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How to Think like Shakespeare

How to Think like Shakespeare is a brilliantly fun exploration of the craft of thought. In fourteen brief chapters, Scott Newstok distills enduring practices that can make learning more creative and pleasurable. Written in a friendly, conversational tone and brimming with insights, How to Think like Shakespeare enacts the thrill of thinking on every page, reviving timeless ways to stretch your mind and hone your words.

“An incisive commentary on the pitfalls of contemporary American education…. A smart and valuable new book.”
—Daniel Blank, Los Angeles Review of Books

“A delightful book…. Intelligent, perceptive, readable, useful.”
—Matthew Stewart, University Bookman

“How to Think like Shakespeare is a unique analysis of both Shakespeare’s formative education and his art, and will be useful for both educators seeking to break from current, quantitative, test-based pedagogical strategies and for creatives aspiring to hone their craft. It is also an insightful manual on how we can all improve our ability to think deeper and think better.”
—Melissa Johnson, Teachers College Record

“A wonderfully light-footed and erudite investigation of education (and so much more), by means of Shakespeare (and so much more). Scott Newstok’s book, a playful delight, also delivers a serious pedagogical punch.”
—Sarah Bakewell, author of How to Live: Or a Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer

Scott Newstok is professor of English and founding director of the Pearce Shakespeare Endowment at Rhodes College. A parent and an award-winning teacher, he is the author of Quoting Death in Early Modern England and the editor of several other books.
An invitation to readers from every walk of life to rediscover the impractical splendors of a life of learning

Lost in Thought

In an overloaded, superficial, technological world, where can we turn for escape, lasting pleasure, contemplation, or connection to others? While many forms of leisure meet these needs, Zena Hitz writes, few experiences are so fulfilling as the inner life, whether that of a bookworm, an amateur astronomer, a birdwatcher, or someone who takes a deep interest in one of countless other subjects that engage the mind. Drawing on inspiring examples, from Socrates and Augustine to Malcolm X and Elena Ferrante, and from films to Hitz’s own experiences as someone who walked away from elite university life in search of greater fulfillment, Lost in Thought is a passionate and timely reminder that a rich life is a life rich in thought.

“[Lost in Thought] arrives just in time for readers recently forced to take stock of their inner resources. The question at its heart is disarmingly simple and deeply engaging: What should we do with ourselves?”
—Jonathan Marks, Wall Street Journal

“[An] amazing book.”
—MC Hammer

“Profoundly affecting.”
—Joe Humphreys, Irish Times

“Hitz tells an absorbing story about her quest to disentangle a native love of learning from reflexive status-seeking.”
—Jenna Silber Storey, Real Clear Books

“[Lost in Thought] proved a salutary reminder for me, and may for other readers as well, that we should try to make at least a little space … for the contemplative learning that drew us into the life of the mind.”
—James M. Lang, Chronicle of Higher Education

Zena Hitz is a Tutor in the great books program at St. John’s College in Annapolis, Maryland, where she also lives. She has a PhD in ancient philosophy from Princeton University and studies and teaches across the liberal arts.

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Discussion Questions available

“Lost in Thought is a moving declaration of faith in the intellectual act at a time when everything we do seems to conspire against it.”
—Alberto Manguel, author of Packing My Library
“There is undoubtedly much here that would be of practical use to professionals from all walks of life, and indeed other educators. As a practical and helpful guide, particularly for students seeking to improve the quality of their thinking and learning, The Five Elements of Effective Thinking is a thought-provoking and useful manual.”
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Simple but powerful strategies for increasing your success by improving your thinking

The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking

*The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking* presents practical, lively, and inspiring ways for you to become more successful through better thinking. Filled with engaging examples that unlock truths about thinking in every walk of life, this book is written for all who want to reach their fullest potential. To share thinking stories, go to: 5elementsofthinking.wordpress.com

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Edward Burger, president of Southwestern University, and Michael Starbird, University Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mathematics at The University of Texas at Austin, are devoted to educating students and lifelong learners.

2012. 168 pages. 1 b/w illus.
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Student Endorsements
“We often claim that education should not just teach facts; it should help us learn how to think clearly. Making Up Your Own Mind is a book that takes that goal seriously. It is brilliantly constructed, clearly written, and fun.”
—William C. Powers Jr., former President of the University of Texas, Austin

Making Up Your Own Mind

We solve countless problems—big and small—every day. With so much practice, why do we often have trouble making simple decisions? In this enlightening and entertaining book, Edward Burger shows how we can become far better at solving real-world problems by learning creative puzzle-solving skills using simple, effective thinking techniques.

“Readers of this wonderful book will discover what generations of Edward Burger’s students have discovered: his ability to use puzzles to help them solve the most significant puzzle of all—how to build a meaningful life filled with creativity and the joy of learning.”
—Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and Distinguished Lecturer at Georgetown Law Center

Edward B. Burger is the president of Southwestern University, a mathematics professor, and a leading teacher on thinking, innovation, and creativity.

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A look at the extraordinary ways the brain turns thoughts into actions—and how this shapes our everyday lives

On Task

From making a cup of coffee to buying a house to changing the world around them, humans are uniquely able to execute necessary actions. How do we do it? How do our brains get things done? On Task presents the first authoritative introduction to the neuroscience of cognitive control—the remarkable ways that our brains devise sophisticated actions to achieve our goals. David Badre examines issues from multitasking and willpower to habitual errors and bad decision making, as well as what happens as our brains develop in childhood and change as we age—and what happens when cognitive control breaks down. A revelatory look at how billions of neurons collectively translate abstract ideas into concrete plans, On Task is an eye-opening investigation of the brain’s critical role in human behavior.

“How billions of neurons come together to turn thought into action is astounding in itself, but cognitive neuroscientist David Badre takes this to new levels in his book.”
—BBC Science Focus

David Badre is professor of cognitive, linguistic, and psychological sciences at Brown University, where he is also on the faculty of the Carney Institute for Brain Science. He and his lab have made pioneering contributions to the neuroscience of cognitive control and executive function.

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"You Are What You Read is simply a joy. The book enlarges our imaginations, yields moments of deepest pleasure, and helps us fathom the complexities of our own lives. DiYanni provides practical strategies that guide readers to a sustained, significant appreciation of literary works. The elegant applications of reading principles combined with engaging instructional approaches make this work required reading for all current and future English instructors."

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You Are What You Read

We are what we read, according to Robert DiYanni. Reading may delight us or move us; we may read for instruction or inspiration. But more than this, in reading we discover ourselves. We gain access to the lives of others, explore the limitless possibilities of human existence, develop our understanding of the world around us, and find respite from the hectic demands of everyday life. In You Are What You Read, DiYanni provides a practical guide that shows how we can increase the benefits and pleasures of reading literature by becoming more skillful and engaged readers.

DiYanni considers the various forms of literature, from the essay to the novel, the short story to the poem, demonstrating rewarding approaches to each in sample readings of classic works. DiYanni closes with eight recommended reading practices, thoughts on the different experiences of print and digital reading, and advice on what to read and why.

“As we follow DiYanni through the world’s vast labyrinth of books, we are in the company of a seasoned, talented reader and an alert mind motivated by a heartfelt passion for reading and grounded in a genuine sense of humanity.”

—William V. Costanzo, SUNY Teaching Professor of English and Film

Robert DiYanni is an instructional consultant with the Center for Faculty Advancement at New York University, where he is also an adjunct professor of humanities. His recent books include The Craft of College Teaching (Princeton) and Critical Reading Across the Curriculum.
Will This Be on the Test?

