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Featured Titles
Failures of Forgiveness: What We Get Wrong and How to Do Better
Myisha Cherry

Philosopher Myisha Cherry teaches us the right ways to deal with wrongdoing in our lives and the world.

Sages from Cicero to Oprah have told us that forgiveness requires us to let go of negative emotions and that it has a unique power to heal our wounds. In *Failures of Forgiveness*, Myisha Cherry argues that these beliefs couldn’t be more wrong—and that the ways we think about and use forgiveness, personally and as a society, can often do more harm than good. She presents a new and healthier understanding of forgiveness—one that will give us a better chance to recover from wrongdoing and move toward “radical repair.”

Cherry began exploring forgiveness after some relatives of the victims of the mass shooting at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina, forgave what seemed unforgiveable. She was troubled that many observers appeared to be more inspired by these acts of forgiveness than they were motivated to confront the racial hatred that led to the killings. That is a big mistake, Cherry argues. Forgiveness isn’t magic. We can forgive and still be angry, there can be good reasons not to forgive, and forgiving a wrong without tackling its roots solves nothing. Examining how forgiveness can go wrong in families, between friends, at work, and in the media, politics, and beyond, Cherry addresses forgiveness and race, canceling versus forgiving, self-forgiveness, and more. She takes the burden of forgiveness off those who have been wronged and offers guidance both to those deciding whether and how to forgive and those seeking forgiveness.

By showing us how to do forgiveness better, *Failures of Forgiveness* promises to transform how we deal with wrongdoing in our lives, opening a new path to true healing and reconciliation.

Myisha Cherry is assistant professor of philosophy at the University of California, Riverside, and the author of *The Case for Rage: Why Anger Is Essential to Anti-Racist Struggle* and *UnMuted: Conversations on Prejudice, Oppression, and Social Justice*, which draws on her popular podcast *UnMute*. She has been widely featured in the media, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New Yorker*, the *Atlantic*, BET, and the podcast *Pod Save the People*. 
Economics in America: 
*An Immigrant Economist Explores the Land of Inequality*

Angus Deaton

From the Nobel Prize–winning economist and *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism*, candid reflections on the economist’s craft

When economist Angus Deaton immigrated to the United States from Britain in the early 1980s, he was awed by America’s strengths and shocked by the extraordinary gaps he witnessed between people. *Economics in America* explains in clear terms how the field of economics addresses the most pressing issues of our time—from poverty, retirement, and the minimum wage to the ravages of the nation’s uniquely disastrous health care system—and narrates Deaton’s account of his experiences as a naturalized US citizen and academic economist.

Deaton is witty and pulls no punches. In this incisive, candid, and funny book, he describes the everyday lives of working economists, recounting the triumphs as well as the disasters, and tells the inside story of the Nobel Prize in economics and the journey that led him to Stockholm to receive one. He discusses the ongoing tensions between economics and politics—and the extent to which economics has any content beyond the political prejudices of economists—and reflects on whether economists bear at least some responsibility for the growing despair and rising populism in America.

Blending rare personal insights with illuminating perspectives on the social challenges that confront us today, Deaton offers a disarmingly frank critique of his own profession while shining a light on his adopted country’s policy accomplishments and failures.

Free Agents: 
*How Evolution Gave Us Free Will*

Kevin J. Mitchell

An evolutionary case for the existence of free will

Scientists are learning more and more about how brain activity controls behavior and how neural circuits weigh alternatives and initiate actions. As we probe ever deeper into the mechanics of decision making, many conclude that agency—or free will—is an illusion. In *Free Agents*, leading neuroscientist Kevin Mitchell presents a wealth of evidence to the contrary, arguing that we are not mere machines responding to physical forces but agents acting with purpose.

Traversing billions of years of evolution, Mitchell tells the remarkable story of how living beings capable of choice arose from lifeless matter. He explains how the emergence of nervous systems provided a means to learn about the world, granting sentient animals the capacity to model, predict, and simulate. Mitchell reveals how these faculties reached their peak in humans with our abilities to imagine and to be introspective, to reason in the moment, and to shape our possible futures through the exercise of our individual agency. Mitchell’s argument has important implications—for how we understand decision making, for how our individual agency can be enhanced or infringed, for how we think about collective agency in the face of global crises, and for how we consider the limitations and future of artificial intelligence.

An astonishing journey of discovery, *Free Agents* offers a new framework for understanding how, across a billion years of Earth history, life evolved the power to choose, and why it matters.

Kevin J. Mitchell is associate professor of genetics and neuroscience at Trinity College Dublin. He is the author of *Innate: How the Wiring of Our Brains Shapes Who We Are* (Princeton) and runs a popular blog, *Wiring the Brain*. His work has appeared in publications such as *Scientific American*, the *Guardian*, and *Psychology Today*. 
Fool: *In Search of Henry VIII’s Closest Man*

Peter K. Andersson

The first biography of Henry VIII’s court fool William Somer, a legendary entertainer and one of the most intriguing figures of the Tudor age

In some portraits of Henry VIII there appears another, striking figure—a gaunt and morose-looking man with a shaved head and, in one case, a monkey on his shoulder. This is William or “Will” Somer, the king’s fool, a celebrated wit who reportedly could raise Henry’s spirits and spent many hours with him, often alone. Was Somer an “artificial fool,” a cunning comic who could speak freely in front of the king, or a “natural fool,” someone with intellectual disabilities, like many other members of the profession? And what role did he play in the tumultuous and violent Tudor era? *Fool* is the first biography of Somer—and perhaps the first of a Renaissance fool.

After his death, Somer disappeared behind his legend, and historians struggled to separate myth from reality. Unearthing as many facts as possible, Peter K. Andersson pieces together the fullest picture yet of an enigmatic and unusual man with a very strange job.

Somer’s story provides new insights into how fools lived and what exactly they did for a living, how monarchs and courtiers related to commoners and people with disabilities, and whether aspects of the Renaissance fool live on in the modern comedian. But most of all, we learn how a commoner without property or education managed to become the court’s chief mascot and a continuous presence at the center of Tudor power from the 1530s to the reign of Elizabeth I.

Looking beyond stereotypes of the man in motley, *Fool* reveals a little-known world, surprising and disturbing, when comedy was something crueler and more unpleasant than we like to think.

**Peter K. Andersson** is senior lecturer in history at Örebro University in Sweden. He is the author of *Streetlife in Late Victorian London* and *Silent History*.
On Czesław Miłosz:  
*Visions from the Other Europe*  
Eva Hoffman

A compelling personal introduction to the life and work of Nobel Prize–winning writer Czesław Miłosz from his fellow Polish exile and acclaimed writer Eva Hoffman

Czesław Miłosz (1911–2004) was a giant of twentieth-century literature, not least because he lived through and wrote about many of the most extreme events of that extreme century, from the world wars and the Holocaust to the Cold War. Over a seven-decade career, he produced an important body of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, including classics such as *The Captive Mind*, a reflection on the hypnotic power of ideology, and *Native Realm*, a memoir. In this book, Eva Hoffman, like Miłosz a Polish-born writer who immigrated to the West, presents an eloquent personal portrait of the life and work of her illustrious fellow exile.

Miłosz experienced the horrors of World War II in Warsaw—the very epicenter of the inferno—and witnessed the unfolding of the Holocaust from up close. After the war, he lived as a permanent exile—from Poland, communism, and mainstream American culture. Hoffman explores how exile, historical disasters, and Miłosz’s origins in Eastern Europe shaped his vision, and she occasionally compares her own postwar trajectory with Miłosz’s to show how the question of “the Other Europe” is still with us today. She also examines his later turn to the poetry of memory and loss, driven by the need to remember and honor his many friends and others killed in the Holocaust.

Combining incisive personal and critical insights, *On Czesław Miłosz* captures the essence of the life and work of a great poet and writer.

Eva Hoffman is a critic, novelist, historian, and memoirist who grew up in Kraków, Poland, before immigrating to Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Her many books include *Lost in Translation: A Life in a New Language* and *Exit into History: A Journey through the New Eastern Europe*. She is a visiting professor at the European Institute of University College London.
Long Live Queer Nightlife: How the Closing of Gay Bars Sparked a Revolution

Amin Ghaziani

It’s closing time for an alarming number of gay bars in cities around the globe—but it’s definitely not the last dance.

In this exhilarating journey into underground parties, pulsating with life and limitless possibility, acclaimed author Amin Ghaziani unveils the unexpected revolution revitalizing urban nightlife.

Far from the gay bar with its largely white, gay male clientele, here is a dazzling scene of secret parties—club nights—wherein culture creatives, many of whom are queer, trans, and racial minorities, reclaim the night in the name of those too long left out. Episodic, nomadic, and radically inclusive, club nights are refashioning queer nightlife in boundlessly imaginative and powerfully defiant ways.

Drawing on Ghaziani’s immersive encounters at underground parties in London and more than one hundred riveting interviews with everyone from bar owners to party producers, revelers to rabble-rousers, Long Live Queer Nightlife showcases a spectacular, if seldom-seen, vision of a queer world shimmering with self-empowerment, inventiveness, and joy.

Amin Ghaziani is professor of sociology and Canada Research Chair in Urban Sexualities at the University of British Columbia. He is the award-winning author of The Dividends of Dissent, Sex Cultures, and There Goes the Gayborhood? (Princeton). His work has been featured widely in international media outlets, including the New Yorker, the Financial Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Guardian, USA Today, and British Vogue.

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Digital Design: *A History*

Stephen J. Eskilson

A groundbreaking history of digital design from the nineteenth century to today

Digital design has emerged as perhaps the most dynamic force in society, occupying a fluid, experimental space where product design intersects with art, film, business, engineering, theater, music, and artificial intelligence. Stephen Eskilson traces the history of digital design from its precursors in the nineteenth century to its technological and cultural ascendency today, providing a multifaceted account of a digital revolution that touches all aspects of our lives.

We live in a time when silicon processors, miniaturization, and CAD-enhanced 3D design have transformed the tangible world of cars and coffee makers as well as the screen world on our phones, computers, and game systems. Eskilson provides invaluable historical perspective to help readers better understand how digital design has become such a vibrant feature of the contemporary landscape. He covers topics ranging from graphic and product design to type, web design, architecture, data visualization, and virtual reality. Along the way, he paints compelling portraits of key innovators behind this transformation, from foundational figures such as Marshall McLuhan, Nam June Paik, and April Greiman to those mapping new frontiers, such as Sepandar Kamvar, Jeannne Gang, Karim Rashid, Neri Oxman, and Jony Ive.

Bringing together an unprecedented array of sources on digital design, this comprehensive and richly illustrated book reveals how many of the digital practices we think of as cutting-edge actually originated in the analog age and how the history of digital design is as much about our changing relationship to forms as the forms themselves.

Stephen J. Eskilson is professor of art and design history at Eastern Illinois University. His books include *Graphic Design: A New History* and *The Age of Glass: A Cultural History of Glass in Modern and Contemporary Architecture*. 
Color Charts: *A History*

Anne Varichon

A beautifully illustrated history of the many inventive, poetic, and beautiful ways in which color swatches have been selected and staged.

The need to categorize and communicate color has mobilized practitioners and scholars for centuries. *Color Charts* describes the many different methods and ingenious devices developed since the fifteenth century by doctors, naturalists, dyers, and painters to catalog fragments of colors. With the advent of industrial society, manufacturers and merchants developed some of the most beautiful and varied tools ever designed to present all the available colors. Thanks to them, society has discovered the abundance of color embodied in a plethora of materials: cuts of fabric, leather, paper, and rubber; slats of wood and linoleum; delicate skeins of silk; careful deposits of paint and pastels; fragments of lipstick; and arrangements of flower petals. These samples shape a visual culture and a chromatic vocabulary and instill a deep desire for color.

Anne Varichon traces the emergence of modern color charts from a set of processes developed over the centuries in various contexts. She presents illuminating examples that bring this remarkable story to life, from ancient writings revealing attention to precise shade to contemporary designers’ color charts, dyers’ notebooks, and Werner’s famous color nomenclature. Varichon argues that color charts have linked generations of artists, artisans, scientists, industrialists, and merchants, and have played an essential and enduring role in the way societies think about color.

Drawing on nearly two hundred documents from public and private collections, almost all of them previously unpublished, this wonderfully illustrated book shows how the color chart, in its many distinct forms and expressions, is a practical tool that has transcended its original purpose to become an educational aid and subject of contemplation worthy of being studied and admired.

Anne Varichon is an anthropologist specializing in material cultures and ideas about color. She is the author of *Colors*. 
Pox Romana: *The Plague That Shook the Roman World*

Colin Elliott

A wide-ranging and dramatic account of the Antonine plague, the mysterious disease that struck the Roman Empire at its pinnacle.

In the middle of the second century AD, Rome was at its prosperous and powerful apex. The emperor Marcus Aurelius reigned over a vast territory that stretched from Britain to Egypt. The Roman-made peace, or *Pax Romana*, seemed to be permanent. Then, apparently out of nowhere, a sudden sickness struck the legions and laid waste to cities, including Rome itself. This fast-spreading disease, now known as the Antonine plague, may have been history's first pandemic. Soon after its arrival, the Empire began its downward trajectory toward decline and fall. In *Pox Romana*, historian Colin Elliott offers a comprehensive, wide-ranging account of this pivotal moment in Roman history.

Did a single disease—its origins and diagnosis still a mystery—bring Rome to its knees? Carefully examining all the available evidence, Elliott shows that Rome’s problems were more insidious. Years before the pandemic, the thin veneer of Roman peace and prosperity had begun to crack: the economy was sluggish, the military found itself bogged down in the Balkans and the Middle East, food insecurity led to riots and mass migration, and persecution of Christians intensified. The pandemic exposed the crumbling foundations of a doomed Empire. Arguing that the disease was both cause and effect of Rome's fall, Elliott describes the plague’s “preexisting conditions” (Rome's multiple economic, social, and environmental susceptibilities); recounts the history of the outbreak itself through the experiences of physician, victim, and political operator; and explores postpandemic crises. The pandemic's most transformative power, Elliott suggests, may have been its lingering presence as a threat both real and perceived.

Colin Elliott is associate professor of history at Indiana University and the author of *Economic Theory and the Roman Monetary Economy*.
How to Focus:
_A Monastic Guide for an Age of Distraction_

John Cassian

Selected, translated & introduced by Jamie Kreiner

How you can learn to focus like a monk without living like one

Distraction isn’t a new problem. We’re also not the first to complain about how hard it is to concentrate. Early Christian monks beat us to it. They had given up everything to focus on God, yet they still struggled to keep the demons of distraction at bay. But rather than surrender to the meandering of their minds, they developed powerful strategies to improve their attention and engagement. _How to Focus_ is an inviting collection of their strikingly relatable insights and advice—frank, funny, sympathetic, and psychologically sophisticated.

Featuring an engaging new translation by Jamie Kreiner and the original Latin on facing pages, _How to Focus_ can help even the least monkish of us to train our attention on what matters most.

Jamie Kreiner is professor of history at the University of Georgia and the author of _The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction._
How to Be Healthy: *An Ancient Guide to Wellness*

Galen

Selected, translated & introduced by Katherine D. Van Schaik

Timeless wisdom about how to be healthy in body and mind from one of the greatest physicians of the ancient world

The second-century Greek physician Galen—the most famous doctor in antiquity after Hippocrates—is a central figure in Western medicine. A talented doctor, surgeon, writer, philosopher, teacher, pharmacologist, and inventor, Galen attended the court of Marcus Aurelius, living through outbreaks of plague (likely smallpox) that devastated the Roman Empire. He also served as physician for professional gladiators, boasting that only two fighters died during his first year (his predecessor had lost sixteen). In writings that provided the foundation of Western medicine up to the nineteenth century, Galen created a unified account of health and disease. In *How to Be Healthy*, practicing physician and classical historian Katherine Van Schaik presents a collection of Galen’s enduring insights about how we can take care of our bodies and minds, prevent disease, and reach a healthy old age.

Katherine D. Van Schaik completed a PhD in ancient history at Harvard University while earning an MD with honors at Harvard Medical School.

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Readers

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How to Care about Animals: An Ancient Guide to Creatures Great and Small

Porphyry & Friends
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An entertaining and enlightening anthology of classical Greek and Roman writings on animals—and our vital relationships with them.

How to Care about Animals is a fascinating menagerie of passages from classical literature about animals and the lives we share with them. Classicist and farmer M. D. Usher has gathered a healthy litter of selections that reveal some of the ways Greeks and Romans thought about everything from lions, bears, and wolves to birds, octopuses, and snails—and that might inspire us to rethink our own relationships with our fellow creatures. Presented in lively new translations, with the original texts on facing pages, these pieces are filled with surprises—anticipating but also offering new perspectives on many of our current feelings and ideas about animals.

M. D. Usher is the Lyman-Roberts Professor of Classical Languages and Literature and a member of the Department of Geography and Geosciences at the University of Vermont. With his wife, he also built, owns, and operates Works & Days Farm, which produces lamb, eggs, and maple syrup in Shoreham, Vermont. His books include How to Be a Farmer and How to Say No (both Princeton).

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Readers
The Mathematical Radio:
Inside the Magic of AM, FM, and Single-Sideband
Paul J. Nahin

How a modern radio works, told through mathematics, history, and selected puzzles

The modern radio is a wonder, and behind that magic is mathematics. In The Mathematical Radio, Paul Nahin explains how radios work, deploying mathematics and historical discussion, accompanied by a steady stream of intriguing puzzles for math buffs to ponder. Beginning with oscillators and circuits, and then moving on to AM radio, FM radio, and single-sideband radio, Nahin focuses on the elegant mathematics underlying radio technology rather than the engineering. He explores and explains more than a century of key developments, placing them in historical and technological context.

Nahin, a prolific author of books on math for the general reader, describes in fascinating detail the mathematical underpinnings of a technology we use daily. He explains and solves, for example, Maxwell’s equations for the electromagnetic field. Readers need only a familiarity with advanced high school–level math to follow Nahin’s mathematical discussions. Writing with the nonengineer in mind, Nahin examines topics including impulses in time and frequency, spectrum shifting at the transmitter, the superheterodyne, the physics of single-sideband radio, and FM sidebands. Chapters end with “challenge problems” and an appendix offers solutions, partial answers, and hints. Readers will come away with a new appreciation for the beauty of even the most useful mathematics.

Paul J. Nahin is emeritus professor of electrical engineering at the University of New Hampshire. He is the author of many popular math books, including most recently In Pursuit of Zeta-3; Hot Molecules, Cold Electrons; and How to Fall Slower Than Gravity (all Princeton).
Elemental: How Five Elements Changed Earth’s Past and Will Shape Our Future

Stephen Porder

An ecologist explores how life itself shapes Earth using the elemental constituents we all share

It is rare for life to change Earth, yet three organisms have profoundly transformed our planet over the long course of its history. Elemental reveals how microbes, plants, and people used the fundamental building blocks of life to alter the climate, and with it, the trajectory of life on Earth in the past, present, and future.

Taking readers from the deep geologic past to our current era of human dominance, Stephen Porder focuses on five of life’s essential elements—hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus. He describes how single-celled cyanobacteria and plants harnessed them to wildly proliferate across the oceans and the land, only to eventually precipitate environmental catastrophes. He then brings us to the present, and shows how these elements underpin the success of human civilization, and how their mismanagement threatens similarly catastrophic unintended consequences. But, Porder argues, if we can learn from our world-changing predecessors, we can construct a more sustainable future.

Blending conversational storytelling with the latest science, Porder takes us deep into the Amazon, across fresh lava flows in Hawaii, and to the cornfields of the American Midwest to illuminate a potential path to sustainability, informed by the constraints imposed by life’s essential elements and the four-billion-year history of life on Earth.

Stephen Porder is associate provost for sustainability and professor of ecology, evolution, and organismal biology at Brown University. He is also a fellow in the Institute at Brown for Environment and Society. His writing has appeared in the New York Times, Natural History, and other leading publications. He is cofounder of Possibly, which airs on The Public’s Radio and provides practical advice on sustainability to a general audience.
How We Age: *The Science of Longevity*

Coleen T. Murphy

How recent breakthroughs in longevity research offer clues about human aging

All of us would like to live longer, or to slow the debilitating effects of age. In *How We Age*, Coleen Murphy shows how recent research on longevity and aging may be bringing us closer to this goal. Murphy, a leading scholar of aging, explains that the study of model systems, particularly simple invertebrate animals, combined with breakthroughs in genomic methods, have allowed scientists to probe the molecular mechanisms of longevity and aging. Understanding the fundamental biological rules that govern aging in model systems provides clues about how we might slow human aging, which could lead in turn to new therapeutics and treatments for age-related disease.

Among other vivid examples, Murphy chronicles research that shows how changing a single gene in the nematode worm *C. elegans* doubles its lifespan, extending not only the end of life but also the youthful, healthy part of life. Drawing on work in her own lab as well as other recent research, Murphy describes the history and current state of the field, explaining longevity’s links to reproduction and mating, sensory and cognitive function, inheritances from our ancestors, and the gut microbiome. Written with clarity and wit, *How We Age* provides a guide to the science: what we know about aging, how we know what we know, and what we can do with this new knowledge.

**Coleen T. Murphy** is professor of genomics and molecular biology at Princeton University. She is director of Princeton’s Glenn Foundation for Research on Aging and director of the Simons Collaboration on Plasticity in the Aging Brain.
The Evolution of Power:
A New Understanding of the History of Life
Geerat J. Vermeij

A sweeping new account of the role of power in the evolution of all life on Earth

Power has many dimensions, from individual attributes such as strength and speed to the collective advantages of groups. The Evolution of Power takes readers on a breathtaking journey across history and the natural world, revealing how the concept of power unifies a vast range of phenomena in the evolution of life—and how natural selection has placed humanity and the planet itself on a trajectory of ever-increasing power.

Drawing on evidence from fossils, living organisms, and contemporary society, Geerat Vermeij documents increases in power at all scales, from body size, locomotor performance, and the use of force in competition to efficiency in production and consumption within ecosystems. He shows how power—which he defines as the rate at which organisms acquire and apply energy—is tied to the emergence of cooperation, and how the modern economy, which for the first time has established a monopoly over the biosphere by a single species, is a continuation of evolutionary trends stretching back to the dawn of life. Vermeij persuasively argues that we can find solutions to the many problems arising from this extreme concentration of power by broadening our exclusively human-centered perspective.

A masterful work by one of today’s most innovative and forward-thinking naturalists, The Evolution of Power offers a new understanding of our place in the grand sweep of evolutionary history.

