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**Viral Justice**

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Reading Guide
The unwritten rules of success that every student must follow to thrive in college

The Secret Syllabus

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Running Out

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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.

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*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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“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.”

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Sample Syllabus
The essential survival guide for college students

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 first year classroom—lessons that will continue to serve you long after college graduation.

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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 first year college students. Jennifer E. Price is a biologist who has much experience teaching online as well as traditional college courses.

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Sample Syllabus
A lively and engaging guide to vital habits of mind that can help you think more deeply, write more effectively, and learn more joyfully

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Sample Syllabus
A short, provocative book about why “useless” science often leads to humanity’s greatest technological breakthroughs

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.

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**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.

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An essential handbook to the unwritten and often unspoken knowledge and skills you need to succeed in grad school

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.

“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.”
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—Becca Spindel Bassett, The Harvard Educational Review

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A philosopher’s personal meditation on how painful emotions can reveal truths about what it means to be truly human

Night Vision

In this powerful and disarmingly intimate book, Existentialist philosopher Mariana Alessandri draws on the stories of a diverse group of nineteenth- and twentieth-century philosophers and writers to help us see that our suffering is a sign not that we are broken but that we are tender, perceptive, and intelligent. Thinkers such as Audre Lorde, María Lugones, Miguel de Unamuno, C. S. Lewis, Gloria Anzaldúa, and Søren Kierkegaard sat in their anger, sadness, and anxiety until their eyes adjusted to the dark. Alessandri explains how readers can cultivate “night vision” and discover new sides to their painful moods, such as wit and humor, closeness and warmth, and connection and clarity.

“Night Vision is a magnificently written and refreshing analysis of our modern obsession with lightness and positivity… Alessandri presents a persuasive case for us to transform our perception of darkness so that we’re more empathetic toward ourselves and understanding of others. It’s scholarly, energizing, and delightful.”
—Skye C. Cleary, author of How to Be Authentic: Simone de Beauvoir and the Quest for Fulfillment

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How an acceptance of our limitations can lead to a more fulfilling life and a more harmonious society

The Good-Enough Life

This book explains why no one truly benefits from a competitive social order, and it reveals how another way of life is possible—a good-enough life for all. Avram Alpert shows how our obsession with greatness results in stress and anxiety, damage to our relationships, widespread political and economic inequality, and destruction of the natural world. He describes how to move beyond greatness to create a society in which everyone flourishes. Visionary and provocative, The Good-Enough Life demonstrates how we can work together to cultivate a good-enough life for all instead of tearing ourselves apart in a race to the top of the social pyramid.

“The Good-Enough Life is a great book. In a style that feels like a conversation among friends, Alpert makes a convincing case that it is our deep, often unspoken commitment to ‘greatness’ that stands in the way of improving the quality of our political, social, and economic lives. Learning to seek ‘good enough’ may be the key to social transformation.”

—Barry Schwartz, author of The Paradox of Choice

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“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

Why the tools of philosophy offer a powerful antidote to today’s epidemic of irrationality

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 US 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. This book 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.

Clearly written and well organized, this is a valuable examination of why bad thinking occurs and what people can do to make themselves better thinkers.”
—Choice

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An invigorating exploration of the pleasures and social benefits of conversation

Talking Cure

*Talking Cure* is a timely and enticing excursion into the art of good conversation. Paula Marantz Cohen reveals how conversation connects us in ways that social media never can and explains why simply talking to each other freely and without guile may be the cure to what ails our troubled society. Cohen argues that we learn to converse in our families and then carry that knowledge into a broader world where we encounter diverse opinions and sensibilities. She discusses the role of food in encouraging conversation, the challenges of writing dialogue in fiction, the pros and cons of Zoom, the relationship of conversation to vaudeville acts, and the educational value of a good college seminar where students learn to talk about ideas. Blending the immediacy of a beautifully crafted memoir with the conviviality of an intimate gathering with friends, *Talking Cure* makes a persuasive case for the civilizing value of conversation.

“Paula Marantz Cohen’s book, *Talking Cure*, is an intelligent, delightful, and refreshing addition to the analyses of our political fragmentation.”
—Ashley Rogers Berner, Johns Hopkins University

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“A gripping snapshot of a country riven by injustice yet anxious about radical change.”
—New York Times Book Review

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*

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“The Campus Color Line is a stunning and ambitious origins story. Embedded with breathtaking narratives recovered from meticulous research, this book vividly connects the actions of past college presidents to the racial issues that we, as a society, struggle with today.”
—Ibram X. Kendi, National Book Award–winning and #1 New York Times–bestselling author

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.

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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.
“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 food-ways 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 “food-ways”—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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A critical history of the social media influencer’s rise to global prominence

The Influencer Industry

*The Influencer Industry* tells the story of how early digital creators scrambling for work amid the Great Recession gave rise to the multibillion-dollar industry that has fundamentally reshaped culture, the flow of information, and the way we relate to ourselves and each other. Hund illustrates how the methods they developed for creating, monetizing, and marketing social media content have permeated our lives and untangles the unforeseen cultural and economic costs. *The Influencer Industry* reveals how, in an increasingly fractured and profit-driven communications environment, the people we think of as “real” are merely those who have learned to exploit the industry’s ever-shifting constructions of authenticity.

“Hund paints a compelling picture of the interventions and tensions surrounding monetization, technological innovation, and self-brand building within what she calls the ‘influencer industry.’”

—Sarah Banet-Weiser, author of *Empowered: Popular Feminism and Popular Misogyny*

**Emily Hund** is a research affiliate at the Center on Digital Culture and Society at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication and a consultant to industry, academic, and government groups. Her work has appeared in leading publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Atlantic*, and the *Guardian*.

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“...computing, well-considered look behind the polished scenes of the influencer industry.”
—Kirkus
An inside look at how one of the country’s most elite private schools prepares its students for success

Privilege

With a new preface by the author

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.

“This *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*

**Shamus Khan** is professor of sociology and American studies at Princeton University. He is an alumnus and former faculty member of St. Paul’s School.

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“This is a terrific book. Khan’s strong authorial voice and wonderful personality shine through and it is a pleasure to follow his life and travails at St. Paul’s.”
—Michèle Lamont, Harvard University
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.

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A startling look at the unexpected places where violent hate groups recruit young people

Hate in the Homeland

With a new preface by the author

_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_

“Cynthia Miller-Idriss wants us to focus not only on the global movements that empower right-wing extremism but also on our daily experiences and interactions with extremists, as a way of understanding the danger we face. Most importantly, she uses this unique perspective to offer new ideas about how to counter the hate in our midst.”

—Tom Nichols, author of _The Death of Expertise_

Cynthia Miller-Idriss is a professor in the School of Public Affairs and the School of Education at American University, where she runs the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL). She is the author of _The Extreme Gone Mainstream: Commercialization and Far Right Youth Culture in Germany_ (Princeton) and _Blood and Culture: Youth, Right-Wing Extremism, and National Belonging in Contemporary Germany_.

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A necessary reckoning with America’s troubled history of injustice to Indigenous people

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.

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.

“After One Hundred Winters is at once devastating and uplifting. In a powerful narrative brimming with hope and decency, Jacobs shows the importance of reconciliation, not as a glib slogan but as a deeply personal and meaningful cross-cultural dialogue. This book deserves to be read widely and deeply.”

—Lynette Russell, Monash Indigenous Studies Centre, Monash University

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

“Prizewinning historian Margaret Jacobs offers a clear-eyed and heartrending 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.”

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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

From New York Times bestselling author and economics columnist Robert Frank, bold new ideas for creating environments that promise a brighter future

Under the Influence

With a new preface by the author

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.

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.

“Extraordinarily timely: It’s an effort to show that the economics of social contagion could reshape the world, solving our hardest problems—from climate change to income inequality—and offering new ways to think about the power we have as individuals. Absent the pandemic, its argument might’ve seemed abstract, optimistic. But now we’ve seen it happen. We are watching a version of Frank’s thesis play out right now, in real time. In the wake of coronavirus, social pressure has driven perhaps the single fastest behavioral transformation in human history.”
—Ezra Klein, Vox

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

A Lot of People Are Saying

With a new preface by the authors

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

The Mushroom at the End of the World

Matsutake is the most valuable mushroom in the world—and a weed that grows in human-disturbed forests across the Northern Hemisphere. Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing’s account of these sought-after fungi offers insights into areas far beyond just mushrooms and addresses a crucial question: What manages to live in the ruins we have made? The Mushroom at the End of the World explores the unexpected corners of matsutake commerce, where we encounter Japanese gourmets, capitalist traders, Hmong jungle fighters, Finnish nature guides, and more. These companions lead us into fungal ecologies and forest histories to better understand the promise of cohabitation in a time of massive human devastation. The Mushroom at the End of the World delves into the relationship between capitalist destruction and collaborative survival within multispecies landscapes, the prerequisite for continuing life on earth.

“A fascinating account of the biology, ecology, genetics and anthropology of the world’s most valued mushroom.”
—Louise O. Fresco, Times Higher Education

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

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“Through close, indeed loving, attention to a certain fascinating mushroom, the matsutake, Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing discusses how the whole immense crisis of ecology came about and why it continues. In a situation where urgency and enormity can overwhelm the mind, she gives us a real way to think about it.”
—Ursula K. Le Guin
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. 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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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. 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.

“*Ice Rivers* is a breezy read, with an eager party host vibe (‘let me introduce to you my friend the glacier; I think you two will get along’). . . . Where the book really comes alive is in its vivid snapshots of a scientist’s life in the field. . . . These recollections are honest, funny and poignant, and reveal how the highs and lows of fieldwork are inextricably intertwined.”

—Carolyn Gramling, *Science News*

**Jemma Wadham** is Professor of Glaciology at UiT the Arctic University of Norway, the Norwegian Polar Institute, and the University of Bristol. She has led more than twenty-five expeditions to glaciers around the world, from Greenland and Antarctica to the Peruvian Andes and the Himalaya.
How to survive the century—starting now

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.

“What if we got one of the smartest people alive to figure the odds on how we might be able to survive our ability to do ourselves in? We have that person in Martin Rees, and his thoughtful answers in this book.”
—Alan Alda

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—Steven Pinker, author of Enlightenment Now

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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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.

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“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
A powerful portrait of the greatest humanitarian emergency of our time, from the director of Human Flow

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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—David Baime, Senior Vice President for Government Relations, American Association of Community Colleges

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Michael McPherson is president emeritus of the Spencer Foundation and Macalester College.

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Richard J. Light is the Carl H. Pforzheimer Professor of Teaching and Learning at Harvard University. His books include _Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds_ and _Summing Up: The Science of Reviewing Research_. He lives in Belmont, Massachusetts. Allison Jegla is a nonprofit leader and higher education strategist. She is from Portland, Michigan.

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**Marybeth Gasman** is the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Endowed Chair in Education and a Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University.

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Andrew Delbanco is the Alexander Hamilton Professor of American Studies at Columbia University and president of the Teagle Foundation.

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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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**Ken Bain** is the president of the Best Teachers Institute.

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Keith E. Whittington is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton University.

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