Getting into college takes plenty of hard work, but knowing what your professors expect of you once you get there can be even more challenging. *Will This Be on the Test?* is the essential survival guide for high-school students making the transition to college academics. In this entertaining and informative book, Dana Johnson shares wisdom and wit gleaned from her decades of experience as an award-winning teacher in the freshman classroom—lessons that will continue to serve you long after college graduation.

Johnson offers invaluable insights into how college academics differs from high school. She reveals how to maximize what you learn and develop good relationships with your professors, while explaining how you fit into the learning environment of college. Answering the questions that many new college students don’t think to ask, Johnson provides tactical tips on getting the most out of office hours, e-mailing your professor appropriately, and optimizing your performance on assignments and exams. She gives practical advice on using the syllabus to your advantage, knowing how to address your instructors, and making sure you’re not violating the academic ethics code. The book also offers invaluable advice about online courses and guidance for parents who want to help their children succeed.

*Will This Be on the Test?* shows you how to work with your professors to get the education, grades, and recommendations you need to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

**Dana T. Johnson** taught for many years at the College of William and Mary, where she twice won the Simon Prize for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, and has three decades of experience teaching college freshmen. **Jennifer E. Price** is a biologist who has much experience teaching online as well as traditional college courses.
The unwritten rules of success that every student must follow to thrive in college

The Secret Syllabus

*The Secret Syllabus* equips students with the tools they need to succeed, revealing the unwritten rules and cultural norms and expectations not included in the official curriculum. Left to figure out on their own how the academic world works, students frequently stumble, underperform, and miss opportunities. Without mastery of the secret syllabus, too many miss out on the full, rich experience available to them in college.

Jay Phelan and Terry Burnham share the essential lessons they have learned from struggling, unfocused students as well as award-winning college instructors and researchers. *The Secret Syllabus* draws on Phelan and Burnham’s experiences with thousands of undergraduate and graduate students. Weaving engaging storytelling with practical, actionable advice, they illustrate both productive and counterproductive approaches to achieving academic excellence, and highlight the importance of setting and attaining goals, nurturing strong relationships, developing resiliency, and more.

This fresh, funny, and boldly innovative book enables students to develop the consistently winning and effective behaviors that will equip them to thrive on campus and beyond.

**Jay Phelan** received his PhD in biology from Harvard University and is on the life sciences faculty at UCLA. He is the author of *What Is Life? A Guide to Biology* and (with Terry Burnham) the international bestseller *Mean Genes.*

**Terry Burnham** received his PhD in business economics from Harvard and is a finance professor at Chapman University. His books include *Mean Markets and Lizard Brains.*
“Eye-opening and informative, this book will help graduate students who feel like they have been dropped in the deep end of the pool without knowing how to swim.”

—Anthony Abraham Jack, author of The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students

A Field Guide to Grad School

Some of the most important things you need to know in order to succeed in graduate school—like how to choose a good advisor, how to get funding for your work, and whether to celebrate or cry when a journal tells you to revise and resubmit an article—won’t be covered in any class. They are part of a hidden curriculum that you are just expected to know or somehow learn on your own—or else. In this comprehensive survival guide for grad school, Jessica McCrory Calarco walks you through the secret knowledge and skills that are essential for navigating every critical stage of the postgraduate experience, from deciding whether to go to grad school in the first place to finishing your degree and landing a job. An invaluable resource for every prospective and current grad student in any discipline, A Field Guide to Grad School will save you grief—and help you thrive—in school and beyond.

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• Stay on track in your program
• Publish and promote your work
• Get the most out of conferences
• Navigate the job market
• Balance teaching, research, service, and life

Jessica McCrory Calarco is associate professor of sociology at Indiana University and the author of Negotiating Opportunities: How the Middle Class Secures Advantages in School. She has written for the Atlantic and Inside Higher Ed, and her work has been featured in the New York Times, Time, and the Chronicle of Higher Education, and on BBC Radio and NPR.
“Peter Singer, one of the world’s best-known and most significant philosophers, addresses some profoundly important issues in this book. He presents the issues and arguments with a lucidity, accessibility, and sharpness reminiscent of Bertrand Russell, another philosopher who sought to have a serious social impact. *Ethics in the Real World* will undoubtedly be a force for the good.”

—Bart Schultz, University of Chicago

**Ethics in the Real World**

Peter Singer is often described as the world’s most influential philosopher. He is also one of its most controversial. The author of important books such as *Animal Liberation*, *Practical Ethics*, *Rethinking Life and Death*, and *The Life You Can Save*, he helped launch the animal rights and effective altruism movements and contributed to the development of bioethics. Now, in *Ethics in the Real World*, Singer shows that he is also a master at dissecting important current events in a few hundred words.

In this book of brief essays, he applies his controversial ways of thinking to issues like climate change, extreme poverty, animals, abortion, euthanasia, human genetic selection, sports doping, the sale of kidneys, the ethics of high-priced art, and ways of increasing happiness. Singer asks whether chimpanzees are people, smoking should be outlawed, or consensual sex between adult siblings should be decriminalized, and he reiterates his case against the idea that all human life is sacred, applying his arguments to some recent cases in the news. In addition, he explores, in an easily accessible form, some of the deepest philosophical questions, such as whether anything really matters and what is the value of the pale blue dot that is our planet. The collection also includes some more personal reflections, like Singer’s thoughts on one of his favorite activities, surfing, and an unusual suggestion for starting a family conversation over a holiday feast.

Now with a new afterword by the author, this provocative and original book will challenge—and possibly change—your beliefs about many real-world ethical questions.

**Peter Singer** is the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics in the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University and Laureate Professor at the University of Melbourne. He first became well known internationally in 1975 with the publication of *Animal Liberation*. His other books include *How Are We to Live?*, *The Ethics of What We Eat* (with Jim Mason), and *The Most Good You Can Do*.
Nadler and Shapiro do an excellent job of showing off philosophy’s tools for better reasoning. For anyone not already skilled in using those tools, their book is a clear and readable primer…. [A] heartfelt and lucid advocacy of a more reasoned approach to life.”
—Julian Baggini, Wall Street Journal

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When Bad Thinking Happens to Good People

There is an epidemic of bad thinking in the world today. An alarming number of people are embracing crazy, even dangerous ideas. They believe that vaccinations cause autism. They reject the scientific consensus on climate change as a “hoax.” And they blame the spread of COVID-19 on the 5G network or a Chinese cabal. Worse, bad thinking drives bad acting—it even inspired a mob to storm the U.S. Capitol. In this book, Steven Nadler and Lawrence Shapiro argue that the best antidote for bad thinking is the wisdom, insights, and practical skills of philosophy. When Bad Thinking Happens to Good People provides an engaging tour through the basic principles of logic, argument, evidence, and probability that can make all of us more reasonable and responsible citizens.

When Bad Thinking Happens to Good People shows how we can more readily spot and avoid flawed arguments and unreliable information; determine whether evidence supports or contradicts an idea; distinguish between merely believing something and knowing it; and much more. In doing so, the book reveals how epistemology, which addresses the nature of belief and knowledge, and ethics, the study of moral principles that should govern our behavior, can reduce bad thinking. Moreover, the book shows why philosophy’s millennia-old advice about how to lead a good, rational, and examined life is essential for escaping our current predicament.

Steven Nadler is the William H. Hay II Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he is the director of the Institute for Research in the Humanities. His books include Think Least of Death: Spinoza on How to Live and How to Die and (with Ben Nadler) Heretics!: The Wondrous and Dangerous Beginnings of Modern Philosophy (both Princeton). Lawrence Shapiro is the Berent Enç Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His books include The Miracle Myth and Embodied Cognition.
A moral philosopher’s meditations on some of life’s most important questions

On Being Me

We’ve all had to puzzle over such profound matters as birth, death, regret, free will, agency, and love. How might philosophy help us think through these vital concerns? Renowned moral philosopher J. David Velleman presents a concise, accessible, and intimate exploration into subjects that we care deeply about, offering compelling insights into what it means to be human.