Geerat J. Vermeij is Distinguished Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of California, Davis, and the author of several books, including A Natural History of Shells (Princeton) and The Evolutionary World: How Adaptation Explains Everything from Seashells to Civilization. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences.
The Einsteinian Revolution: The Historical Roots of His Breakthrough

Hanoch Gutfreund & Jürgen Renn

How the Einsteinian revolution can be understood as the result of a long-term evolution of science

The revolution that emerged from Albert Einstein’s work in the early twentieth century transformed our understanding of space, time, motion, gravity, matter, and radiation. Beginning with Einstein’s miracle year of 1905 and continuing through his development of the theory of general relativity, Einstein spurred a revolution that continues to reverberate in modern-day physics. In this book, Hanoch Gutfreund and Jürgen Renn trace the century-long transformation of classical physics and argue that the revolution begun by Einstein was in fact the result of a long-term evolution. Describing the origins and context of Einstein’s innovative research, Gutfreund and Renn work to dispel the popular myth of Einstein as a lone genius who brought about a revolution in physics through the power of his own pure thought. We can only understand the birth of modern physics, they say, if we understand the long history of the evolution of knowledge.

Gutfreund and Renn outline the essential structures of the knowledge system of classical physics on which Einstein drew. Examining Einstein’s discoveries from 1905 onward, they describe the process by which new concepts arose and the basis of modern physics emerged. These transformations continued, eventually resulting in the establishment of quantum physics and general relativity as the two major conceptual frameworks of modern physics—and its two unreconciled theoretical approaches.

Hanoch Gutfreund is professor emeritus of theoretical physics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he is also academic director of the Albert Einstein Archives. Jürgen Renn is director at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin and founding director of the newly established Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology in Jena.
American Classicist:
*The Life and Loves of Edith Hamilton*

Victoria Houseman

A biography of the remarkable woman whose bestselling *Mythology* has introduced millions of readers to the classical world

Edith Hamilton (1867–1963) didn’t publish her first book until she was sixty-two. But over the next three decades, this former headmistress would become the twentieth century’s most famous interpreter of the classical world. Today, Hamilton’s *Mythology* (1942) remains the standard version of ancient tales and sells tens of thousands of copies a year. During the Cold War, her influence even extended to politics, as she argued that postwar America could learn from the fate of Athens after its victory in the Persian Wars. In *American Classicist*, Victoria Houseman tells the fascinating life story of a remarkable classicist whose ideas were shaped by—and aspired to shape—her times.

Hamilton studied Latin and Greek from an early age, earned a BA and MA at Bryn Mawr College, and ran a girls’ prep school for twenty-six years. After retiring, she turned to writing and began a relationship with the pianist and stockbroker Doris Fielding Reid. The two women were partners for more than forty years and entertained journalists, diplomats, and politicians in their Washington, DC, house. Hamilton traveled extensively around the world, formed friendships with Gertrude Stein and Ezra Pound, and was made an honorary citizen of Athens. While Hamilton believed that the ancient Greeks represented the peak of world civilization, Houseman shows that this suffragist, pacifist, and anti-imperialist was far from an apologist for Western triumphalism.

An absorbing narrative of an eventful life, *American Classicist* reveals how Hamilton’s Greek and Roman worlds held up a mirror to midcentury America even as she strived to convey a timeless beauty that continues to enthrall readers.

Victoria Houseman is a historian and associate professor in the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls.
The Weirdness of the World

Eric Schwitzgebel

How all philosophical explanations of human consciousness and the fundamental structure of the cosmos are bizarre—and why that’s a good thing.
On Gaslighting

Kate Abramson

A philosopher examines the complicated phenomenon of gaslighting

“Gaslighting” is suddenly in everyone’s vocabulary. It’s written about, talked about, tweeted about, even sung about (in “Gaslighting,” by the Chicks). It’s become shorthand for being manipulated by someone who insists that up is down, hot is cold, dark is light—someone who isn’t just lying about such things, but trying to drive you crazy. The term has its origins in a 1944 film in which a husband does exactly that to his wife, his crazy-making efforts symbolized by the rise and fall of the gaslights in their home. In this timely and provocative book, Kate Abramson examines gaslighting from a philosophical perspective, investigating it as a distinctive moral phenomenon.

Gaslighting, Abramson writes, is best understood as a form of interpersonal interaction, a particular way of fundamentally undermining someone. The gaslighter, Abramson argues, aims to make his target experience herself as incapable of reasoning, perceiving, or reacting in ways that would allow her to form appropriate beliefs, perceptions, or emotions in the first place. He seeks not only to induce in her this unmoored sense of herself but also to make it a reality. Using examples and analysis, Abramson gives an account of gaslighting and its immorality, and argues that such a discussion can help us understand other aspects of social life—from racism and sexism to the structure of interpersonal trust.

Kate Abramson is associate professor of philosophy at Indiana University Bloomington.
The Wealth of a Nation: 
*Institutional Foundations of English Capitalism*

Geoffrey M. Hodgson

How the development of legal and financial institutions transformed Britain into the world’s first capitalist country

Modern capitalism emerged in England in the eighteenth century and ushered in the Industrial Revolution, though scholars have long debated why. Some attribute the causes to technological change while others point to the Protestant ethic, liberal ideas, and cultural change. The Wealth of a Nation reveals the crucial developments in legal and financial institutions in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that help to explain this dramatic transformation.

Geoffrey Hodgson describes how, for the emerging British economy, pressures from without were as important as evolution from within. He shows how intensive military conflicts overseas forced the state to undertake major financial, administrative, legal, and political reforms. The resulting institutional changes not only bolstered the British war machine—they fostered the Industrial Revolution. Hodgson traces how Britain’s war capitalism led to an expansion of its empire and a staggering increase in the slave trade, and how the institutional innovations that radically transformed the British economy were copied and adapted by countries around the world. A landmark work of scholarship, The Wealth of a Nation sheds light on how external factors such as war gave rise to institutional arrangements that facilitated finance, banking, and investment, and offers a conceptual framework for further research into the origins and consolidation of capitalism in England.

Geoffrey M. Hodgson is professor emeritus in management at Loughborough University London and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Institutional Economics*. His many books include *Liberal Solidarity*, *Conceptualizing Capitalism*, and *Darwin’s Conjecture*. 

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As Gods Among Men:  
*A History of the Rich in the West*

Guido Alfani

How the rich and the super-rich throughout Western history accumulated their wealth, behaved (or misbehaved) and helped (or didn’t help) their communities in times of crisis

The rich have always fascinated, sometimes in problematic ways. Medieval thinkers feared that the super-rich would act “as gods among men”; much more recently Thomas Piketty made wealth central to discussions of inequality. In this book, Guido Alfani offers a history of the rich and super-rich in the West, examining who they were, how they accumulated their wealth and what role they played in society. Covering the last thousand years, with frequent incursions into antiquity, and integrating recent research on economic inequality, Alfani finds—despite the different paths to wealth in different eras—fundamental continuities in the behaviour of the rich and public attitudes towards wealth across Western history. His account offers a novel perspective on current debates about wealth and income disparity.

Alfani argues that the position of the rich and super-rich in Western society has always been intrinsically fragile; their very presence has inspired social unease.

In the Middle Ages, an excessive accumulation of wealth was considered sinful; the rich were expected not to appear to be wealthy. Eventually, the rich were deemed useful when they used their wealth to help their communities in times of crisis. Yet in the twenty-first century, Alfani points out, the rich and the super-rich—their wealth largely preserved through the Great Recession and COVID-19—have been exceptionally reluctant to contribute to the common good in times of crisis, rejecting even such stopgap measures as temporary tax increases. History suggests that this is a troubling development—for the rich, and for everyone else.

Guido Alfani is professor of economic history at Bocconi University, Milan. He is the author of *Calamities and the Economy in Renaissance Italy: The Grand Tour of the Horsemen of the Apocalypse* and the coauthor of *The Lion’s Share: Inequality and the Rise of the Fiscal State in Preindustrial Europe.*
Judy Chicago-isms

Judy Chicago

Edited by Larry Warsh

A collection of inspiring and provocative quotations from pioneering artist, feminist, and activist Judy Chicago

A fierce activist for women’s rights and against climate change, Judy Chicago defines herself best: “I’m Judy Chicago, and I’m an artist and a troublemaker.” A leader of the Women’s Art Movement of the 1970s, Chicago also founded the first feminist art program in the United States. She is renowned for her monumental installation *The Dinner Party* (1974–1979), an iconic work that celebrates female luminaries from history and mythology, including Georgia O’Keeffe, Emily Dickinson, Sojourner Truth, and Hatshepsut. Gathered from interviews and other sources, *Judy Chicago-isms* is an inspiring collection of the memorable and powerful words of a trailblazing artist.

• “You don’t have to be a man to support a patriarchal worldview, and you don’t have to be a woman to support feminist values.”
• “You have to choose hope. Hope comes from feeling that you’re on the side of right and fighting for it. If you’re a passive observer to what’s going on, it’s easy to give in to despair.”

• “Feminist art is all the stages of a woman giving birth to herself.”
• “[Women] should get fifty percent of the space in all institutions. That is what our mandate has to be.”

Judy Chicago is a feminist artist whose work has been the subject of many solo and group exhibitions at major museums around the world. In 2023–2024, the New Museum will present a major retrospective of her work. Her books include *Judy Chicago: New Views* and *Frida Kahlo*. Larry Warsh has been active in the art world for more than thirty years as a publisher and artist-collaborator.

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Aquatic Plants of Northern and Central Europe including Britain and Ireland

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The first comprehensive guide to the aquatic plants of the region

Beneath the surface of bodies of freshwater—springs, streams, rivers, ponds and lakes—there is a world of plants of great variety and beauty, a realm that is often poorly known and understood. Correctly identified, these plants can tell us much about the character and condition of the habitats in which they live. A collaboration of Danish, German and British field botanists specializing in freshwater plants, this guide presents all of the known aquatic plants of Northern and Central Europe, including Britain and Ireland, as well as many marginal and wetland species.

- The first comprehensive guide to the region’s aquatic plants
- Covers all 410 known species
- Features 358 illustrated plates, more than 1,400 colour photographs, distribution maps, detailed descriptions and much more

Jens Christian Schou is a botanist, illustrator and photographer who specializes in Nordic plants. Bjarne Moeslund is an environmental consultant who led the creation of the first guide to Denmark’s aquatic plants and was later coauthor of a more comprehensive book on the subject. Klaus van de Weyer is a freshwater ecologist and botanist, an expert on macrophytes and an underwater photographer who teaches classes on macrophyte ecology and identification. Gerhard Wiegleb is professor emeritus of general ecology at Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus and a widely published expert on macrophyte ecology. Richard Lansdown works in wetland conservation, has surveyed macrophytes in rivers throughout Britain and Ireland and teaches courses on aquatic plant identification. Peter Holm is an expert on the identification of macro invertebrates and aquatic plants in rivers, streams and lakes. Lars Båstrup-Spohr is assistant professor in freshwater ecology at the University of Copenhagen. Kaj Sand-Jensen is professor of freshwater ecology at the University of Copenhagen and the author of books and popular science articles on Danish nature.
The Lives of Octopuses and Their Relatives: 
*A Natural History of Cephalopods*

Danna Staaf

An engaging and beautifully illustrated introduction to some of the world’s most interesting and charismatic marine creatures

Dive deep into the fascinating world of cephalopods—octopuses, squid, cuttlefish, and the mysterious nautilus—to discover the astonishing diversity of this unique group of intelligent invertebrates and their many roles in the marine ecosystem. Organized by marine habitat, this book features an extraordinary range of these clever and colorful creatures from around the world and explores their life cycles, behavior, adaptations, ecology, links to humans, and much more. With stunning photographs and illustrations as well as profiles of selected species, *The Lives of Octopuses and Their Relatives* is a comprehensive, authoritative, and inviting introduction to the natural history of these charismatic creatures.

Danna Staaf is a science writer and educator with a PhD in marine biology. She spent six years studying Humboldt squid at Stanford University, and her first book, *Squid Empire: The Rise and Fall of the Cephalopods*, was named one of the best science books of the year by National Public Radio’s *Science Friday*. 

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The Lives of Sharks:
*A Natural History of Shark Life*

Daniel C. Abel & R. Dean Grubbs

A richly illustrated and comprehensive introduction to the world’s sharks

Sharks are the top predators in many marine ecosystems. But tales of the killer instincts and fearsomely sharp senses of these hunters can obscure their full life histories. In fact, sharks are characterful, exhibit surprisingly complex behaviors, and lead secretive lives full of interest in every type of marine habitat. *The Lives of Sharks* is a fascinating and beautifully illustrated guide to these iconic marine creatures from two world-renowned experts. This book explores shark physiology, anatomy, behavior, ecology, and evolution, as well as conservation and the impact of human activity on shark populations. With stunning photographs and illustrations, as well as profiles of selected species, this is a comprehensive, authoritative, and inviting introduction to global shark life today.

Daniel C. Abel is professor of marine science at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. His research focuses on the physiology and ecology of sharks and rays, and he is the coauthor of several books, including *Tooth and Claw: Top Predators of the World* (Princeton). R. Dean Grubbs is associate director of research at Florida State University’s Coastal and Marine Laboratory. He is a shark biologist and international authority on shark fisheries and conservation.

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The Lives of Seaweeds: A Natural History of Our Planet’s Seaweeds and Other Algae

Julie A. Phillips

A richly illustrated exploration of the world’s seaweeds and algae

The Lives of Seaweeds presents an inside look at the remarkable world of seaweeds and other algae. Coming in all colors, shapes, and sizes, from unicellular and bioluminescent algae to giant kelps, seaweeds and algae are omnipresent, forming the basis of most marine food webs. They are also the most numerous photosynthetic organisms on Earth and provide seventy percent of the planet’s oxygen. Touted as the biofuel of the future, they are a cheap and nutritious food source, exhibit antiviral and antitumor properties, and play a central role in biogeochemical cycles that maintain the health of our planet.

Featuring hundreds of beautiful images, this book takes a deep dive to explore the unique traits and characteristics of seaweeds and other algae. A wealth of graphics, photos, and accessible text outlines their evolution, morphology, life histories, ecology, and uses. Offering rare insights into the algal world, The Lives of Seaweeds is essential reading for naturalists and marine life enthusiasts.

Julie A. Phillips is an environmental consultant, marine biologist, and algal specialist with Eco Algae Research. Previously, she was a research fellow at the University of Queensland and Monash University.
Beetles of the World: A Natural History

Maxwell V. L. Barclay & Patrice Bouchard

A richly illustrated guide to the astonishing variety of beetles around the world

Beetles make up about a quarter of known animal species and are arguably the most diverse group of organisms on Earth: almost 400,000 species have been formally described so far, and it is likely that this number merely scratches the surface. In Beetles of the World, Maxwell Barclay and Patrice Bouchard—two of the world’s foremost beetle experts—celebrate these remarkable creatures in all their variety, from their size and appearance to their ecological importance.

• Features 300 stunning color photographs
• Presents family profiles with a distribution map, table of information, and commentary
• Includes a comprehensive introduction that provides insight into the astonishing diversity of beetles and their histories

Maxwell V. L. Barclay is President of the Coleopterists Society and Senior Curator of Coleoptera at the Natural History Museum in London. He manages a team of experts and one of the world’s oldest and most comprehensive beetle collections, which includes eight million specimens and about 250,000 species. Patrice Bouchard is a scientist at the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids, and Nematodes. He is the coauthor of The Book of Beetles and is an active member of the Entomological Society of Canada and the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.
The Complete Insect: 
*Anatomy, Physiology, Evolution, and Ecology*

David A. Grimaldi, Consultant Editor

A beautifully illustrated exploration of the world’s most extraordinary animals

With an astounding 3.5 million species occupying virtually every habitat on Earth, insects are one of the most diverse groups of animals on the planet, from the humble bee to the agile praying mantis. Taking you inside the extraordinary world of insects, *The Complete Insect* explores all aspects of the natural history of these remarkable creatures, providing a close-up look at their fascinating anatomy, physiology, evolution, ecology, behavior, and more. It features hundreds of stunning color photographs and illustrations and draws on a broad range of examples, from familiar ants to iridescent jewel beetles. A celebration of the rich complexity of insect life, *The Complete Insect* is a must-have book for insect enthusiasts and armchair naturalists.

- An absorbing, wide-ranging, and beautiful exploration of the fascinating natural history of insects
- Features a wealth of stunning full-color photographs from the field
- Includes photomicrographs and electron micrographs that offer a rare view of normally invisible structures
- Examines the complex relationship between humans and insects
- Integrates physiological adaptations with ecology and behavior

David A. Grimaldi is an entomologist and curator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, where he is also a professor at its Gilder Graduate School. He is the coauthor of *Evolution of the Insects* and collaborated with photographer Levon Biss on the book and exhibition *Extinct and Endangered: Insects in Peril.*
Sea Mammals: 
*The Past and Present Lives of Our Oceans’ Cornerstone Species*

Annalisa Berta

A richly illustrated introduction to the world’s living and extinct sea mammals

From the gregarious sea otter and playful dolphins to the sociable narwhal and iconic polar bear, sea mammals are a large, diverse, and increasingly precious group. In this book, Annalisa Berta, a leading expert on sea mammals and their evolution, presents an engaging and richly illustrated introduction to past and present species of these remarkable creatures, from the blue whale and the northern fur seal to the extinct giant sperm whale, aquatic sloth, and walking sea cow.

The book features more than 50 individual species profiles, themed chapters, stunning photographs, and specially commissioned paleo-illustrations of extinct species. It presents detailed accounts of these mammals’ evolutionary path, anatomy, behavior, habitats, and conservation. And because these are key species that complete many food chains and have the widest influence of all sea life, the book also offers insights into a broad variety of marine worlds today and in the future.

Annalisa Berta is professor emerita of biology at San Diego State University. A specialist in the anatomy and evolutionary biology of marine mammals, especially baleen whales, she formally described a skeleton of the early pinniped *Enaliarctos*. She is the author of *Return to the Sea: The Life and Evolutionary Times of Marine Mammals* and the editor of the award-winning *Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises: A Natural History and Species Guide*. 
Dinosaur Behavior: 
*An Illustrated Guide*

Michael Benton

Illustrated by Bob Nicholls

A stunningly illustrated guide to these extraordinary creatures from a world-renowned paleontologist

Paleobiology has advanced from a speculative subject to a cutting-edge science. Today, researchers are applying the latest forensic technologies to the fossil record, revealing startling new insights into the lives of dinosaurs. This illustrated guide explores the behavior, evolution, physiology, and extinction of dinosaurs, taking readers inside the mysterious world of these marvelous animals. With specially commissioned illustrations by Bob Nicholls, *Dinosaur Behavior* explains how the dinosaurs lived and courted, fought and fed, signaled and interacted with each other, and much more.

- Features a wealth of breathtaking illustrations throughout
- Offers new perspectives on the prehistoric world inhabited by dinosaurs
- Sheds light on how dinosaurs actually looked, how they moved, and how fast they ran
- Explains the feeding habits of carnivores, herbivores, scavengers, and solitary hunters
- Discusses sight, hearing, smell, spatial orientation, and intelligence
- Brings to life the social behavior of dinosaurs, from mating and parenting to herd dynamics and migration
- Takes readers behind the scenes of the latest, most thrilling discoveries

**Michael Benton** is professor of vertebrate paleontology at the University of Bristol and a fellow of the Royal Society. His many books include *Dinosaurs: New Visions of a Lost World*, *Dinosaurs Rediscovered: The Scientific Revolution in Paleontology*, and *When Life Nearly Died: The Greatest Mass Extinction of All Time.*

**Bob Nicholls** is a leading paleo-reconstruction artist whose work is exhibited at museums and universities around the world. His art appears in numerous books, including *Dinosaur Art* and *The Complete Dinosaur.*
Ocean Life in the Time of Dinosaurs

Nathalie Bardet, Alexandra Houssaye, Stéphane Jouve & Peggy Vincent

Illustrated by Alain Bénéteau

A richly illustrated introduction to the spectacular reptiles that swam the oceans when dinosaurs roamed the land.

During the Mesozoic era, 252 to 66 million years ago, dinosaurs ruled the land, but the ocean deeps were roiling with equally spectacular reptiles—including giant predators. This richly illustrated, authoritative, and accessible book introduces readers to the world of these fascinating marine animals, whose predecessors returned to the seas a few million years after the first vertebrates emerged from the water. As we meet ichthyosaurs, plesiosaurs, mosasaurs, and many others, we learn about the astonishing anatomical, physiological, and behavioral adaptations that enabled these reptiles to become ocean dwellers again. We also learn about their living descendants, including sea turtles and sea snakes. Featuring stunning artwork depicting these prehistoric ocean creatures and photographs of their fossil remains, this book invites readers to discover the enthralling past of marine reptiles in all their extraordinary diversity.

Nathalie Bardet and Alexandra Houssaye are paleontologists and research directors at France’s National Museum of Natural History in Paris. Stéphane Jouve is a paleontologist and the manager of the geoscience collections at the Sorbonne. Peggy Vincent is a paleontologist and researcher at the National Museum of Natural History. Alain Bénéteau is a natural history illustrator who specializes in paleontology.
Shadow Empires: 
*An Alternative Imperial History*

Thomas Barfield

An original study of empire creation and its consequences, from ancient through early modern times

The world’s first great empires established by the ancient Persians, Chinese, and Romans are well known, but not the empires that emerged on their margins in response to them over the course of 2,500 years. These counterempires or shadow empires, which changed the course of history, include the imperial nomad confederacies that arose in Mongolia and extorted resources from China rather than attempting to conquer it, as well as maritime empires such as ancient Athens that controlled trade without seeking territorial hegemony. In *Shadow Empires*, Thomas Barfield identifies seven kinds of counterempire and explores their rise, politics, economics, and longevity.

What all these counterempires had in common was their interactions with existing empires that created the conditions for their development. When highly successful, these counterempires left the shadows to become the world’s largest empires—for example, those of the medieval Muslim Arabs and of the Mongol heirs of Chinggis Khan. Three former shadow empires—Manchu Qing China, Tsarist Russia, and British India—made this transformation in the late eighteenth century and came to rule most of Eurasia. However, the DNA of their origins endured in their unique ruling strategies. Indeed, world powers still use these strategies today, long after their roots in shadow empires have been forgotten.

Looking afresh at the histories of important types of empires that are often ignored, *Shadow Empires* provides an original account of empire formation from the ancient world to the early modern period.

Thomas Barfield is professor of anthropology at Boston University. His books include *Afghanistan: A Cultural and Political History* (Princeton).

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History
The End of Empires and a World Remade:  
*A Global History of Decolonization*  
Martin Thomas

A capacious history of decolonization, from the decline of empires to the era of globalization

Empires, until recently, were everywhere. They shaped borders, stirred conflicts, and set the terms of international politics. With the collapse of empire came a fundamental reorganization of our world. Decolonization unfolded across territories as well as within them. Its struggles became internationalized and transnational, as much global campaigns of moral disarmament against colonial injustice as local contests of arms. In this expansive history, Martin Thomas tells the story of decolonization and its intrinsic link to globalization. He traces the connections between these two transformative processes: the end of formal empire and the acceleration of global integration, market reorganization, cultural exchange, and migration.

*The End of Empires and a World Remade* shows how profoundly decolonization shaped the process of globalization in the wake of empire collapse. In the second half of the twentieth century, decolonization catalyzed new international coalitions; it triggered partitions and wars; and it reshaped North-South dynamics. Globalization promised the decolonized greater access to essential resources, to wider networks of influence, and to worldwide audiences, but its neoliberal variant has reinforced economic inequalities and imperial forms of political and cultural influences. In surveying these two codependent histories across the world, from Latin America to Asia, Thomas explains why the deck was so heavily stacked against newly independent nations.

Martin Thomas is professor of imperial history and director of the Centre for Histories of Violence and Conflict at the University of Exeter. A fellow of the Leverhulme Trust and the Independent Social Research Foundation, he is the author of *Violence and Colonial Order: Police, Workers and Protest in the European Colonial Empires, 1918–1940*, *Fight or Flight: Britain, France,* and the *Roads from Empire*; and other books.
Shame: The Politics and Power of an Emotion

David Keen

The uses of shame (and shamelessness) in spheres that range from social media and consumerism to polarized politics and mass violence.

Today, we are caught in a shame spiral—a vortex of mutual shaming that pervades everything from politics to social media. We are shamed for our looks, our culture, our ethnicity, our sexuality, our poverty, our wrongdoings, our politics. But what is the point of all this shaming and countershaming? Does it work? And if so, for whom?

In Shame, David Keen explores the function of modern shaming, paying particular attention to how shame is instrumentalized and weaponized. Keen points out that there is usually someone who offers an escape from shame—and that many of those who make this offer have been piling on shame in the first place. Self-interested manipulations of shame, Keen argues, are central to understanding phenomena as wide-ranging as consumerism, violent crime, populist politics, and even war and genocide. Shame is political as well as personal. To break out of our current cycle of shame and shaming, and to understand the harm that shame can do, we must recognize the ways that shame is being made to serve political and economic purposes.

Keen also traces the rise of leaders on both sides of the Atlantic who possess a dangerous shamelessness, and he asks how shame and shamelessness can both be damaging. Answering this question means understanding the different types of shame. And it means understanding how shame and shamelessness interact—not least when shame is instrumentalized by those who are selling shamelessness. Keen points to a perverse and inequitable distribution of shame, with the victims of poverty and violence frequently being shamed, while those who benefit tend to exhibit shamelessness and even pride.

David Keen is professor of conflict studies in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is the author of The Benefits of Famine, Conflict and Collusion in Sierra Leone, Endless War?, Complex Emergencies, Useful Enemies, and When Disasters Come Home.
The Civic Bargain: How Democracy Survives
Brook Manville & Josiah Ober

A powerful case for democracy and how it can adapt and survive—if we want it to

Is democracy in trouble, perhaps even dying? Pundits say so, and polls show that most Americans believe that their country’s system of governance is being “tested” or is “under attack.” But is the future of democracy necessarily so dire? In The Civic Bargain, Brook Manville and Josiah Ober push back against the prevailing pessimism about the fate of democracy around the world. Instead of an epitaph for democracy, they offer a guide for democratic renewal, calling on citizens to recommit to a “civic bargain” with one another to guarantee civic rights of freedom, equality, and dignity. That bargain also requires them to fulfill the duties of democratic citizenship: governing themselves with no “boss” except one another, embracing compromise, treating each other as civic friends, and investing in civic education for each rising generation.

Brook Manville is an independent consultant who writes about politics, democracy, technology, and business. Previously a partner with McKinsey & Co. and an award-winning professor at Northwestern University, he is the author of The Origins of Citizenship in Ancient Athens (Princeton). Josiah Ober is the Constantine Mitsotakis Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution. He is the author of The Rise and Fall of Classical Greece and Democracy and Knowledge: Innovation and Learning in Classical Athens (both Princeton).
To Build a Black Future:
The Radical Politics of Joy, Pain, and Care
Christopher Paul Harris

An incisive portrait of how the new Black politics can forge a future centered on collective action, community, and care.

When #BlackLivesMatter emerged in 2013, it animated the most consequential Black-led mobilization since the civil rights and Black power era. Today, the hashtag turned rallying cry is but one expression of a radical reorientation toward Black politics, protest, and political thought. To Build a Black Future examines the spirit and significance of this insurgency, offering a revelatory account of a new political culture—responsive to pain, suffused with joy, and premised on care—emerging from the centuries-long arc of Black rebellion, a tradition that traces back to the Black slave.

Drawing on his own experiences as an activist and organizer, Christopher Paul Harris takes readers inside the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) to chart the propulsive trajectory of Black politics and thought from the Middle Passage to the present historical moment. Carefully attending to the social forces that produce Black struggle and the contradictions that arise within it, Harris illustrates how M4BL gives voice to an abolitionist praxis that bridges the past, present, and future, outlining a political project at once directed inward to the Black community while issuing an outward challenge to the world.

Essential reading for the age of #BlackLivesMatter, this visionary and provocative book reveals how the radical politics of joy, pain, and care, in sharp contrast to liberal political thought, can build a Black future that transcends ideology and pushes the boundaries of our political imagination.

Christopher Paul Harris is assistant professor of global and international studies at the University of California, Irvine.
A Fabulous Failure:  
*The Clinton Presidency and the Transformation of American Capitalism*

Nelson Lichtenstein & Judith Stein

How the Clinton administration betrayed its progressive principles and capitulated to the right

When Bill Clinton was elected president in 1992, he ended twelve years of Republican rule and seemed poised to enact a progressive transformation of the US economy, touching everything from health care to trade to labor relations. Yet by the time he left office, the nation’s economic and social policies had instead lurched dramatically rightward, exacerbating the inequalities so troubling in our own time. This book reveals why Clinton’s expansive agenda was a fabulous failure, and why its demise still haunts us today.

Nelson Lichtenstein and Judith Stein show how the administration’s progressive reformers—people like Robert Reich, Ira Magaziner, Laura Tyson, and Joseph Stiglitz—were stymied by a new world of global capitalism that heightened Wall Street influence, undermined domestic manufacturing, and eviscerated the labor movement. Robert Rubin, Larry Summers, and Al Gore proved champions of this financialized world. Meanwhile, Clinton divided his own party when he relied on Republican votes to overhaul welfare, liberalize trade, and deregulate the banking and telecommunications industries. Even the economic boom Clinton ushered in—which tamed unemployment and sent the stock market soaring in what Alan Blinder and Janet Yellen termed a “fabulous decade”—ended with a series of exploding asset bubbles that his neoliberal economic advisors neither foresaw nor prevented.

Nelson Lichtenstein is Research Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Judith Stein (1940–2017) was Distinguished Professor of History at City College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York.
The Elements of Visual Grammar:
A Designer’s Guide for Writers, Scholars, and Professionals
Angela Riechers

A color-illustrated introduction to the basic principles of visual language that every content creator and consumer needs to know

The right images capture attention, pique curiosity, and inspire viewers to stick around long enough to read any accompanying text. Nearly everyone today needs to use or understand images in communications of all kinds, from the most formal professional publication to the most casual social media post. Knowing the basics of visual language is essential for content creators and consumers alike, yet most people aren’t taught visual grammar unless they go into art- or design-related fields. The Elements of Visual Grammar explains image use in any media in practical terms for writers, scholars, and other professionals. Award-winning art director and design professor Angela Riechers offers a flexible set of principles and best practices for selecting images that work—and using them in the most persuasive way. The result is an indispensable guide for anyone who wants to learn how to work more successfully with images and words.

• Features more than 200 color illustrations—drawn from a wide range of styles, media, and eras—that demonstrate the principles of visual grammar and how images can support and enhance written content
• Defines and illustrates the basic elements of images, describes how images function within text regardless of media, and explains how to choose images and integrate them with text
• Introduces the practical, cultural, conceptual, and scientific factors that influence image use
• Analyzes images by function and describes ways to employ symbolism, synecdoche, allegory, metaphor, analogy, and iconography

Angela Riechers is Program Director of Graphic Design at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. As an art director, she has created everything from page layouts for Harper’s Magazine to iPad apps for O, The Oprah Magazine. Riechers received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA from the School of Visual Art.
The Career Arts:
Making the Most of College, Credentials, and Connections
Ben Wildavsky

A persuasive case for building career success through broad education, targeted skills, and social capital

Young people coming out of high school today can expect to hold many jobs over the course of their lives, which is why they need a range of essential skills. The Career Arts provides a corrective to the widespread and misleading notion that there is a direct trade-off between going to college and acquiring practical job skills. Ben Wildavsky cuts through the noise and anxiety surrounding this issue to offer sensible, clear-eyed guidance for anyone who is making decisions about education and career preparation with a view to getting ahead in the workforce.

Drawing on evidence-based research, illuminating case studies, and in-depth interviews, Wildavsky shares the most vital lessons of what he calls the career arts, which include cultivating a mix of broad and targeted skills, taking advantage of employer-funded education benefits, and preparing for the world as it is, not as you wish it could be.

An invaluable guidebook for students, parents, counselors, and educators, The Career Arts reveals why college education and job preparation are not either-or propositions and identifies the blend of education and networking needed to support real-world career aspirations.

Ben Wildavsky is a visiting scholar at the University of Virginia’s School of Education and Human Development. He is the award-winning author of The Great Brain Race (Princeton) and coeditor of Reinventing Higher Education and Measuring Success. He is the host and coproducer of the Higher Ed Spotlight podcast.
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Tricks of the Light:
*Essays on Art and Spectacle*

Jonathan Crary

Essays on media systems and contemporary art by a leading theorist of visual culture

*Tricks of the Light* brings together essays by critic and art historian Jonathan Crary, internationally known for his groundbreaking and widely admired studies of modern Western visual culture. This collection features a compelling selection of Crary’s responses to modern and contemporary art and to the transformations of twentieth-century media systems and urban/technological environments. These wide-ranging and provocative texts explore the work of painters, performance artists, writers, architects, and photographers, including Allan Kaprow, Eleanor Antin, Ed Ruscha, John Berger, Bridget Riley, J. G. Ballard, Rem Koolhaas, Gretchen Bender, Dennis Oppenheim, Paul Virilio, Robert Irwin, and Uta Barth. There are also reflections on filmmakers Fritz Lang, Stanley Kubrick, Jean-Luc Godard, David Cronenberg, and others. Crary examines how their films disclose the consequential “techniques of the observer” that have been deployed throughout the twentieth century as instruments for the management of attention and for the fabrication of social realities. The book is enhanced by several expansive essays on the unstable status of television, both amid its beginnings in the 1930s and then during its assimilation into new assemblages and networks in the 1980s and 1990s. These assess its many-sided role in the reshaping of subjectivity, temporality, and the operation of power. Like all of Crary’s work, his writing here is grounded in the acuteness of his engagement with perceptual artifacts of many kinds and in his nuanced reading of historical processes and their cultural reverberations.

Jonathan Crary is the Meyer Schapiro Professor of Modern Art and Theory at Columbia University. His books include *Techniques of the Observer*, *Suspensions of Perception*, and *24/7*.
Amerasia

Elizabeth Horodowich & Alexander Nagel

A connected world as imagined by early modern European artists, mapmakers, and writers, where Asia and the Americas were on a continuum

America and Asia mingled in the geographical and cultural imagination of Europe for well over a century after 1492. Through an array of texts, maps, objects, and images produced between 1492 and 1700, this compelling and revelatory study immerses the reader in a vision of a world where Mexico really was India, North America was an extension of China, and South America was marked by a variety of biblical and Asian sites. It asks, further: What does it mean that the Amerasian worldview predominated at a time when Europe itself was coming into cultural self-definition? Each of the chapters focuses on a particular artifact, map, image, or book that illuminates aspects of Amerasia from specific European cultural milieus. Amerasia shows how it was possible to inhabit a world where America and Asia were connected either imaginatively when viewed from afar, or in reality when traveling through the newly encountered lands. Readers will learn why early modern maps regularly label Mexico as India, why the “Amazonas” region was named after a race of Asian female warriors, and why artifacts and manuscripts that we now identify as Indian and Chinese are entangled in European collections with what we now label Americana. Elizabeth Horodowich and Alexander Nagel pose a dynamic model of the world and of Europe’s place in it that was eclipsed by the rise of Eurocentric colonialist narratives in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. To rediscover this history is an essential part of coming to terms with the emergent polyfocal global reality of our own time.

Elizabeth Horodowich is Professor of History at New Mexico State University and the author of Language and Statecraft in Early Modern Venice and The Venetian Discovery of America: Geographic Imagination and Print Culture in the Age of Encounters. Alexander Nagel is Professor at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. He is the author of The Controversy of Renaissance Art and Michelangelo and the Reform of Art and the coauthor of Anachronic Renaissance.
Screening Fears: On Protective Media

Francesco Casetti

A historical and theoretical investigation of the unexpected ways screen-based media protect and excite viewers’ fears and anxieties of the world.

In this brilliant contribution to contemporary media studies, acclaimed theorist Francesco Casetti advances a provocative hypothesis: instead of being prostheses that expand or extend our perceptions, modern screen-based media are in fact apparatuses that shelter and protect us from exposure to the world. Rather than bringing us closer to external reality, dominant forms of visual media function as barriers or enclosures that defend against the apparent threats and dangers that seem increasingly to surround us. Working with an original historical overview that begins with the Phantasmagoria of the late eighteenth century, then the shared interior spaces of the movie theater in the early to mid-twentieth century, and finally the solitary digital milieus of the present, Casetti traces the outlines of the protective “bubbles” that disconnect us from our immediate surroundings. To be provided with a shield of immunity to the hazards and uncertainties of the world while experiencing them at a safe remove might seem a positive development. But, he asks, what if these media, instead of providing invulnerability, ensnare individuals in a suffocating enclosure? What if, in their effort to keep reality under control, they exercise a violence equal to that of the dangers they resist? In a dialectical exercise, and through a vivid range of cultural artifacts, Screening Fears traces the emergence of modern protective media and the way they changed our forms of mediation with the world in which we live.

Francesco Casetti is the Sterling Professor of Humanities and Film and Media Studies at Yale University. Among his books are Inside the Gaze; Theories of Cinema, 1945–1995; Eye of the Century: Film, Experience, Modernity; and The Lumière Galaxy: Seven Key Words for the Cinema to Come.
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The Internet Is Not What You Think It Is: A History, a Philosophy, a Warning

Justin E. H. Smith

An original deep history of the internet that tells the story of the centuries-old utopian dreams behind it—and why they have died today

Many think of the internet as an unprecedented and overwhelmingly positive achievement of modern technology. But is it? In The Internet Is Not What You Think It Is, Justin Smith offers an original deep history of the internet, from the ancient to the modern world. Uncovering the internet’s surprising origins in nature and centuries-old dreams of radically improving human life, Smith argues that such utopian hopes are now dead, killed by the harsh realities of social media, the information economy, and the attention-destroying nature of networked technology. Combining the sweep of intellectual history with the incisiveness of philosophy, the book cuts through our daily digital lives to give a clear-eyed picture of what the internet is, where it came from, and where it might be taking us.

“Oh, how I wish everyone in Silicon Valley, everyone on Wall Street and, frankly, everyone everywhere would read this.”
—Stephen Fry

“A fresh interpretation of the history of technology.”
—Wall Street Journal

“Smith traces the early internet through the outlandish ideas of Renaissance inventors, ill-fated fraudsters and forgotten polymaths. It’s a provocative reframing of the internet, a lament for what might have been, and a fresh way of thinking about what we’re doing when we spend endless hours scrolling online.”
—Joshua Gabert-Doyon, Financial Times

Justin E. H. Smith is professor of history and philosophy of science at the University of Paris. His books include Irrationality: A History of the Dark Side of Reason (Princeton).
Twelve Caesars: Images of Power from the Ancient World to the Modern

Mary Beard

From the bestselling author of *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*, a fascinating and richly illustrated story of how images of Roman autocrats have influenced the look of power for more than 2,000 years.

What does the face of power look like? Who gets commemorated in art and why? And how do we react to statues of politicians we deplore? In this book—against a background of today’s “sculpture wars”—Mary Beard tells the story of how, for more than two millennia, portraits of the rich, powerful, and famous in the western world have been shaped by the image of Roman emperors, especially the “Twelve Caesars,” from the ruthless Julius Caesar to the fly-torturing Domitian. Featuring more than 240 color illustrations, *Twelve Caesars* asks why these murderous autocrats have loomed so large in art from antiquity and the Renaissance to today, when hapless leaders are still caricatured as Neros fiddling while Rome burns. The result is a gripping story of some of the most challenging and disturbing portraits of power ever created.

“What better escape from the woes of our present day than rolling around in the intrigues of the Roman Empire? Naughty Caesars! Pictures too! Avidly I plunge in!”
—Margaret Atwood

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—Josh Spero, *Financial Times*

Mary Beard is one of the world’s leading classicists and cultural commentators, and the author of bestselling and award-winning books, including *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome* and *Women and Power: A Manifesto.*

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What a Mushroom Lives For: *Matsutake and the Worlds They Make*

Michael J. Hathaway

With a foreword by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing

How the prized matsutake mushroom is remaking human communities in China—and providing new ways to understand the natural world

*What a Mushroom Lives For* tells the fascinating story of the most valuable mushroom in the world—the matsutake—and the astonishing ways it is silently yet powerfully shaping worlds, from the Tibetan plateau to Japan. Many Tibetan and Yi people have dedicated their lives to picking and selling this mushroom—a delicacy that drives a multibillion-dollar global trade network. An exciting and surprise-filled journey, the book reveals the complex, symbiotic ways that mushrooms, plants, humans, and other animals interact—and how fungi shape our planet and our lives in strange and often unimaginable ways.

“In Michael Hathaway’s hands, mushrooms come to life not just as objects of human fears and desires but also as makers of more-than-human worlds.”
—From the foreword by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing, author of *The Mushroom at the End of the World*

“[Hathaway] argues that mushrooms… though not exactly conscious, nevertheless ‘engage their surroundings in a dynamic way.’ … It is a credible case.”
—Laurence A. Marschall, *Natural History*

Michael J. Hathaway is professor of anthropology at Simon Fraser University and the author of the award-winning *Environmental Winds*. He is a member of the Matsutake Worlds Research Group.
The Mind of a Bee
Lars Chittka

A rich and surprising exploration of the intelligence of bees

Most of us are aware of the power of bees as an amazing collective, but they are also uniquely intelligent as individuals. This book takes readers deep into the sensory world of bees, showing how they are profoundly smart, have distinct personalities, can recognize flowers and human faces, exhibit basic emotions, use simple tools, solve problems, and learn by observing others. Lars Chittka draws from decades of research, including his own pioneering work, to illustrate how bee brains are unparalleled in the animal kingdom in terms of how much sophisticated material is packed into their tiny nervous systems. The Mind of a Bee reveals how the sensory experiences of bees rival those of humans—and how these extraordinary insects may even possess consciousness.

“An entrancing journey through the senses and life struggles of bees.”
—Alun Anderson, New Scientist

“A thorough and thoughtful primer on the interiority of bees.”
—Mike Welch, Scientific American

“Written with moments of levity and soaked in curiosity, The Mind of a Bee is a delight.”
—Eliza Middleton, The Conversation

“Science and nature writing at its finest and an essential read.”
—Roy Stewart, British Naturalists’ Association

“Chittka has managed the extraordinary feat of condensing over three decades of research into a single book and in such a way as to make it accessible to the non-expert.”
—Beekeepers Quarterly

Lars Chittka is professor of sensory and behavioral ecology at Queen Mary University of London. He is the coeditor of Cognitive Ecology of Pollination.
The Aphorisms of Franz Kafka

Edited, introduced & with commentaries by Reiner Stach
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A splendid new translation of an extraordinary work of modern literature—featuring facing-page commentary by Kafka’s acclaimed biographer.

In 1917 and 1918, Franz Kafka wrote a set of more than 100 aphorisms, known as the Zürau aphorisms. Among the most mysterious of Kafka’s writings, they explore philosophical questions about truth, good and evil, and the spiritual and sensory world. This is the first annotated, bilingual volume of these extraordinary writings. It presents each aphorism on its own page in English and the original German, with accessible and enlightening notes on facing pages. Above all, The Aphorisms of Franz Kafka reveals that these multifaceted gems, long neglected or seen as far removed from Kafka’s novels and stories, arguably lie at the heart of his literary cosmos.

“[A] jewel of twentieth-century literature.”
—Times Literary Supplement

“[Stach’s] commanding knowledge of Kafka’s life and work richly informs his interpretations of these hitherto generally neglected masterpieces of concentrated thought and quasi-mystical insight.”
—John Banville, Irish Times

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“Taut translations… Indispensable commentary.”
—Max Norman, Wall Street Journal

Reiner Stach is the author of Princeton’s definitive three-volume biography of Franz Kafka and Is That Kafka? 99 Finds. Shelley Frisch is an award-winning translator whose work includes Stach’s Kafka biography, among many other books.
Translating Myself and Others
Jhumpa Lahiri

Luminous essays on translation and self-translation

Translating Myself and Others is a collection of disarmingly personal essays by Pulitzer Prize–winning author Jhumpa Lahiri, who reflects on her emerging identity as a translator as well as a writer in two languages. With subtlety and emotional immediacy, Lahiri draws on Ovid’s myth of Echo and Narcissus to explore the distinction between writing and translating and provides a close reading of passages from Aristotle’s Poetics to talk more broadly about writing, desire, and freedom. She considers the unique challenge of translating her own work from Italian to English and discusses the singular pleasures of translating contemporary and ancient writers. This lyrical book brings together Lahiri’s most eloquently observed meditations on the translator’s art as a sublime act of both linguistic and personal metamorphosis.

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“Lahiri is a writer of great, quiet elegance; her sentences seem simple even when they’re complex. Their beauty and clarity alone would be enough to wake readers up.”
—Lily Meyer, NPR

“There is great joy and intrigue to be found in Lahiri’s ruminations on self-translation…. This is a love letter to not only translation, but to literary criticism as a whole.”
—Malavika Praseed, Chicago Review of Books

“Wonderful…. Through language, we come to know ourselves: Lahiri’s work shows how it is always possible to expand that knowledge.”
—Erica Wagner, Harper’s Bazaar UK

Jhumpa Lahiri is the Millicent C. McIntosh Professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program at Barnard College. Her books include Interpreter of Maladies, which won the Pulitzer Prize. She has translated three novels by Domenico Starnone into English.

Finalist for the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay, PEN America
Essays on the Great Depression

Ben S. Bernanke

From the Nobel Prize–winning economist and former chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, a landmark book that provides vital lessons for understanding financial crises and their sometimes-catastrophic economic effects.

As chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve during the Global Financial Crisis, Ben Bernanke helped avert a greater financial disaster than the Great Depression. And he did so by drawing directly on what he had learned from years of studying the causes of the economic catastrophe of the 1930s—work for which he was later awarded the Nobel Prize. This influential work is collected in Essays on the Great Depression, an important account of the origins of the Depression and the economic lessons it teaches.

“The Depression-era problems [Bernanke] studied are mirrored by similar issues today, and they need urgent attention.”
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—Carlos Lozada, Washington Post

Ben S. Bernanke was chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014 and was awarded the Nobel Prize in economics in 2022. He is a Distinguished Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution.
Recent decades have witnessed sluggish economic growth, mounting inequality, and a host of other ills that have left people wondering what has happened to the future they were promised. Restarting the Future reveals how these problems arise from a failure to develop the institutions demanded by an economy now reliant on intangible capital such as ideas, relationships, brands, and knowledge. Jonathan Haskel and Stian Westlake argue that the great economic disappointment of the century is the result of an incomplete transition from an economy based on physical capital. In this groundbreaking and provocative book, they present exciting new ideas to help us catch up with the intangible revolution, offering a road map for how to finance businesses, improve our cities, fund more science and research, reform monetary policy, and reshape intellectual property rules for the better.

“Thought-provoking.”
—Barry Eichengreen, Foreign Affairs

“Haskel and Westlake provide a combination of commonsense and ingenious solutions…. An important book that deserves to be widely debated.”
—Adrian Wooldridge, Bloomberg Opinion

“The insights of Haskel and Westlake on how institutions currently inhibit an economy dominated by intangibles are valuable.”
—Nick Peterson, Financial Times

“An excellent book.”
—Diane Coyle, Enlightened Economist

Jonathan Haskel is professor of economics at Imperial College Business School and an external member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England. Stian Westlake is executive chair of the Economic and Social Research Council. They are the authors of Capitalism without Capital: The Rise of the Intangible Economy (Princeton).
The Ethics of Identity

Kwame Anthony Appiah

Collective identities such as race, nationality, religion, gender, and sexuality clamor for recognition and respect, sometimes at the expense of other things we value. To what extent do they constrain our freedom, and to what extent do they enable our individuality? Kwame Anthony Appiah draws on thinkers through the ages and across the globe to explore such questions, developing an account of ethics that connects moral obligations with collective allegiances and that takes aim at clichés and received ideas about identity.

“Nobody is better placed than Anthony Appiah to make the case for rooted cosmopolitanism.”
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A New York Times Editors’ Choice
Why Size Matters: From Bacteria to Blue Whales

John Tyler Bonner

Why do biologists and other scientists usually ponder size only when studying something else—running speed, life span, or metabolism? Why Size Matters, a small book of big ideas, gives size its due by offering a completely new perspective on its role in biology. Distinguished biologist and writer John Tyler Bonner argues that size really does matter—that it is the supreme and universal determinant of what any organism can be and do.

“[Bonner] demonstrates convincingly [that] sizedictates everything from an animal’s shape and appearance to its locomotion, speed, voice and social organization.”
—Wray Herbert, Washington Post Book World

“A masterful and engaging work, elegant in its simplicity despite its subject’s complexity.”
—Susan Lumpkin, Zoogoer

John Tyler Bonner (1920–2019) was professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton University. His many books include The Evolution of Culture in Animals and The Social Amoebae (both Princeton).

The Odd Quantum

Sam Treiman

With a new foreword by Helen Quinn

This is a rare and much-needed book: a concise but comprehensive account of quantum mechanics for popular science readers written by a respected physicist. Weaving together impeccable science, engaging writing, and a talent for clear explanation honed over his distinguished career as a physicist and teacher, Sam Treiman provides a remarkable survey of a field that changed the course of modern scientific and philosophical thought.

“Like a master craftsman intent on reducing his accumulated skills into a compendium of traditions and practices for his apprentices, Treiman tries to be as clear, precise, and succinct as possible. A vast store of experience in research and teaching informs every page.”
—Hans Christian von Baeyer, Science

“[The Odd Quantum] offers a concise introduction to the field’s concepts and practices, as well as guides to its most essential equations.”
—Publishers Weekly

Sam Treiman (1925–1999) was the Higgins Professor of Physics Emeritus at Princeton University. Helen Quinn is professor emerita of particle physics and astrophysics at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford University.
Losing Ourselves:
Learning to Live without a Self
Jay L. Garfield

Why you don’t have a self—and why that’s a good thing

In *Losing Ourselves*, Jay Garfield, a leading expert on Buddhist philosophy, shows why it is perfectly natural to think you have a self—but why it actually makes no sense and is even dangerous. Drawing on Indian and East Asian Buddhism, Daoism, Western philosophy, and cognitive neuroscience, the book explains why shedding the illusion that we have selves promises to liberate us and improve our lives, our relationships, and the world. The result is a transformative book about why we have nothing to lose—and everything to gain—by losing our selves.

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“*Losing Ourselves* exemplifies cross-cultural philosophy at its very finest…. Garfield’s writing is unfailingly accessible and lively.”
—Robert Sharf, chair of the Center for Buddhist Studies, University of California, Berkeley

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The Good-Enough Life
Avram Alpert

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

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Avram Alpert is a writer and teacher. He has worked at Princeton and Rutgers Universities, and is currently a research fellow at the New Institute in Hamburg. His books include A Partial Enlightenment. His work has appeared in publications such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Aeon.

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When Animals Dream: The Hidden World of Animal Consciousness

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David M. Peña-Guzmán is associate professor of humanities at San Francisco State University. He is the coauthor of Chimpanzee Rights.

Grief: A Philosophical Guide

Michael Cholbi

Experiencing grief at the death of a person we love or who matters to us—as universal as it is painful—is central to the human condition. Surprisingly, however, philosophers have rarely examined grief in any depth. In Grief, Michael Cholbi presents a groundbreaking philosophical exploration of this complex emotional experience, offering valuable new insights about what grief is, whom we grieve, and how grief can ultimately lead us to a richer self-understanding and a fuller realization of our humanity.

“Informative, sweeping, and provocative.”
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“[A] clear-eyed, meticulously argued study…. By bringing grief to philosophy Mr. Cholbi brings philosophy closer to the other humanities; he’s as incisive a critic as he is a philosopher.”
—Hamilton Cain, Wall Street Journal

Michael Cholbi is Chair in Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh. He has written and edited many books, including Suicide: The Philosophical Dimensions. He is the founder of the International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying (IAPDD).
Hannah Arendt and Isaiah Berlin: Freedom, Politics and Humanity

Kei Hiruta

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—Norman Lebrecht, Wall Street Journal

Kei Hiruta is lecturer in philosophy at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

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The Essential Kierkegaard

Edited by Howard V. Hong & Edna H. Hong

This is the most comprehensive anthology of Søren Kierkegaard’s works ever published in English. Drawn from the volumes of Princeton’s authoritative Kierkegaard's Writings series by editors Howard and Edna Hong, these carefully chosen selections represent every major aspect of Kierkegaard’s extraordinary output, which changed the course of modern intellectual history with its mix of philosophy, psychology, theology, and literary criticism. The anthology reveals the most important themes of his work, especially what it means to exist and to be human, and captures the unique character of his writings, with their shifting pseudonyms, complex dialogues, and powerful combination of irony, satire, sermon, polemic, humor, and fiction.

“A rich and stimulating volume.”
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Howard V. Hong (1912–2010) was general editor of Kierkegaard’s Writings (Princeton) and former director of the Howard and Edna Hong Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College. Edna H. Hong (1913–2007) was a poet, writer, and translator who coedited and cotranslated many volumes of Kierkegaard’s Writings.
What Can We Hope For?: Essays on Politics
Richard Rorty
Edited by W. P. Malecki & Chris Voparil

Richard Rorty is perhaps best known today as the philosopher who, almost two decades before the 2016 US presidential election, warned of the rise of a Trumpian strongman in America. What Can We Hope For? gathers nineteen of Rorty’s provocative and compelling essays on American and global politics, including four previously unpublished and many lesser-known and hard-to-find pieces.

“Inspiring … reminds us how prescient and humane Rorty’s thinking was, and how relevant it still is.”
—Brian Eno

“An invaluable collection.”
—Thomas Nagel, New Statesman

Richard Rorty (1931–2007) was an eminent American pragmatist philosopher and public intellectual. Among his many books are Achieving Our Country and Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature (Princeton). W. P. Malecki is associate professor of literary theory at the University of Wroclaw, Poland. Chris Voparil teaches philosophy and political theory on the Graduate Faculty of Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dark Matters: Pessimism and the Problem of Suffering
Mara van der Lugt

Dark Matters traces how the competing philosophical traditions of optimism and pessimism arose from early modern debates about the problem of evil and makes a compelling case for the rediscovery of pessimism as a source for compassion, consolation, and perhaps even hope.

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—John Robertson, University of Cambridge

“A book with the power to make people think differently about their lives.”
—Ritchie Robertson, author of The Enlightenment

Mara van der Lugt is lecturer in philosophy at the University of St Andrews, where she specializes in early modern intellectual history and philosophy. She is the author of Bayle, Jurieu, and the “Dictionnaire Historique et Critique.”

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The Currency of Politics:
The Political Theory of Money from Aristotle to Keynes

Stefan Eich

How money has been shaped by politics from ancient Greece to today

This deep intellectual history recovers the foundational ideas at the intersection of monetary rule and democratic politics, drawing on insights from key political thinkers to show how money is not just a medium of exchange but also a central institution of political rule. In this timely and incisive book, Stefan Eich examines six crucial episodes of monetary crisis to reconstruct the neglected political theories of money in the thought of such figures as Aristotle, John Locke, Johann Gottlieb Fichte, Karl Marx, and John Maynard Keynes. The Currency of Politics shows how these layers of crisis have come to define the way we look at money, and why informed public debate about money requires a better appreciation of the diverse political struggles over its meaning.

“Marvelous.”
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“A fresh and splendidly clear guide to the intellectual history of monetary policy.”
—Felix Martin, Financial Times

“A tour de force.”—Christine Desan

“A deep examination of the theoretical and political foundations of money that rescues the money discussion from economists.”
—Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Open Magazine

“A pathbreaking new intellectual history of monetary policy. In examining how key thinkers approached the economic crises of their respective times, Eich offers a map for navigating the politics of money today.”
—Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins, The Nation

Stefan Eich is assistant professor of government at Georgetown University.
The Bitter End: The 2020 Presidential Campaign and the Challenge to American Democracy

John Sides, Chris Tausanovitch & Lynn Vavreck
With a new preface by the authors

The year 2020 was a tumultuous time in American politics. It brought a global pandemic, protests for racial justice, and a razor-thin presidential election outcome, all culminating in an attack on the US Capitol that attempted to deny Joe Biden’s victory. The Bitter End explores the long-term trends and short-term shocks that shaped this dramatic year, what these changes could mean for the future, and why American politics is headed in such a dangerous direction.

“Completely invaluable. … A model of how American politics is working right now.”
—Ezra Klein, New York Times

“Important.”
—E. J. Dionne Jr., Washington Post

John Sides is the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Chris Tausanovitch is associate professor of political science at the University of California, Los Angeles. Lynn Vavreck is the Marvin Hoffenberg Professor of American Politics and Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles.
The Jesuits: *A History*
Markus Friedrich

Since its founding in 1540, the Society of Jesus—more commonly known as the Jesuits—has played a critical role in modern history. From the Counter-Reformation to the ascent of Francis I as the first Jesuit pope, *The Jesuits* presents a comprehensive narrative history of one of the world’s most important religious orders. Examining the Jesuits in the context of social, cultural, and world history, Markus Friedrich tells how the organization deftly walked the line between sacred and secular involvement while shaping developments from pastoral care and spirituality to art, education, and science.

“A work distinguished by deep scholarship, clear exposition and comprehensive coverage.”
— *Times Literary Supplement*

“This is a magisterial book, massive in its compass, its erudition, and its attention to detail…. A book of amazing scholarship.”
— Lavinia Byrne, *Church Times*

“A remarkably fair assessment of the complex history of the Jesuits.”
— Peter Davidson, *Literary Review*

Markus Friedrich is professor of early modern history at the University of Hamburg. His books include *The Birth of the Archive.*

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Walker Evans: *Starting from Scratch*
Svetlana Alpers

Walker Evans (1903–75) was a great American artist who photographed people and places in the United States in unforgettable ways. He is known for his pictures of life during the Great Depression, but what he actually saw was the diversity of people and the damage of the long Civil War. In *Walker Evans*, renowned art historian Svetlana Alpers explores how Evans made his distinctive photographs. Closely examining a lavish selection of Evans’s work, Alpers uncovers rich parallels between his creative approach and those of numerous literary and cultural figures, from Flaubert and Baudelaire to Elizabeth Bishop and William Faulkner.

“Patient, fastidious, detail-oriented, appreciative and illuminating.”
— Joyce Carol Oates, *Times Literary Supplement*

“[A] superb book.”
— Richard Meyer, *Artforum*

“A fresh consideration of Evans’s pictures…. Engaging.”
— Brian Sholis, *Aperture*

Svetlana Alpers is professor emerita of history of art at the University of California, Berkeley, and a visiting scholar in art history at New York University.
The New Science of the Enchanted Universe: 
*An Anthropology of Most of Humanity*

Marshall Sahlins

With the assistance of Frederick B. Henry Jr.

One of the world’s preeminent cultural anthropologists leaves a last work that fundamentally reconfigures how we understand other cultures.

In this revelatory book, Marshall Sahlins considers how the social sciences have in large part failed to adequately grasp that most cultures, past and present, treat spirit beings not as remote and transcendent gods no longer living in our midst but as very real persons, active members of society who exert a powerful influence on everyday life and control human fate. In a breathtaking synthesis of cultural practices from ancient Mesopotamia to the contemporary Arctic, from the highlands of New Guinea to the rainforests of the Amazon, Sahlins shows the importance of understanding cultures by their own lights, of taking seriously those enchanted universes where spirits and many other “metapersons” live immanently among human beings in communities of cosmic extent, profoundly shaping their material, social, and political destinies.

“This much-anticipated volume brings us Sahlins at his iconoclastic best.”
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—Dipesh Chakrabarty, author of *The Climate of History in a Planetary Age*

“A characteristically feisty final statement from one of the greatest anthropologists of the past century.”
—Jonathan Spencer, *Science*

Marshall Sahlins (1930–2021) was the Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Chicago and the author of many books, including *Stone Age Economics* and *Culture and Practical Reason*. Frederick B. Henry Jr. is an independent scholar and translator.
History

Rules: A Short History of What We Live By

Lorraine Daston

A panoramic history of rules in the Western world

Rules order almost every aspect of our lives. They set our work hours, dictate how we drive, tell us whether to offer an extended hand or cheek in greeting, and organize the rites of life, from birth through death. We may chafe under the rules we have and yearn for ones we don’t, yet no culture could do without them. Lorraine Daston traces their development in the Western tradition and shows how rules have evolved from ancient to modern times. Drawing on a rich trove of examples—from legal treatises and cookbooks to military manuals, traffic regulations, and game handbooks—Daston demonstrates that while the content of rules is dazzlingly diverse, the forms they take are surprisingly few and long-lived.

“Fascinating…. [Daston] writes with a twinkling wit.”
—Timothy Farrington, Wall Street Journal

“By the end of Daston’s book, one feels a sense of clarity about how to think about rules, alongside a gentle sense of despair concerning what kinds of rules to hope for.”
—Rivka Galchen, The New Yorker

Lorraine Daston is director emerita of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) in Berlin, visiting professor in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago, and a permanent fellow at the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study. Her books include Classical Probability in the Enlightenment.

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Lorraine Daston
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What did it mean to be reasonable in the Age of Reason? Enlightenment mathematicians sought to answer this question, laboring over a theory of rational decision, action, and belief under conditions of uncertainty. Lorraine Daston brings to life their debates and philosophical arguments. Now with an incisive new preface, Classical Probability in the Enlightenment traces the emergence of new kind of mathematics designed to turn good sense into a reasonable calculus.

“The reader feels like a twentieth-century observer set down to eavesdrop on erudite philosophical arguments on miracles and the problem of induction.”
—Mary S. Morgan, Times Higher Education

Lorraine Daston is director emerita of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) in Berlin, visiting professor in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago, and a permanent fellow at the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study. Her books include Rules: A Short History of What We Live By (see page 77).

Winner of the Pfizer Award, History of Science Society

The Last Muslim Conquest: The Ottoman Empire and Its Wars in Europe

Gábor Ágoston

The Ottomans have long been viewed as despots who conquered through sheer military might, and whose dynasty was peripheral to those of Europe. The Last Muslim Conquest shows how Ottoman statecraft was far more pragmatic and sophisticated than previously acknowledged and how the Ottoman dynasty was a crucial player in the power struggles of early modern Europe.

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—Molly Greene, European Legacy

Gábor Ágoston is professor of history at Georgetown University. His many books include Guns for the Sultan and Encyclopedia of the Ottoman Empire.
The Perils of Interpreting: The Extraordinary Lives of Two Translators between Qing China and the British Empire

Henrietta Harrison

The 1793 British embassy to China, which led to Lord George Macartney’s fraught encounter with the Qianlong emperor, has often been viewed as a clash of cultures fueled by the East’s lack of interest in the West. In The Perils of Interpreting, Henrietta Harrison presents a more nuanced account, ingeniously shifting the focus to Macartney’s interpreters at that meeting—Li Zibiao and George Thomas Staunton.

“An invigorating re-vision.”
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“Today the fiasco of 1793 is the postulate for an elaborate paradigm that is supposed to explain China’s decline in power in the nineteenth century…. But the paradigm is problematic: it isn’t only ahistorical but, as Henrietta Harrison suggests … it focuses on the wrong people.”
—Pamela Crossley, London Review of Books

Henrietta Harrison is professor of modern Chinese studies at the University of Oxford and the Stanley Ho Tutorial Fellow in Chinese History at Pembroke College.

A History Today Book of the Year

The Road to Dien Bien Phu: A History of the First War for Vietnam

Christopher Goscha

On May 7, 1954, when the bullets stopped and the air stilled in Dien Bien Phu, there was no doubt that Vietnam could fight a mighty colonial power and win. After nearly a decade of struggle, a nation forged in the crucible of war had achieved a victory undreamed of by any other national liberation movement. Christopher Goscha tells the story of how Ho Chi Minh turned a ragtag guerrilla army into a modern fighting force capable of bringing down the formidable French army.

“Eye-opening…. The best work in English, French, or Vietnamese on the First Indochina War.”
—Shawn F. McHale, American Historical Review

“[A] zestfully granular history of the Vietminh war against the French.”
—Andrew J. Nathan, Foreign Affairs

Christopher Goscha is professor of international relations in the History Department at the Université du Québec à Montréal and a leading expert on the Cold War in Asia and the wars in Vietnam. His books include Vietnam: A New History.
Paul Laurence Dunbar: The Life and Times of a Caged Bird

Gene Andrew Jarrett

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872–1906) was one of the first African American writers to garner international recognition in the wake of emancipation. In this definitive biography, Gene Andrew Jarrett offers a revelatory account of a writer whose remarkable achievements and Gilded Age celebrity as the “poet laureate of his race” hid the struggles of a man who, in the words of his famous poem, felt like a “caged bird” that sings.

“A book that pulls you along … I could barely put it down.”
—John McWhorter, New York Times

“Jarrett illustrates his struggle to reconcile his professional success with a sense of himself as a failure—an errant husband, an alcoholic, and, above all, a Black artist who couldn’t liberate his community from racial stereotypes.”
—The New Yorker

Gene Andrew Jarrett is Dean of the Faculty and William S. Tod Professor of English at Princeton University.

A New Yorker Best Book of the Year
A Book Riot Best Biography of the Year
Thinking like an Economist: How Efficiency Replaced Equality in U.S. Public Policy

Elizabeth Popp Berman

In *Thinking like an Economist*, Elizabeth Popp Berman tells the story of how an “economic style of reasoning” became dominant in Washington between the 1960s and the 1980s and how it continues to dramatically narrow debates over public policy today. A compelling account that illuminates what brought American politics to its current state, *Thinking like an Economist* also offers critical lessons for the future.

“Indispensable. Deeply researched and powerfully argued, it is easily one of the most important studies of American governance in many years.”
—Simon Torracinta, *Boston Review*

“The historical account in *Thinking like an Economist*, which makes up the bulk of the book, is an original, insightful, and persuasive story…. Berman provides a fresh perspective.”
—Jason Furman, *Foreign Affairs*

Elizabeth Popp Berman is Director and Richard H. Price Professor of Organizational Studies at the University of Michigan and the author of *Creating the Market University: How Academic Science Became an Economic Engine* (Princeton).
A History of Biology

Michel Morange
Translated by Teresa Lavender Fagan & Joseph Muise

This book presents a global history of the biological sciences from ancient times to today, providing needed perspective on the development of biological thought while shedding light on the field’s upheavals and key advances through the ages.

“Hurrah—what a pleasure to see this remarkable history available in English! Michel Morange provides a much-needed and compelling account of the history of biology.”
—Janet Browne, editor of The Quotable Darwin

“This book is a masterpiece. Step-by-step, Morange charts a history of how countless great ideas developed and how we came to understand life and ourselves in the way we do.”
—Daniel M. Davis, author of The Beautiful Cure and The Secret Body

Michel Morange is professor emeritus at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Sciences and Techniques at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. His books include The Black Box of Biology and The Misunderstood Gene.

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W. A. Harris

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“Highly illuminating.”
—Andrew Robinson, Nature

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—Moriah E. Thomason, New York University Grossman School of Medicine

W. A. Harris is professor emeritus of anatomy at the University of Cambridge. A fellow of the Royal Society, he is the coauthor of Development of the Nervous System and Genetic Neurobiology and the coeditor of Retinal Development.
When the Sahara Was Green: How Our Greatest Desert Came to Be

Martin Williams

The Sahara, which is the size of China or the United States, was once a verdant land, fed by rivers and lakes. It 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? In When the Sahara Was Green, Martin Williams tells the remarkable history of Earth’s greatest desert—including why its climate changed, how scientists uncovered its extraordinary story, and what lessons it holds for our warming world.

“[A] rich and fascinating story.”
—The Guardian

“Fascinating…. Engrossing…. So warmly, approachably written that learning was never so pleasant.”
—Steve Donoghue, Open Letters Review

Martin Williams is professor emeritus and adjunct professor of earth sciences at the University of Adelaide. His many books include Climate Change in Deserts and Nile Waters, Saharan Sands.

Winner of the PROSE Award in Earth Science, Association of American Publishers

The Sky Is for Everyone: Women Astronomers in Their Own Words

Edited by Virginia Trimble & David A. Weintraub

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. Before 1900, a woman who wanted to study the stars had to have a father, brother, or husband to provide entry, and 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. This triumphant anthology offers inspiration to current and future generations of women scientists while giving voice to the history of a transformative era in astronomy.

“An inspiring anthology.”
—Simon Ings, New Scientist

“A communal love letter to astronomy and the broader sciences…. The Sky Is for Everyone is a valuable read for astronomers and those interested in the status of women in science.”
—Joanna Behrman, Physics Today

Virginia Trimble is professor of physics and astronomy at the University of California, Irvine. 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.
Laboratories against Democracy: How National Parties Transformed State Politics

Jacob M. Grumbach

As Congress has become more gridlocked, national partisan and activist groups have shifted their sights to the state level—with profound consequences for public policy and American democracy. Jacob Grumbach shows how national political conflicts are increasingly flowing through the subnational institutions of state politics, and how the national Democratic and Republican parties are using state governmental authority to gerrymander districts, suppress the vote, and erode the very foundations of democracy itself.

“[A] landmark book.”
—Nancy MacLean, New Republic

“Laboratories against Democracy is required reading for anyone who wants to think seriously about the democratic repercussions of federalism in the United States.”
—Jamila Michener, author of Fragmented Democracy

Jacob M. Grumbach is associate professor of political science at the University of Washington.

A New Yorker Best Book of the Year
The War That Doesn’t Say Its Name: The Unending Conflict in the Congo

Jason K. Stearns

Why violence in the Congo has continued despite decades of international intervention

Well into its third decade, the military conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been dubbed a “forever war”—a perpetual cycle of war, civil unrest, and local feuds over power and identity. Millions have died in one of the worst humanitarian calamities of our time. The War That Doesn’t Say Its Name investigates the most recent phase of this conflict, asking why the peace deal of 2003—accompanied by the largest United Nations peacekeeping mission in the world and tens of billions in international aid—has failed to stop the violence. Jason Stearns argues that the fighting has become an end in itself, carried forward in substantial part through the apathy and complicity of local and international actors.

“[Stearns] makes a convincing case that the violence has been sustained by a ‘military bourgeoisie’ that benefits from instability by plundering natural resources and foreign aid.”
—Nicolas van de Walle, Foreign Affairs

“A fascinating and eye-opening account of the Congolese conflict—and what it signals for the future of conflict in general.”
—Stathis Kalyvas, author of The Logic of Violence in Civil War

“A tour de force…. Stearns upends conventional wisdom while offering a nuanced and detailed take on a struggle that can often appear indecipherable. Penetrating, perceptive, and deeply personal.”
—Zachariah Mampilly, author of Rebel Rulers: Insurgent Governance and Civilian Life during War

Jason K. Stearns is assistant professor in the School for International Studies at Simon Fraser University and the founder and director of the Congo Research Group at New York University. He is the author of Dancing in the Glory of Monsters.
After One Hundred Winters: In Search of Reconciliation on America’s Stolen Lands

Margaret D. Jacobs

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. 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.

“After One Hundred Winters is a necessary book for this moment.”
—Tiya Miles, author of All That She Carried

“Margaret Jacobs confronts a long history of settler theft and violence against Indigenous people, and reveals how settler accountability and efforts at collective action can restore fractured relationships.”
—Beth Piatote, author of The Beadworkers: Stories

Margaret D. Jacobs is the Charles Mach 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.

Shortlisted for the Reading the West Book Award in Nonfiction, Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers Association

American Afterlives: Reinventing Death in the Twenty-First Century

Shannon Lee Dawdy

With images by Daniel Zox

Death in the United States is undergoing a quiet revolution. In this meditative book, Shannon Lee Dawdy embarks on a transformative journey across the nation, talking to funeral directors, death-care entrepreneurs, designers, cemetery owners, death doulas, and ordinary people from all walks of life.

“Touching and beautifully written.”
—Rosemarie Szostak, Science

“We historians can only dream of having the sort of reflective, generous, and multivoiced account of how people of the past confronted death that Shannon Lee Dawdy bequeaths to the present and future.”
—Thomas W. Laqueur, author of The Work of the Dead

Shannon Lee Dawdy is an anthropologist, archaeologist, and filmmaker. A professor at the University of Chicago and a MacArthur Fellow, she is the author of Patina and Building the Devil’s Empire.

Finalist for the PROSE Award in Cultural Anthropology and Sociology, Association of American Publishers
Work Pray Code: *When Work Becomes Religion in Silicon Valley*

Carolyn Chen

Silicon Valley is known for its lavish perks, intense work culture, and spiritual gurus. *Work Pray Code* explores how tech companies are bringing religion into the workplace in ways that are replacing traditional places of worship and transforming the very nature of spiritual experience in modern life.

“A rich ethnography of Silicon Valley’s elite.”

“A must-read for anyone interested in the rise of mindfulness in corporate culture.”
—Ravi Chandra, *Psychology Today*

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Subjects
Reading It Wrong: 
*An Alternative History of Early Eighteenth-Century Literature*

Abigail Williams

How eighteenth-century literature depended on misinterpretation—and how this still shapes the way we read

*Reading It Wrong* is a new history of eighteenth-century English literature that explores what has been everywhere evident but rarely talked about: the misunderstanding, muddle and confusion of readers of the past when they first met the uniquely elusive writings of the period. Abigail Williams uses the marginal marks and jottings of these readers to show that flawed interpretation has its own history—and its own important role to play—in understanding how, why and what we read.

Focussing on the first half of the eighteenth century, the golden age of satire, *Reading It Wrong* tells how a combination of changing readerships and fantastically tricky literature created the perfect grounds for puzzlement and partial comprehension. Through the lens of a history of imperfect reading, we see that many of the period’s major works—by writers including Daniel Defoe, Eliza Haywood, Mary Wortley Montagu, Alexander Pope and Jonathan Swift—both generated and depended upon widespread misreading. Being foxed by a satire, coded fiction or allegory was, like Wordle or the cryptic crossword, a form of entertainment, and perhaps a group sport. Rather than worrying that we don’t have all the answers, we should instead recognize the cultural importance of not knowing.

Abigail Williams is professor of eighteenth-century studies at the University of Oxford and Lord White Tutorial Fellow at St Peter’s College, Oxford. She is the author of *The Social Life of Books: Reading Together in the Eighteenth-Century Home* and *Poetry and the Creation of a Whig Literary Culture*. She is also the editor of Jonathan Swift’s *Journal to Stella*.
The Midnight Washerwoman and Other Tales of Lower Brittany

François-Marie Luzel

Edited, translated & introduced by
Michael Wilson

Illustrated by Caroline Pedler

Twenty-nine Breton tales, as told over a series of long winter nights, featuring an ingenious miller, a Jerusalem-bound ant, a mad dash at midnight, and more

In the late nineteenth century, the folklorist François-Marie Luzel spent countless winter evenings listening to stories told by his neighbors, local Breton farmers and villagers. At these social gatherings, known as veillées, Luzel recorded the tales in unusual detail, capturing a storytelling tradition that is now almost forgotten. The Midnight Washerwoman and Other Tales of Lower Brittany collects twenty-nine stories gathered by Luzel, many translated into English for the first time. The tales are presented in a series of five imaginary veillées, giving readers a unique opportunity to listen in on a long-ago winter’s night of storytelling.

Some of the stories mix the apparently supernatural with the everyday—as in the title tale, when a mysteriously nocturnal washerwoman causes three handsome lads to flee so quickly they lose their clogs in the process. Others invite listeners to root for the underdog, as when a simple miller outwits a powerful Seigneur. Another tale must have been greeted with raucous laughter as it recounts an ascending ladder of obstacles—from a mouse to a cat to a man to God (or the Devil) himself—confronted by a traveling ant.

Michael Wilson, the volume’s editor and translator, provides a substantive introduction that discusses Luzel’s work and the significance of Breton storytelling.

Michael Wilson is professor of drama at Loughborough University, UK, where he is also Director of the Storytelling Academy, a research and teaching collective. He is the author of Storytelling and Theatre.

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Literature
One Soul We Divided:  
*A Critical Edition of the Diary of Michael Field*  
Edited by Carolyn Dever

The first book-length selection from the extraordinary unpublished diary of the late-Victorian writer “Michael Field”—the pen name of two female coauthors and romantic partners

Michael Field was known to late-Victorian readers as a superb poet and playwright—until Robert Browning let slip Field’s secret identity: in fact, “Michael Field” was a pseudonym for Katharine Bradley (1846–1914) and Edith Cooper (1862–1913), who were lovers, a devoted couple, and aunt and niece. For thirty years, they kept a joint diary titled *Works and Days* that eventually reached almost 10,000 pages. *One Soul We Divided* is the first critical edition of selections from this remarkable unpublished work.

A fascinating personal and literary experiment, the diary tells the extraordinary story of the love, art, ambitions, and domestic life of a queer couple in fin de siècle London. It also tells vivid firsthand stories of the literary and artistic worlds Bradley and Cooper inhabited and of their encounters with such celebrities as Browning, Oscar Wilde, W. B. Yeats, Aubrey Beardsley, and Bernard Berenson. Carolyn Dever provides essential context, including explanatory notes, a cast of characters, a family tree, and a timeline.

An unforgettable portrait of two writers and their unexpected romantic, literary, and artistic marriage, *One Soul We Divided* rewrites what we think we know about Victorian women, intimacy, and sexuality.

Carolyn Dever is professor of English and creative writing at Dartmouth College. Her books include *Chains of Love and Beauty: The Diary of Michael Field* (Princeton) and *Death and the Mother from Dickens to Freud: Victorian Fiction and the Anxiety of Origins*.
The Chapter: *A Segmented History from Antiquity to the Twenty-First Century*

Nicholas Dames

A history of the chapter from its origins in antiquity to today

Why do books have chapters? With this seemingly simple question, Nicholas Dames embarks on a literary journey spanning two millennia, revealing how an ancient editorial technique became a universally recognized component of narrative art and a means to register the sensation of time.

Dames begins with the textual compilations of the Roman world, where chapters evolved as a tool to organize information. He goes on to discuss the earliest divisional systems of the Gospels and the segmentation of medieval romances, describing how the chapter took on new purpose when applied to narrative texts and how narrative segmentation gave rise to a host of aesthetic techniques. Dames shares engaging and in-depth readings of influential figures, from Sterne, Goethe, Tolstoy, and Dickens to George Eliot, Machado de Assis, B. S. Johnson, Agnès Varda, Uwe Johnson, Jennifer Egan, and László Krasznahorkai. He illuminates the sometimes tacit, sometimes dramatic ways in which the chapter became a kind of reckoning with time and a quiet but persistent feature of modernity.

Ranging from ancient tablets and scrolls to contemporary fiction and film, *The Chapter* provides a compelling, elegantly written history of a familiar compositional mode that readers often take for granted and offers a new theory of how this versatile means of dividing narrative sculpts our experience of time.

Nicholas Dames is the Theodore Kahan Professor of Humanities at Columbia University and an editor in chief of Public Books. He is the author of *The Physiology of the Novel: Reading, Neural Science, and the Form of Victorian Fiction* and *Amnesiac Selves: Nostalgia, Forgetting, and British Fiction, 1810–1870*.
Sacred Language, Vernacular Difference: *Global Arabic and Counter-Imperial Literatures*

Annette Damayanti Lienau

How Arabic influenced the evolution of vernacular literatures and anticolonial thought in Egypt, Indonesia, and Senegal

*Sacred Language, Vernacular Difference* offers a new understanding of Arabic’s global position as the basis for comparing cultural and literary histories in countries separated by vast distances. By tracing controversies over the use of Arabic in three countries with distinct colonial legacies, Egypt, Indonesia, and Senegal, the book presents a new approach to the study of postcolonial literatures, anticolonial nationalism, and the global circulation of pluralist ideas.

Annette Damayanti Lienau presents the largely untold story of how Arabic, often understood in Africa and Asia as a language of Islamic ritual and precolonial commerce, assumed a transregional role as an anticolonial literary medium in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. By examining how major writers and intellectuals across several generations grappled with the cultural asymmetries imposed by imperial Europe, Lienau shows that Arabic—as a cosmopolitan, interethnic, and interreligious language—complicated debates over questions of indigeneity, religious pluralism, counter-imperial nationalisms, and emerging nation-states.

Unearthing parallels from West Africa to Southeast Asia, *Sacred Language, Vernacular Difference* argues that debates comparing the status of Arabic to other languages challenged not only Eurocentric but Arab-centric forms of ethnolinguistic and racial prejudice in both local and global terms.

Annette Damayanti Lienau is assistant professor of comparative literature at Harvard University.

American Insecurity and the Origins of Vulnerability

Russ Castronovo

An incisive critique that examines the origins of contemporary American ideas about surveillance, terrorism, and white supremacy

For more than three centuries, Americans have pursued strategies of security that routinely make them feel vulnerable, unsafe, and insecure. *American Insecurity and the Origins of Vulnerability* probes this paradox by examining American attachments to the terror of the sublime, the fear of uncertainty, and the anxieties produced by unending racial threat.

Challenging conventional approaches that leave questions of security to policy experts, Russ Castronovo turns to literature, philosophy, and political theory to show how security provides an organizing principle for collective life in ways that both enhance freedom and limit it. His incisive critique ranges from frontier violence and white racial anxiety to insurgent Black print culture and other forms of early American terror, uncovering the hidden logic of insecurity that structures modern approaches to national defense, counterterrorism, cybersecurity, surveillance, and privacy. Drawing on examples from fiction, journalism, tracts, and pamphlets, Castronovo uncovers the deep affective attachments that Americans have had since the founding to the sources of fear and insecurity that make them feel unsafe.

Timely and urgent, *American Insecurity and the Origins of Vulnerability* sheds critical light on how and why the fundamental political desire for security promotes unease alongside assurance and fixates on risk and danger while clamoring for safety.

Russ Castronovo is the Tom Paine Professor of English and director of the Center for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His books include *Fathering the Nation, Necro Citizenship, Beautiful Democracy*, and *Propaganda 1776*. 
The Activist Humanist: 
Form and Method in the Climate Crisis

Caroline Levine

An argument that humanists have the tools—and the responsibility—to mobilize political power to tackle climate change.

As climate catastrophes intensify, why do literary and cultural studies scholars so often remain committed to the separation of aesthetic study from the nitty-gritty of political change? In this thought-provoking book, Caroline Levine makes the case for an alternative view, arguing that humanists have the tools to mobilize political power—and the responsibility to use those tools to avert the worst impacts of global warming. Building on the theory developed in her award-winning book, Forms, Levine shows how formalist methods can be used in the fight for climate justice.

Levine argues that large-scale, practical environmental activism should be integral to humanists’ work. She identifies three major infrastructural forms crucial to sustaining collective life: routines, pathways, and enclosures. Crisscrossing between art works and public works—from urban transportation to television series and from food security programs to rhyming couplets—she considers which forms might support stability and predictability in the face of growing precarity. Finally, bridging the gap between academic and practical work, Levine offers a series of questions and exercises intended to guide readers into political action. The Activist Humanist provides an essential handbook for prospective activist-scholars.

Caroline Levine is the David and Kathleen Ryan Professor of the Humanities at Cornell University. She is the author of Forms: Whole, Rhythm, Hierarchy, Network, winner of the James Russell Lowell Prize from the Modern Language Association (Princeton); Provoking Democracy: Why We Need the Arts; and The Serious Pleasures of Suspense.
Prickly Moses: *Poems*

Simon West

Compelling poems that celebrate language as it encounters the nameless variety of the natural world, from Australia to Italy

An uncanny blend of the external and the intimate has been a hallmark of Simon West’s poetry for nearly twenty years. In this new collection, the Australian poet and Italianist delights in the transforming and endlessly varied powers of naming and speaking. West’s intensely regional focus stands in dialogue with Europe and antiquity. Landscapes reveal the tangle of their historical dimensions, as the rivers of both the Goulburn Valley in southeastern Australia and the Po Valley in northern Italy merge and flow into the wider currents of the Southern Ocean. Again and again, language and the senses throw themselves into the nameless riot of the world, from eucalypts and clouds to a medieval bell tower and the sounds a pencil makes as it crosses a page.

Simon West is the author of four previous collections of poetry, including *Carol and Ahoy* and *The Ladder*, which was shortlisted for the Australian Prime Minister’s Literary Awards. He is also the author of *Dear Muses? Essays in Poetry* and the editor and translator of *The Selected Poetry of Guido Cavalcanti*. He lives in Melbourne, Australia.
Aurora Americana: *Poems*
Myronn Hardy

From an award-winning poet, an exciting new collection that explores exile and return, from North Africa to North America.

In *Aurora Americana*, Myronn Hardy, an American poet who moved back to the United States after living for years in Morocco, reflects on exile and return as he describes the experience of leaving North Africa and rediscovering a North America both recognizable and unrecognizable. What does it mean to feel exiled both away from and at “home”? What does it mean to miss something?

In forms such as the sonnet, ghazal, and triolet, *Aurora Americana* takes up the distant and recent past of the United States, from Thomas Jefferson to the deadly “Unite the Right” march in Charlottesville, Virginia. But the book also meditates on smaller, momentary encounters across racial and national barriers, from evocations of Francophone Africa to a screening of *Black Panther* in Portugal for a mostly white audience. Allusions to Fannie Lou Hamer, Frantz Fanon, Prince, John Coltrane, Alessandro de’ Medici, Ahmed Zaki, Modesto Brocos y Gómez, Nasser Zefzafi, and others anchor the collection. With poems set at or near dawn, *Aurora Americana* explores an ominous yet hopeful new morning in America, one in which potential cataclysm exists alongside possibility and change.

Myronn Hardy is the author of five previous books of poems, including *Radioactive Starlings* (Princeton). His poems have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Poetry*, the *New Republic*, and the *Baffler*, among other publications, and have won many prizes, including the PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Award. He teaches at Bates College.
Yuan: Chinese Architecture in a Mongol Empire
Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt

A monumental illustrated survey of the architecture of thirteenth- and fourteenth-century China

The Yuan dynasty endured for a century, leaving behind an architectural legacy without equal, from palaces, temples, and pagodas to pavilions, tombs, and stages. With a history enlivened by the likes of Khubilai Khan and Marco Polo, this spectacular empire spanned the breadth of China and far, far beyond, but its rulers were Mongols. Yuan presents the first comprehensive study in English of the architecture of China under Mongol rule.

In this richly illustrated book, Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt looks at cities such as the legendary Shangdu—inspiration for Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s Xanadu—as well as the architecture the Mongols encountered on their routes of conquest. She examines the buildings and monuments of diverse faiths in China during the period as well as unusual structures such as observatories, archways, stone and metal buildings, and sarcophaguses. Steinhardt dispels long-standing views of the Mongols as destroyers of cities and architecture across Asia, showing how the khans and their families built more than they tore down. Drawing on Steinhardt’s groundbreaking textual research in numerous languages as well as her pioneering fieldwork at sites across East Asia, Yuan will become the standard reference on this critical period of cultural and artistic exchange.

Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt is professor of East Asian art and curator of Chinese art at the University of Pennsylvania. Her many books include Chinese Architecture (Princeton), winner of the Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award, and China’s Early Mosques.

Tales Things Tell: Material Histories of Early Globalisms
Finbarr Barry Flood & Beate Fricke

New perspectives on early globalisms from objects and images

Tales Things Tell offers new perspectives on histories of connectivity between Africa, Asia, and Europe in the period before the Mongol conquests of the thirteenth century. Reflected in objects and materials whose circulation and reception defined aesthetic, economic, and technological networks that existed outside established political and sectarian boundaries, many of these histories are not documented in the written sources on which historians usually rely. Tales Things Tell charts bold new directions in art history, making a compelling case for the archival value of mobile artifacts and images in reconstructing the past.

In this beautifully illustrated book, Finbarr Barry Flood and Beate Fricke present six illuminating case studies from the sixth to the thirteenth centuries to show how portable objects mediated the mobility of concepts, iconographies, and techniques. The case studies range from metalwork to stone reliefs, manuscript paintings, and objects using natural materials such as coconut and rock crystal. Whether as booty, commodities, gifts, or souvenirs, many of the objects discussed in Tales Things Tell functioned as sources of aesthetic, iconographic, or technical knowledge in the lands in which they came to rest. Remapping the histories of exchange between medieval Islam and Christendom, from Europe to the Indian Ocean, Tales Things Tell ventures beyond standard narratives drawn from written archival records to demonstrate the value of objects and images as documents of early globalisms.

Finbarr Barry Flood is director of Silsila: Center for Material Histories and the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of the Humanities at New York University. Beate Fricke is professor of medieval art at the University of Bern in Switzerland.
Objects in Exile: Modern Art and Design across Borders, 1930–1960
Robin Schuldenfrei

An essential examination of how emigration and resettlement defined modernism

In the fraught years leading up to World War II, many modern artists and architects emigrated from continental Europe to the United States and Britain. The experience of exile infused their modernist ideas with new urgency and forced them to use certain materials in place of others, modify existing works, and reconsider their approach to design itself. In Objects in Exile, Robin Schuldenfrei reveals how the process of migration was crucial to the development of modernism, charting how modern art and architecture was shaped by the need to constantly face—and transcend—the materiality of things.

Taking readers from the prewar era to the 1960s, Schuldenfrei explores the objects these émigrés brought with them, what they left behind, and the new works they completed in exile. She argues that modernism could only coalesce with the abandonment of national borders in a process of emigration and resettlement, and brings to life the vibrant postwar period when avant-garde ideas came together and emerged as mainstream modernism. Examining works by Walter Gropius, László Moholy-Nagy, Lucia Moholy, Herbert Bayer, Anni and Josef Albers, and others, Schuldenfrei demonstrates the social impact of art objects produced in exile.

Robin Schuldenfrei is the Tangen Reader in 20th-Century Modernism at the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London. Her books include Luxury and Modernism: Architecture and the Object in Germany, 1900–1933 (Princeton), Iteration: Episodes in the Mediation of Art and Architecture, and Atomic Dwelling: Anxiety, Domesticity, and Postwar Architecture.
The Embedded Portrait: 
*Giotto, Giotto, Angelico*

Christopher S. Wood

A new study of the early Renaissance portrait

In fourteenth-century Italy, ever more women and men—not only clergy but also laity—introduced their own portraits into sacred paintings. Images of modern supplicants, submissive and prayerful, shared space with the holy narratives. The portraits mimicked the first worshippers of Christ: Mary, the Three Magi, Mary Magdalene. At the same time, they modeled, for modern viewers, ideal involvement in the emotion-laden stories. In *The Embedded Portrait*, Christopher S. Wood traces these incursions of the real and profane into Florentine sacred painting between Giotto and Fra Angelico.

The portraits not only intruded upon a sacred space, but also intervened in an artwork. The pressure exerted by the modern interlopers threatened the formal closure that had served as a powerful symbolic form of the pact between God and humans. *The Embedded Portrait* reconstructs this art historical drama from the point of view of the artists rather than the patrons. Following clues left by Vasari, the book assigns a leading role to the painter Giotto, or “little Giotto.” Little-known today but highly regarded in his lifetime, Giotto proposed a new manner of painting that was later realized by Fra Angelico through his own innovative approach to the problem of the embedded portrait.

Seeking not to stabilize the artworks but to extend their reach, the interpretations offered in *The Embedded Portrait* re-create and update the psychic and libidinal energies that gave rise to these works in the first place.

Christopher S. Wood is professor in the Department of German at New York University. He is the author of *A History of Art History* (Princeton) and, with Alexander Nagel, *Anachronic Renaissance*.
The Land Carries Our Ancestors: Contemporary Art by Native Americans

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and heather ahtone; with contributions by Joy Harjo & Shana Bushyhead Condill

A groundbreaking survey of contemporary Indigenous art and its enduring connections to the land.

The Land Carries Our Ancestors: Contemporary Art by Native Americans brings together works by many of today’s most boldly innovative Native American artists. Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, one of the leading artists and curators of her generation, has carefully chosen some fifty works across a diversity of practices—including weaving, beadwork, sculpture, painting, printmaking, drawing, photography, performance, and video—that share the common thread of the land.

This beautifully illustrated book features both well-known and emerging artists, from G. Peter Jemison (Seneca Nation of Indians, Heron Clan) and Kay WalkingStick (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma/European descent) to Eric-Paul Riege (Diné) and Rose B. Simpson (Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico). The Land Carries Our Ancestors shares new perspectives on these visionary and provocative artists while offering a timely celebration of contemporary Indigenous art.

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation) is a noted artist and curator. Her work is in the collections of museums around the world and is the subject of a 2023 retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art. heather ahtone (Choctaw/Chickasaw Nation) is director of curatorial affairs at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. Joy Harjo (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), the author of two memoirs and several poetry collections, served as the 23rd poet laureate of the United States. Shana Bushyhead Condill (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) is executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in North Carolina.

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Hegel’s World
Revolutions
Richard Bourke

A new account of the relevance of Hegel’s ideas for today’s world, countering the postwar anti-Hegel “insurgency”

G.W.F. Hegel was widely seen as the greatest philosopher of his age. Ever since, his work has shaped debates about issues as varied as religion, aesthetics and metaphysics. His most lasting contribution was his vision of history and politics. In Hegel’s World Revolutions, Richard Bourke returns to Hegel’s original arguments, clarifying their true import and illuminating their relevance to contemporary society. Bourke shows that central to Hegel’s thought was his anatomy of the modern world. On the one hand he claimed that modernity was a deliverance from subjection, but on the other he saw it as having unleashed the spirit of critical reflection. Bourke explores this predicament in terms of a series of world revolutions that Hegel believed had ushered in the rise of civil society and the emergence of the constitutional state.

Bourke interprets Hegel’s thought, with particular reference to his philosophy of history, placing it in the context of his own time. He then recounts the reception of Hegel’s political ideas, largely over the course of the twentieth century. Countering the postwar revolt against Hegel, Bourke argues that his disparagement by major philosophers has impoverished our approach to history and politics alike. Challenging the condescension of leading thinkers—from Heidegger and Popper to Lévi-Strauss and Foucault—the book revises prevailing views of the relationship between historical ideas and present circumstances.

Richard Bourke is professor of the history of political thought and a fellow of King’s College, University of Cambridge. He is the author of a number of books, including Empire and Revolution: The Political Life of Edmund Burke (Princeton).
Post-Imperial Possibilities: Eurasia, Eurafrica, Afroasia

Jane Burbank & Frederick Cooper

A history of three transnational political projects designed to overcome the inequities of imperialism

After the dissolution of empires, was the nation-state the only way to unite people politically, culturally, and economically? In Post-Imperial Possibilities, historians Jane Burbank and Frederick Cooper examine three large-scale, transcontinental projects aimed at bringing together peoples of different regions to mitigate imperial legacies of inequality. Eurasia, Eurafrica, and Afroasia—in theory if not in practice—offered alternative routes out of empire.

While both the system of purportedly sovereign states and the concentrated might of large economic and political institutions continue to frustrate projects to overcome inequities in welfare and power, Burbank and Cooper’s study of political imagination explores wide-ranging concepts of social affiliation and obligation that emerged after empire and the reasons for their unlike destinies.

Jane Burbank is professor emerita of history and Russian and Slavic studies at New York University. She is the author of Intelligentsia and Revolution and Russian Peasants Go to Court. Frederick Cooper is professor emeritus of history at New York University. He is the author of Citizenship between Empire and Nation, Africa since 1940, and Citizenship, Inequality, and Difference. Burbank and Cooper are the coauthors of Empires in World History (Princeton).
The Price of Collapse: *The Little Ice Age and the Fall of Ming China*

Timothy Brook

How climate change ushered in the collapse of one of history’s mighty empires

In 1644, after close to three centuries of relative stability and prosperity, the Ming dynasty collapsed. Many historians attribute its demise to the Manchu invasion of China, but the truth is far more profound. *The Price of Collapse* provides an entirely new approach to the economic and social history of China, exploring how global climate crisis spelled the end of Ming rule.

The mid-seventeenth century witnessed the deadliest phase of the Little Ice Age, when temperatures and rainfall plunged and world economies buckled. Timothy Brook draws on the history of grain prices to paint a gripping portrait of the final tumultuous years of a once-great dynasty. He explores how global trade networks that increasingly moved silver into China may have affected prices and describes the daily struggle to survive amid grain shortages and famine. By the early 1640s, as the subjects of the Ming found themselves caught in a deadly combination of cold and drought that defied all attempts to stave off disaster, the Ming price regime collapsed, and with it the Ming political regime.

A masterful work of scholarship, *The Price of Collapse* reconstructs the experience of ordinary people under the immense pressure of unaffordable prices as their country slid from prosperity to calamity and shows how the market mediated the relationship between an empire and the climate that turned against it.

Timothy Brook is professor emeritus of history at the University of British Columbia and a fellow of the British Academy. His many books include *Great State*, *Mr. Selden’s Map of China*, and *Vermeer’s Hat*.

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Laws of the Land: *Fengshui and the State in Qing Dynasty China*

Tristan G. Brown

A groundbreaking history of fengshui’s roles in public life and law during China’s last imperial dynasty

Today the term fengshui, which literally means “wind and water,” is recognized around the world. Yet few know exactly what it means, let alone its fascinating history. In *Laws of the Land*, Tristan Brown tells the story of the important roles—especially legal ones—played by fengshui in Chinese society during China’s last imperial dynasty, the Manchu Qing (1644–1912).

This is the first book to document fengshui’s invocations in Chinese law during the Qing dynasty. Facing a growing population, dwindling natural resources, and an overburdened rural government, judicial administrators across China grappled with disputes and petitions about fengshui in their efforts to sustain forestry, farming, mining, and city planning. *Laws of the Land* offers a radically new interpretation of these legal arrangements: they worked. An intelligent, considered, and sustained engagement with fengshui on the ground helped the imperial state keep the peace and maintain its legitimacy, especially during the increasingly turbulent decades of the nineteenth century. As the century came to an end, contentious debates over industrialization swept across the bureaucracy, with fengshui invoked by officials and scholars opposed to the establishment of railways, telegraphs, and foreign-owned mines.

Demonstrating that the only way to understand those debates and their profound stakes is to grasp fengshui’s longstanding roles in Chinese public life, *Laws of the Land* rethinks key issues in the history of Chinese law, politics, science, religion, and economics.

Tristan G. Brown is assistant professor of history at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
America in the World: *A History in Documents since 1898—Revised and Updated* 
Edited by Jeffrey A. Engel, Mark Atwood Lawrence & Andrew Preston

A wide-ranging anthology of primary texts in American foreign relations—now expanded to include documents from the Trump years to today

How should America wield its power beyond its borders? Should it follow grand principles or act on narrow self-interest? Should it work in concert with other nations or avoid entangling alliances? *America in the World* captures the voices and viewpoints of some of the most provocative, eloquent, and influential people who participated in these and other momentous debates. Now fully revised and updated, this anthology brings together primary texts spanning a century and a half of U.S. foreign relations, illuminating how Americans have been arguing about the nation’s role in the world since its emergence as a world power in the late nineteenth century.

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A history that reframes the Bolsheviks’ unprecedented attempts to abolish private property after the revolutions of 1917

The revolutions of 1917 swept away not only Russia’s governing authority but also the property order on which it stood. The upheaval sparked waves of dispossession that rapidly moved beyond the seizure of factories and farms from industrialists and landowners, envisioned by Bolshevik revolutionaries, to penetrate the bedrock of social life: the spaces where people lived. In *Power and Possession in the Russian Revolution*, Anne O’Donnell reimagines the Bolsheviks’ unprecedented effort to eradicate private property and to create a new political economy—socialism—to replace it.

O’Donnell’s account captures the story of property in reverse, showing how the bonds connecting people to their things were broken and how new ways of knowing things, valuing them, and possessing them coalesced amid the political ferment and economic disarray of the Revolution. O’Donnell reminds us that Russia’s postrevolutionary confiscation of property, like many other episodes of mass dispossession in the twentieth century, largely escaped traditional forms of record keeping. She repairs this omission, drawing on sources that chronicle the lived experience of upheaval—popular petitions, apartment inspections, internal audits of revolutionary institutions, and records of the political police—to reconstruct an archive of dispossession. The result is an unusually intimate history of the Bolsheviks’ attempts to conquer people and things.

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Savarkar and the Making of Hindutva

Janaki Bakhle

A monumental intellectual history of the pivotal figure of extreme Hindu nationalism

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (1883–1966) was an intellectual, ideologue, and anticolonial nationalist leader in India’s struggle for independence from British colonial rule, one whose anti-Muslim writings exploited India’s tensions in pursuit of Hindu majority rule. *Savarkar and the Making of Hindutva* is the first comprehensive intellectual history of one of the most contentious political thinkers of the twentieth century.

Janaki Bakhle examines the full range of Savarkar’s voluminous writings in his native language of Marathi, from political and historical works to poetry, essays, and speeches. She reveals the complexities in the various positions he took as a champion of the beleaguered Hindu community, an ant caste progressive, an erudite if polemical historian, a pioneering advocate for women’s dignity, and a patriotic poet. This critical examination of Savarkar’s thought shows that Hindutva is as much about the aesthetic experiences that have been attached to the idea of India itself as it is a militant political program that has targeted the Muslim community in pursuit of power in postcolonial India.

By bringing to light the many legends surrounding Savarkar, Bakhle shows how this figure from a provincial locality in colonial India rose to world-historical importance. *Savarkar and the Making of Hindutva* also uncovers the vast hagiographic literature that has kept alive the myth of Savarkar as a uniquely brave, brilliant, and learned revolutionary leader of the Hindu nation.

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The Kings of Algiers: How Two Jewish Families Shaped the Mediterranean World during the Napoleonic Wars and Beyond

Julie Kalman

A richly detailed history of the Bacris and the Busnachs, two renowned Jewish families whose influence and reputation shook the capitals of Europe and America.

At the height of the Napoleonic Wars, the Bacri brothers and their nephew, Naphtali Busnach, were perhaps the most notorious Jews in the Mediterranean. Based in the strategic port of Algiers, their interconnected families traded in raw goods and luxury items, brokered diplomatic relations with the Ottomans, and lent vital capital to warring nations. For the French, British, and Americans, who competed fiercely for access to trade and influence in the region, there was no getting around the Bacris and the Busnachs. The Kings of Algiers traces the rise and fall of these two trading families over four tumultuous decades in the nineteenth century.

In this panoramic book, Julie Kalman restores their story—and Jewish history more broadly—to the histories of trade, corsairing, and high-stakes diplomacy in the Mediterranean during the Napoleonic Wars and their aftermath. Jacob Bacri dined with Napoleon himself. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Horatio Nelson considered strategies to circumvent the Bacris’ influence. As the families’ ambitions grew, so did the perils, from imprisonment and assassination to fraud and family collapse.

The Kings of Algiers brings vividly to life an age of competitive imperialism and nascent nationalism and demonstrates how people and events on the periphery shaped perceptions and decisions in the distant metropoles of the world’s great nations.

Julie Kalman is associate professor of history at Monash University. Her books include Orientalizing the Jew: Religion, Culture, and Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century France and Rethinking Antisemitism in Nineteenth-Century France.
The Dialectic Is in the Sea: *The Black Radical Thought of Beatriz Nascimento*

Beatriz Nascimento

Edited & translated by Christen A. Smith, Bethânia Gomes & Archie Davies

Collected writings by one of the most influential Black Brazilian feminist intellectuals of the twentieth century

Beatriz Nascimento (1942–1995) was a poet, historian, artist, and political leader in Brazil’s Black movement, an innovative and creative thinker whose work offers a radical reimagining of gender, space, politics, and spirituality around the Atlantic and across the Black diaspora. Her powerful voice still resonates today, reflecting a deep commitment to political organizing, revisionist historiography, and the lived experience of Black women. *The Dialectic Is in the Sea* is the first English-language collection of writings by this vitally important figure in the global tradition of Black radical thought.

*The Dialectic Is in the Sea* traces the development of Nascimento’s thought across the decades of her activism and writing, covering topics such as the Black woman, race and Brazilian society, Black freedom, and Black aesthetics and spirituality. Incisive introductory and analytical essays provide key insights into the political and historical context of Nascimento’s work. This engaging collection includes an essay by Bethânia Gomes, Nascimento’s only daughter, who shares illuminating and uniquely personal insights into her mother’s life and career.

Christen A. Smith is associate professor of anthropology and African and African diaspora studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She is the author of *Afro-Paradise: Blackness, Violence and Performance in Brazil* and the co-editor of *Black Feminist Constellations: Dialogue and Translation Across the Americas*. Bethânia Gomes is the daughter of Beatriz Nascimento. She is a former principal dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem and is a dance teacher and choreographer at African American dance institutions. She is the founder of the Beatriz Nascimento Foundation, which promotes Afro-Brazilian arts and education. Archie Davies is lecturer in geography and fellow of the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences at Queen Mary University of London. His books include *A World without Hunger: Josué de Castro and the History of Geography*. 
The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 47: 6 July to 19 November 1805

Thomas Jefferson

Edited by James P. McClure

A definitive scholarly edition of the correspondence and papers of Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson continues his pattern of returning home to Monticello for the summer months. He makes a brief visit to Poplar Forest in Bedford County to plan the development of that property. James Hubbard, a young enslaved worker at Monticello, escapes but is captured in Fairfax County. Another slave who has fled, James Hemings, rejects efforts to persuade him to return and disappears. Receiving news of the end of the conflict with Tripoli, Jefferson states that although it is “a small war in fact, it is big in principle.” He devotes much of his attention to relations with Spain. He considers alliance with Great Britain to force a resolution with Spain, then chooses instead to negotiate with France for the purchase of Florida and settlement of matters in dispute with Spain. He drafts bills to organize the militia by age and create a naval militia. Specimens sent by Lewis and Clark arrive. Jefferson calculates that the United States has recently acquired cessions of well over 9 million acres of land from Native Americans. He meets with visiting Creek leaders. Answering a query, Jefferson states that Patrick Henry was “the greatest orator that ever lived” but “avaritious & rotten hearted.”

James P. McClure, senior research historian at Princeton University, is general editor of the Papers of Thomas Jefferson.

Origins of the Just War: Military Ethics and Culture in the Ancient Near East

Rory Cox

A groundbreaking history of the ethics of war in the ancient Near East

Origins of the Just War reveals the incredible richness and complexity of ethical thought about war in the three millennia preceding the Greco-Roman period, establishing the extent to which ancient just war thought prefigured much of what we now consider to be the building blocks of the Western just war tradition.

In this incisive and elegantly written book, Rory Cox traces the earliest ideas concerning the complex relationship between war, ethics and justice. Excavating the ethical thought of three ancient Near Eastern cultures—Egyptian, Hittite and Israelite—he demonstrates that the history of the just war is considerably more ancient and geographically diffuse than previously assumed. Cox shows how the emergence of just war thought was grounded in a desire to rationalise, sacralise and ultimately to legitimise the violence of war. Rather than restraining or condemning warfare, the earliest ethical thought about war reflected an urge to justify state violence. Cox terms this presumption in favour of war ius pro bello—the “right for war”—characterizing it as a meeting point of both abstract and pragmatic concerns. Drawing on a diverse range of ancient sources, Origins of the Just War argues that the same imperative still underlies many of the assumptions of contemporary just war thought and highlights the risks of applying moral absolutism to the fraught ethical arena of war.

Rory Cox is a senior lecturer in history at the University of St Andrews, where he is also an associate research fellow at the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has published extensively on the history of ethics and violence, and is the author of John Wyclif on War and Peace.
Helen of Troy in Hollywood
Ruby Blondell

How a legendary woman from classical antiquity has come to embody the threat of transcendent beauty in movies and TV

_Helen of Troy in Hollywood_ examines the figure of the mythic Helen in film and television, showing how storytellers from different Hollywood eras have used Helen to grapple with the problems and dynamics of gender and idealized femininity. Paying careful attention to how the image of Helen is embodied by the actors who have portrayed her, Ruby Blondell provides close readings of such works as Wolfgang Petersen's _Troy_ and the _Star Trek_ episode “Elaan of Troyius,” going beyond contextualization to lead the reader through a fundamental rethinking of how we understand and interpret the classic tradition.

A luminous work of scholarship by one of today’s leading classicists, _Helen of Troy in Hollywood_ highlights the importance of ancient myths not as timeless stories frozen in the past but as lenses through which to view our own artistic, cultural, and political moment in a new light. This incisive book demonstrates how, whether as the hero of these screen adaptations or as a peripheral character in male-dominated adventures, the mythic Helen has become symbolic of the perceived dangers of superhuman beauty and transgressive erotic agency.

Ruby Blondell is professor emerita of classics and adjunct professor emerita of gender, women, and sexuality studies at the University of Washington, Seattle. Their books include _Helen of Troy: Beauty, Myth, Devastation_ and _Ancient Sex: New Essays._
How Women Became Poets: A Gender History of Greek Literature

Emily Hauser

How the idea of the author was born in the battleground of gender

When Sappho sang her songs, the only word that existed to describe a poet was a male one—*aoidos*, or “singer-man.” The most famous woman poet of ancient Greece, whose craft was one of words, had no words with which to talk about who she was and what she did. In *How Women Became Poets*, Emily Hauser rewrites the story of Greek literature as one of gender, arguing that the ways the Greeks talked about their identity as poets constructed, played with, and broke down gender expectations that literature was for men alone. Bringing together recent studies in ancient authorship, gender, and performativity, Hauser offers a new history of classical literature that redefines the canon as a constant struggle to be heard through, and sometimes despite, gender.

Women, as Virginia Woolf recognized, need rooms of their own in order to write. So, too, have women writers through history needed a name to describe what it is they do. Hauser traces the invention of that name in ancient Greece, exploring the archaeology of the gendering of the poet. She follows ancient Greek poets, philosophers, and historians as they developed and debated the vocabulary for authorship on the battleground of gender—building up and reinforcing the word for male poet, then in response creating a language to describe women who write.

Emily Hauser is a senior lecturer in classics and ancient history at the University of Exeter and was a junior fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows. She coedited *Reading Poetry, Writing Genre*, and is the author of a critically acclaimed trilogy of novels that reimagines the women of Greek myth: *For the Most Beautiful*, *For the Winner*, and *For the Immortal*. 
Rome’s Patron: *The Lives and Afterlives of Maecenas*

Emily Gowers

The story of Maecenas and his role in the evolution and continuing legacy of ancient Roman poetry and culture

An unelected statesman with exceptional powers, a patron of the arts and a luxury-loving friend of the emperor Augustus: Maecenas was one of the most prominent and distinctive personalities of ancient Rome. Yet the traces he left behind are unreliable and tantalizingly scarce. Rather than attempting a conventional biography, Emily Gowers shows in *Rome’s Patron* that it is possible to tell a different story, one about Maecenas’s influence, his changing identities and the many narratives attached to him across two millennia.

*Rome’s Patron* explores Maecenas’s appearances in the central works of Augustan poetry written in his name and in later works of Latin literature that reassess his influence. For the Roman poets he supported, Maecenas was a mascot of cultural flexibility and innovation, a pioneer of gender fluidity and a bearer of imperial demands who could be exposed as a secret sympathizer with their own values. For those excluded from his circle, he represented either favouritism and indulgence or the lost ideal of a patron in perfect collaboration with the authors he championed.

As Gowers shows, Maecenas had and continues to have a unique cachet—in the fantasies that still surround the gardens, buildings and objects so tenuously associated with him; in literature, from Ariosto and Ben Johnson to Phillis Wheatley and W. B. Yeats; and in philanthropy, where his name has been surprisingly adaptable to more democratic forms of patronage.

Emily Gowers is professor of Latin literature and a fellow of St John’s College at the University of Cambridge. She is the author of *The Loaded Table*. 
Yearning to Breathe Free: Jews in Gilded Age America—Essays by Twenty Contributing Scholars

Edited by Adam D. Mendelsohn & Jonathan D. Sarna

New perspectives from leading scholars on a defining age in American Jewish history

The thematic essays in Yearning to Breathe Free each use a primary source as an entry point into Gilded Age America and as a means to introduce key themes, figures, and developments within the era. These illuminating essays highlight patterns and trends that demonstrate how the Gilded Age shaped Jewish life in the twentieth century. Collectively, they provide a panoramic look at this critical period in American Jewish history.

The contributors are Samantha Baskind (Cleveland State University), Judah M. Cohen (Indiana University), David G. Dalin (Brandeis University), Noah Efron (Bar-Ilan University), Zev Eleff (Gratz College), Lori Harrison-Kahan (Boston College), Melissa R. Klapper (Rowan University), Michael P. Kramer (Bar-Ilan University), Alan M. Kraut (American University), Eli Lederhendler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Adam D. Mendelsohn (University of Cape Town), Pamela S. Nadell (American University), Heather S. Nathans (Tufts University), Jonathan D. Sarna (Brandeis University), M. M. Silver (Max Stern Yezreel Valley College), Daniel Soyer (Fordham University), Benjamin Steiner (Trinity College), Beth S. Wenger (University of Pennsylvania), and Shira Wolosky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

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Faith Communities and the Fight for Racial Justice: What Has Worked, What Hasn’t, and Lessons We Can Learn

Robert Wuthnow

The communities, congregations, and faith-based coalitions that have been working for racial justice over the past fifty years

Have progressive religious organizations been missing in action in recent struggles for racial justice? In Faith Communities and the Fight for Racial Justice, Robert Wuthnow shows that, contrary to activists’ accusations of complacency, Black and White faith leaders have fought steadily for racial and social justice since the end of the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Wuthnow introduces us to the communities, congregations, and faith-based coalitions that have worked on fair housing, school desegregation, affirmative action, criminal justice, and other issues over many years. Often overshadowed by the Religious Right, these progressive faith-based racial justice advocates kept up the fight even as media attention shifted elsewhere.

Wuthnow tells the stories of the faith-based affordable housing project in St. Louis that sparked controversy in the Nixon White House; a pastor’s lawsuit in North Carolina that launched the nation’s first busing program for school desegregation; the faith outreach initiative for Barack Obama’s presidential campaign; and church-mobilized protests following the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Freddie Gray, and George Floyd. He focuses on different issues that emerged at different times, tracing the efforts of Black and White faith leaders who sometimes worked cooperatively and more often tackled problems in complementary ways. Taken together, these stories provide lessons in what faith communities have done and how they can better advocate for racial justice in the years ahead.

Robert Wuthnow is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the American Philosophical Society, a Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, former president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and the recipient of numerous awards for his scholarly work.
The Politics of Language
David Beaver & Jason Stanley

A compelling case for the inherently political nature of language

In The Politics of Language, David Beaver and Jason Stanley present a radical new approach to the theory of meaning, offering an account of communication in which political and social identity, affect, and shared practices play as important a role as information. This new view of language, they argue, has dramatic consequences for free speech, democracy, and a range of other areas in which speech plays a central role.

Drawing on a wealth of disciplines, The Politics of Language argues that the function of speech—whether in dialogue, larger group interactions, or mass communication—is to attune people to something, be it a shared reality, emotion, or identity. Reconceptualizing the central ideas of pragmatics and semantics, Beaver and Stanley apply their account to a range of phenomena that defy standard frameworks in linguistics and philosophy of language—from dog whistles and covert persuasion to echo chambers and genocidal speech. The authors use their framework to show that speech is inevitably political because all communication is imbued with the resonances of particular ideologies and their normative perspectives on reality. The Politics of Language offers a powerful new vision of the language of politics, ideology, and protest.

David Beaver is professor of linguistics and philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin and director of the UT Cognitive Science Program. His books include Presupposition and Assertion in Dynamic Semantics and Sense and Sensitivity: How Focus Determines Meaning. Jason Stanley is the Jacob Urowsky Professor of Philosophy at Yale University. He is the author of How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them and How Propaganda Works (Princeton), among other books.
Liberty and Equality

Raymond Aron

Translated by Samuel Garrett Zeitlin

With a preface by Mark Lilla and an epilogue by Pierre Manent

An invaluable reflection on the essence of liberal democracy—and an ideal introduction to the work of political philosopher Raymond Aron

Liberty and Equality is the first English translation of the last lecture delivered at the Collège de France by Raymond Aron, one of the most influential political and social thinkers of the twentieth century. In this important work, the most prominent French liberal intellectual of the Cold War era presents his views on the core values of liberal democracy: liberty and equality. At the same time, he provides an ideal introduction to key aspects of his thought.

Ranging from Soviet ideology to Watergate, Aron reflects on root concepts of democracy and representative government, articulates a notion of liberty or freedom as equal right as distinct from equal outcome, and discusses different kinds of liberties: personal, political, religious, and social. In search of a common truth or at least a common good, and analyzing what he perceives as the crisis of liberal democracies, Aron opens a space for reexamining the relation between liberty and equality.

Raymond Aron (1905–1983) was one of the most important political philosophers and sociologists of the twentieth century. His many books include The Opium of the Intellectuals. Samuel Garrett Zeitlin is the HK Link Early Career Research Fellow and College Lecturer in Politics at Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge. He is the coeditor and translator of Carl Schmitt’s Early Legal-Theoretical Writings and Land and Sea: A World-Historical Meditation and has also published translations of Schmitt’s Dialogues and The Tyranny of Values.
Chinese Cosmopolitanism:  
*The History and Philosophy of an Idea*

Shuchen Xiang

A provocative defense of a forgotten Chinese approach to identity and difference

Historically, the Western encounter with difference has been catastrophic: the extermination and displacement of aboriginal populations, the transatlantic slave trade, and colonialism. China, however, took a different historical path. In *Chinese Cosmopolitanism*, Shuchen Xiang argues that the Chinese cultural tradition was, from its formative beginnings and throughout its imperial history, a cosmopolitan melting pot that synthesized the different cultures that came into its orbit. Unlike the West, which cast its collisions with different cultures in Manichean terms of the ontologically irreconcilable difference between civilization and barbarism, China created a dynamic identity out of difference. The reasons for this, Xiang argues, are philosophical: Chinese philosophy has the conceptual resources for providing alternative ways to understand pluralism.

Xiang explains that “Chinese” identity is not what the West understands as a racial identity; it is not a group of people related by common descent or heredity but rather a hybrid of coalescing cultures. To use the Western discourse of race to frame the Chinese view of non-Chinese, she argues, is a category error. Xiang shows that China was both internally cosmopolitan, embracing distinct peoples into a common identity, and externally cosmopolitan, having knowledge of faraway lands without an ideological need to subjugate them.

Shuchen Xiang is the Mount Hua Professor of Philosophy at Xidian University, China. She is the author of *A Philosophical Defense of Culture: Perspectives from Confucianism and Cassirer*, the coeditor of *The Islamic-Confucian Synthesis in China*, and the translator of *History of Chinese Philosophy Through its Key Terms*.
**Black Grief/White Grievance:**

*The Politics of Loss*

Juliet Hooker

How race shapes expectations about whose losses matter

In democracies, citizens must accept loss; we can’t always be on the winning side. But in the United States, the fundamental civic capacity of being able to lose is not distributed equally. Propped up by white supremacy, whites (as a group) are accustomed to winning; they have generally been able to exercise political rule without having to accept sharing it. Black citizens, on the other hand, are expected to be political heroes whose civic suffering enables progress toward racial justice. In this book, Juliet Hooker, a leading thinker on democracy and race, argues that the two most important forces driving racial politics in the United States today are Black grief and white grievance. Black grief is exemplified by current protests against police violence—the latest in a tradition of violent death and subsequent public mourning spurring Black political mobilization. The potent politics of white grievance, meanwhile, which is also not new, imagines the US as a white country under siege.

Drawing on African American political thought, Hooker examines key moments in US racial politics that illuminate the problem of loss in democracy. She connects today’s Black Lives Matter protests to the use of lynching photographs to arouse public outrage over post-Reconstruction racial terror, and she discusses Emmett Till’s funeral as a catalyst for the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s. She also traces the political weaponization of white victimhood during the Obama and Trump presidencies. Calling for an expansion of Black and white political imaginations, Hooker argues that both must learn to sit with loss, for different reasons and to different ends.

Juliet Hooker is the Royce Family Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science at Brown University. She is the author of *Race and the Politics of Solidarity* and *Theorizing Race in the Americas*.

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**The Darkened Light of Faith:**

*Race, Democracy, and Freedom in African American Political Thought*

Melvin L. Rogers

A powerful new account of what a group of nineteenth- and twentieth-century African American activists, intellectuals, and artists can teach us about democracy

Could the African American political tradition save American democracy? African Americans have had every reason to reject America’s democratic experiment. Yet African American activists, intellectuals, and artists who have sought to transform the United States into a racially just society have put forward some of the most original and powerful ideas about how to make America live up to its democratic ideals. In *The Darkened Light of Faith*, Melvin Rogers provides a bold new account of African American political thought through the works and lives of individuals who built this vital tradition—a tradition that is urgently needed today.

The book reexamines how figures as diverse as David Walker, Frederick Douglass, Anna Julia Cooper, Ida B. Wells, W.E.B. Du Bois, Billie Holiday, and James Baldwin thought about the politics, people, character, and culture of a society that so often dominated them. Sharing a light of faith darkened but not extinguished by the tragic legacy of slavery, they resisted the conclusion that America would always be committed to white supremacy.

An ambitious account of the profound ways African Americans have reimagined democracy, *The Darkened Light of Faith* offers invaluable lessons about how to grapple with racial injustice and make democracy work.

Melvin L. Rogers is associate professor of political science and associate director of the Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Brown University.
Freedom from Fear: An Incomplete History of Liberalism

Alan S. Kahan

A compelling new history of liberalism that also provides a road map for today’s liberals

Freedom from Fear offers a striking new account of the dominant political and social theory of our time: liberalism. In a pathbreaking reframing of the historical debate, Alan Kahan charts the development of Western liberalism from the late eighteenth century to the present. Examining key liberal thinkers and issues, Kahan shows how liberalism is both a response to fear and a source of hope: the search for a world in which no one need be afraid.

Freedom from Fear reveals how liberal arguments typically rely on three pillars: freedom, markets, and morals. But when liberals ignore one or more of these pillars, their arguments generally fail to persuade. Extending from Adam Smith and Montesquieu to today’s battles between liberals and populists, the book examines the twists and turns of the “incomplete” or unfinished liberal tradition while demonstrating its fundamental continuity. It combines fresh accounts of familiar figures such as Tocqueville and Rawls with discussions of less-famous but pivotal thinkers such as A. V. Dicey and Jane Addams and explores how liberals have dealt with crucial issues, from debates over male and female suffrage to colonialism and liberal anti-Catholicism.

Freedom from Fear provides a new picture of liberalism: the paths liberals need to follow, the questions they need to answer, and the dead ends they must avoid—if they are to win.

Alan S. Kahan is Professor of British Civilization at the Université Paris-Saclay. His many books include Tocqueville, Democracy, and Religion; Liberalism in Nineteenth-Century Europe; and Aristocratic Liberalism.

Code Work: Hacking across the US/México Techno-Borderlands

Héctor Beltrán

How Mexican and Latinx hackers apply concepts from coding to their lived experiences

In Code Work, Héctor Beltrán examines Mexican and Latinx coders’ personal strategies of self-making as they navigate a transnational economy of tech work. Beltrán shows how these hackers apply concepts from the code worlds to their lived experiences, deploying batches, loose coupling, iterative processing (looping), hacking, prototyping, and full-stack development in their daily social interactions—at home, in the workplace, on the dating scene, and in their understanding of the economy, culture, and geopolitics. Merging ethnographic analysis with systems thinking, he draws on his eight years of research in México and the United States—during which he participated in and observed hackathons, hacker schools, and tech entrepreneurship conferences—to unpack the conundrums faced by workers in a tech economy that stretches from villages in rural México to Silicon Valley.

Beltrán chronicles the tension between the transformative promise of hacking—the idea that coding will reconfigure the boundaries of race, ethnicity, class, and gender—and the reality of a neoliberal capitalist economy divided and structured by the US/México border. He explores the ways that “innovative culture” is seen as central in curing México’s social ills, showing that when innovation is linked to technological development, other kinds of development are neglected. Beltrán’s highly original, wide-ranging analysis uniquely connects technology studies, the anthropology of capitalism, and Latinx and Latin American studies.

Héctor Beltrán is assistant professor of anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Princeton Studies in Culture and Technology
Making a Mindful Nation: Mental Health and Governance in the Twenty-First Century

Joanna Cook

How mindfulness came to be regarded as a psychological support, an ethical practice and a component of public policy

Mindfulness seems to be everywhere—in popular culture, in therapeutic practice, even in policy discussions. How did mindfulness, an awareness training practice with roots in Buddhism, come to be viewed as a solution to problems that range from depression and anxiety to criminal recidivism? If mindfulness is the answer, asks Joanna Cook, what is the question? In Making a Mindful Nation, Cook uses the lens of mindfulness to show how cultivating a relationship with the mind is now central to the ways people envision mental health. Drawing on long-term fieldwork with patients, therapists, members of Parliament and political advocates in Britain, Cook explores how the logics of preventive mental healthcare are incorporated into people’s relationships with themselves, therapeutic interventions, structures of governance and political campaigns.

Cook observed mindfulness courses for people suffering from recurrent depression and anxiety, postgraduate courses for mindfulness-based therapists, parliamentarians’ mindfulness practice and political advocacy for mindfulness in public policy. She develops her theoretical argument through intimate and in-depth stories about people’s lives and their efforts to navigate the world—whether these involve struggles with mental health or contributions to evolving political agendas. In doing so, Cook offers important insights into the social processes by which mental health is lived, the normative values that inform it and the practices of self-cultivation by which it is addressed.

Joanna Cook is a Reader in Medical Anthropology at University College London. She is the author of Meditation in Modern Buddhism and the coauthor of The State We’re In and other books.
The Bronx Nobody Knows: An Urban Walking Guide

William B. Helmreich

A neighborhood-by-neighborhood guide to New York City’s northern borough, from the award-winning author of The New York Nobody Knows

Bill Helmreich walked every block of New York City—some six thousand miles—to write the award-winning The New York Nobody Knows. Later, he re-walked most of the Bronx to create this one-of-a-kind walking guide to the city’s northern borough, from Mott Haven to City Island. Drawing on hundreds of conversations he had with residents during his block-by-block journey through this fascinating, diverse, and underappreciated borough, Helmreich highlights hundreds of facts and points of interest that you won’t find in any other guide.

• Covers every one of the Bronx’s neighborhoods, providing a colorful portrait of their most interesting, unusual, and unfamiliar people, places, and things
• Each neighborhood section features a brief overview and history; a detailed, user-friendly map keyed to the text; photographs; and a lively guided walking tour
• Draws on the author’s walk through every Bronx neighborhood
• Includes insights from conversations with hundreds of residents

William B. Helmreich (1945–2020) was the author of many books, including The Manhattan Nobody Knows, The Brooklyn Nobody Knows, The Queens Nobody Knows, and The New York Nobody Knows: Walking 6,000 Miles in the City, which won the Guides Association of New York Award for Outstanding Achievement in Book Writing. He was Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the City College of New York’s Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership and at CUNY Graduate Center.
Research Design in the Social Sciences: 
*Declaration, Diagnosis, and Redesign*

Graeme Blair, Alexander Coppock & Macartan Humphreys

A state-of-the-art approach to evaluating research design for students and scholars across the social sciences

Assessing the properties of research designs before implementing them can be tricky for even the most seasoned researchers. This book provides a powerful framework—Model, Inquiry, Data Strategy, and Answer Strategy, or MIDA—for describing any empirical research design in the social sciences. MIDA enables you to characterize the key analytic features of observational and experimental designs, qualitative and quantitative designs, and descriptive and causal designs.

- A must-have resource for current and future researchers who want to learn about the properties of their designs before they implement them
- Includes a library of the most common designs in the social sciences
- Provides a complete declaration of the canonical design for each library entry, describes the circumstances under which the design can be strong or weak, and explores the consequences of the choices under the research designer’s control
- Accompanied by online resources that can be used in conjunction with the book
- An ideal textbook for graduate students and advanced undergraduates

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Investigating Families: Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services

Kelley Fong

How our reliance on Child Protective Services makes motherhood precarious for those already marginalized

It’s the knock on the door that many mothers fear: a visit from Child Protective Services (CPS), the state agency with the power to take their children away. Over the last half-century, these encounters have become an all-too-common way of trying to address family poverty and adversity. One in three children nationwide—and half of Black children—now encounter CPS during childhood.

In Investigating Families, Kelley Fong provides an unprecedented look at the inner workings of CPS and the experiences of families pulled into its orbit. Drawing on firsthand observations of CPS investigations and hundreds of interviews with those involved, Fong traces the implications of invoking CPS as a “first responder” to family misfortune and hardship. She shows how relying on CPS—an entity fundamentally oriented around parental wrongdoing and empowered to separate families—organizes the response to adversity around surveilling, assessing, and correcting marginalized mothers. The agency’s far-reaching investigative apparatus undermines mothers’ sense of security and shapes how they marshal resources for their families, reinforcing existing inequalities. And even before CPS comes knocking, mothers feel vulnerable to a system that jeopardizes their parenthood. Countering the usual narratives of punitive villains and hapless victims, Fong’s unique, behind-the-scenes account tells a revealing story of how we try to protect children by threatening mothers—and points the way to a more productive path for families facing adversity.

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Disrupting D.C.: The Rise of Uber and the Fall of the City

Katie J. Wells, Kafui Attoh & Declan Cullen

A panoramic account of the urban politics and deep social divisions that gave rise to Uber

The first city to fight back against Uber, Washington, D.C., was also the first city where such resistance was defeated. It was here that the company created a playbook for how to deal with intransigent regulators and to win in the realm of local politics. The city already serves as the nation’s capital. Now, D.C. is also the blueprint for how Uber conquered cities around the world—and explains why so many embraced the company with open arms.

Drawing on interviews with gig workers, policymakers, Uber lobbyists, and community organizers, Disrupting D.C. demonstrates that many share the blame for lowering the nation’s hopes and dreams for what its cities could be. In a sea of broken transit, underemployment, and racial polarization, Uber offered a lifeline. But at what cost?

This is not the story of one company and one city. Instead, Disrupting D.C. offers a 360-degree view of an urban America in crisis. Uber arrived promising a new future for workers, residents, policymakers, and others. Ultimately, Uber’s success and growth was never a sign of urban strength or innovation but a sign of urban weakness and low expectations about what city politics can achieve. Understanding why Uber rose reveals just how far the rest of us fell.

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The Gilded Cage: *Technology, Development, and State Capitalism in China*

Ya-Wen Lei

How China’s economic development combines a veneer of unprecedented progress with the increasingly despotic rule of surveillance over all aspects of life

Since the mid-2000s, the Chinese state has increasingly shifted away from labor-intensive, export-oriented manufacturing to a process of socioeconomic development centered on science and technology. Ya-Wen Lei traces the contours of this techno-developmental regime and its resulting form of techno-state capitalism, telling the stories of those whose lives have been transformed—for better and worse—by China’s rapid rise to economic and technological dominance.

Lei describes the vastly unequal values assigned to economic sectors deemed “high-end” versus “low-end,” and the massive expansion of technical and legal instruments used to measure and control workers and capital. She shows how China’s rise has been uniquely shaped by its time-compressed development, the complex relationship between the nation’s authoritarian state and its increasingly powerful but unruly tech companies, and an ideology that fuses nationalism with high modernism, technological fetishism, and meritocracy.

Some have compared China’s extraordinary transformation to America’s Gilded Age. This provocative book reveals how it is more like a gilded cage, one in which the Chinese state and tech capital are producing rising inequality and new forms of social exclusion.

Ya-Wen Lei is associate professor of sociology at Harvard University, where she is affiliated with the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. She is the author of *The Contentious Public Sphere: Law, Media, and Authoritarian Rule in China* (Princeton).

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Corporate Crime and Punishment: *The Politics of Negotiated Justice in Global Markets*

Cornelia Woll

The geopolitics of American law enforcement and how it changed corporate criminal accountability in other countries

Over the past decade, many of the world’s biggest companies have found themselves embroiled in legal disputes over corruption, fraud, environmental damage, tax evasion, or sanction violations. Corporations including Volkswagen, BP, and Credit Suisse have paid record-breaking fines. Many critics of globalization and corporate impunity cheer this turn toward accountability. Others, however, question American dominance in legal battles that seem to impose domestic legal norms beyond national boundaries.

In this book, Cornelia Woll examines the politics of American corporate criminal law’s extraterritorial reach. As governments abroad seek to respond to US law enforcement actions against their companies, they turn to flexible legal instruments that allow prosecutors to settle a case rather than bring it to court. With her analysis of the international and domestic politics of law enforcement targeting big business, Woll traces the rise of what she calls “negotiated corporate justice” in global markets.

Cornelia Woll is professor of international political economy and president of the Hertie School Berlin. Previously, she was professor at Sciences Po Paris, where she directed the Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies. She is the author of *The Power of Inaction: Bank Bailouts in Comparative Perspective* and *Firm Interest: How Governments Shape Business Lobbying on Global Trade*. 
How to Interpret the Constitution
Cass R. Sunstein

From *New York Times* bestselling author Cass Sunstein, a timely and powerful argument for rethinking how the US Constitution is interpreted.

The US Supreme Court has eliminated the right to abortion and is revisiting other fundamental questions today—about voting rights, affirmative action, gun laws, and much more. Once-arcane theories of constitutional interpretation are profoundly affecting the lives of all Americans. In this brief and urgent book, Harvard Law School professor Cass Sunstein provides a lively introduction to competing approaches to interpreting the Constitution—and argues that the only way to choose one is to ask whether it would change American life for the better or worse. If a method of interpretation would eliminate the right of privacy, allow racial segregation, or obliterate free speech, it would be unacceptable for that reason.

Passionate and compelling, *How to Interpret the Constitution* is essential reading for anyone who is concerned about how the Supreme Court is changing the rights and lives of Americans today.

Cass R. Sunstein is the Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard University and the founder and director of the Program on Behavioral Economics and Public Policy at Harvard Law School. He is the recipient of Norway’s Holberg Prize, which is sometimes described as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for law and the humanities. His many books include the *New York Times* bestseller *Nudge* (with Richard H. Thaler), *On Freedom* (Princeton), and *#Republic* (Princeton).
Political Rumors: Why We Accept Misinformation and How to Fight It

Adam J. Berinsky

Why debunked political rumors persist and how to combat them

Political rumors and misinformation pollute the political landscape. This is not a recent phenomenon; before the currently rampant and unfounded rumors about a stolen election and vote-rigging, there were other rumors that continued to spread even after they were thoroughly debunked, including doubts about 9/11 (an “inside job”) and the furor over President Obama’s birthplace and birth certificate. If misinformation crowds out the truth, how can Americans communicate with one another about important issues? In this book, Adam Berinsky examines why political rumors exist and persist despite their unsubstantiated and refuted claims, who is most likely to believe them, and how to combat them.

Drawing on original survey and experimental data, Berinsky shows that a tendency toward conspiratorial thinking and vehement partisan attachment fuel belief in rumors. Yet the reach of rumors is wide, and Berinsky argues that in fighting misinformation, it is as important to target the undecided and the uncertain as it is the true believers. We’re all vulnerable to misinformation, and public skepticism about the veracity of political facts is damaging to democracy. Moreover, in a world where most people simply don’t pay attention to politics, political leaders are often guilty of disseminating false information—and failing to correct it when it is proven wrong. Berinsky suggests that we should focus on the messenger as much as the message of rumors. Just as important as how misinformation is debunked is who does the debunking.

Adam J. Berinsky is the Mitsui Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the founding director of the MIT Political Experiments Research Lab. A specialist in the fields of political behavior and public opinion, he is the author of Silent Voices: Public Opinion and Political Participation in America (Princeton) and In Time of War.
24/7 Politics: Cable Television and the Fragmenting of America from Watergate to Fox News

Kathryn Cramer Brownell

How cable television upended American political life in the pursuit of profits and influence

As television began to overtake the political landscape in the 1960s, network broadcast companies, bolstered by powerful lobbying interests, dominated screens across the nation. Yet with the expansion of a different technology, cable, in the subsequent decades, all of this changed. *24/7 Politics* tells the story of how the cable industry worked with political leaders to create an entirely new approach to television, one that tethered politics to profits and divided and distracted Americans by feeding their appetite for entertainment—frequently at the expense of fostering responsible citizenship.

In this timely and provocative book, Kathryn Cramer Brownell argues that cable television itself is not to blame for today’s rampant polarization and scandal politics—the intentional restructuring of television as a political institution is. She describes how cable innovations—from C-SPAN coverage of congressional debates in the 1980s to MTV’s foray into presidential politics in the 1990s—took on network broadcasting using market forces, giving rise to a more decentralized media world.

*24/7 Politics* reveals how cable TV created new possibilities for antiestablishment voices and opened a pathway to political prominence for seemingly unlikely figures like Donald Trump by playing to narrow audiences and cultivating division instead of common ground.

Kathryn Cramer Brownell is associate professor of history at Purdue University and the author of *Show-biz Politics: Hollywood in American Political Life.*
**The Suburban Crisis: White America and the War on Drugs**

Matthew D. Lassiter

How the drug war transformed American political culture

Since the 1950s, the American war on drugs has positioned white middle-class youth as sympathetic victims of illegal drug markets who need rehabilitation instead of incarceration whenever they break the law. *The Suburban Crisis* traces how politicians, the media, and grassroots political activists crusaded to protect white families from perceived threats while criminalizing and incarcerating urban minorities, and how a troubling legacy of racial injustice continues to inform the war on drugs today.

In this incisive political history, Matthew Lassiter shows how the category of the “white middle-class victim” has been as central to the politics and culture of the drug war as racial stereotypes like the “foreign trafficker,” “urban pusher,” and “predatory ghetto addict.” He describes how the futile mission to safeguard and control white suburban youth shaped the enactment of the nation’s first mandatory-minimum drug laws in the 1950s, and how soaring marijuana arrests of white Americans led to demands to refocus on “real criminals” in inner cities. The 1980s brought “just say no” moralizing in the white suburbs and militarized crackdowns in urban centers.

*The Suburban Crisis* reveals how the escalating drug war merged punitive law enforcement and coercive public health into a discriminatory system for the social control of teenagers and young adults, and how liberal and conservative lawmakers alike pursued an agenda of racialized criminalization.

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**Discriminatory Clubs: The Geopolitics of International Organizations**

Christina L. Davis

The discriminatory logic at the heart of multilateralism

Member selection is one of the defining elements of social organization, imposing categories on who we are and what we do. *Discriminatory Clubs* shows how international organizations are like social clubs, ones in which institutional rules and informal practices enable states to favor friends while excluding rivals.

Where race or socioeconomic status may be a basis for discrimination by social clubs, geopolitical alignment determines who gets into the room to make the rules of global governance. Christina Davis brings together a wealth of data on membership provisions for more than three hundred organizations to reveal the prevalence of club-style selection on the world stage. States join organizations to deepen their association with a particular group of states—most often their allies—and for the gains from policy coordination. Even organizations that claim to be universal, to target narrow issues, or to cover geographic regions use club-style admission criteria. Davis demonstrates that when it comes to the most important decision of cooperation—who belongs to the club and who doesn’t—geopolitical alignment can matter more than the merits or policies of potential members.

With illuminating case studies ranging from nineteenth-century Japan to contemporary Palestine and Taiwan, *Discriminatory Clubs* sheds light on how, for global and regional organizations such as the WTO and the EU, alliance ties and shared foreign-policy positions form the basis of cooperation.

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The Geopolitics of Shaming: When Human Rights Pressure Works—and When It Backfires

Rochelle Terman

A bold new perspective on the strategic logic of international human rights enforcement

When a government violates the rights of its citizens, the international community can respond by exerting moral pressure and urging reform. Yet many of the most egregious violations appear to go unpunished. In many cases, shaming not only fails to induce compliance but also incites a backlash, provoking resistance and worsening human rights practices. The Geopolitics of Shaming presents a new theory on the strategic logic of international human rights enforcement, revealing why and how states punish violations in other countries, when shaming leads to an improvement in human rights conditions, and when it backfires.

Drawing on a wide range of evidence—from large-scale cross-national data to original survey experiments and detailed case studies—Rochelle Terman shows how human rights shaming is a deeply political process, one that operates in and through strategic relationships. Arguing that preexisting geopolitical relationships condition both the causes and consequences of shaming in world politics, she shows how adversaries are quick to condemn human rights abuses but often provoke a counterproductive response while friends and allies are the most effective shamers but can be reluctant to impose meaningful sanctions.

Upending conventional wisdom on the role of norms in world affairs, The Geopolitics of Shaming demonstrates that politicization is integral to—not a corruption of—the success of the global human rights project.

Rochelle Terman is assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago.
Modern Arab Kingship: Remaking the Ottoman Political Order in the Interwar Middle East
Adam Mestyan

How the “recycling” of the Ottoman Empire’s uses of genealogy and religion created new political orders in the Middle East

In this groundbreaking book, Adam Mestyan argues that post-Ottoman Arab political orders were not, as many historians believe, products of European colonialism but of the process of “recycling empire.” Mestyan shows that in the post–World War I Middle East, Allied Powers officials and ex-Ottoman patri- cians collaborated to remake imperial institutions, recycling earlier Ottoman uses of genealogy and religion in the creation of new polities, with the exception of colonized Palestine. These polities, he contends, should be understood not in terms of colonies and nation-states but as subordinated sovereign local states—localized regimes of religious, ethnic, and dynastic sources of imperial authority. Meanwhile, governance without sovereignty became the new form of Western domination.

Drawing on previously unused Ottoman, French, Syrian, and Saudi archival sources, Mestyan explores ideas and practices of creating composite polities in the interwar Middle East and, in doing so, sheds light on local agency in the making of the forgotten Kingdom of the Hijaz, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria, the first Muslim republic. Mestyan considers the adjustment of imperial Islam to a world without a Muslim empire, discussing the post-Ottoman Egyptian monarchy and the intertwined making of Saudi Arabia and the State of Syria in the 1920s and 1930s.

Adam Mestyan is associate professor in the History Department at Duke University. He is the author of Arab Patriotism: The Ideology and Culture of Power in Late Ottoman Egypt (Princeton) and Primordial History, Print Capitalism, and Egyptology in Nineteenth-Century Cairo.
Changing the Game: William G. Bowen and the Challenges of American Higher Education

Nancy Weiss Malkiel

How a visionary university and foundation president tackled some of the thorniest problems facing higher education

As provost and then president of Princeton University, William G. Bowen (1933–2016) took on the biggest and most complex challenges confronting higher education: cost inflation, inclusion, affirmative action, college access, and college completion. Later, as president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, he took his vision for higher education—and the strategies for accomplishing that vision—to a larger arena. Along the way, he wrote a series of influential books, including the widely read The Shape of the River (coauthored with Derek Bok), which documented the success of policies designed to increase racial diversity at elite institutions. In Changing the Game, drawing on deep archival research and hundreds of interviews, Nancy Weiss Malkiel argues that Bowen was the most consequential higher education leader of his generation.

Bowen, who became Princeton’s president in 1972 at the age of 38, worked to shore up the university’s financial stability, implement coeducation, and create a more inclusive institution. Breaking through the traditional Ivy League demographics of white, Protestant, and male, he embraced equal access in admissions for women and men and actively sought to enroll Black, Hispanic, and Asian American students. Attacking problems with tenacity, insight, and deep knowledge, Bowen showed the world of higher education how a visionary leader can transform an institution.

Nancy Weiss Malkiel is professor emeritus of history at Princeton University. She is the author of, among other books, “Keep the Damned Women Out”: The Struggle for Coeducation (Princeton).

The Synthetic University: How Higher Education Can Benefit from Shared Solutions and Save Itself

James L. Shulman

A bold, collaborative vision for combatting the ever-rising cost of college

US colleges and universities have long been the envy of the world. Institutional autonomy has fostered creativity among faculty, students, and staff. But this autonomy means that colleges tend to create their own solutions for every need. As a result, higher education suffers from costly redundancies that drive tuitions ever upward, putting higher education, essential to the fabric of the country, at risk. Instead of wishful thinking about collaboration or miraculous subsidies, The Synthetic University describes intermediary organizations that can provide innovative, cost-effective solutions.

Offering answers to challenges jointly faced by thousands of institutions, James Shulman lays out a compelling new vision of how to reduce spending while enabling schools to maintain their particular contributions. He explains why colleges are so resistant to change and presents illuminating case studies of mission-driven and market-supported entrepreneurial organizations. Mixing theory with lessons drawn from his own experience, he demonstrates how to finance and implement the organizations that can synthesize much-needed solutions.

A road map for sustained institutional change, The Synthetic University shows how to overcome campuses’ do-it-yourself impulses, avoid the threat of disruption, and preserve the institutions that we need to conduct basic research, foster innovation, and prepare diverse students to lead meaningful and productive lives.

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The New Global Universities: Reinventing Education in the 21st Century

Bryan Penprase & Noah Pickus

Reimagining higher education around the world: lessons from the creation of eight new colleges and universities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and North America

Higher education is perpetually in crisis, buffeted by increasing costs and a perceived lack of return on investment, campus culture that is criticized for stifling debate on controversial topics, and a growing sense that the liberal arts are outmoded and irrelevant. Some observers even put higher education on the brink of death. The New Global Universities offers a counterargument, telling the story of educational leaders who have chosen not to give up on higher education but to reimagine it. The book chronicles the development and launch of eight innovative colleges and universities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and North America, describing the combination of intellectual courage, entrepreneurial audacity, and adaptive leadership needed to invent educational institutions today.

Bryan Penprase and Noah Pickus show how the founders of new colleges and universities establish distinctive brands in a sector dominated by centuries-old institutions, secure creative sources of funding, attract stellar faculty and students, and design appealing curriculums and campuses—all while managing tradeoffs and setbacks, balancing local needs and global aspirations, and wrestling with challenges to academic freedom. These new educational institutions include two universities in Asia and the Middle East built by well-established American parent institutions, others in Africa and North America that offer holistic reform from the ground up and leverage new technologies to lower costs, and still others that adapted the American liberal arts model to Asian and African contexts.

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Structural Econometric Modeling in Industrial Organization and Quantitative Marketing: 
Theory and Applications

Ali Hortaçsu & Joonhwi Joo

A concise and rigorous introduction to widely used approaches in structural econometric modeling

Structural econometric modeling specifies the structure of an economic model and estimates the model’s parameters from real-world data. Structural econometric modeling enables better economic theory-based predictions and policy counterfactuals. This book offers a primer on recent developments in these modeling techniques, which are used widely in empirical industrial organization, quantitative marketing, and related fields. It covers such topics as discrete choice modeling, demand modes, estimation of the firm entry models with strategic interactions, consumer search, and theory/empirics of auctions. The book makes highly technical material accessible to graduate students, describing key insights succinctly but without sacrificing rigor.

- Concise overview of the most widely used structural econometric models
- Rigorous and systematic treatment of the topics, emphasizing key insights
- Coverage of demand estimation, estimation of static and dynamic game theoretic models, consumer search, and auctions
- Focus on econometric models while providing concise reviews of relevant theoretical models

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Microeconomic Foundations II: *Imperfect Competition, Information, and Strategic Interaction*

David M. Kreps

A cutting-edge introduction to key topics in modern economic theory for first-year graduate students in economics and related fields.

Volume II of *Microeconomic Foundations* introduces models and methods at the center of modern microeconomic theory. David Kreps, a leading economic theorist, emphasizes foundational material, concentrating on seminal work that provides perspective on how and why the theory developed. Because noncooperative game theory is the chief tool of modeling and analyzing microeconomic phenomena, the book stresses the applications of game theory to economics. And throughout, it underscores why theory is most useful when it supports rather than supplants economic intuition.

- Introduces first-year graduate students to the models and methods at the core of microeconomic theory today
- Covers an extensive range of topics, including the agency theory, market signaling, relational contracting, bilateral bargaining, auctions, matching markets, and mechanism design
- Stresses the use—and misuse—of theory in studying economic phenomena and shows why theory should support, not replace, economic intuition
- Includes extensive appendices reviewing the essential concepts of noncooperative game theory, with guidance about how it should and shouldn’t be used
- Features free online supplements, including chapter outlines and overviews, solutions to all the problems in the book, and more

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Terns of North America: *A Photographic Guide*

Cameron Cox

A full-color photographic guide to these captivating and challenging birds

This is the essential identification guide to the terns, noddies, and skimmers of North America. Covering every species and featuring hundreds of high-quality color images, this book is the ideal companion for anyone interested in this charismatic but sometimes challenging group of seabirds. Detailed species accounts describe the size of each bird as it appears in the field along with structure, behavior, flight style, vocalizations, subspecies, and North American and worldwide ranges. An incisive introduction lays out a remarkably simple approach to identification that focuses on key elements and addresses how to avoid getting bogged down in the variability of appearance. This state-of-the-art guide also provides additional in-depth coverage of the two most challenging groups of terns, *Sterna* terns and crested terns, aiding field identification while also highlighting the beauty and elegance of these marvelous seabirds.

- Features more than 325 stunning color photos, with side-by-side comparisons of similar species throughout
- Includes detailed captions for each image that describe age and key identification traits
- Covers 19 species found in North America, including the most frequent vagrants
- Presents a unique, simplified approach to field identification
- Explains the fundamentals of molts, plumages, and hybridization
- Provides in-depth coverage of *Sterna* terns and crested terns

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Yellowstone’s Birds: *Diversity and Abundance in the World’s First National Park*

Edited by Douglas W. Smith, Lauren E. Walker & Katharine E. Duffy

A beautifully illustrated survey of Yellowstone’s breathtaking birdlife, written by a team of renowned ornithologists and wildlife biologists

Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is the oldest and arguably the most famous national park in North America, attracting millions of visitors each year. While many come to the park for its recreational activities, the wildlife of Yellowstone is just as alluring. Covering most bird species breeding within the great park as well as the many migrants that pass through, *Yellowstone’s Birds* is a scientific tour de force and an essential resource for visitors to Yellowstone and bird lovers everywhere.

- Tallies more than 200 species, including migrants
- Describes the natural history, status, and latest science on the birds of Yellowstone
- Features fact-filled, easy-to-read chapters, informative sidebar essays, maps, infographics, and photos that present current science in an easily understood way
- Accompanied by videos by award-winning cinematographer Bob Landis
- Draws on a wealth of data on Yellowstone’s birds collected over many decades
- With contributions by many of today’s leading bird experts, this is a long-overdue survey of Yellowstone’s breathtaking avian fauna

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Birds of Europe: *Third Edition*

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An expanded, comprehensively revised, and completely up-to-date new edition of the leading illustrated field guide to Europe’s birds

Since it was first published, *Birds of Europe* has established itself as the definitive illustrated field guide to the continent’s fascinating birdlife. Now in its third edition, this superb guide has been expanded and brought completely up to date with revised text, illustrations, and maps.

- Provides all the information needed to identify any species at any time of the year
- Detailed text covers size, habitat, range, identification, and voice
- Comprehensively illustrated with the best field guide artwork ever painted
- Up-to-date distribution maps with information on breeding, wintering, and migrations
- Covers all the species that are new to the continent or have been newly discovered
- Features text and illustrations on facing pages for easy use in the field
- Includes an introduction to each bird group that addresses major problems of observation and identification

*Lars Svensson* is one of Europe’s foremost field ornithologists and the author or coauthor of many field guides, including the *Identification Guide to European Passerines*. *Killian Mullarney* is one of Europe’s most accomplished bird artists, an expert in bird identification, and the coauthor of *The New Approach to Bird Identification*. *Dan Zetterström* is a leading bird artist and identification expert who has illustrated many books, including the *Handbook of Bird Identification*. He has traveled extensively and gathered firsthand experience of almost every species covered in this book.

Velvet Ants of North America

Kevin A. Williams, Aaron D. Pan & Joseph S. Wilson

An authoritative, marvelously illustrated field guide to the velvet ants of North America

*Velvet Ants of North America* is a beautiful photographic guide to the species of the wasp family Mutillidae found in the United States and Canada. Featuring hundreds of full-color photos, it covers nearly 460 species—representing more than 9 percent of all velvet ant species, which number in the thousands worldwide—providing comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of this spectacular group of insects. This one-of-a-kind guide serves as an invaluable reference for naturalists, scientific researchers, museum specialists, and outdoor enthusiasts.

- Covers nearly 460 species found in North America and throughout the world
- Features stunning high-resolution photos of each species
- Detailed species accounts and keys allow for easy and rewarding identification
- Sheds invaluable light on taxa from Mesoamerica, the Caribbean, and beyond
- Provides silhouette images depicting the actual size ranges of species
- Includes distribution maps of nearly all diurnal species in the United States and Canada

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Birds of China

Liu Yang & Chen Shuihua

A comprehensive, fully illustrated field guide to the birds of China

China is home to some of the most spectacular birdlife to be found anywhere in the world. This richly illustrated field guide covers every species found throughout the region, including numerous endemic and globally threatened species. Detailed species accounts cover everything from biometrics and habitat to behavior, distribution, and voice, and each one comes with illustrations of the species and a color distribution map. A landmark achievement, Birds of China is the ideal companion for travelers to China and a must for any birder’s bookshelf.

- The first complete English-language field guide to China’s wondrously diverse birdlife
- Covers nearly 1,500 species, including endemics and threatened birds
- Features a wealth of breathtaking color plates painted by leading Chinese artists
- Includes some 4,000 images that illustrate every species
- Discusses China’s geography and zoogeography
- Shares invaluable advice on birding practices and ethics

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Birds of the Middle East:  
*Third Edition*

Richard Porter, Oscar Campbell & Abdulrahman Al-Sirhan

A fully revised edition of the acclaimed field guide to the birds of the Middle East

The Middle East is home to some of the most spectacular birdlife in the world. This field guide covers all species—including vagrants—found in the Arabian Peninsula (including Socotra), Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and Cyprus. It features 176 superb color plates depicting some 900 species and subspecies as well as 820 color distribution maps that show the breeding range for almost every species. Maps and detailed species accounts are opposite the plates, making this marvelously illustrated guide ideal for easy reference in the field.

- Features fully revised and updated text, plates, and maps
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Data Science for Neuroimaging: 
An Introduction

Ariel Rokem & Tal Yarkoni

Data science methods and tools—including programming, data management, visualization, and machine learning—and their application to neuroimaging research

As neuroimaging turns toward data-intensive discovery, researchers in the field must learn to access, manage, and analyze datasets at unprecedented scales. Concerns about reproducibility and increased rigor in reporting of scientific results also demand higher standards of computational practice. This book offers neuroimaging researchers an introduction to data science, presenting methods, tools, and approaches that facilitate automated, reproducible, and scalable analysis and understanding of data.

- Fills the need for an authoritative resource on data science for neuroimaging researchers
- Strong emphasis on programming
- Provides extensive code examples written in the Python programming language
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- Written entirely in the Jupyter notebook format, so the code examples can be executed, modified, and re-executed as part of the learning process

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Statistical Thinking:
Analyzing Data in an Uncertain World
Russell A. Poldrack

An essential introduction to statistics for students of psychology and the social sciences

Statistical thinking is increasingly essential to understanding our complex world and making informed decisions based on uncertain data. This incisive undergraduate textbook introduces students to the main ideas of statistics in a way that focuses on deep comprehension rather than rote application or mathematical immersion. The presentation of statistical concepts is thoroughly modern, sharing cutting-edge ideas from the fields of machine learning and data science that help students effectively use statistical methods to ask questions about data. *Statistical Thinking* provides the tools to describe complex patterns that emerge from data and to make accurate predictions and decisions based on data.

- Introduces statistics from a uniquely modern standpoint, helping students to use the basic ideas of statistics to analyze real data
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- Explains how to use statistics to generate reproducible findings and avoid common mistakes in statistical practice
- Includes a wealth of examples using real-world data
- Accompanied by computer code in R and in Python—freely available online—that enables students to see how each example is generated and to code their own analyses

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The Ecology of Collective Behavior
Deborah M. Gordon

A groundbreaking new perspective on collective behavior across biological systems

Collective behavior is everywhere in nature, from gene transcription and cancer cells to ant colonies and human societies. It operates without central control, using local interactions among participants to allow groups to adjust to changing conditions. The Ecology of Collective Behavior brings together ideas from evolutionary biology, network science, and dynamical systems to present an ecological approach to understanding how the interactions of individuals generate collective outcomes.

Deborah Gordon argues that the starting point for explaining how collective behavior works in any natural system is to consider how it changes in relation to the changing world around it. She shows how feedback use—the means by which networks of interactions operate—and the organization of interaction networks evolve to reflect the stability and demands of the environment. Ant colonies function collectively, and the enormous diversity of species in different habitats provides opportunities to look for general ecological patterns. Through an in-depth comparison of ant species, Gordon identifies broad trends in how the diversity of collective behavior in many other collective systems reflects the dynamics of the environment. The Ecology of Collective Behavior explains the evolution of collective behavior through innovation in participant interactions, offering new insights into how collective responses function in changing conditions.

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The Evolution of Biological Information: How Evolution Creates Complexity, from Viruses to Brains
Christoph Adami

Why information is the unifying principle that allows us to understand the evolution of complexity in nature

More than 150 years after Darwin’s revolutionary On the Origin of Species, we are still attempting to understand and explain the amazing complexity of life. Although we now know how evolution proceeds to build complexity from simple ingredients, quantifying this complexity is still difficult.

In this book, Christoph Adami offers a new perspective on Darwinian evolution by viewing it through the lens of information theory. This novel theoretical stance sheds light on such matters as how viruses evolve drug resistance, how cells evolve to communicate, and how intelligence evolves. By this account, information emerges as the central unifying principle behind all of biology, allowing us to think about the origin of life—on Earth and elsewhere—in a systematic manner.

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How to Do Ecology:  
*A Concise Handbook—Third Edition*

Richard Karban, Mikaela Huntzinger & Ian S. Pearse

The essential insider’s guide for ecologists at all career stages—now completely updated and expanded

Most books and courses in ecology focus on facts and concepts but do little to explain the process of research. *How to Do Ecology* provides nuts-and-bolts advice for organizing and conducting a successful research program. This fully updated and expanded edition explains how to ask and answer your own research questions using compelling study design and appropriate stats. Ecology doesn’t take place exclusively outdoors, so the book shares invaluable insights on topics such as identifying your goals, developing professional relationships, reading efficiently, and organizing a field season. This incisive handbook makes explicit many of the unstated rules that ecologists follow and serves as a practical resource for meaningful conversations about ecology.

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- An innovative new workshop for generating and evaluating creative research questions
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Modeling Social Behavior: *Mathematical and Agent-Based Models of Social Dynamics and Cultural Evolution*

Paul E. Smaldino

A comprehensive introduction to mathematical and agent-based modeling of social behavior

This book provides a unified, theory-driven introduction to key mathematical and agent-based models of social dynamics and cultural evolution, teaching readers how to build their own models, analyze them, and integrate them with empirical research programs. It covers a variety of modeling topics, each exemplified by one or more archetypal models, and helps readers to develop strong theoretical foundations for understanding social behavior. *Modeling Social Behavior* equips social, behavioral, and cognitive scientists with an essential tool kit for thinking about and studying complex social systems using mathematical and computational models.

- Combines both mathematical and agent-based modeling of social behavior
- Integrates cognitive science, social science, and cultural evolution
- