' jokes.

Read it front to back or back to front or jump from one page to another; this book is for the endlessly curious ... yeah, even your cat!

"It won't cure your curiosity. It'll make it incurable."

— Ankur Warikoo

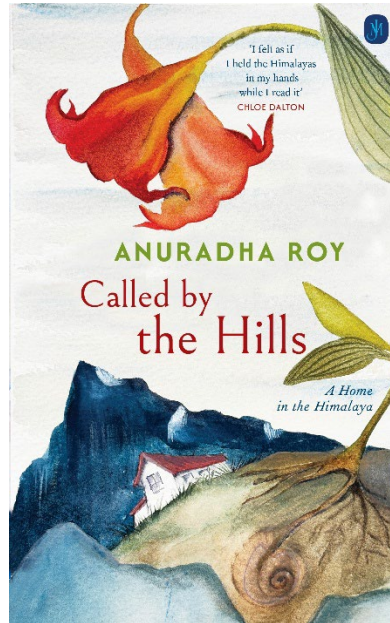
'I've loved Arey Pata Hai?! since forever – their videos always make the nerd in me so happy. This book has the same magic, just printed.'

— Mithila Palkar

Called by the Hills

by Anuradha Roy

Called by The Hills launches 'John Murray Journeys' in India with transportive writing from one of India's foremost literary voices. This is travel with a difference: it is about discovering a new place and making it your own.



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A book about building a home and a wild garden on the edge of a Himalayan forest, illuminated by the author's own watercolours.

When novelist Anuradha Roy and her husband stumble upon a derelict cottage in the hill station of Ranikhet, they decide it is where they will now live. Leaving behind the freneticism of Delhi, Roy is initially bemused by the gentle pace of life in the mountains. Before long, however, she is won over: spellbound by the landscape, taken to the heart of her sometimes recalcitrant neighbours and adopted by several mountain dogs.

Over twenty-five years, as Roy becomes accustomed to living among forests where leopards roam freely, she will come to encounter nature at its most fierce, beautiful and vulnerable – and bear witness to the destructive impact of global warming on the alpine ecosystem.

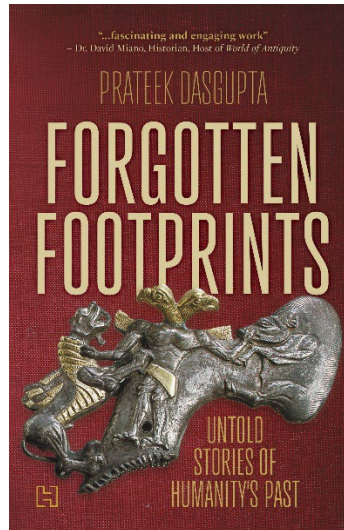
Called by the Hills: A Home in the Himalaya is an intimate portrait of a home, a community and a rugged, extraordinary landscape. Written with unsentimental clarity, humour and poignancy, this is an account of profound transformations.

Forgotten Footprints

by Prateek Dasgupta

“Prateek Dasgupta takes us on an exhilarating journey through history’s greatest forgotten chapters...”

– Sam Dalrymple, Historian, Author of *Shattered Lands*



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What is Agatha Christie’s connection to the world’s earliest known city?

Did the first cotton farmers practice dentistry?

Did the Balkans know writing before Mesopotamia?

Embark on a journey through time, from the Ice Age to the Middle Ages, exploring lesser-known civilizations shrouded in mystery. Discover stories that shed light on the underappreciated peoples of the ancient world. Written in an engaging style, this book takes you around the globe while providing insights into life in the distant past. *Forgotten Footprints* is a meaningful effort to honour those who came before us and document their history in a new world.

Quick and Concise: Economics

by Akash Kumar and Kumar Anand

This is an economics primer that makes the subject relatable to one's everyday life. This is a book that will not only benefit students of economics but also people who have not studied economics formally and want to understand the basic concepts. Statistical overload, a common fear when it comes to economics, will not be a deterrent for the readers of this book—utmost care has been taken about that fact. Essential concepts have been simplified but not dumbed down at any point. The engaging and free-flowing style has been peppered with examples from popular culture.

Quick and Concise: Digital Marketing

by Dr. Richa Agarwal and Chandan Gupta

In today's digital-first world, the way brands connect, communicate, and convert online shapes their success. Yet, for many beginners, the field of digital marketing can seem overwhelming—a mix of unfamiliar terms, fast-changing trends, and countless tools. This book is our way of breaking that complexity into clear, practical steps. Our aim is simple: to make digital marketing accessible, relatable, and useful for anyone with the curiosity to learn.

By combining theory with application, we have created a guide tailored for students, freelancers, career changers, entrepreneurs, and anyone eager to explore the digital space.

Inside, you will find simple language, relatable examples, and step-by-step explanations covering essential concepts such as search engine optimisation (SEO), social media marketing, content strategy, paid advertising, email marketing, and more.

Decoding Symbols and Symbolism

A Journey Spanning History, Mythology & Geography

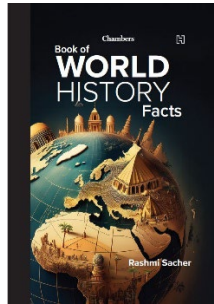
by Shweta Ganesh Kumar

Human life is a journey in the pursuit of meaning and purpose. And symbols are an essential aspect of the universal human experience. An image becomes a symbol when you follow the invitation to look beyond the mere visual and comprehend the meaning it stands for. Symbols invite us to look beyond the image itself. Yet, they don't presume to tell you what they mean but ask you instead to interpret what they stand for.

Why do certain symbols mean certain things to us? And why do the same symbols mean different things to people based on their geographical and cultural background? This book will take a deeper look at some of the universal symbols that have become popular around the world, trace their historical origins, and examine their associated myths. It will also delve into the interpretations of these symbols across geographies.

Chambers Book of World History Facts

by **Rashmi Sacher**



Chambers Book of World History Facts takes you on a whirlwind journey through time. No long lectures, no endless dates to memorize. Instead, you'll find crisp notes, quirky trivia, boxes and pictures that make the past leap off the page. Want to know why the Mongols spared artisans during their raids? Or what the population of the Indus Valley Civilization was at its peak? Or why the Punk Rock Revolution became one of the biggest cultural movements of Cold War era?

It's all here, and it is surprising, strange and endlessly fascinating.

Malnutrition

Lies, Lobbies and Losses in Global Nutrition

by **Basanta Kumar Kar**

Malnutrition: Lies, Lobbies and Losses in Global Nutrition is a comprehensive exploration of one of the world's most critical health challenges, which is also a part of Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (UN SDG 2, Target 2.2). This book delves deep into the causes, effects, and solutions surrounding malnutrition, offering a detailed clinical study that is accessible to all readers. From nutrient deficiencies to the global impact of food insecurity, it addresses every aspect of this complex issue. Whether you are a healthcare professional, student, or someone passionate about global health, this book equips you with the knowledge to understand malnutrition's wide-reaching effects and the strategies needed to combat it globally.

Classical Greek Philosophy: Socrates

by **Vijay Tankha**

Unravel the enduring enigma of Socrates, the philosopher who shaped Western thought without writing a single word. This captivating book reconstructs his life and revolutionary ideas through the lens of Plato, Xenophon, Aristophanes, among others.

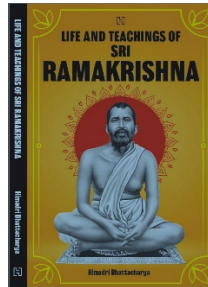
Explore Socrates' unique 'way of life', his iconic method of inquiry, and his profound insights on truth, virtue, and self-knowledge. From his foundational role in Athenian society to his dramatic trial and execution, delve into the core of his philosophy and understand why his legacy continues to resonate today.

This essential guide makes the complex world of Socrates accessible, revealing the timeless power of questioning and the pursuit of wisdom.

Sri Ramakrishna: His Life, His Words

by Himadri Bhattacharya

A mystic who spoke in parables, sang with devotion and lived in the presence of the Divine.



(draft cover)

Sri Ramakrishna remains one of India's most beloved spiritual teachers, a figure whose simplicity and depth continue to inspire seekers across the world. His words, recorded faithfully in Bengali in the Kathamrita, capture not just lofty philosophy but also the warmth of his storytelling, the clarity of his parables and the joy of his songs.

Life and Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna brings those treasures to life for a new generation of readers. Moving between his life story, his teachings and the devotional songs he loved, it offers both a portrait of the saint and a glimpse into the vibrant spiritual culture of 19th-century Bengal. Intimate and universal, this book is a reminder that wisdom can be found in the most ordinary of moments, and that the search for truth belongs to all.

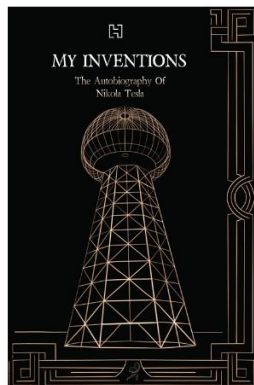
The Student's Companion: Indian Edition

An all-in-one ready reckoner and companion for students.

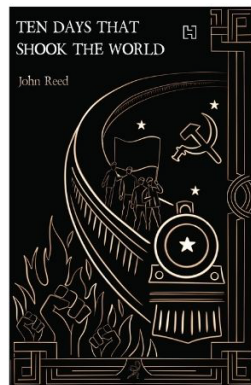


This international classic reference for school students is a comprehensive and authentic guide that offers essential learning material in an easily accessible and ready-reckoner format. Clear and lucid explanations and visually organized tables are hallmarks of this made-easy student's companion. Special sections have been added to the original classic keeping in mind the requirement of Indian students. The book covers a range of subjects such as science, mathematics, English language and vocabulary, general knowledge, history, civics, geography and world organizations.

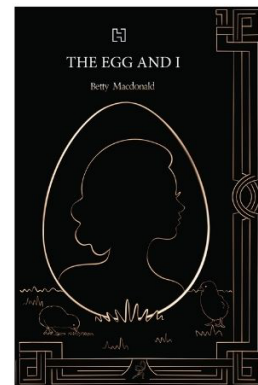
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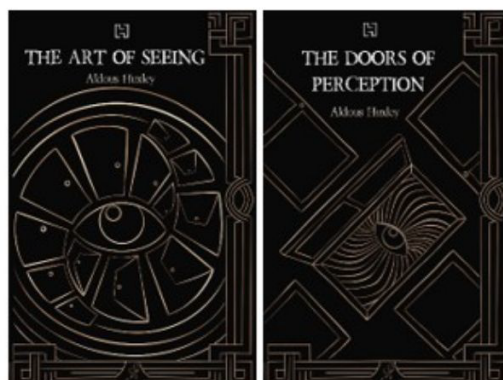
My Inventions
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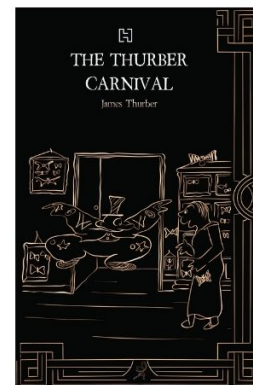
**Ten Days That
Shook the World**
by John Reed



The Egg and I
by Betty MacDonald



The Doors of Perception *and* Art of Seeing
by Aldous Huxley



The Thurber Carnival
by James Thurber

After the revival of the yellowbacks, Hachette India is pleased to announce the revival of another great series for India from the Hachette stable. Hodder & Stoughton launched the BlackJacket series as an imprint in 1937. The series included about 50 titles, with an emphasis on exploration and travel traversing mainly non-fiction though they did include some fiction too. With works by over 50 authors, such as J.M. Barrie, Reginald Campbell, Janet Beith and Katherine Parker, the series brought the best of both fiction and non-fiction to readers.

This current reissue rebadged as the Hachette BlackJackets will pay tribute to the legacy of the series and will focus on a carefully curated collection of classic non-fiction with a few classics of offbeat (non-commercial, literary crossover) fiction also featuring every now and then. The original logo of the series was an extension of the Hodder & Stoughton logo at the time. The new series logo, in a nod to the original, has reconceptualised its elements into a new graphic representation that in thematic continuity with the original colophon depicts an Atlas like figure carrying a BlackJacket book on his shoulders, keeping it aloft.

Children's Non-fiction

Lightning Kid

64 Winning Lessons from The Boy Who Became

Five-Time World Chess Champion

by **Viswanathan Anand with Susan Ninan**

Sharp moves, smart ideas, sheer grit...

This is Vishy's story!



January, 2026

India's first chess Grandmaster and five-time World Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand has wowed the world with his brilliant mind and fearless play.

From growing up as a young prodigy in Chennai, aptly nicknamed 'Lightning Kid' for his blazing-fast moves, to becoming a global legend by taking on the toughest chess players, Vishy's journey is packed with game-changing twists, masterful tactics and nail-biting matches.

This book dives into the most exciting moments of Vishy's life and career – wins, losses, comebacks and masterstrokes – along with 64 bite-sized lessons, one for every square on the chessboard. Whether it's learning how to stay calm under pressure, bounce back after a loss or think 10 moves ahead, this is the tale of a true champion – and a guide to thinking big, staying humble and playing your best game.

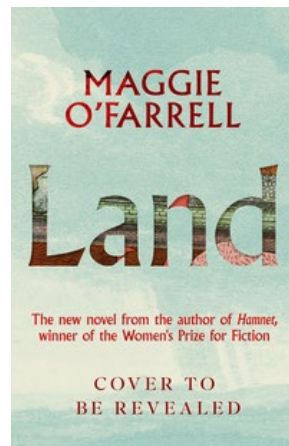
International Titles

Fiction

Land

by Maggie O'Farrell

An epic portrait of a family navigating the legacy of Ireland's Great Hunger, Land is Maggie O'Farrell at her spellbinding, inimitable best.



June, 2026

Inspired by the mapping of Ireland in the mid nineteenth century, *Land*, the new novel from the author of *Hamnet*, is at once intimate and epic: a portrait of a family navigating a legacy of upheaval and loss with love and hope.

On a windswept peninsula stretching out into the Atlantic, Tomás and his reluctant son, Liam, are working for the great Ordnance Survey project to map the whole of Ireland. The year is 1865, and in a country not long since ravaged and emptied by the Great Hunger, the task is not an easy one. Tomás, however, is determined that his maps will be a record of the disaster.

The British soldiers in charge are due to arrive any day, expecting the work to be completed, but Tomás is unexpectedly sent off course by an unsettling encounter in a copse. His life, and those of his family, will never be the same again. Liam is terrified by the sudden change in his taciturn father. What was it that caused such cracks to open in Tomás and how is Liam, aged only ten, going to finish the mapping, and get them both home?

Land is a novel about separation and reunion, tragedy and recovery, colonisation and rebellion. It is a story of buried treasure, overlapping lives, ancient woodland, persistent ghosts, a particularly loyal dog, and how, when it comes to both land and history, nothing ever goes away. As spellbinding and various as the landscape that inspired it, *Land* is, above all, a story of survival, for our times, and for all time.

Villa Coco

by Andrew Sean Greer

Pulitzer Prize winner Andrew Sean Greer showcases his wit, sophistication and deep knowledge of focaccia in this magical tale set amidst the Tuscan hills.



June, 2026

Broke and directionless, our young man takes a job in the Italian countryside as the all-purpose assistant to Lisabetta, known to her friends as Coco - a strong-willed, wealthy aristocrat of great local renown.

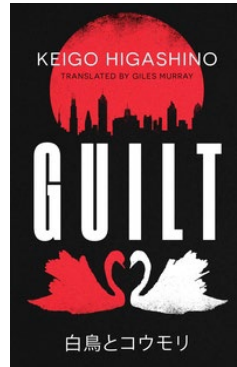
Trained as an archivist, he thinks he's been hired to catalogue the contents of the beautiful, crumbling mansion nestled in the green Tuscan hills... but what *are* his actual duties? Days are spent ridding the house of a marten - whatever that is - locating the antediluvian septic system, entertaining an endless carousel of guests (from bohemian painters to elderly princesses to unnervingly handsome nephews), attending a funeral in order to make off with the urn, and not inadvertently sabotaging Coco's great and final plan-to locate the lost love of her life and be reunited before it's too late.

As summer turns into autumn and the Italian countryside begins to work its magic on our protagonist, the secrets of Villa Coco and its inhabitants are slowly brought to light - and with them, an unforgettable story of the enduring power of friendship.

Guilt

by Keigo Higashino

The first stand-alone crime novel published in English in almost a decade by Keigo Higashino, the bestselling Japanese novelist.



April, 2026

A tour de force crime novel from one of the international masters of the form, where a simple murder case questions the simple notions of good and evil, guilt and redemption.

Homicide Detective Godai of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department is assigned to investigate the death of a lawyer, Kensuke Shiraishi, whose body was found on a Central Tokyo riverbank. His investigations leads him to one Tatsuro Kuraki, who claims to have had limited contact with Shiraishi - but, surprising the investigators, Kuraki not only confesses to the lawyer's murder, but another one from thirty years ago - for which another man was arrested and died in custody before trial. This brings unexpected resolution to two cases but there is one problem: to Detective Godai the confession rings false.

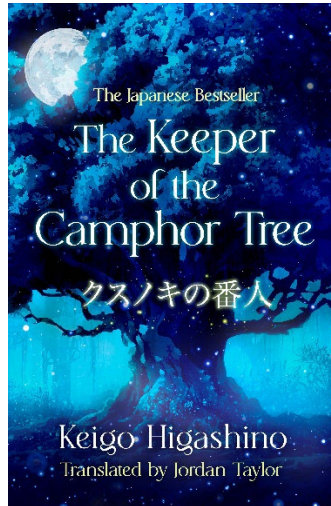
And Godai is not the only one who cannot accept Kuraki's explanation of both murders and his professed motives. The confessed murderer's son and the victim's daughter both feel strongly that both the act and the motive claimed are untrue.

As Godai investigates further, he discovers that the relation between the murder of thirty years ago and the recent one is complex, raising multi-faceted questions of guilt and innocence. *Guilt* is a rich novel about crime and its aftereffects on those left behind by both the victim and perpetrator, a twisting, compelling work that will surprise and astonish.

The Keeper of the Camphor Tree

by Keigo Higashino

The million-copy-selling novel full of mystery, healing and solace, by bestselling Japanese author Keigo Higashino.



June, 2026

Imagine an ancient tree by a famous shrine, so powerful that visitors come from far and wide to commune with it by moonlight ...

When a run of bad luck lands Reito in prison, about to be sentenced, a distant aunt he has never met offers him a surprising way out: he must become the next keeper of the camphor tree.

In his strange new job, Reito welcomes the people coming by nightfall to commune with the tree, all of whom are lost and all in need of something. There is the stern, middle-aged man who hums to the tree for hours; and his glamorous daughter, who has been secretly following him. Then there is the rich, disaffected young man who seems to come grudgingly, with no faith that the tree will even help.

What is the secret of the camphor tree? Can its power be more than just a myth?

Reito begs his aunt Chifune to explain, but she assures him that when he is ready for them, the answers will come to him.

Anatomy of an Alibi

by Ashley Elston

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of First Lie Wins, a tense, feverish thriller about two women's lives that are forever intertwined when a murder threatens to expose them both.



January, 2026

Everyone at Chantilly's Bar noticed out-of-towner Camille Bayliss. Red lips, designer heels, sipping a Negroni. But that woman wasn't Camille Bayliss. It was Aubrey Price.

Camille Bayliss appears to have the picture-perfect life; she's married to hotshot lawyer Ben and is the daughter of a wealthy Louisiana family. Only nothing is as it seems: Camille believes Ben has been hiding dirty secrets for years, but she can't find proof because he tracks her every move.

Aubrey Price has been haunted by the terrible night that changed her life a decade ago, and she's convinced Benjamin Bayliss knows something about it. Living in a house full of criminals, Aubrey understands there's more than one way to get to the truth - and she may have found the best way in.

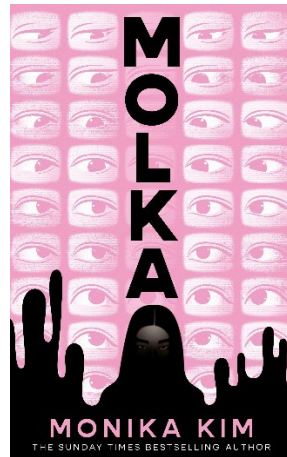
Aubrey and Camille hatch a plan. It sounds simple: For twelve hours, Aubrey will take Camille's place. Camille will spy on Ben, and the two women will get the answers they desperately seek.

Except the next morning, Ben is found murdered. Both women need an airtight alibi, but only one of them has it. And one false step is all it takes for everything to come undone.

Molka

by **Monika Kim**

*The new novel by the Sunday Times bestselling author
of The Eyes Are The Best Part.*



April, 2026

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

Dahye can't believe her luck when she finds herself in a whirlwind romance with handsome, charismatic Hyukjoon, the heir to a multi-million dollar fortune.

But then a shocking revelation threatens everything: the couple has been caught on a spycam amid Korea's growing molka epidemic, and the video is all over the internet. When Hyukjoon flees the country to avoid the intense public scrutiny, Dahye is left to grapple with the ramifications on her own; and the demons from her childhood, long dormant, begin to surface.

Amid the chaos, she catches the attention of Junyoung, a nerdy, introverted IT tech at work. Junyoung harbours a dark secret: he has been spying on the women at work with his own hidden cameras. As Dahye's life begins to unravel, she unknowingly becomes the sole target of Junyoung's perverse obsession.

When the facts surrounding the invasion of her privacy come to light, Dahye is faced with the humiliating truth. Her pain and hurt turn to rage as she faces her past. Her desire for vengeance is insatiable, and she will not rest until the men who have wronged her have paid in blood...

It Will Come Back to You

by Sigrid Nunez

The new book from the New York Times bestselling and National Book Award winner Sigrid Nunez: a collection of stories that take us from an inappropriate teenage crush to a therapist's second chance at love, all with Nunez's signature combination of wit, intelligence and compassion.



July, 2026

The new book from the *New York Times* bestselling and National Book Award winner Sigrid Nunez: her first short story collection, taking in thirteen stories from a career spanning three decades.

Moving from from an inappropriate teenage crush to a therapist's second chance at love, from the momentous to the mundane, Nunez maintains her irrepressible humour, bite, and insight, her expert balance between intimacy and universality, gravity and levity, all while entertainingly probing the philosophical questions we have come to expect from her writing, such as: How can we withstand the passage of time? Is memory the greatest fiction?

The Name Game

by Beth O'Leary

*The brand-new novel from the multi-million-copy bestselling author of *The Flatshare* and *Swept Away*.*



April, 2026

Who's playing who?

The Isle of Ormer: population 500, soon to be 501.

Charlie Jones has landed on the island to embark on her brand new life. As the manager at Ormer's only farm shop, this job will be her perfect next chapter. Good riddance to the mainland, this is it - fresh air, and a clean slate.

Except there is one small issue ...

Charlie Jones has also just arrived on the Isle of Ormer, to embark on *his* brand new life. His job at the farm shop feels like fate, and could not have come at a better moment. On Ormer, Charlie has promised himself he'll escape old friends, bad habits and heartbreak.

This second chance is the best thing that could have happened to Charlie . . . and Charlie.

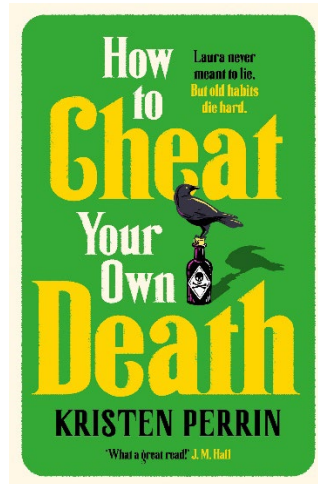
That is, until they are introduced . . .

***The Name Game* is the brand new love story from the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Flatshare* and *Swept Away*, about second chances, new beginnings and about love finding us in the most secluded of places.**

How to Cheat Your Own Death

by Kristen Perrin

The much-anticipated sequel to How to Seal Your Own Fate! A cosy crime novel with a killer hook.



April, 2026

LAURA NEVER MEANT TO LIE. BUT OLD HABITS DIE HARD.

When Annie Adams heads to London to visit her mother, Laura, the last thing she expects to find is a dead body. Least of all for it to be Fliss, the budding artist Laura had just taken under her wing.

Annie is no stranger to murder - after all, she's solved a few cases already. And something about the way Fliss died feels familiar. She's seen a case like this before. Or read about it, rather, in the journals of her dead Great Aunt Frances, whose close friend was killed in the 1960s in the exact same way: with her heart surgically removed from her chest.

As threats pile up on Laura's doorstep, it soon becomes clear that she's next, and that she's hiding something . . . With her mother's life on the line, can Annie find the killer before it's too late?

From the gritty streets of 1960s Soho to the lofty galleries of present-day West London, follow Annie and Frances as they race to bring a killer to justice.

The Pain Chasers

by Bora Chung

International Booker Prize-shortlisted Bora Chung creates a remarkably fresh dystopia-within-a-utopia that explores the inextricable link between humanity and suffering.



October, 2026

NSTRA-14 freed the world of pain. Powerful and safe, without side effects or risk of addiction, it is the perfect painkiller.

But as the fact of pain disappears, there are those who mourn its loss, and a cult forms around the idea that suffering is a necessary part of the human condition. For members of the Order, NSTRA-14 is a source of evil; a rejection of God; inhuman.

Twelve years ago, these fanatics attacked the pharmaceutical company that created NSTRA-14, killing three people. Now, those involved are being found dead one by one. Signs of torture and traces of a pain-increasing drug are found in the bodies, alongside a note: 'The dead have been saved.'

As detectives work to understand these murders and the machinations of the Order, they reveal the ugly truth of what it takes to free the world of suffering.

At once an edge-or-your-seat speculative thriller and a powerful takedown of late capitalism, *The Pain Chasers* is culmination of so many of the prescient ideas in Bora Chung's sensational collection *Cursed Bunny*.

Go Gentle

by Maria Semple

*Maria Semple, author of the runaway bestseller **Where'd You Go, Bernadette**, returns with an uproarious, irresistible heart-tugging story about Adora Hazzard: a divorcee who thinks she has it all figured until a mysterious stranger walks into her life...*



April, 2026

Adora Hazzard has it all figured out.

A Stoic philosopher and contented divorcee, she relishes her teenage daughter, her job as a moral tutor for an old-money family, and the bliss of finally being solo.