Each of Velleman’s short, personal chapters begins with a theme: “Being Glad I Was Born,” “Wanting to Go On,” “Fearing the End,” “Regretting What Might Have Been,” “Aspiring to Authorship,” “Making Things Happen,” and “Wanting to Be Loved.” Reflecting on how daily life presents us with thorny riddles that need working out, Velleman arrives at unexpected conclusions about survival and personal identity, the self and its future, time and morality, the rationality of regret, free will and personal efficacy, and goodness and love. He shows that we can rely on our own powers of thought to arrive at a better understanding of the most fundamental parts of ourselves.

Beautifully illustrated by New Yorker contributing artist Emily Bernstein, On Being Me invites us to approach life philosophically.

“A lyrical and poignant meditation on our deepest problems: the self, time, death, freedom, ethics, and love. Velleman does not write to persuade, but to disclose—which is what makes this book so very persuasive.”
—Amia Srinivasan, University of Oxford

J. David Velleman is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at New York University and the Miller Research Professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. His books include How We Get Along and Self to Self. Emily C. Bernstein is a visual artist and animator.

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Sample Syllabus
Sick Souls, Healthy Minds

In 1895, William James, the father of American philosophy, delivered a lecture entitled “Is Life Worth Living?” It was no theoretical question for James, who had contemplated suicide during an existential crisis as a young man a quarter century earlier. Indeed, as John Kaag writes, “James’s entire philosophy, from beginning to end, was geared to save a life, his life”—and that’s why it just might be able to save yours, too. Sick Souls, Healthy Minds is an absorbing introduction to James’s life and thought that shows why the founder of pragmatism and empirical psychology can still speak so directly and profoundly to anyone struggling to make a life worth living.

“Characteristically elegant.”
—John Williams, New York Times Book Review

“James’s ideas have rippled through the past century more powerfully than those of any other American thinker. Kaag’s little book reminds us why.”
—James T. Kloppenberg, Washington Post

John Kaag, the author of American Philosophy: A Love Story and Hiking with Nietzsche, is professor of philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.
Moving Up without Losing Your Way

Upward mobility through higher education has been an article of faith for generations of working-class, low-income, and immigrant college students. While this path usually entails financial sacrifices and hard work, little attention has been paid to the personal compromises such students make as they enter worlds vastly different from their own. Measuring the true cost of higher education for those from disadvantaged backgrounds, Moving Up without Losing Your Way looks at the ethical dilemmas of upward mobility—the broken ties with family and friends, and the loss of community and identity—faced by students as they strive to earn a successful place in society. Drawing upon philosophy, social science, personal stories, and interviews, Jennifer Morton reframes the college experience, factoring in not just educational and career opportunities but also essential relationships. She urges educators to empower students with a new narrative, one that might allow them to achieve social mobility while retaining their best selves.

“Important and accessible.”
—Choice

Jennifer M. Morton is associate professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and senior fellow at the Center for Ethics and Education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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“An empathetic and clear-eyed analysis of the difficult choices [strivers] must make.”
—James M. Lang, Chronicle of Higher Education
A Dominican-born academic tells the story of how the Great Books transformed his life—and why they have the power to speak to people of all backgrounds

Rescuing Socrates

What is the value of a liberal education? Traditionally characterized by a rigorous engagement with the classics of Western thought and literature, this approach to education is all but extinct in American universities. In Rescuing Socrates, Dominican-born American academic Roosevelt Montás tells the story of how a liberal education transformed his life, and offers an intimate account of the relevance of the Great Books today, especially to members of historically marginalized communities.

Weaving together memoir and literary reflection, Rescuing Socrates describes how four authors—Plato, Augustine, Freud, and Gandhi—had a profound impact on Montás’s life. In doing so, the book drives home what it’s like to experience a liberal education—and why it can still remake lives.

“In this beautifully written book, Roosevelt Montás presents a compelling case for the immeasurably transformative value of a true liberal education. Through his personal story and a poetic journey of the works of four great thinkers, Montás illuminates how a liberal education is essential to engaging with the most fundamental aspects of human freedom and self-determination. Rescuing Socrates is a touching, insightful invitation to rethink the reigning model of education in favor of one that equips us to live examined lives.”

—Amna Khalid, Carleton College

Roosevelt Montás is senior lecturer at Columbia University’s Center for American Studies and director of its Freedom and Citizenship Program, which introduces low-income high school students to the Western political tradition through the study of foundational texts. From 2008 to 2018, he was director of Columbia’s Center for the Core Curriculum. He lives in New York City.

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Privilege

As one of the most prestigious high schools in the nation, St. Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire, has long been the exclusive domain of America’s wealthiest sons. But times have changed. Today, a new elite of boys and girls is being molded at St. Paul’s, one that reflects the hope of openness but also the persistence of inequality.

In Privilege, Shamus Khan returns to his alma mater to provide an inside look at an institution that has been the private realm of the elite for the past 150 years. He shows that St. Paul’s students continue to learn what they always have—how to embody privilege. Yet, while students once leveraged the trappings of upper-class entitlement, family connections, and high culture, current St. Paul’s students learn to succeed in a more diverse environment. To be the future leaders of a more democratic world, they must be at ease with everything from highbrow art to everyday life—from Beowulf to Jaws—and view hierarchies as ladders to scale. Through deft portrayals of the relationships among students, faculty, and staff, Khan shows how members of the new elite face the opening of society while still preserving the advantages that allow them to rule.

“Privilege is superb. Khan skillfully narrates from the perspective of both teacher and researcher, and the personal portraits are very well-rounded. This important book is a masterly look at a disturbing current in the formation of elite American society.”
—Richard Sennett, author of The Corrosion of Character

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Privilege

The Making of an Adolescent Elite at St. Paul’s School

Shamus Khan

With a New Preface by the Author


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A timely defense of religious diversity and its centrality to American identity

Out of Many Faiths

America is the most religiously diverse nation on the planet. In today’s volatile climate of religious conflict and distrust, how do we affirm that the American promise is deeply intertwined with how each of us engages with people of different beliefs? Eboo Patel, former faith adviser to Barack Obama, provides answers to this timely question. In this thought-provoking book, Patel draws on his personal experience as a Muslim in America to examine the importance of religious diversity in the nation’s cultural, political, and economic life. He explores how religious language has given the United States some of its most enduring symbols and inspired its most vital civic institutions—and demonstrates how the genius of the American experiment lies in its empowerment of all people.

“Eboo Patel is a true hero of the interfaith movement of America and, at a critical time in our national history, he continues his active work building bridges between cultures and religions. Read him and applaud his efforts.”
—Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, American University, Washington, DC

“In this brilliant book, an ardent Muslim American documents our long American commitment to religious pluralism—from Jefferson, Franklin, and Washington to Barack Obama—and asks what it will take for this bold experiment to thrive as we become more diverse than ever. Essential reading for today’s citizens.”
—Diana Eck, professor of religion, Harvard University, and director of the Pluralism Project

Eboo Patel is founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, a nonprofit organization that promotes interfaith leadership on college campuses. He is the author of Interfaith Leadership, Sacred Ground, and Acts of Faith.
Hate in the Homeland

*Hate in the Homeland* shows how tomorrow’s far-right nationalists are being recruited in surprising places. Cynthia Miller-Idriss reveals how far-right groups are swelling their ranks and developing their cultural, intellectual, and financial capacities in a variety of mainstream settings, from college campuses to YouTube cooking channels. Essential for understanding the tactics and underlying ideas of modern far-right extremism, this book takes readers into the mainstream spaces where today’s far right is engaging and ensnaring young people, and shares innovative strategies we can use to combat extremist radicalization.