She's also quietly assembling a 'coven' of like-minded single women on the sixth floor of the legendary Ansonia building on New York's Upper West Side. Together, they share groceries, dog walkers - and one dirty little secret: despite their age, they're only just getting started.

Adora's life philosophy is simple: want only what you already have. It's her secret to happiness until a chance encounter with a charming stranger stirs long-buried passions.

Soon, her carefully curated life unravels: black-market art, secret rendezvous, international intrigue and a past she's worked hard to forget crash into her present. Suddenly, Adora finds herself wanting more and she's willing to risk everything to get it.

Go Gentle is a thrilling story of one woman's mid-life transformation, a romance with wit, a page-turner of ideas, a globe-trotting mother-daughter story, all wrapped in a mystery with a socko twist.

Spies and Other Gods

by James Wolff

'Wolff is the new maestro'

– Simon Sebag Montefiore



February, 2026

The Head of British Intelligence is having a bad day. Only six months off retirement and Sir William Rentoul is wondering if he'll make it that far, what with the sudden descent of a brain fog dense enough to turn every day into a series of small humiliations.

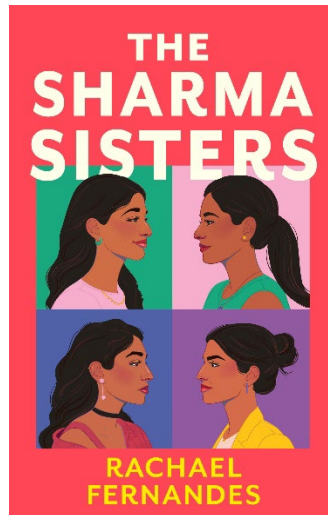
To make matters worse, Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee - the body that oversees Sir William - has received an anonymous complaint from one of his officers. Sir William dimly recalls accepting that there should be a channel for whistleblowers, but he never expected that they would pick his most sensitive case, one involving an Iranian assassin and a trail of dead bodies, or that the person who turned up to poke their nose into his files should be a lowly parliamentary researcher named Aphra McQueen, who displays smarts, tenacity and rebelliousness in unsettling measures.

Aphra seems to know more about the operation than she is letting on. What will she uncover? What is she *really* up to? And can she survive the unexpected events that will bounce her from London to Birmingham to Paris to Lausanne?

The Sharma Sisters

by Rachael Fernandes

A contemporary British Indian reimagining of Little Women with themes of friendship, love and coming-of-age.



April, 2026

‘I know who I am, I’m a Sharma sister. A necessary one. One that is loved.’

Kav has always known that she’s destined for more. She wants to tell the stories that matter but, instead, she’s stuck working on a reality TV show - until she meets Luca, the man who slots so effortlessly into her life and pushes her to chase her dreams.

Meanwhile, Mally - the ambitious one - is quickly climbing the corporate ladder. She’s set on her success, but what does that mean if she has no one to share it with?

Married to her childhood sweetheart, Ori has everything you could ever dream of; though she’s hiding a secret that could unravel everything she’s built forever.

Then there’s Trina, the quiet dreamer struck by wanderlust, knitting the family together. Until she finds herself facing a terrifying diagnosis that leaves everyone reeling.

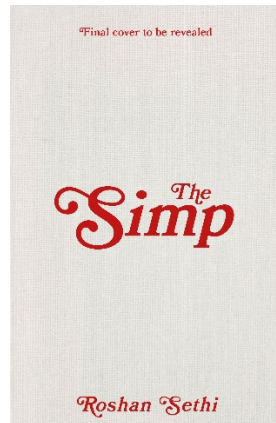
Back in the hospital where their father died, each of the sisters are left struggling to find their place in the world; navigating grief, heartbreak and loneliness, and learning to fall in love with life again.

Heartbreaking, funny and achingly relatable, *The Sharma Sisters* is an irresistibly fresh coming-of-age story brimming with authenticity, love and sisterhood.

The Simp

by Roshan Sethi

The epic rise and fall of Raj Ladlani: a queer Indian man whose big acting dreams are scuppered when he takes a job as an assistant for a nightmare power couple.



July, 2026

A novel without a hero. Hellscape with an infinity pool.

Raj Ladlani is one of thousands in LA: an unemployable actor. He has reasons to believe he is spectacularly talented (his beloved acting coach Anthony says so), a legend in every way but for the success.

His anonymous life working at Yogurtland, obsessively reading *Vanity Fair*, and fantasizing about stardom, comes to an end when he answers a job ad detailing a relentless, laughable parade of menial responsibilities for a 'Hollywood Family'. So begins the astonishing decline and fall of Raj Ladlani.

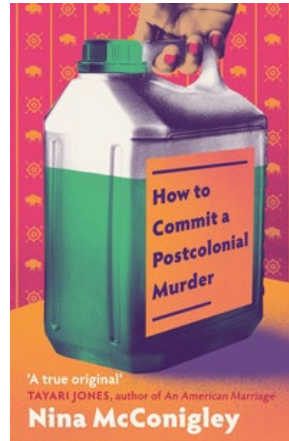
The Simp tells the story of Raj's momentous employment and the destruction that follows in the wake of his time with the with the H Family: Jim, a macho director determined to prove himself as an *artist*; and Anna, his much younger wife who has ambitions of her own.

And when the job reveals itself to be an absurdist walk through affluent domestic chaos and misguided engagements with identity politics, Raj might be about to lose it - on a very public stage.

How to Commit a Postcolonial Murder

by Nina McConigley

A pacy, voice-driven debut about two sisters and their survival, for readers of Bandit Queens and Martyr!



January, 2026

Georgie and Agatha Krishna killed their uncle, and they blame the British.

Summer, 1986. Tween sisters Georgie Ayyar and Agatha Krishna welcome their aunt, uncle and young cousin - newly arrived from India - into their house in rural Wyoming where they'll all live together. Because this is what families do. That is, until the sisters decide that it's time for their uncle to die.

To understand why, you need to hear Georgie's story. It's one of violence hiding in their house and history, of her once-unshakeable bond with her sister, of being an Indian-American girl in the heart of the West. Her account is cheeky, unflinching and infectiously inflected with the trappings of teendom: pen pal letters, how-to guides, games of MASH and teen-magazine-style quizzes. And the tale she weaves is either:

- a) a vivid portrait of an extended family
- b) a moving story of sisterhood
- c) a playful ode to the 80s
- d) a murder mystery (of sorts)
- e) a ruthless meditation on history and language, trauma and healing, and the meaning of independence

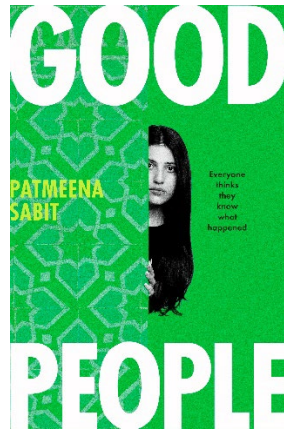
Or maybe it's really:

- f) all of the above.

Good People

by Patmeena Sabit

An incredibly propulsive and provocative debut novel about the dark underside of gossip: the way it can shape and distort the truth until you're not sure what is real or what you believe.



February, 2026

*Zorah Sharaf could do no wrong. Zorah Sharaf brought shame upon her family.
What's the truth? Depends on who you ask.*

The Sharaf family live in an exclusive neighbourhood in Virginia, where the father is a successful businessman and the children attend the most prestigious schools. Zorah, the eldest daughter, is the apple of her father's eye. The family's arrival in America, as refugees from war-torn Afghanistan, feels far behind them.

But when Zorah dies in an unthinkable tragedy, everyone is left reeling and the family is thrust into the court of public opinion. There is talk that behind closed doors the Sharafs' happy household was anything but, and soon the veneer of the model immigrant family starts to crumble.

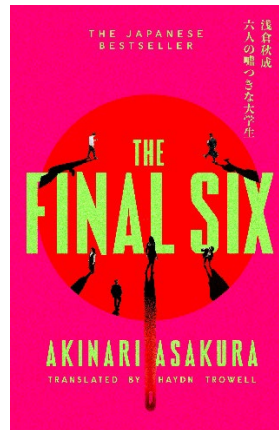
Those who knew her best - and those who didn't know her at all - all have an opinion on who Zorah really was, and what really happened to her . . .

A kaleidoscopic, urgent narrative, told through the chorus of voices surrounding the Sharafs, *Good People* is a riveting, provocative and unforgettable story of community, family and identity.

The Final Six

by Akinari Asakura

No one can afford to lose in the relentlessly cut-throat world of corporate Japan, but in the pursuit of victory they risk revealing some of the darkest sides of human nature.



June, 2026

Shogo Hatano has beaten thousands of applicants to become one of six final candidates in the running for a graduate position at Japan's most exclusive tech company. But Spiralinks will only make an offer to one of them, decided by a group vote in their last interview ...

As deliberations begin at the glossy high-rise office in Tokyo, Hatano finds six envelopes addressed to them all. Each contains a shocking revelation about one candidate: six secrets so terrible that they could ruin more than just careers. They could destroy lives.

With the clock ticking, Hatano must figure out who planted the damning evidence and convince the others that he deserves the job of all their dreams.

The Book of Fallen Leaves

by A. S. Tamaki

Prepare for the epic fantasy blockbuster of the year! Shōgun meets Game of Thrones in this unmissable retelling of an ancient Japanese samurai saga, written by debut author A. S. Tamaki - an exciting new talent in fantasy.



March, 2026

Sen Hoshiakari is an exiled prince of a clan that lost everything in his father's failed rebellion. Deprived of his birthright, Sen is determined to restore his family's lands and honour at any cost.

Rui is a peasant girl who saved Sen's life on the night his family were put to the sword. But now, she is adrift and unsure of her place in the world, not knowing that the gods themselves have plans for her.

As civil war throws the empire into chaos, and demons seek vengeance on the living, Sen and Rui must fight for both their clan and their shared future . . .

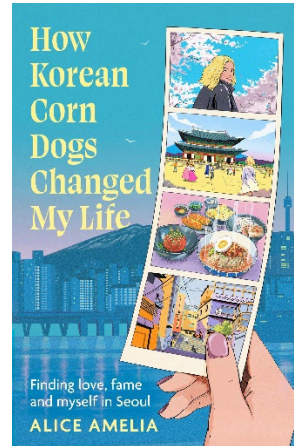
But vengeance demands a bloody price.

Debut author A. S. Tamaki weaves a powerful tale of ambition, vengeance and sacrifice in this masterful fantasy retelling of an ancient Samurai saga, packed with memorable characters, stunning worldbuilding and epic adventure.

How Korean Corn Dogs Changed My Life

by Alice Amelia

An addictive, tell-all memoir about what happens when you try to make your dreams come true - as well as a love letter to Korea.



April, 2026

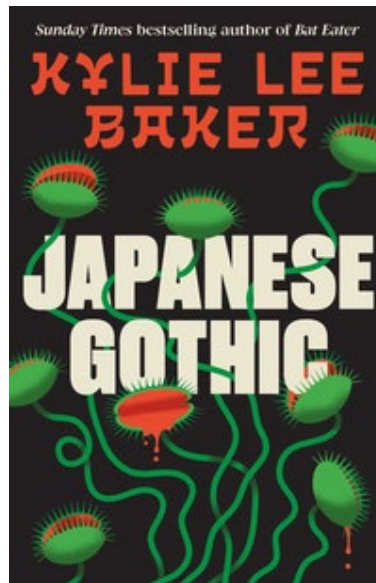
Aged twenty-one, fuelled by a love of K-dramas and a need to find herself, Alice Amelia moves to Seoul. She knows no one in her adopted country, doesn't speak the language, and hasn't tried kimchi, let alone grilled cow intestines or Korean corn dogs. But she soon realises that real-life Seoul isn't the romanticised city she'd watched on television - and it doesn't have subtitles.

Determined to follow her dream, Alice becomes everything she wasn't in England: adding spicy gochujang sauce to every meal, dancing in K-pop videos, dating HOT Korean models, and even injecting salmon sperm into her eye bags. But as she breaks into the Korean entertainment industry which she idolised from afar, her life spiralled in ways she never could have imagined. Wanting to stay true to herself, she wonders, will she ever belong in Korea? And what price will it cost her to stay?

Japanese Gothic

by Kylie Lee Baker

From Sunday Times bestselling author Kylie Lee Baker comes a wildly inventive take on the much-loved haunted house horror interwoven with Japanese mythology, where two people living centuries apart discover a door between their worlds.



April, 2026

2025

Lee can't remember exactly where he hid the body, but he can remember the blood. Hiding out at his father's centuries-old home in Japan, Lee knows something is wrong with him, and he knows it has something to do with his mother's disappearance almost a decade ago.

1877

A female samurai, Sen, stalks the borders of her home to protect her family from slaughter after the abolition of the samurai class. She's not sure how they'll ever survive, not without her father, who has returned from war with a different soul behind his eyes.

When Lee and Sen find one another through a door between their worlds, they're both looking for answers. But what they find in the creaking old house they share is beyond what either of them could imagine...

Bat Eater

by Kylie Lee Baker

BAT EATER follows a biracial woman haunted by both her own inner trauma and hungry ghosts as she's entangled in a series of murders in NYC's Chinatown.



January, 2026

Cora Zeng is a crime scene cleaner. But the bloody messes don't bother her, not when she's already witnessed the most horrific thing possible: her sister being pushed in front of a train.

But the killer was never caught, and Cora is still haunted by his last words: *bat eater*.

These days, nobody can reach Cora: not her aunt who wants her to prepare for the Hungry Ghost Festival, not her weird colleagues, and *especially* not the slack-jawed shadow lurking around her doorframe. After all, it can't be real - can it?

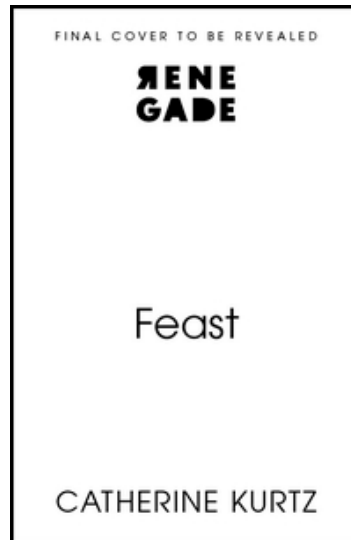
After a series of unexplained killings in Chinatown, Cora believes that someone might be targeting East Asian women, and *something* might be targeting Cora herself.

Soon, she will learn . . . you can't just ignore hungry ghosts.

Feast

by Catherine Kurtz

A young woman gifted with a remarkable sense of taste is appointed as a French chateau master's official poison-taster: at grave personal risk.



June, 2026

In the soot-streaked alleys of 19th-century London, Minha is a girl unlike any other - born with an extraordinary gift: an overwhelming, all-consuming sense of taste. Desperate to escape a life of poverty, she crosses the sea to France, chasing the shimmer of a better future.

At Château de Bellefalaïse, a grand estate with fairytale turrets perched above a sleepy village, Minha's talent is discovered when she detects poison in a dish about to be served to the château's master, Duc Nicolas. For the first time in her life, her strange ability becomes her salvation - and her curse. Appointed the Duc's personal poison-taster, she is confined to her tasting room and forced to live in the chateau's shadows. With each dish, she enters a world of glittering porcelain and gilded secrets, where danger simmers beneath every course...

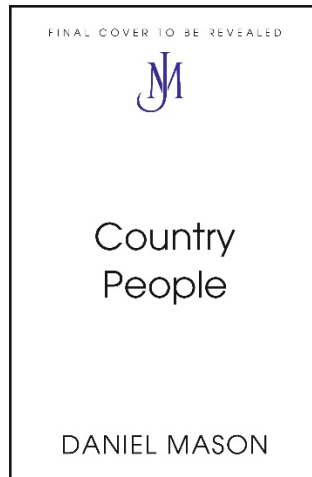
But when she loses her miraculous gift and suspicion coils through the corridors, Minha must confront a terrifying truth: without her gift, who is she - and what remains of the life she's fought so hard to build?

Feast is a sumptuous historical novel brimming with intrigue and sensory wonder - a dark fairytale for readers who love Jessie Burton, Elizabeth Macneal and Bridget Collins.

Country People

by Daniel Mason

From the author of NORTH WOODS, a joyous new novel about marriage, family, friendship, storytelling, and how people find connection in an increasingly fragmented world.



July, 2026

Across the border from Oakfield, Massachusetts, the setting of Daniel Mason's *North Woods*, sits the college town of Greensbury, Vermont, where a young family arrives one summer day from California for an idyllic year in the country. There is Miles, a loveable if highly distractible scholar of Russian folktales who has been "working" on his dissertation for fourteen years; Kate, his wife, a superstar English professor whose ambition is fueled by a brush with serious illness (and managing her hapless husband); their fantasy-loving son Wesley; their artist daughter Olive; and their dog, Giuseppe, a truffle-hunting master of excavation in a land with no truffles.

Over the course of the year, as Kate introduces her students to the pleasures of Milton and Blake, Miles will make no progress on Russian folktales, but will, through what Kate calls his "capacity to fall in with anyone, anywhere," gain entrée into a world with a mystery of its own, a place not only of immense natural beauty and unforgettable neighbors, but also a bizarre, even ridiculous, local legend, which - Miles begins to wonder - might not be a legend after all.

Lords of Serendipity

by Randy Boyagoda

Thousands of miles apart from each other, two talented girls have the same dream: a university education. But is it worth it?

November, 2026

Devi, a Sri Lankan village girl dreams of going to Harvard University. Thousands of miles and tens of thousands of dollars to the west, Katrina, a middle-class American girl, steps onto the green-lawned quadrangle of an elite college for the best education money can buy. To pay for Devi's application fees, Devi's father works two shifts cleaning toilets at a five-star hotel in Colombo. Meanwhile, Katrina's professor dad commits himself to years of double teaching overload at his middling technical university to pay for her world-class tuition.

Set between contemporary Sri Lanka and the United States, this is a moving, funny and sharply observed story of how the rich and poor get an education, and of dreams on a collision course with corruption and hypocrisy as the characters pursue family and personal goals, none of which is an education for its own sake. Full of warmth, comedic reversals and richly drawn characters, this is a sweeping family story which asks: what is an education for? And what are the costs - both financial and moral - to achieve it?

The Lowe Job

by Grace Alexander

The Lowe Job is the story of a young woman, Lily Lowe, who is caught in a 'compromising' position with a notable politician in the back of a car.



May, 2026

*'You don't want to go down in history as his mistake, darling.
You want him to go down as yours.'*

When Lili Lowe is caught in a compromising position with her boss, married politician Teddy Landen, she suddenly finds herself thrust into the centre of a media frenzy.

She turns, as most daughters would, to her mother. Yet Lydia Lowe is a former talent agent, and it's not long before the whole world knows the name Lili Lowe.

As the spotlight brightens on Lili, and her three sisters Stevie, Iris and Katie, the women's lives are changed in ways they could never have predicted.

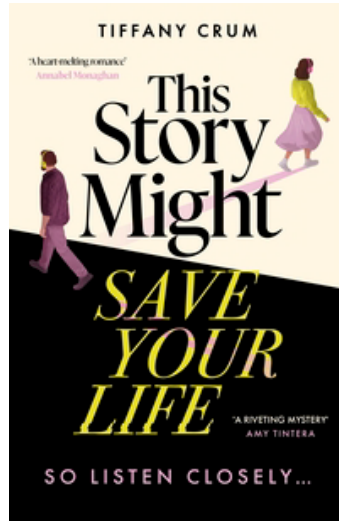
And it's soon clear that fame, and fortune, comes with a price...

Perfect for fans of *The List* by Yomi Adegoke and *Blue Sisters* by Coco Mellors, Grace Alexander's sensational, page-turning and provocative book club debut explores the fallout of a jaw-dropping political scandal with deliciously dark humour and a lightness of touch.

This Story Might Save Your Life

by Tiffany Crum

A breathless debut thriller with the soul of an epic love story.



March, 2026

Benny and Joy like to say that they've been saving each other's lives since the moment they met...

Until the day Joy disappears and Benny is accused of her murder.

Best friends Benny and Joy host a beloved 'comedy survival' podcast, gleefully finding life-affirming humour in near-death experiences.

When Benny arrives at Joy and her husband's home one morning to record, he finds shattered glass and an empty house.

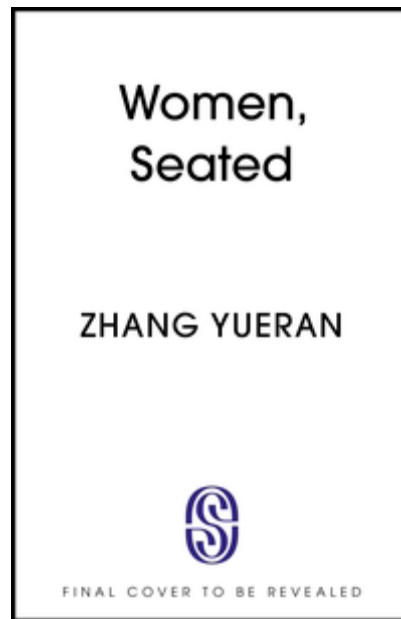
With Joy missing and the hours ticking by, not even their most devoted fans could guess the terrible secrets they have hidden from the world - and from each other.

If Benny wants to find Joy in time, and clear his own name, he'll have to solve the highest stakes survival story yet.

Women, Seated

by Zhang Yueran

A tense, gripping novel about the unravelling lives of a nanny and the family she works for following the downfall of its patriarch, a prominent Chinese politician.



February, 2026

In *Women, Seated*, we enter the world of an elite Chinese family: A life of luxury, limitless power, and around-the-clock service, which includes their trusted nanny Yu Ling.

Slipping in and out of the shadows, careful to speak deferentially, meticulous in her care of their only son Kuan Kuan, Yu has served the family for years and knows their secrets. But little do they suspect that Yu has secrets of her own.

In the pressure-cooker political environment of China, the fates of even the most powerful families can reverse overnight. When Kuan Kuan's father and grandfather are arrested and his socialite mother goes on the run, Yu is left behind to make a series of life-changing choices.

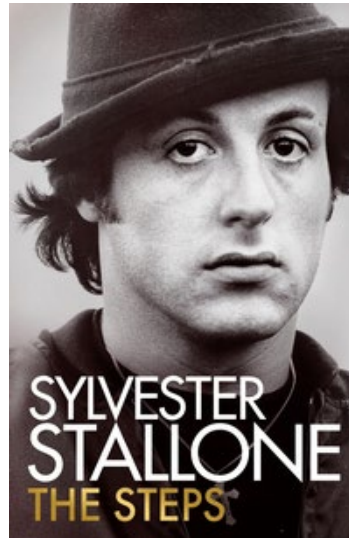
Will she be able to outrun her own past? How far will she go to claim what she considers her due?

Biographies and Memoirs

The Steps

by Sylvester Stallone

A gritty, inspiring, heart-wrenching memoir by the Academy Award-winning legend and icon Sylvester Stallone, about his unlikely path to stardom and the creation of the greatest underdog story ever told.



May, 2026

A gritty, inspiring, heart-wrenching memoir by the Academy Award-winning legend and icon Sylvester Stallone, about his unlikely path to stardom and the creation of the greatest underdog story ever told.

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 and 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. He writes of his early days and later years, too, and the persistence, creativity and resilience that led not only to the creation of *Rocky* but to a career filled with remarkably iconic roles. *The Steps* is a testament to Stallone's extraordinary life and a profound meditation on the importance of vision and willpower and hard work.

The Land and Its People

by David Sedaris

The new touching and hilarious book by David Sedaris



July, 2026

‘Very little makes me laugh. I would say the one exception is anything by David Sedaris’

– GRAHAM NORTON

‘Sedaris is the God of the comic essay... Sedaris' only rule: be funny or perish’

– LENA DUNHAM

‘Sedaris is the premier observer of our world and its weirdness’

– ADAM KAY

‘Wonderful’

– IAN McKELLEN

‘Unquestionably the king of comic writing’

– HADLEY FREEMAN

‘The funniest writer alive today’

– JONATHAN ROSS

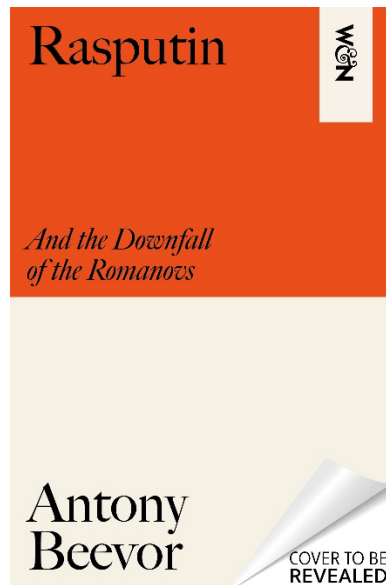
‘There isn't a dull word among these pages’

– INDIA KNIGHT

Rasputin

by Antony Beevor

Was Grigori Rasputin a visionary, a fraud, or a victim of history? Antony Beevor searches for the truth about the great seducer of the Romanovs, the wild mystic who laid the ground for the Russian Revolution.



March, 2026

How could a barely literate peasant from Siberia determine the fate of the world? Undoubtedly, the so-called 'mad monk' Rasputin bewitched Tsar Nicholas II and his wife, Alexandra. Yet their strange and scandalous relationship conceals a riddle, one that casts an intriguing light on the controversial 'great man' theory of history.

Rasputin was a devoted monarchist, not a revolutionary. He had no official position, no forces at his command. Nevertheless, he contributed more to the fall of the Romanov dynasty than any other individual. So demoralised was the Tsarist officer corps by stories of corruption, to say nothing of the rumours of his debauchery with the Empress - and even her daughters - that when the February Revolution broke out, not a sword was raised in defence of the regime.

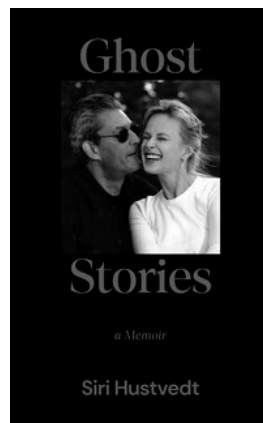
Just as Rasputin cast a spell over the Romanovs, his legend has bewitched historians. More than a century later, we still fail to comprehend fully the collapse of the greatest autocracy on Earth. Was there any truth to the wild tales that brought down the empire? Or was his true legacy an unsettling lesson on the potency of myth?

Ghost Stories

by Siri Hustvedt

Ghost Stories is Siri Hustvedt's tender memoir of the forty-three years she spent with her husband, writer, poet and filmmaker Paul Auster: from their first encounter in 1980s New York, to his death in 2024.

Featuring Paul Auster's last ever piece of writing.



May, 2026

Ghost Stories is Siri Hustvedt's most personal work yet, a searing and intimate meditation on grief, memory, and enduring love, written in the aftermath of the death of her husband, writer, poet and filmmaker Paul Auster.

It is a patchwork-quilt book that stitches together memories from over forty years of love and life together: journal entries Siri wrote between early November 2023, when Paul first became ill, and 3 May 2024, the day of his funeral; e-mails Siri sent to friends during Paul's cancer treatment; notes Paul sent her over the course of their relationship; and three love letters Siri wrote to him in 1981, when he left her for a period of nine or ten days to return to his former life with his first wife and son.

The book also contains Paul Auster's last ever piece of writing - the first thirty-five pages of what he hoped would be a small book of letters to Siri's and his grandson, Miles Auster Hustvedt Ostrander, born on 1st January 2024.

The result is an emotional, full-bodied story of Siri Hustvedt and Paul Auster's life together, an exploration of how grief unmoors time and how the intimacy of a shared life continues to mark the everyday. Part memoir, part philosophical inquiry, *Ghost Stories* is unflinching, tender, and wise. It is a story of a woman haunting her own life, and the ghosts that inhabit us even as we carry on.

Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!

by Liza Minnelli

The long-awaited memoir from stage and screen icon, Liza Minnelli



March, 2026

Fasten your seatbelts, darlings, it's been one helluva ride.

Liza Minnelli is one of the most iconic and enduring figures in entertainment history. Now, in her first and only memoir, *Liza* tells her story in her own words - and what a story it is.

Born into Hollywood royalty, Liza was the daughter of legendary director Vincente Minnelli and the incomparable Judy Garland - and yet her beloved Mama's brilliance was matched by searing personal battles, making her mother both an inspiration and, at times, a source of fear. In this deeply candid memoir, Liza pulls back the curtain on her extraordinary life, from her meteoric rise to Broadway and Hollywood stardom to the whirlwind of high-profile marriages and scandalous affairs, as well as the private heartbreaks of multiple miscarriages and lifelong struggle with Substance Use Disorder. As told to her most beloved confidant, music icon Michael Feinstein, Liza relives the liberated nights at Studio 54, the activism and friendships that shaped her - including the likes of Frank Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor, Halston, Mary J. Blige, Michael Jackson and Princess Diana - and the fearless way she defied conventions, embracing sexual fluidity and battling bigotry at a time of limited public understanding.

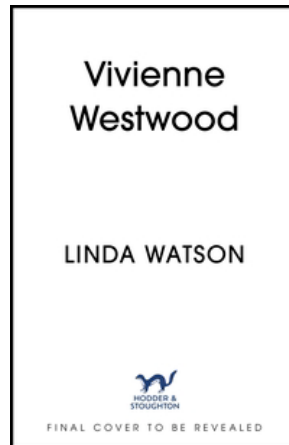
But above all, as she turns 80 years old, Liza is reclaiming her truth, dispelling tabloid myths and setting the record straight with stories she's never shared before. Raw, strong, sexy, hilarious and unapologetically honest, this is a defiant celebration of self-belief, survival and humanity - proving once and for all why Liza remains one of the most captivating performers the world has ever known.

Willkommen to the world of Liza.

Vivienne Westwood

by Linda Watson

*A uniquely personal and insightful biography of revolutionary fashion icon
Vivienne Westwood.*



June, 2026

Vivienne Westwood was a conundrum. Softly spoken yet forthright, she straddled the worlds of fashion, politics, social justice and sartorial observation. Viewed globally as a quintessentially English figure, with an irreverent edge, she was a visionary who was obsessed with history and lived as though she was born in another century. She brought punk to the mainstream, was celebrated as a fashion designer through a long career and was a tireless and provocative activist for civil liberties and environmental causes.

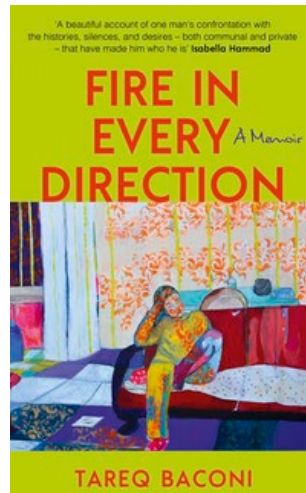
Vivienne Westwood: The Lives of a Renaissance Woman is the first biography of the fashion icon since her death in 2022; a product of meticulous research, exclusive interviews with those who knew Westwood best and the biographer's 40-year friendship with her subject.

It offers an insider's view of a woman who was internationally famous but known well by very few, telling the story of how a working-class English country girl became an international icon and succeeded against all odds.

Fire in Every Direction

by Tareq Baconi

From the renowned Palestinian scholar, a memoir of political and queer awakening, of impossible love amidst generations of displacement, and what it means to return home.



February, 2026

Both a love story and a coming-of-age tale that spans countries and continents, *Fire in Every Direction* balances humour and loss, nostalgia and hope, as it takes us from the Middle East to London, and from 1948 to the present. Tareq Baconi crafts a deeply intimate, unforgettable portrait of how a political consciousness - desire and resistance - is passed down through generations.

In 1948, Tareq's grandmother would flee Haifa as Zionist militias seized the city. In the late 1970s, she would flee Beirut with her daughter, as the country was in the throes of a civil war. In Amman, the family would eventually obtain the comfort of middle-class life - still, a young Tareq would feel trapped: by cultures of silence, by a sense of not belonging, by his own growing awareness that he is in love with his childhood best friend, Ramzi.

After relocating to London, Tareq hopes to put aside his past. Yet as the Iraq War radicalizes young people around the world towards anti-war protest, history comes back to him.

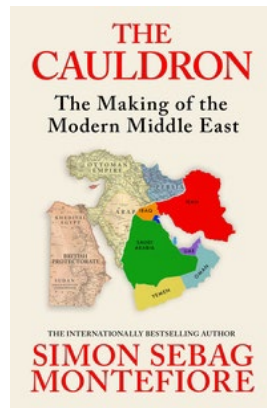
Living between the region and London, Tareq fits in neither and feels alienated from both. Queerness is policed back in Amman, just as his Palestinian-ness is abroad. These gradual estrangements escalate, forcing him to grapple with what it means to live in liminal spaces, and rethink the meaning of home.

History

The Cauldron

by Simon Sebag Montefiore

A history of the Middle East, from Morocco, Yemen and Iran to Sudan, Israel and Turkey, since 1900, from the No.1 bestselling author of JERUSALEM



August, 2026

How did one extraordinary prince create Saudi Arabia?

Why were a million Armenians killed during WWI?

How did an elderly cleric overthrow the Shah and become ruler of Iran?

Why did the Arab Spring fail?

Could Trump's peace deal lead to a new Middle East?

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE MAKING OF TODAY'S MIDDLE EAST: A SPELLBINDING HISTORY FROM THE BESTSELLING, PRIZEWINNING HISTORIAN AND MASTER STORYTELLER, SIMON SEBAG MONTEFIORE

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.

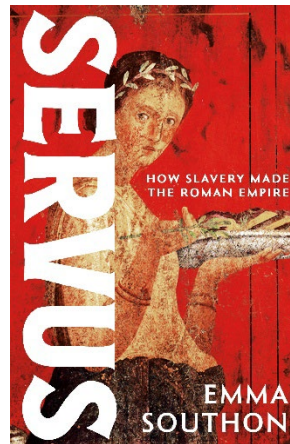
In *The Cauldron*, Simon Sebag Montefiore delivers a fresh and unique history of the entire region in all its diversity, from 1900 up to the present day. Taking the reader on a spectacular journey from the Ottoman sultanate to the Trump presidency, from Morocco to Iran, this is a dazzling panorama of faith and fanaticism, creativity and tolerance, dictatorship and democracy brought to life by an extraordinary cast of kings, warriors, poets, terrorists and peacemakers.

This is the essential story of how the Middle East of 1900 became the Middle East of today - and tomorrow.

Servus

by Emma Southon

A ground-breaking account of the role slavery played in the creation and maintenance of the Roman Empire by acclaimed classical historian Emma Southon.



May, 2026

We associate the Romans with majesty and greatness: we marvel at their straight roads and innovative underfloor heating, at the dominance of their army and navy, at the grandeur of their palaces and temples. But the Romans were also enslavers. They built an empire on the backs of millions of people snatched from their homes in the aftermath of war, kidnapped from the streets, sold into slavery as punishment or, simply, born enslaved.

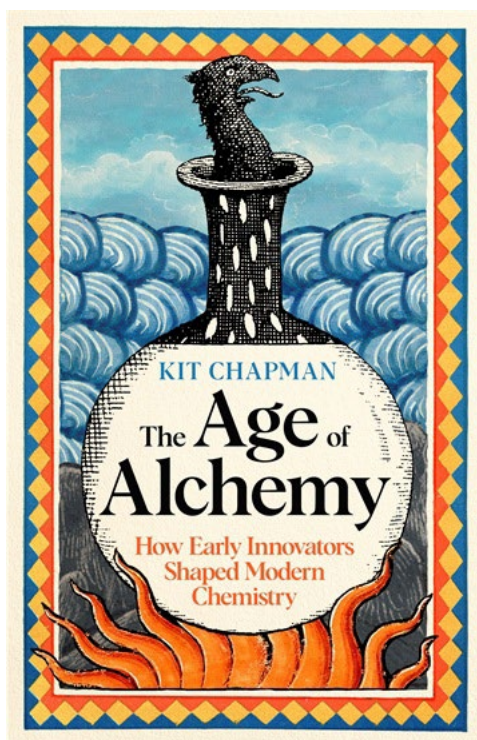
Servus takes us into the invisible spaces of the Roman world, where millions of enslaved lives were unwillingly dedicated to the perpetuation of the empire that owned them. From the fields of wheat required to give every Roman their daily bread, to the actors and gladiators who provided their circuses, and the miners who kept Rome a city of gold and marble, enslaved people were the bedrock of the Roman Empire. These enslaved people were ubiquitous, but silenced. Through the fragments they left behind, historian Emma Southon traces the pain and tragedy of their lives alongside the love stories, lifelong friendships, small victories and hard-won freedoms.

Servus tells the truth about the Roman empire and the unseen lives that made it so dominant.

The Age of Alchemy

by Kit Chapman

Reach through time and across continents to see the history of chemistry as it's never been told.



April, 2026

Conventional wisdom tells us that chemistry was 'invented' in the eighteenth century. In truth, it emerged gradually over the course of thousands of years, as scientific knowledge was discovered, collected, lost, rediscovered and refined.

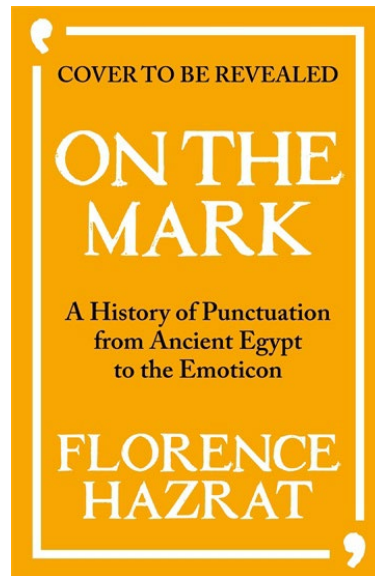
The first chemists were Sri Lankan steel forgers in the first century BCE; alchemists in third-century Egypt; herbalists in seventh-century China. Whether attempting to transform base metals into gold, cure disease or achieve immortality, these earliest figures blurred science and mysticism in search of answers.

Science writer Kit Chapman criss-crosses the globe to uncover chemistry's debts to these earliest innovators, revealing the illuminating story of how they broke new ground and shaped the scientific method.

On the Mark

by Florence Hazrat

How punctuation turned the written word into something worth reading.



June, 2026

Why does this sentence start with a capital letter? Why is this one broken up - and why does it end in a question mark? Does anyone really know what a semicolon is for; why are italics *italicised*, and why do these words have spaces between them?

Punctuation is what turns written words into meaningful language. It inflects our words with nuance: it is the difference between a nice surprise! And a nasty ending...

Punctuation allows us to make jokes, ask questions, build suspense and banish bewilderment. Its rules free us to express ourselves in writing, and it is constantly evolving and expanding.

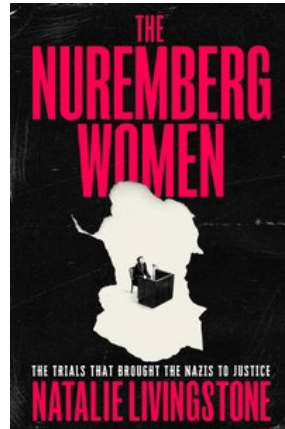
The story of punctuation stretches from the ancient past to the future, from the fall of the Roman Empire to the rise of the emoji, the birth of the printing press to the death of the Oxford Comma. The definitive biography of punctuation, *On the Mark* reveals its storied past, constant evolution, and how it has transformed how we connect, communicate and experiment through language.

A deeply researched treasure trove, *On the Mark* is a journey through time and place for language lovers everywhere.

The Nuremberg Women

by Natalie Livingstone

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of The Mistresses of Cliveden and The Women of Rothschild, the overlooked history of the crucial role played by women during Nuremberg, the most famous trial of the twentieth century.



April, 2026

The most famous trial of the twentieth century - told through the eyes of the women history forgot.

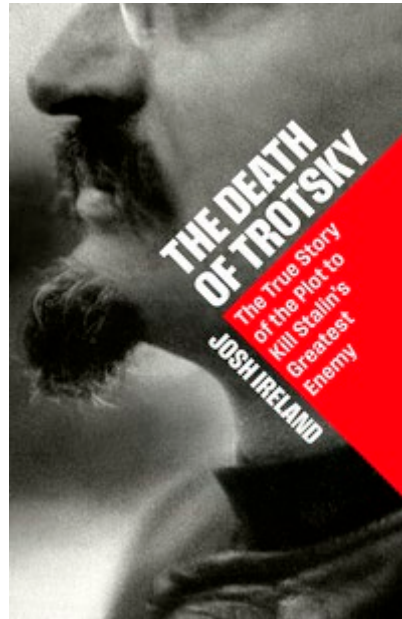
In November 1945, the world turned its gaze to Nuremberg. Inside a courtroom built by and for men, justice was being sought for crimes almost beyond comprehension. The spotlight fell on Nazi leaders, Allied prosecutors and military judges - but in the shadows, women were recording, interpreting, witnessing, painting, testifying. Yet their names were often missing from the headlines. Eighty years on, this book finally returns them to the centre of the story.

The Nuremberg Women follows eight extraordinary figures: a young Soviet interpreter balancing political survival with truth-telling; a British painter capturing justice in oils; a French resistance fighter who survived Auschwitz to confront her persecutors; a Hungarian countess hosting both Nazis and survivors in a single house. Alongside them stand the sharpest literary minds of the day - Erika Mann, Rebecca West and others - each wielding the pen as a tool of reckoning. Far from the official narrative, Natalie Livingstone reveals a trial that was more intimate, chaotic and human than history has allowed. It was a place of intense love affairs and political tensions, of personal reckonings and the first tremors of the Cold War. These women, often dismissed or sidelined, shaped how the trial unfolded - and how it was remembered. This is Nuremberg as you've never seen it: not only a reckoning with the horrors of war, but a story of erasure, courage and transformation. Their voices - once silenced - now ring out with clarity, offering a powerful new vision of the past, and of justice itself.

The Death of Trotsky

by Josh Ireland

A pulse-pounding true story of espionage, betrayal and murder - tracing the long hunt that led from the Kremlin to Mexico City and ending in one of the most infamous assassinations of the 20th century.



February, 2026

In August 1940, a man walked into Leon Trotsky's study in Mexico City and drove an ice pick into his skull. The killer? Ramón Mercader - an aristocratic Spaniard turned Soviet assassin. The mastermind? Joseph Stalin.

But this was no simple hit. It was the climax of a decade-long global hunt: a story of seduction and betrayal, of fake identities and secret loyalties, of idealists and fanatics, lovers and spies. While Trotsky raged in exile - still clinging to his revolutionary dream - Stalin's agents closed in. And at the heart of it all was Mercader: a man trained to lie, charm and ultimately to kill.

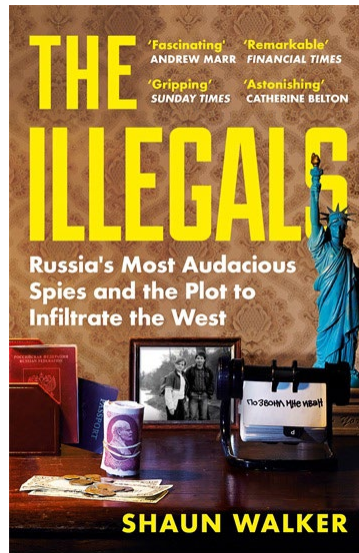
With newly uncovered sources and the narrative pace of a thriller, acclaimed historian Josh Ireland reveals the full, electrifying story of one of history's most infamous assassinations.

From the salons of Paris to the backstreets of Barcelona, from the NKVD's shadowy archives to a bloody study in Mexico, *The Death of Trotsky* is a gripping tale of power, paranoia, and the price of dissent.

The Illegals

by Shaun Walker

A pacy, character-driven history of the KGB's deepest cover spies in the West, a system that took decades to unravel.



April, 2026

In 2010, two decades after the Cold War had ended, ten Russian spies were arrested in America, having hidden their true identities from their friends, neighbours and even their children. They were part of a spy programme that had begun nearly a century earlier. These deep-cover missions - some remarkable feats of espionage, others high profile failures - could last for decades.

Drawing on hundreds of hours of interviews, as well as newly discovered archival material, Shaun Walker brings this history to life in a page-turning tour de force that goes to the heart of what became the most ambitious espionage programme in history.

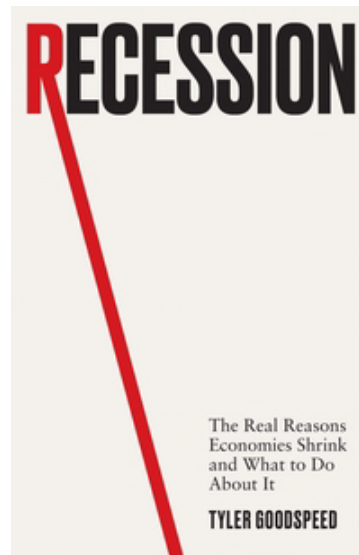
The Illegals shines new light on the long arc of the Soviet experiment and its messy aftermath - and on how that hidden history shaped Russia and the West.

Economy and Politics

Recession

by Tyler Goodspeed

From a top economist, the real explanation for why recessions start, how long they last, and how to avoid them in the first place.



March, 2026

What causes a recession? Do recessions end on their own, or do they require external intervention? Does a recession in one country mean the rest of the world will follow? Are we in a recession now?

Economic expert Tyler Goodspeed answers these questions and many more in *Recession*, a groundbreaking new analysis of economic contractions over the last four centuries. Combining the historian's extensive primary source material and the economist's arsenal of statistical analysis, this book rewrites what we know about recessions. Contrary to popular perception, recessions are not the inevitable bust that follows an unsustainable boom, and they do not operate like wildfires that clear out economic deadwood. Recessions are caused by adverse shocks like war and energy price spikes, and far from unleashing gales of creative destruction, after a recession, economic growth typically resumes the same trend as before—all pain, no gain. While recessions have become less frequent over time, decisions made by businesses and governments can prolong recessions, and Goodspeed offers guidance to avoid making recessions worse. Issuing an important corrective to economic thinking, *Recession* is essential reading for high-level policymakers and armchair economists alike.

The Next World War

by Peter Apps

The inside story of the political crises that may spark the next major international conflict - and how it might be averted - by the Reuters global affairs commentator and British Army analyst Peter Apps.



January, 2026

The Next World War takes readers behind the scenes of the most dangerous era of international tensions since the end of the Cold War, as countries and military forces prepare for potential large-scale combat on a scale unseen since 1945.

From the corridors of power in Washington, Whitehall, Moscow and Beijing to the new frontlines of conflict in Ukraine, Taiwan, cyberspace and even the far side of the moon, Peter Apps unflinchingly explores the fault lines where global peace is already starting to unravel.

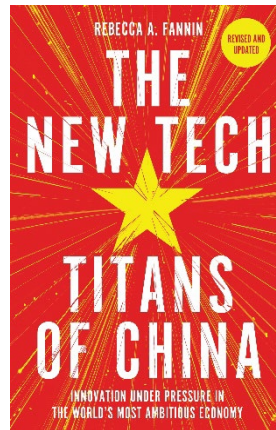
Featuring the voices of the commanders, diplomats and technologists already shaping history, as well as the nervous conscripts and ordinary people directly caught up in events, *The Next World War* examines the real-world effects of this new era of global confrontation. For some - including millions of citizens told to stockpile food and water and prepare for potential mass disruption - it still may not feel entirely real. But for Russia, China and their growing 'axis of upheaval', today's conflicts represent a growing opportunity to reshape the world as they would like it - leading to potential disaster for the West if it cannot heed the warnings in time.

From the return of Cold War-style atomic threats to new forms of sabotage and 'hybrid warfare', the battle for global dominance is already firmly underway. *The Next World War* is the book you need to understand the growing precariousness of our current situation - and the unending battle to stop it escalating past the point of no return.

The New Tech Titans of China

by Rebecca A. Fannin

The essential contemporary guide to China's tech ambitions, global expansion, and the shifting strategies powering its rise-and its growing clash with the West.



May, 2026

Featuring detailed profiles of the Chinese tech companies making waves, the tech sectors that matter most in China's grab for superpower status, and forward-looking insights into the next decade of China's evolving tech dominance-including breakthroughs in AI, blockchain, and quantum computing.

The rise of China's tech giants and the intensifying global competition from this sector is far from over. As geopolitical tensions rise and Western nations reassess their dependence on Chinese technologies, the landscape is growing more complex-and more urgent. From generative AI and digital currencies to the global reach of platforms like TikTok and Temu, China's influence continues to expand, often in defiance of growing regulatory pushback.

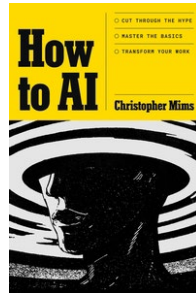
Tech Titans of China remains the go-to guide for those seeking to understand China's sweeping tech ambitions, the powerful companies behind them, and the bold strategies they're deploying-from chip self-sufficiency and surveillance tech to AI leadership and green innovation.

Rebecca Fannin, a leading expert on the Chinese tech sector, is an internationally recognized journalist, author, and speaker. Through her company, Silicon Dragon, Fannin continues to host global forums and connect business leaders, venture capitalists, startup founders, and others navigating the impact of China's rapidly shifting tech landscape and its increasingly contested place in the global economy.

How to AI

by Christopher Mims

*AI is nothing to be afraid of.
After all, AI is merely software.*



January, 2026

It's great at some things and (at least right now) terrible at others. But for workers who take time to experiment with AI and develop expertise, AI will make them more productive and more creative, saving them time, giving them job security, and boosting their income.

In *How to AI*, *Wall Street Journal* columnist Christopher Mims introduces readers to people just like them who are at the forefront of using AI in the world of work. Imagine a freelance lawyer who suddenly has a whip-smart assistant to help her nail every deposition. Or a family-run construction company whose new software tool is automating construction bids that used to eat up hundreds of hours.

But even as half a billion people around the world have leapt at the chance to use ChatGPT and other tools, millions of us have stayed on the sidelines. Are you one of them? Maybe you feel you should be using AI tools, but you don't know where to begin. Or maybe you love AI but find yourself struggling to get your co-workers or employees on board. In *How to AI*, Mims teaches readers twenty-four simple but eye-opening "laws" of AI and how we should approach it, including:

AI is an assistant, not a replacement.
AI isn't creative, but it can help you be.
Give AI your least favorite things to do.
AI can't create finished products, but it's great at prototypes.

Animated by the wit and brilliant explanatory power that have earned Mims's *Wall Street Journal* columns a devoted following, *How to AI* will prepare readers to become a part of the AI revolution-and, most importantly, arm them with the tools to make it work for them.

We Know You Can Pay a Million

by Anja Shortland

A deeply informed, nail-biting expose of the multibillion-dollar hacking and ransomware industry.



April, 2026

You know it's coming: a frozen computer, an office filled with blank screens, a printed message. The clock is ticking. Your colleagues have hours to strike a deal.

Cybercrime is everywhere. From governments to airlines, hospitals to banks, institutions of every kind have paid out millions to hackers. Now a multibillion-dollar industry, ransomware is recognised as a serious threat to global security, yet remains a slippery and little understood phenomenon.

From a leading expert in illicit trading, *We Know You Can Pay a Million* spotlights the criminal underworld where organised groups trade stolen information and cryptocurrencies, and reveals the fascinating histories of the superhackers whose activities have potentially catastrophic implications for us all.

The Wealth Habit

by *Ken Okoroafor and Mary Okoroafor*

Transform your finances with a series of effortless, repeatable actions which compound into life-changing wealth.



March, 2026

Wealth doesn't start with money, it starts with a habit.

Most people think that wealth is reserved for the lucky few—those born into privilege, gifted with an entrepreneurial streak, or naturally skilled with money. But the truth is, financial success isn't about luck—it's about habits.

The Wealth Habit is a groundbreaking, behaviour-driven approach to wealth-building that rewrites the way you think about money, turning financial success into a series of tiny, effortless, repeatable actions. Instead of overwhelming readers with rigid budgets or complex investment strategies, this book reveals how small, daily financial moves compound into life-changing wealth - no matter where you start.

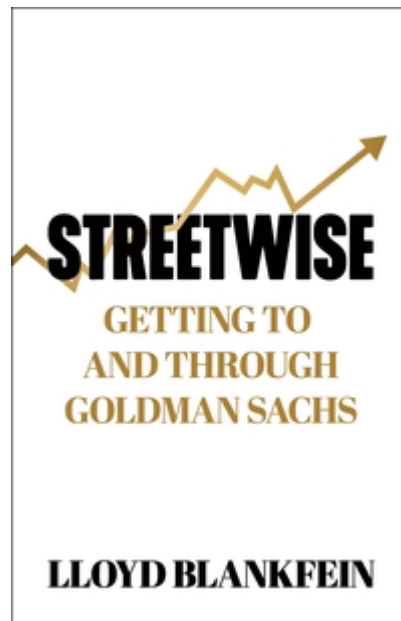
Whether you're struggling with money, looking to break free from the paycheck-to-paycheck cycle, or searching for a stress-free, automated way to build wealth, this book gives you a clear, habit-based roadmap to make financial success inevitable.

Start small. Repeat often. Let the habit lead the way.

Streetwise

by Lloyd Blankfein

The long-tenured CEO of Goldman Sachs - an institution legendary for its far-sighted culture of success - shares the hard-won wisdom gained from a life in global leadership.



March, 2026

When Lloyd Blankfein was attacked as a Wall Street fat cat, little did people know of his precarious childhood in the public housing projects of Brooklyn, and a high school so chaotic he didn't feel safe enough to use the bathroom. Harvard was a total moon shot, and his outsider status never wore off. When he struck people as *street-y*, it wasn't Wall Street they were thinking of. But if the chip never quite left the shoulder, neither did a wry, resilient spirit, and an intelligence that found talent and ideas in unlikely places.

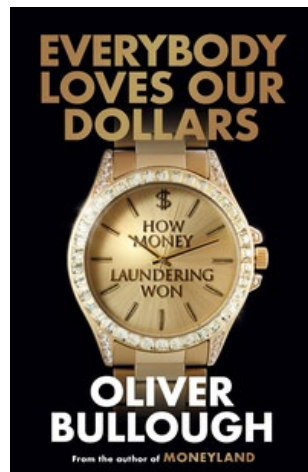
Street Wise is a delightfully honest, sharp and often very funny reckoning with Blankfein's education - in finance, human nature and the workings of the world. It abounds with lessons - about leading teams of brilliant, aggressive, competitive people and harmonising them around shared goals; about changing when times are hard and when they're good; about managing risk; and about knowing a crisis is at hand before it swamps you. Blankfein is famed for his calm hand on Goldman's tiller during the global financial crisis of 2007-2008, and that story is told in full here among many other decisive episodes.

A marvelous blueprint for wise leadership, *Street Wise* will inspire and inform readers throughout the global business community, and beyond.

Everybody Loves Our Dollars

by Oliver Bullough

A wide-ranging exposé of global money laundering - and the dark financial secrets at the heart of the world economy - from one of Britain's leading investigative journalists.



January, 2026

From the bestselling author of *MONEYLAND* and *BUTLER TO THE WORLD*, a revelatory new anatomy of global money laundering, the crime that makes crime pay

Without money laundering, few crimes of acquisition would be worth the trouble. South America's drug cartels would be stuffed without it, as would Nigerian kleptocrats, Afghan terrorists, American tax evaders and a whole bestiary of human (and animal) traffickers the world over.

And yet, estimates of the dirty portion of world GDP have held steady at 2%-5% for decades. All efforts at legislation, diplomacy, prosecution and compliance have been a complete flop. It's not a lack of will to stamp it out. It's a lack of insight. So join bestselling investigative journalist Oliver Bullough on a perspective-altering adventure through the flipside of the global economy.

In the criminal world, cash is still king (in fact, crime might now be the main thing cash is good for, and even why it still exists). Barter is pretty good too: vast, continent-wide exchanges of everything from luxury handbags to baby eels support a triangular drug trade linking Europe to the Far East. Cryptocurrencies flow through paper ledgers that would make a Florentine merchant feel at home.

And the system works. Whether you're a fraudster, a cartel boss, a corrupt politician, a kleptocrat or a terrorist mastermind, your options to move and hide your money are more secure and more impenetrable than they have ever been. There has never been a better time to be a criminal. It's time that changed.

Big Math

by Steven Strogatz and Alex Townsend

BIG MATH is the secret of modern life decoded - an exploration of how BIG TECH has turned into BIG MONEY by award-winning mathematicians and professors Steven Strogatz and Alex Townsend.

July, 2026

Imagine every photo on your phone, every movie you stream, and every secure credit card transaction you make online. Big Math (i.e., linear algebra) is operating under the hood for each of these everyday miracles. It is:

- The mathematical machinery that compresses images so they can be quickly uploaded to Instagram.
- The secret sauce behind Netflix to recommend your next favorite show.
- The sentinel that encrypts your data to keep it safe from prying eyes.
- The force behind Google's search algorithm allowing you to sift through the vastness of the internet with a few keystrokes.

The brainpower enabling the AI revolution, from self-driving cars to large language models like ChatGPT.

Big math provides the concepts and algorithms needed in today's digital world. Yet Big Math isn't limited to practical applications. It promotes a broader, multi-dimensional thinking style critical for solving problems in all walks of life. It teaches us to see and manipulate relationships in a cloud of numbers, understand structures and patterns, and simplify complex problems into manageable pieces. This skill set is invaluable for scientists, engineers, programmers, entrepreneurs, financial quants, and anyone who deals with the colossal amounts of data that define our information-saturated age.

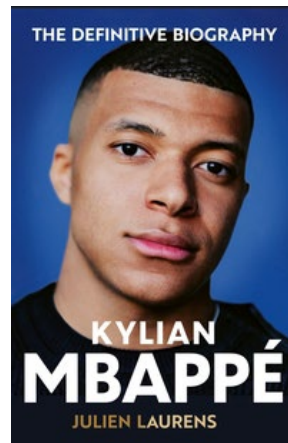
BIG MATH is the first book to introduce linear algebra to a non-technical audience - exploring what it is, who created it, and why it matters.

Sports

Kylian Mbappé

by Julien Laurens

The definitive biography of the world's greatest footballer, Kylian Mbappé, from the world's leading French football journalist, Julien Laurens.



May, 2026

“Only the second teenager to have scored a goal in a World Cup Final! Welcome to the club - it's great to have some company!” - Pelé

This was the praise lauded upon Kylian Mbappé who, at just 19 years of age, led the French national team to triumph at the 2018 World Cup. As golden confetti rained down from the sky, millions across the globe watched as the young man kissed the iconic trophy; the heir to Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as the best footballer in the world had announced himself. It was his crowning moment.

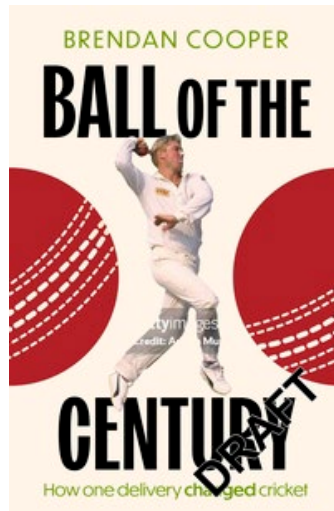
In *Kylian Mbappé*, Julien Laurens, the world's leading French football journalist, paints a vivid and detailed portrait of Mbappé's meteoric rise to global stardom. After a decade of covering Kylian's career, Julien has had unprecedented access to the player, his inner circle, his coaches, teammates and family. From Mbappé's humble upbringing in the suburbs of Paris and his schooling at the infamous Clairefontaine football academy, to his peerless rise with AS Monaco and Paris Saint-Germain, Julien crafts an intimate account of Mbappé's early life and career.

Authoritative, compelling and gripping, this is the definitive biography of the world's greatest footballer.

Ball of the Century

by **Brendan Cooper**

The ball that changed modern Cricket...



May, 2026

... the ball drifted further and further and further and then dropped, hitting the pitch seven or eight inches outside leg stump before turning at a brutal, impossible angle . . .

Never, in all of cricket's rich and profound history, has one delivery had such a devastating impact. Rarely, if ever, has a player shot so instantaneously from obscurity to worldwide fame. The history of cricket can even be said to be split in two, either side of that moment. Pre- and post-Warne. After the Ball of the Century, everything had changed. That burst of superior magic would haunt English cricket for the rest of the decade, as well as transforming the nature of the game - resurrecting the art of leg spin, and plaguing batsmen's dreams.

In the early 90s, England's performances had already been patchy. Management and leadership were frail. Just before that ill-fated summer of '93, England had lost every single test in their tour of the subcontinent. And at the very moment that Warne removed Mike Gatting's off bail, a new shadow covered everything. It was an era-defining moment - a cricketing atom bomb from which it would take them a long time to recover.

Ball of the Century is the story of cricket in the final years of the twentieth century, either side of that fateful day. For all that has been written about Warne, one of the transcendent legends of world sport, there has never been a book written about that ball and its legacy. England would go on to lose every Ashes series that decade; by the summer of 1999, they had become officially the worst team in the world. It was only as a new century dawned that a brighter era began to surface, with the struggles and disappointments of one decade spawning the triumphs of the next.

Ball of the Century will explore how cricket's most iconic moment shook cricket to the core. In doing so, it will show how a single moment really can shape history.

Three Kings

by **Mark Hodgkinson**

The full story of how Federer, Nadal and Djokovic dominated tennis's golden era - and changed the sport forever.



August, 2026

In *The Big Three*, award-winning author Mark Hodgkinson delivers the first definitive account of the most intense rivalry in sporting history - an era shaped not just by talent, but by three radically different minds.

Drawing on revealing interviews with coaches, former players, and those closest to the trio, Hodgkinson explores what made Federer so effortless yet ruthless, how Nadal turned pain into power, and why Djokovic created men's tennis's golden era.

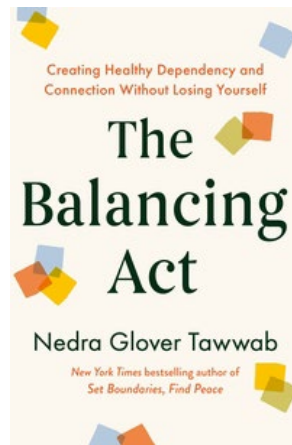
From playing styles and psychological warfare to training, tension and turning points, this is a deep dive into the forces - personal, mental and physical - that pushed each man to the edge. Hodgkinson revisits the era's defining matches, capturing what it felt like to face a Federer pass, a Nadal forehand, or a Djokovic return - and asks the question the sport struggles to answer: who was the greatest of all time?

Mind, Body, Spirit

The Balancing Act

by **Nedra Glover Tawwab**

*An eye-opening guide to understanding healthy dependency - and how we can bring our relationships back into balance - from the bestselling author of **Set Boundaries, Find Peace**.*



February, 2026

I need some space.

Why are you so distant?

You want more than I can give.

Every relationship in our lives - from love and close friendship to extended family and our wider social circle - is a balancing act. If we give too much, we begin to lose ourselves. If we protect ourselves too much, we lose the closeness we all need. Getting the balance right is how we find more connection, authenticity, and joy.

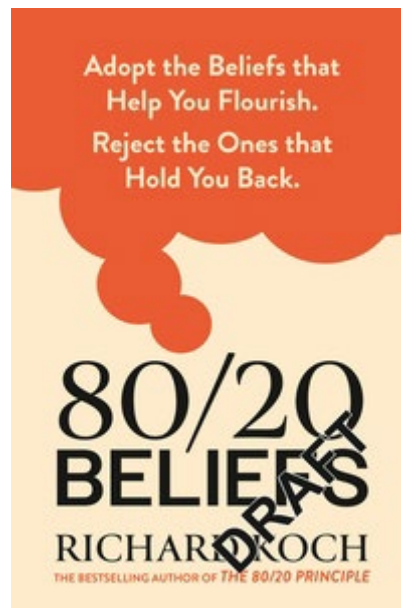
The Balancing Act is a roadmap for finding that balance. With her signature blend of clarity and compassion, therapist Nedra Glover Tawwab sheds light on healthy dependency, and how to achieve it. Along the way, she unpacks buzzwords and trending topics including co-dependency, attachment styles, inner family systems and more - offering practical advice for recognising our needs, navigating conflict, and finding more harmony with the important people in our lives.

Whether you're yearning for more trust with a spouse or partner, more clarity with a best friend or sibling, or more agency in how you show up in the world, these insights will help you re-evaluate, reset and relate better.

80/20 Beliefs

by Richard Koch

Million-copy bestselling author Richard Koch reveals how changing a few core beliefs can transform your life and provide lasting happiness.



June, 2026

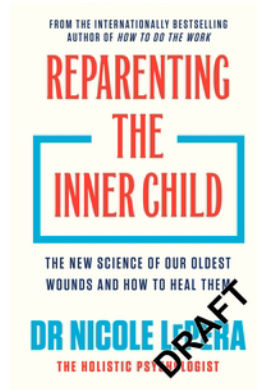
Discover how changing a few core beliefs can transform your life and provide last happiness.

In his million-copy bestseller, *THE 80/20 PRINCIPLE*, Richard Koch showed readers how to take advantage of the simple fact that 80% of your results come from 20% of your efforts. In *80/20 BELIEFS*, he shows how just a few core beliefs - often unconscious yet profoundly influential - shape our lives, happiness and success. By identifying and examining the 'toxic' beliefs that cause unnecessary stress and shaping them into good beliefs that foster resilience and joy, we can enjoy a life of greater fulfilment.

ReParenting the Inner Child

by Dr Nicole LePera

The definitive guide to healing your inner child from psychotherapist and internationally bestselling author, Dr Nicole LePera.



March, 2026

REPARING THE INNER CHILD is a deep dive exploration into how we became who we became, giving us the holistic tools needed to integrate our inner child and become our authentic Self.

There is a common misconception that our inner child is an immature part of us that has tantrums or shuts down, and that "healing the inner child" means talking to this child-like part of ourselves like a kind, nurturing parent might, so that it can grow up or otherwise disappear. But this is an incomplete view of this integral aspect of our experience. The inner child expresses deeply ingrained and often necessary adaptations that occurred when our earliest needs weren't met, when we didn't have access to the safety and comfort we needed, and when we learned that there were certain of our characteristics, emotions, or behaviors that weren't acceptable.

Here, for the first time, readers will be guided through a science-based, self-led program of reparenting the inner child through the never-before-seen "Four Pillars of Reparenting," which neatly map onto the "Individual Development Model." Knowing where their development was challenged, readers will learn how to address those needs both somatically and narratively to integrate their inner child into an Authentic Self that is resilient to setbacks and changes, and open to possibility. This roadmap to inner child healing work will allow readers to harness the power of neuroplasticity to rewire the habitual reactions of their subconscious mind. Additionally, readers will find the concrete tools necessary to cultivate the emotional maturity needed to be responsive and resilient through whatever life throws their way.

Ultimately, with empathy for the inner child and a new understanding of what others may also be experiencing, we can live more authentically, more joyfully, with a greater sense of connection with ourselves and to the world around us.

Consolations

by Irene Vallejo

Timeless wisdom from the ancient world to dip into every day - from internationally bestselling classicist Irene Vallejo.



April, 2026

UPLIFTING, PRACTICAL AND SURPRISING WISDOM FROM THE MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING CLASSICIST

Why do some loves endure while others fade? Is happiness something we can learn? Why do some things feel like work and others like leisure?

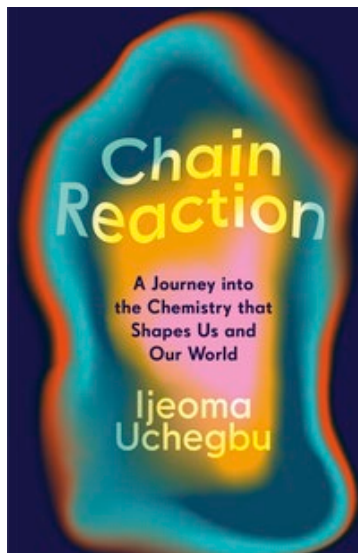
Every new page of *Consolations* offers a thought-provoking idea about life - from friendship and family arguments to ageing and narcissism. Renowned classicist Irene Vallejo shows us how each of these ideas has its roots in ancient times, drawing on the wisdom of Aristotle and Seneca, as well as lesser known philosophy and history.

Each entry brings a surprising insight, and helps us to think differently about our daily life. These are fascinating little gems to read every day, and to savour slowly.

Chain Reaction

by Ijeoma Uchegbu

A personal and eye-opening exploration of the chemistry that binds us all together.



April, 2026

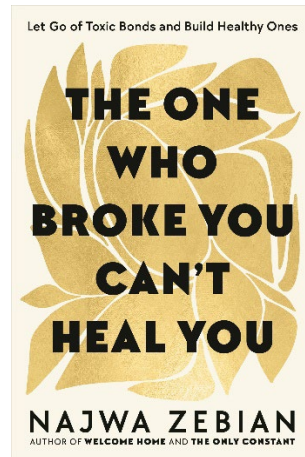
All around us are ever-evolving strings of chain reactions, of bonds forged and broken, of connections made and unmade in less than the blink of an eye.

In *Chain Reaction*, Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu dives into the chemistry that underpins our everyday existence. With warmth and personal anecdotes about the chemistry that has shaped her life, Uchegbu takes us on a journey exploring how our bodies are held together by weak chemical bonds, how our constituent molecules start to break up once our heart stops beating, how our food is stitched together by a careful exploitation of chemical bonds at the interface between water and oil, and exactly what the fibres in our clothes are made of. To be human is to be a walking chemical reaction, as our individual cells are all powered by careful co-ordination of chemistry.

The One Who Broke You Can't Heal You

by Najwa Zebian

A validating and prescriptive guide on how to break the bonds that tear us down and create the ones that build us up, from the celebrated author of Welcome Home.



June, 2026

We are bound to people in our romantic relationships and friendships, in our families and at work. And those bonds push and pull at us in ways that might make us feel stuck, dispensable, or unstable. Those bonds can also make us feel valued, respected, and truly loved. *The One Who Broke You Can't Heal You* shines a light on the healthy bonds we deserve in our lives. You will learn about the bonds that you are participating in and the price you may be paying from your authenticity. You will learn that you can break the bonds that hurt and build the ones that heal. *The One Who Broke You Can't Heal You* examines several different types of bonds including: convenient bonds, trauma bonds, toxic bonds, forced bonds, enabling bonds, transactional bonds, and healthy bonds. One truth will always stand: The most important bond you have in your life is the one with yourself. By keeping that bond strong and healthy, you can create nourishing soul-to-soul bonds with others.

Brain Defenders

by David Perlmutter

Not since GRAIN BRAIN has Dr Perlmutter written a book that will shake the foundation of what we know about neurological health and healing.

August, 2026

A ground-breaking new book from the bestselling author Dr David Perlmutter that will transform our understanding and treatment of degenerative brain diseases that are afflicting people around the world.

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.

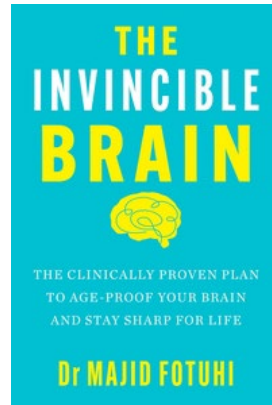
Current drug treatments mostly mask symptoms rather than cure and the statistics are grim: worldwide, 55 million people suffer from Alzheimer's, 10 million people have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, and serious neurological disorders are on a rapid rise.

And the good news? By following the lifestyle protocol that Dr David Perlmutter presents in the book based on supporting microglial cells to work in harmony with the body, people can become 'architects of their cognitive destiny'. The program is accessible to all with practical diet, lifestyle and exercise advice, *Brain Defenders* will help us start to win the war against the scourge of neurodegenerative diseases.

The Invincible Brain

by Dr Majid Fotuhi

Leading neuroscientist at Johns Hopkins University unveils a fascinating glimpse into the remarkable, resilient brain, and offers a science-backed plan to unlock its true potential.



March, 2026

Dr Majid Fotuhi, world-renowned neurologist and medical director of NeuroGrow Brain Fitness Center, is leading the charge in revolutionising how we understand human intelligence, brain health and age-related cognitive decline. In this groundbreaking book, he reveals the true wonder of how the brain works and its infinite potential for growth and change. Supported by over 35 years of original research, *The Invincible Brain* demonstrates how targeted lifestyle changes can prevent, treat and even reverse the effects of early Alzheimer's disease, dementia, ADHD, migraines and other neurological issues.

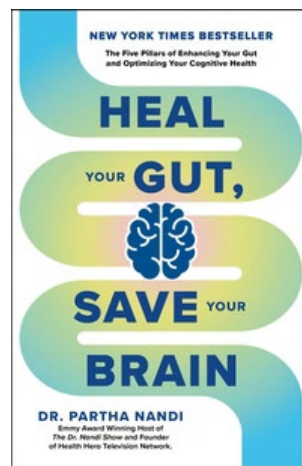
Dr Fotuhi's 12-week programme is backed by extraordinary clinical results, published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, showing that *more than 80%* of patients achieve exceptional improvements in memory, focus and cognitive functions. In elderly patients with mild cognitive impairment, MRIs show a 3% increase in the volume of the hippocampus, the key brain region for learning and memory.

This actionable guide provides a step-by-step formula for unlocking your brain's hidden potential, building resilience and maximizing mental acuity at any age.

Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain

by Dr Partha Nandi

Cognitive decline is not your destiny. You can improve your brain function through small steps taken every day.



January, 2026

Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain by gastroenterologist and health advocate Dr. Partha Nandi highlights the latest research on the gut-brain connection, giving you a clear protocol for maintaining brain health, and slowing or reducing the effects of neurodegenerative diseases as you age. This book details:

THE VITAL GUT-BRAIN CONNECTION

Discover the profound link between your gut and brain, and explore how this connection shapes your emotions, cognitive abilities, and overall mental health.

NUTRITION'S ROLE IN GUT AND BRAIN HEALTH

Unlock the secrets of a diet that nurtures your gut microbiome, paving the way for enhanced brain function, reduced inflammation, and a shield against cognitive decline.

A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF LEAKY GUT SYNDROME

Dive deep into the causes and consequences of leaky gut, or increased intestinal permeability, learning how it can trigger systemic inflammation and affect brain health.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Embrace Dr. Nandi's five pillars of health - nutrition, movement, community, spirituality, and purpose - for a comprehensive strategy that nurtures gut health and, in turn, boosts cognitive function and overall vitality.

THE IMPACT OF THE MICROBIOME ON NEURODEGENERATION

Learn about the critical role of your gut's microbiome in preventing and battling neurodegenerative diseases like stroke, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.

The Optimized Human

by Olli Sovijärvi, M.D., Teemu Arina and Jaakko Halmetoja

The ultimate, accessible guide to hacking your sleep, nutrition, exercise, work and mental performance.



February, 2026

If you want to improve your life, health and happiness you need to upgrade the fundamentals: sleep, nutrition, exercise, work and the mind. And the best way to do this is through applying science, nutrition and even technology to these areas of our lives - the art known as 'biohacking'!

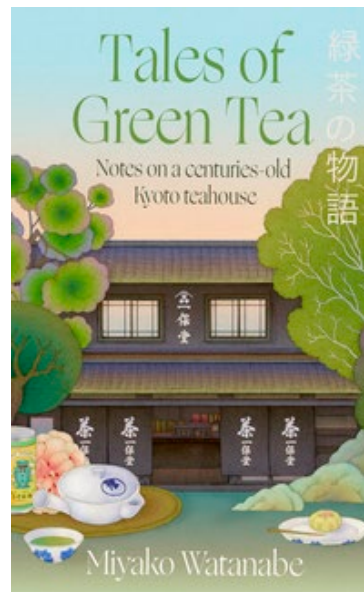
But targeting all of these areas individually can feel overwhelming - and that's where this book comes in. While there is an almost endless array of research into what may, or may not, help your health, The Optimized Human harnesses the most cutting-edge information on science, diet and technology and turns them into a practical, manageable and customizable plan that will revolutionize every area of your wellbeing.

It is the missing manual of the human body, and an essential addition to the library, work desk, kitchen, gym, suitcase or bedroom of anyone who wants to get the best out of their life.

Tales of Green Tea

by Miyako Watanabe

A charming and intimate exploration of Japanese tea culture that offers snapshots of daily life at a 300-year-old tea house in historical Kyoto.



August, 2026

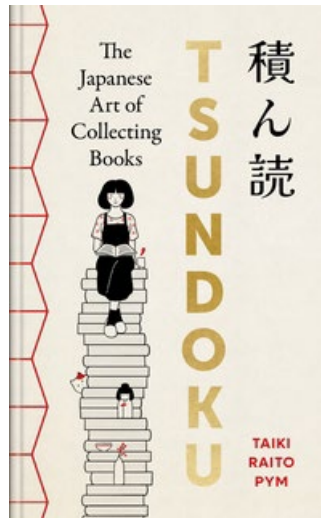
At the 300-year-old Ippodo tea store in Kyoto, time passes at the gentle pace of green tea leaves brewing in a *kyusu* teapot. Written by store's current owner, Miyako Watanabe, *Tales of Green Tea* offers an account of everyday life at this beloved store, but also of the knowledge, encounters and discoveries that come with a life steeped in tea.

Composed of short, evocative sections and chapters that engage the senses, *Tales of Green Tea* ranges from being at times moving, at times nostalgic, at times funny, at times informative. From the historical origins of tea, right up to contemporary tea culture, and many reminiscences in between, we explore the endless flow of topics and tales to be found in a simple cup of tea.

Tsundoku

by Taiki Raito Pym

A book-lover's guide to collecting books... but not necessarily reading them!



April, 2026

An ode to the quiet joy of collecting more books than we could ever possibly read - and loving them all the same...

Drawing on the evocative Japanese term *tsundoku* - first coined in the Meiji era to describe the growing stacks of unread books that accumulate around devoted readers - this insightful and warmly humorous book reframes what some might see as clutter or guilt as a deeply meaningful way of living.

From the tactile pleasure of flipping through pages to the quiet ritual of rearranging overflowing shelves, *Tsundoku* explores the psychology, culture, and poetry behind the irresistible urge to collect and cherish books. It offers meditations on the joy of choosing and buying books, the rebellion against reading lists, creative ways to organise your shelves, foolproof excuses for sneaking in yet another new title, techniques for remembering what you've read, and the guilty - but glorious - pleasure of re-reading.

Above all, this philosophy reminds us that we do not necessarily have to have read all the books we own to love them unconditionally. Feelings of guilt, be gone! Unread books can be even more fascinating because they take us on wonderful journeys, and speak to us regardless, whether we open them or keep them closed. We know that books are a cure for the soul: just touching one, smelling one, or leafing through one makes us feel better immediately.