“Miller-Idriss describes how ideas once limited to extremist circles, such as that of a ‘demographic replacement’—whereby American citizens will be overrun—are now promoted by mainstream figures such as Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham of Fox News.”
—*The Economist*

“Disturbing … Miller-Idriss argues convincingly that ‘innovative, flexible and youth-driven ideas’ are vital in the battle to counter the online transnational recruiting of fascist zealots.”
—Martin Chilton, *The Independent*

“An important contribution to our understandings of the places and spaces in which young people encounter extremist messages. … A comprehensive, accessible and thoughtful overview of what the far right is, what they believe and the places and spaces they inhabit.”
—Katherine Williams, *LSE Review of Books*

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“Prizewinning historian Margaret Jacobs offers a clear-eyed and heart-rending look at the fraught historical relationship between Indigenous people and newcomers that highlights Indigenous survivors and descendants while calling to account all of us who have benefitted from Indigenous land. After One Hundred Winters is a necessary book for this moment.” —Tiya Miles, author of All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake (2021 Non-Fiction National Book Award Winner)

After One Hundred Winters

After One Hundred Winters confronts the harsh truth that the United States was founded on the violent dispossession of Indigenous people and asks what reconciliation might mean in light of this haunted history. In this timely and urgent book, settler historian Margaret Jacobs tells the stories of the individuals and communities who are working together to heal historical wounds—and reveals how much we have to gain by learning from our history instead of denying it.

Jacobs traces the brutal legacy of systemic racial injustice to Indigenous people that has endured since the nation’s founding. Explaining how early attempts at reconciliation succeeded only in robbing tribal nations of their land and forcing their children into abusive boarding schools, she shows that true reconciliation must emerge through Indigenous leadership and sustained relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people that are rooted in specific places and histories. In the absence of an official apology and a federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission, ordinary people are creating a movement for transformative reconciliation that puts Indigenous land rights, sovereignty, and values at the forefront. With historical sensitivity and an eye to the future, Jacobs urges us to face our past and learn from it, and once we have done so, to redress past abuses.

Drawing on dozens of interviews, After One Hundred Winters reveals how Indigenous people and settlers in America today, despite their troubled history, are finding unexpected gifts in reconciliation.

Margaret D. Jacobs is professor of history and director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Her books include White Mother to a Dark Race: Settler Colonialism, Maternalism, and the Removal of Indigenous Children in the American West and Australia, 1880–1940. Website reconciliationrising.org

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A revealing look at how user behavior is powering deep social divisions online—and how we might yet defeat political tribalism on social media

Breaking the Social Media Prism

In an era of increasing social isolation, platforms like Facebook and Twitter are among the most important tools we have to understand each other. We use social media as a mirror to decipher our place in society but, as Chris Bail explains, it functions more like a prism that distorts our identities, empowers status-seeking extremists, and renders moderates all but invisible. *Breaking the Social Media Prism* challenges common myths about echo chambers, foreign misinformation campaigns, and radicalizing algorithms, revealing that the solution to political tribalism lies deep inside ourselves.

Drawing on innovative online experiments and in-depth interviews with social media users from across the political spectrum, this book explains why stepping outside of our echo chambers can make us more polarized, not less. Bail takes you inside the minds of online extremists through vivid narratives that trace their lives on the platforms and off—detailing how they dominate public discourse at the expense of the moderate majority. Wherever you stand on the spectrum of user behavior and political opinion, he offers fresh solutions to counter political tribalism from the bottom up and the top down.

“A tour de force. *Breaking the Social Media Prism* is a must-read for anyone who wishes to understand our current political climate and engage in positive social and political change.”

—Mabel Berezin, Cornell University, author of *Illiberal Politics in Neoliberal Times: Culture, Security, and Populism in the New Europe*

**Chris Bail** is professor of sociology and public policy at Duke University, where he directs the Polarization Lab. He is the author of *Terrified: How Anti-Muslim Fringe Organizations Became Mainstream* (Princeton).
How propaganda undermines democracy and why we need to pay attention

How Propaganda Works

Our democracy today is fraught with political campaigns, lobbyists, liberal media, and Fox News commentators, all using language to influence the way we think and reason about public issues. Even so, many of us believe that propaganda and manipulation aren’t problems for us—not in the way they were for the totalitarian societies of the mid-twentieth century. In How Propaganda Works, Jason Stanley demonstrates that more attention needs to be paid. He examines how propaganda operates subtly, how it undermines democracy—particularly the ideals of democratic deliberation and equality—and how it has damaged democracies of the past.

Drawing from a range of sources, including feminist theory, critical race theory, epistemology, formal semantics, educational theory, and social and cognitive psychology, he explains how the manipulative and hypocritical declaration of flawed beliefs and ideologies arises from and perpetuates inequalities in society, such as the racial injustices that commonly occur in the United States.

How Propaganda Works shows that an understanding of propaganda and its mechanisms is essential for the preservation and protection of liberal democracies everywhere.

“Citing examples ranging from historical racism in America to Citizens United, Stanley’s critique of propaganda and ideology will only prove more influential as public and political opinion is further polarized…. [A] useful examination of propaganda’s pervasiveness.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Jason Stanley is the Jacob Urowsky Professor of Philosophy at Yale University. He is the author of Knowledge and Practical Interests, Language in Context, and Know How.

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How the new conspiracists are undermining democracy—and what can be done about it

A Lot of People Are Saying

Conspiracy theories are as old as politics. But conspiracists today have introduced something new—conspiracy without theory. And the new conspiracism has moved from the fringes to the heart of government with the election of Donald Trump. In A Lot of People Are Saying, Russell Muirhead and Nancy Rosenblum show how the new conspiracism differs from classic conspiracy theory, how it undermines democracy, and what needs to be done to resist it.

“Muirhead and Rosenblum have pointed out something genuinely new and disturbing…. [T]his is a book worth reading.”
—Jesse Singal, New York Magazine’s Intelligencer

“Timely and insightful.”
—Lee Drutman, Washington Monthly

Russell Muirhead is the Robert Clements Professor of Democracy and Politics at Dartmouth College and the author of The Promise of Party in a Polarized Age, among other books. Nancy L. Rosenblum is the Senator Joseph Clark Research Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government at Harvard University. Her books include Good Neighbors: The Democracy of Everyday Life in America (Princeton).

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“Economists are learning that human behavior is more than just a series of cost/benefit calculations. Robert Frank has been at the forefront of bringing biology and psychology into the equation, including our sensitivity to how those around us think and act. The human ‘herd instinct’ has consequences ranging from how we regulate tobacco to how we can avert a climate catastrophe.”

—Frans de Waal, author of *Mama’s Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us about Ourselves*

**Under the Influence**

Psychologists have long understood that social environments profoundly shape our behavior, sometimes for the better, often for the worse. But social influence is a two-way street—our environments are themselves products of our behavior. *Under the Influence* explains how to unlock the latent power of social context. It reveals how our environments encourage smoking, bullying, tax cheating, sexual predation, problem drinking, and wasteful energy use. We are building bigger houses, driving heavier cars, and engaging in a host of other activities that threaten the planet—mainly because that’s what friends and neighbors do.

In the wake of the hottest years on record, only robust measures to curb greenhouse gases promise relief from more frequent and intense storms, droughts, flooding, wildfires, and famines. Robert Frank describes how the strongest predictor of our willingness to support climate-friendly policies, install solar panels, or buy an electric car is the number of people we know who have already done so. In the face of stakes that could not be higher, the book explains how we could redirect trillions of dollars annually in support of carbon-free energy sources, all without requiring painful sacrifices from anyone.

Most of us would agree that we need to take responsibility for our own choices, but with more supportive social environments, each of us is more likely to make choices that benefit everyone. *Under the Influence* shows how.

**Robert H. Frank** is the H. J. Louis Professor of Management and Professor of Economics at Cornell University’s Johnson Graduate School of Management. He has been an Economic View columnist for the *New York Times* for more than a decade. His many books include *The Winner-Take-All Society*, *The Economic Naturalist*, and *Success and Luck* (Princeton).
The remarkable history of how college presidents shaped the struggle for racial equality

The Campus Color Line

Some of America’s most pressing civil rights issues—desegregation, equal educational and employment opportunities, housing discrimination, and free speech—have been closely intertwined with higher education institutions. Although it is commonly known that college students and other activists, as well as politicians, actively participated in the fight for and against civil rights in the middle decades of the twentieth century, historical accounts have not adequately focused on the roles that the nation’s college presidents played in the debates concerning racism. Based on archival research conducted at a range of colleges and universities across the United States, The Campus Color Line sheds light on the important place of college presidents in the struggle for racial parity.

Focusing on the period between 1948 and 1968, Eddie Cole shows how college presidents, during a time of violence and unrest, strategically, yet often silently, initiated and shaped racial policies and practices inside and outside of the educational sphere. With courage and hope, as well as malice and cruelty, college presidents positioned themselves—sometimes precariously—amid conflicting interests and demands. Black college presidents challenged racist policies as their students demonstrated in the streets against segregation, while presidents of major universities lobbied for urban renewal programs that displaced Black communities near campus. Some presidents amended campus speech practices to accommodate white supremacist speakers, even as other academic leaders developed the nation’s first affirmative action programs in higher education.

The Campus Color Line illuminates how the legacy of academic leaders’ actions continues to influence the unfinished struggle for Black freedom and racial equity in education and beyond.

Eddie R. Cole is associate professor of higher education and organizational change at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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How the legendary debate between a civil rights firebrand and the father of modern conservatism illuminates America’s racial divide

The Fire Is upon Us

On February 18, 1965, an overflowing crowd packed the Cambridge Union in Cambridge, England, to witness a historic televised debate between James Baldwin, the leading literary voice of the civil rights movement, and William F. Buckley Jr., a fierce critic of the movement and America’s most influential conservative intellectual. The topic was “the American dream is at the expense of the American Negro,” and no one who has seen the debate can soon forget it. Nicholas Buccola’s *The Fire Is upon Us* is the first book to tell the full story of the event, the radically different paths that led Baldwin and Buckley to it, and how the debate and the decades-long clash between the men illuminates the racial divide that continues to haunt America today.

“A great read.”
—Whoopi Goldberg, *The View*

“Wonderfully accessible.”
—Gabrielle Bellot, *The Atlantic*

Nicholas Buccola is the author of *The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass* and the editor of *The Essential Douglass and Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy*. His work has appeared in the *New York Times, Salon*, and many other publications. He is the Elizabeth and Morris Glicksman Chair in Political Science at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.

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“A gripping snapshot of a country riven by injustice yet anxious about radical change.”
—*New York Times Book Review*
“This evocative and insightful book reveals how everyday decisions about what and how to eat unite and divide us along lines of race, class, and culture. Ewoodzie documents the foodways of Black Mississippians across the economic spectrum…. What emerges is a memorable and lucid account of life and struggle, food and family in the modern American South.”

—Matthew Desmond, Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*

Getting Something to Eat in Jackson

*Getting Something to Eat in Jackson* uses food—what people eat and how—to explore the interaction of race and class in the lives of African Americans in the contemporary urban South. Joseph Ewoodzie Jr. examines how “foodways”—food availability, choice, and consumption—vary greatly between classes of African Americans in Jackson, Mississippi, and how this reflects and shapes their very different experiences of a shared racial identity.

Ewoodzie spent more than a year following a group of socioeconomically diverse African Americans—from upper-middle-class patrons of the city’s fine-dining restaurants to men experiencing homelessness who must organize their days around the schedules of soup kitchens. Ewoodzie goes food shopping, cooks, and eats with a young mother living in poverty and a grandmother working two jobs. He works in a Black-owned BBQ restaurant, and he meets a man who decides to become a vegan for health reasons but who must drive across town to get tofu and quinoa. Ewoodzie also learns about how soul food is changing and why it is no longer a staple survival food. Throughout, he shows how food choices influence, and are influenced by, the racial and class identities of Black Jacksonians.

By tracing these contemporary African American foodways, *Getting Something to Eat in Jackson* offers new insights into the lives of Black Southerners and helps challenge the persistent homogenization of blackness in American life.

Joseph C. Ewoodzie Jr. is associate professor of sociology at Davidson College. He is the author of *Break Beats in the Bronx: Rediscovering Hip-Hop’s Early Years.*

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How the attorney-client relationship favors the privileged in criminal court and denies justice to the poor and to working-class people of color

Privilege and Punishment

The number of Americans arrested, brought to court, and incarcerated has skyrocketed in recent decades. Criminal defendants come from all races and economic walks of life, but they experience punishment in vastly different ways. *Privilege and Punishment* examines how racial and class inequalities are embedded in the attorney-client relationship, providing a devastating portrait of inequality and injustice within and beyond the criminal courts.

Matthew Clair conducted extensive fieldwork in the Boston court system, attending criminal hearings and interviewing defendants, lawyers, judges, police officers, and probation officers. In this eye-opening book, he uncovers how privilege and inequality play out in criminal court interactions. When disadvantaged defendants try to learn their legal rights and advocate for themselves, lawyers and judges often silence, coerce, and punish them. Privileged defendants, who are more likely to trust their defense attorneys, delegate authority to their lawyers, defer to judges, and are rewarded for their compliance.

Superbly written and powerfully argued, *Privilege and Punishment* draws needed attention to the injustices that are perpetuated by the attorney-client relationship in today’s criminal courts, and describes the reforms needed to correct them.

“Clair combines compelling observations, robust interview data, and deft prose to illuminate an aspect of the courtroom that, until now, has not gotten the attention it deserves. *Privilege and Punishment* helps all of us better understand the current system so that we can collectively imagine a new one.”

—Clint Smith, New York Times bestselling author of *How the Word Is Passed*

Matthew Clair is assistant professor of sociology at Stanford University, where he holds a courtesy appointment at Stanford Law School.
The memorable thing about Cline’s book is the strangely recognizable picture he paints of this very faraway time. It was as globalized and cosmopolitan a time as any on record, albeit within a much smaller cosmos. The degree of interpenetration and of cultural sharing is astonishing.”
—Adam Gopnik, New Yorker

From acclaimed archaeologist and bestselling author Eric Cline, a breathtaking account of how the collapse of an ancient civilized world ushered in the first Dark Ages

**1177 B.C.**

In 1177 B.C., marauding groups known only as the “Sea Peoples” invaded Egypt. The pharaoh’s army and navy defeated them, but the victory so weakened Egypt that it soon slid into decline, as did most of the surrounding civilizations. Eric Cline tells the gripping story of how the end was brought about by multiple interconnected failures, ranging from invasion and revolt to earthquakes, drought, famine, and the cutting of international trade routes. Bringing to life a vibrant multicultural world, he draws a sweeping panorama of the empires of the age and shows that it may have been their very interdependence that hastened their dramatic collapse. Now revised and updated, **1177 B.C.** sheds light on the complex ties that gave rise to, and eventually destroyed, the flourishing civilizations of the Late Bronze Age—and set the stage for the emergence of classical Greece and, ultimately, our world today.

“A detailed but accessible synthesis… [O]ffers students and the interested lay antiquarian a sense of the rich picture that is emerging from debates among the ruins.”
—Scott McLemee, Inside Higher Ed

**Eric H. Cline** is professor of classics and anthropology and director of the Capitol Archaeological Institute at George Washington University.

Turning Points in Ancient History
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“Human Flow recounts intimate and often harrowing stories that are testaments, urgent and desperately needed, not only of hardship and loss but of survival and endurance, of the need to speak, to be seen and heard.”
—Dinaw Mengestu, author of How to Read the Air

Human Flow

In the course of making Human Flow, his epic feature documentary about the global refugee crisis, the artist Ai Weiwei and his collaborators interviewed more than 600 refugees, aid workers, politicians, activists, doctors, and local authorities in twenty-three countries around the world. A handful of those interviews were included in the film. This book presents one hundred of these conversations, providing compelling first-person stories of the lives of those affected by the crisis and those on the front lines of working to address its immense challenges.

Speaking in their own words, refugees give voice to their experiences of migrating across borders, living in refugee camps, and struggling to rebuild their lives in unfamiliar and uncertain surroundings. They talk about the dire circumstances that drove them to migrate, whether war, famine, or persecution; and their hopes and fears for the future. A wide range of related voices provides context for the historical evolution of this crisis, the challenges for regions and states, and the options for moving forward.

Complete with photographs taken by Ai Weiwei while filming Human Flow, this book provides a powerful, personal, and moving account of the most urgent humanitarian crisis of our time.

“Today there are nearly 80 million people displaced by war and persecution. They are alternately forgotten and demonized. In sharing their words, Ai Weiwei reminds us that while they are refugees, they are first and foremost men, women, and children with the same dreams and aspirations as the rest of us, equally deserving of the peace, protection, and opportunity we seek for ourselves and our own families.”
—Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Ai Weiwei is one of the world’s most prominent artists and political activists. His books include Weiwei-isms and Humanity (both Princeton). His works have been exhibited at Tate Modern, the Guggenheim, and the Museum of Modern Art.

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“Nimbly advance[s] through a little more than a century in fewer than 200 pages, presenting a primer that can instruct those new to the period while serving as a refresher for readers who have forgotten what they studied in history and philosophy.”
—Kirkus

An entertaining, enlightening, and humorous graphic narrative of the dangerous thinkers who laid the foundation of modern thought

Heretics!

This entertaining and enlightening graphic narrative tells the exciting story of the seventeenth-century thinkers who challenged authority—sometimes risking excommunication, prison, and even death—to lay the foundations of modern philosophy and science and help usher in a new world. With masterful storytelling and color illustrations, Heretics! offers a unique introduction to the birth of modern thought in comics form—smart, charming, and often funny.

These contentious and controversial philosophers—from Galileo and Descartes to Spinoza, Locke, Leibniz, and Newton—fundamentally changed the way we look at the world, society, and ourselves, overturning everything from the idea that the Earth is the center of the cosmos to the notion that kings have a divine right to rule. More devoted to reason than to faith, these thinkers defended scandalous new views of nature, religion, politics, knowledge, and the human mind.

“An entertaining book that will keep the interest of all readers…. The color illustrations keep the text moving at a brisk pace. The authors are excellent story tellers…. An enjoyable read for any science teacher. The engaging nature of the stories makes it easy for the reader to learn about the ideas and stories of the philosophers and scientists who laid the groundwork for our modern world. Teachers could also use this book to help students understand the origins of our modern scientific thinking.”
—NSTA Recommends

Steven Nadler is the William H. Hay II Professor of Philosophy and Evjue-Bascom Professor in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His books include Spinoza: A Life, which won the Koret Jewish Book Award, and Rembrandt’s Jews, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Ben Nadler is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and an illustrator.

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A rollicking, awe-inspiring story of the surprising power of chance in our lives and the world

A Series of Fortunate Events

Why is the world the way it is? How did we get here? Does everything happen for a reason or are some things left to chance? Philosophers and theologians have pondered these questions for millennia, but startling scientific discoveries over the past half century are revealing that we live in a world driven by chance. *A Series of Fortunate Events* tells the story of the awesome power of chance and how it is the surprising source of all the beauty and diversity in the living world.

Like every other species, we humans are here by accident. But it is shocking just how many things—any of which might never have occurred—had to happen in certain ways for any of us to exist. From an extremely improbable asteroid impact, to the wild gyrations of the Ice Age, to invisible accidents in our parents’ gonads, we are all here through an astonishing series of fortunate events.

Drawing inspiration from Monty Python, Kurt Vonnegut, and other great thinkers, *A Series of Fortunate Events* is an entertaining and thought-provoking account of one of the most important but least appreciated facts of life.

“In *A Series of Fortunate Events*, Sean Carroll pulls off a remarkable feat. He handles the ‘Big Question’—the role of chance in the making of our bodies and our planet—with wit and scientific rigor. Carroll treats us to a tour of Earth history, DNA, cancer, and evolution that is awe-inspiring, urgent, and even at times laugh-out-loud funny.”

—Neil Shubin, paleontologist and author of *Your Inner Fish*

Sean B. Carroll is an award-winning scientist, writer, educator, and film producer. He is Vice President for Science Education at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Balo–Simon Chair of Biology at the University of Maryland. His books include *The Serengeti Rules* (Princeton), *Brave Genius*, and *Remarkable Creatures*, which was a finalist for the National Book Award.
The Sky Is for Everyone

*The Sky Is for Everyone* is an internationally diverse collection of autobiographical essays by women who broke down barriers and changed the face of modern astronomy. Virginia Trimble and David Weintraub vividly describe how, before 1900, a woman who wanted to study the stars had to have a father, brother, or husband to provide entry, and how the considerable intellectual skills of women astronomers were still not enough to enable them to pry open doors of opportunity for much of the twentieth century. After decades of difficult struggles, women are closer to equality in astronomy than ever before. Trimble and Weintraub bring together the stories of the tough and determined women who flung the doors wide open. Taking readers from 1960 to today, this triumphant anthology serves as an inspiration to current and future generations of women scientists while giving voice to the history of a transformative era in astronomy.


**Virginia Trimble** is professor of physics and astronomy at the University of California, Irvine. An award-winning astronomer, she earned her PhD at Caltech in 1968, when some leading universities did not admit women. **David A. Weintraub** is professor of astronomy, history, and the communication of science and technology at Vanderbilt University. His books include *Life on Mars: What to Know Before We Go* (Princeton).
Quantum physicist, New York Times bestselling author, and BBC host Jim Al-Khalili reveals how 8 lessons from the heart of science can help you get the most out of life

The Joy of Science

Today’s world is unpredictable and full of contradictions, and navigating its complexities while trying to make the best decisions is far from easy. The Joy of Science presents 8 short lessons on how to unlock the clarity, empowerment, and joy of thinking and living a little more scientifically.

In this brief guide to leading a more rational life, acclaimed physicist Jim Al-Khalili invites readers to engage with the world as scientists have been trained to do. The scientific method has served humankind well in its quest to see things as they really are, and underpinning the scientific method are core principles that can help us all navigate modern life more confidently. Discussing the nature of truth and uncertainty, the role of doubt, the pros and cons of simplification, the value of guarding against bias, the importance of evidence-based thinking, and more, Al-Khalili shows how the powerful ideas at the heart of the scientific method are deeply relevant to the complicated times we live in and the difficult choices we make.

Read this book and discover the joy of science. It will empower you to think more objectively, see through the fog of your own preexisting beliefs, and lead a more fulfilling life.

Jim Al-Khalili is Distinguished Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Surrey and one of Britain’s best-known science communicators. He has written numerous books, including The World According to Physics (Princeton); Quantum: A Guide for the Perplexed; and Life on the Edge: The Coming of Age of Quantum Biology. He is a fellow of the Royal Society.
“All three [authors] write in informal, conversational tones, and the text is sprinkled with genuinely funny non sequiturs, such as a brief rumination on dwarfs versus dwarves and commentary on English-speaking aliens in Star Trek.... What the book does very well is to present not just what we know about the universe but how we know it.”
—Science

A Brief Welcome to the Universe

A Brief Welcome to the Universe offers a breathtaking tour of the cosmos, from planets, stars, and galaxies to black holes and time loops. Bestselling authors and acclaimed astrophysicists Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael A. Strauss, and J. Richard Gott take readers on an unforgettable journey of exploration to reveal how our universe actually works.

Propelling you from our home solar system to the outermost frontiers of space, this book builds your cosmic insight and perspective through a marvelously entertaining narrative. How do stars live and die? What are the prospects of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe? How did the universe begin? Why is it expanding and accelerating? Is our universe alone or part of an infinite multiverse? Exploring these and many other questions, this pocket-friendly book is your passport into the wonders of our evolving cosmos.

Neil deGrasse Tyson is director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History and the author of many books, including Astrophysics for People in a Hurry. Michael A. Strauss is professor of astrophysical sciences at Princeton University. J. Richard Gott is professor emeritus of astrophysical sciences at Princeton.

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Why the social character of scientific knowledge makes it trustworthy

**Why Trust Science?**

Are doctors right when they tell us vaccines are safe? Should we take climate experts at their word when they warn us about the perils of global warming? Why should we trust science when so many of our political leaders don’t? Naomi Oreskes offers a bold and compelling defense of science, revealing why the social character of scientific knowledge is its greatest strength—and the greatest reason we can trust it. Tracing the history and philosophy of science from the late nineteenth century to today, this timely and provocative book features a new preface by Oreskes and critical responses by climate experts Ottmar Edenhofer and Martin Kowarsch, political scientist Jon Krosnick, philosopher of science Marc Lange, and science historian Susan Lindee, as well as a foreword by political theorist Stephen Macedo.

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“With the reissue of Science, the Endless Frontier, I am once more struck by the majesty of Vannevar Bush’s vision for the role of science. His document serves as a prescient reminder as the United States faces the challenges of a new century. Adding a needed retrospective, Rush Holt’s companion essay calls for a more robust conversation among STEM researchers, social scientists, and the public, and strongly resonates with my experiences in public policy.”
—Sylvester James Gates Jr., Brown University

The classic case for why government must support science—with a new essay by physicist and former congressman Rush Holt on what democracy needs from science today

Science, the Endless Frontier

Science, the Endless Frontier is recognized as the landmark argument for the essential role of science in society and government’s responsibility to support scientific endeavors. First issued when Vannevar Bush was the director of the US Office of Scientific Research and Development during the Second World War, this classic remains vital in making the case that scientific progress is necessary to a nation’s health, security, and prosperity. This timely new edition presents this iconic text alongside a new companion essay from scientist and former congressman Rush Holt, who offers a brief introduction and consideration of what society needs most from science now.

A touchstone for concerned citizens, scientists, and policymakers, Science, the Endless Frontier endures as a passionate articulation of the power and potential of science.

“Rush Holt’s essay on Science, the Endless Frontier celebrates science discovery and the democratization of science. He layers historical context with a deeper examination of publicly funded science, and he challenges the scientific community to be more inclusive. An important perspective from a physicist, policymaker, and advocate for science, Holt provides new insights to Vannevar Bush’s text.”
—Kaye G. Husbands Fealing, Georgia Institute of Technology

Vannevar Bush (1890–1974) was director of the US Office of Scientific Research and Development during World War II. He was also president of the Carnegie Institution for Science and chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Rush D. Holt is CEO emeritus of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He served in the US House of Representatives from 1999 to 2015; was head of the Office of Strategic Forces’ Nuclear and Scientific Division, US Department of State; and has been assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

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The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge is excellent. Dijkgraaf’s essay is a remarkable piece of writing that eloquently puts Flexner’s essay in historical context, revealing the influence of his vision on the twentieth century and reevaluating it in the light of the twenty-first.”
—Carlo Rovelli, author of Seven Brief Lessons on Physics

The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge

A forty-year tightening of funding for scientific research has meant that resources are increasingly directed toward applied or practical outcomes, with the intent of creating products of immediate value. In such a scenario, it makes sense to focus on the most identifiable and urgent problems, right? Actually, it doesn’t. In his classic essay “The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge,” Abraham Flexner, the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and the man who helped bring Albert Einstein to the United States, describes a great paradox of scientific research. The search for answers to deep questions, motivated solely by curiosity and without concern for applications, often leads not only to the greatest scientific discoveries but also to the most revolutionary technological breakthroughs. In short, no quantum mechanics, no computer chips.

This brief book includes Flexner’s timeless 1939 essay alongside a new companion essay by Robbert Dijkgraaf, the Institute’s current director, in which he shows that Flexner’s defense of the value of “the unobstructed pursuit of useless knowledge” may be even more relevant today than it was in the early twentieth century.

Abraham Flexner (1866–1959) was the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Study, one of the world’s leading institutions for basic research in the sciences and humanities. Robbert Dijkgraaf, a mathematical physicist who specializes in string theory, is director and Leon Levy Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study. A distinguished public policy adviser and passionate advocate for science and the arts, he is also the cochair of the Inter-Academy Council, a global alliance of science academies, and former president of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Running Out

The Ogallala aquifer has nourished life on the American Great Plains for millennia. But less than a century of unsustainable irrigation farming has taxed much of the aquifer beyond repair. The imminent depletion of the Ogallala and other aquifers around the world is a defining planetary crisis of our times. *Running Out* offers a uniquely personal account of aquifer depletion and the deeper layers through which it gains meaning and force.

Anthropologist Lucas Bessire journeyed back to western Kansas, where five generations of his family lived as irrigation farmers and ranchers, to try to make sense of this vital resource and its loss. His search for water across the drying High Plains brings the reader face to face with the stark realities of industrial agriculture, eroding democratic norms, and surreal interpretations of a looming disaster. Yet the destination is far from predictable, as the book seeks to move beyond the words and genres through which destruction is often known. Instead, this journey into the morass of eradication offers a series of unexpected discoveries about what it means to inherit the troubled legacies of the past and how we can take responsibility for a more inclusive, sustainable future.

An urgent and unsettling meditation on environmental change, *Running Out* is a revelatory account of family, complicity, loss, and what it means to find your way back home.

Lucas Bessire is associate professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma and the author of *Behold the Black Caiman: A Chronicle of Ayoreo Life.*

“A delight. *Running Out* is a powerful examination of the forces draining the High Plains and an intimate meditation on complicity and responsibility. This book is for anyone who is concerned about climate change, who grieves for the aquifers, or who longs to understand the problems now facing us as we brush up against the limits of the natural world.”

—Lauren Groff, *New York Times*

bestselling author of *Fates and Furies*
Why an awareness of Earth’s temporal rhythms is critical to our planetary survival

Timefulness

Few of us have any conception of the enormous timescales of our planet’s long history, and this narrow perspective underlies many of the environmental problems we are creating. The lifespan of Earth can seem unfathomable compared to the brevity of human existence, but this view of time denies our deep roots in Earth’s history—and the magnitude of our effects on the planet. Timefulness reveals how knowing the rhythms of Earth’s deep past and conceiving of time as a geologist does can give us the perspective we need for a more sustainable future. Featuring illustrations by Haley Hagerman, this compelling book offers a new way of thinking about our place in time, showing how our everyday lives are shaped by processes that vastly predate us, and how our actions today will in turn have consequences that will outlast us by generations.

Marcia Bjornerud is professor of geology and environmental studies at Lawrence University. She is the author of Reading the Rocks: The Autobiography of the Earth and a contributing writer for Elements, the New Yorker’s science and technology blog.

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Martin Williams has written a magnificent and thought-provoking history of the Sahara. With infectious panache, he reconstructs the formation and geological history of the desert, and looks at the prehistoric peoples who once flourished by its long-vanished lakes and rivers. We learn of dramatic climatic episodes and of ingenious adaptations to extreme aridity that are still relevant today. . . . A brilliant achievement.”
—Brian Fagan, coauthor of Climate Chaos: Lessons on Survival from Our Ancestors

When the Sahara Was Green

The Sahara is the largest hot desert in the world, equal in size to China or the United States. Yet, this arid expanse was once a verdant, pleasant land, fed by rivers and lakes. The Sahara sustained abundant plant and animal life, such as Nile perch, turtles, crocodiles, and hippos, and attracted prehistoric hunters and herders. What transformed this land of lakes into a sea of sands? When the Sahara Was Green describes the remarkable history of Earth’s greatest desert—including why its climate changed, the impact this had on human populations, and how scientists uncovered the evidence for these extraordinary events.

From the Sahara’s origins as savanna woodland and grassland to its current arid incarnation, Martin Williams takes us on a vivid journey through time. He describes how the desert’s ancient rocks were first fashioned, how dinosaurs roamed freely across the land, and how it was later covered in tall trees. Along the way, Williams addresses many questions: Why was the Sahara previously much wetter, and will it be so again? Did humans contribute to its desertification? What was the impact of extreme climatic episodes—such as prolonged droughts—upon the Sahara’s geology, ecology, and inhabitants? Williams also shows how plants, animals, and humans have adapted to the Sahara and what lessons we might learn for living in harmony with the harshest, driest conditions in an ever-changing global environment.

A valuable look at how an iconic region has changed over millions of years, When the Sahara Was Green reveals the desert’s surprising past to reflect on its present, as well as its possible future.

Martin Williams is professor emeritus and adjunct professor of earth sciences at the University of Adelaide. His many books include Climate Change in Deserts; Nile Waters, Saharan Sands; and The Nile Basin. He lives in Glenalta, South Australia.

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A passionate eyewitness account of the mysteries and looming demise of glaciers—and what their fate means for our shared future

Ice Rivers

The ice sheets and glaciers that cover one-tenth of Earth’s land surface are in grave peril. High in the Alps, Andes, and Himalaya, once-indomitable glaciers are retreating, even dying. Meanwhile, in Antarctica, thinning glaciers may be unlocking vast quantities of methane stored for millions of years beneath the ice. In *Ice Rivers*, renowned glaciologist Jemma Wadham offers a searing personal account of glaciers and the rapidly unfolding crisis that they—and we—face.

Taking readers on a personal journey from Europe and Asia to Antarctica and South America, Wadham introduces majestic glaciers around the globe as individuals—even friends—each with their own unique character and place in their community. She challenges their first appearance as silent, passive, and lifeless, and reveals that glaciers are, in fact, as alive as a forest or soil, teeming with microbial life and connected to almost everything we know. They influence crucial systems on which people depend, from lucrative fisheries to fertile croplands, and represent some of the most sensitive and dynamic parts of our world. Their fate is inescapably entwined with our own, and unless we act to abate the greenhouse warming of our planet the potential consequences are almost unfathomable.

A riveting blend of cutting-edge research and tales of encounters with polar bears and survival under the midnight sun, *Ice Rivers* is an unforgettable portrait of—and love letter to—our vanishing icy wildernesses.

**Jemma Wadham** is professor of glaciology at the University of Bristol and an adjunct professor at UiT Arctic University of Norway. She has led more than twenty-five expeditions to glaciers around the world, from Greenland and Antarctica to the Peruvian Andes and the Himalaya.
On the Future

Humanity has reached a critical moment. Our world is unsettled and rapidly changing, and we face existential risks over the next century. Various outcomes—good and bad—are possible. Yet our approach to the future is characterized by short-term thinking, polarizing debates, alarmist rhetoric, and pessimism. In this short, exhilarating book, renowned scientist and bestselling author Martin Rees argues that humanity’s prospects depend on our taking a very different approach to planning for tomorrow.

The future of humanity is bound to the future of science and hinges on how successfully we harness technological advances to address our challenges. If we are to use science to solve our problems while avoiding its dystopian risks, we must think rationally, globally, collectively, and optimistically about the long term. But there is no “Plan B” for Earth—no viable alternative within reach if we do not care for our home planet.

Rich with fascinating insights into cutting-edge science and technology, this accessible book will captivate anyone who wants to understand the critical issues that will define the future of humanity on Earth and beyond.

“An engaging analysis of the most important issues facing the world, sprinkled with insight and suffused with wisdom and humanity.”
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Martin Rees is Astronomer Royal, and has been Master of Trinity College and Director of the Institute of Astronomy at Cambridge University.

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“Never doubt that rural Americans truly love the land they inhabit—and as Colin Jerolmack makes clear in this fascinating account, that might be the basis for some productive, if sometimes awkward, environmentalism in the crucial years ahead.”
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A riveting portrait of a rural Pennsylvania town at the center of the fracking controversy

Up to Heaven and Down to Hell

Shale gas extraction—commonly known as fracking—is often portrayed as an energy revolution that will transform the American economy and geopolitics. But in greater Williamsport, Pennsylvania, fracking is personal. Up to Heaven and Down to Hell is a vivid and sometimes heartbreaking account of what happens when one of the most momentous decisions about the well-being of our communities and our planet—whether or not to extract shale gas and oil from the very land beneath our feet—is largely a private choice that millions of ordinary people make without the public’s consent.

The United States is the only country in the world where property rights commonly extend “up to heaven and down to hell,” which means that landowners have the exclusive right to lease their subsurface mineral estates to petroleum companies. Colin Jerolmack spent eight months living with rural communities outside of Williamsport as they confronted the tension between property rights and the commonwealth. In this deeply intimate book, he reveals how the decision to lease brings financial rewards but can also cause irreparable harm to neighbors, to communal resources like air and water, and even to oneself.

Up to Heaven and Down to Hell casts America’s ideas about freedom and property rights in a troubling new light, revealing how your personal choices can undermine your neighbors’ liberty, and how the exercise of individual rights can bring unintended environmental consequences for us all.

Colin Jerolmack is professor of sociology and environmental studies at New York University and the author of The Global Pigeon. He lives in New York City.

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What a rare mushroom can teach us about sustaining life on a fragile planet

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Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing is professor of anthropology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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**Robert DiYanni** is adjunct professor of humanities and instructional consultant with the Center for Faculty Advancement at New York University. **Anton Borst** is instructional consultant with the Teaching and Learning with Technology group at New York University.
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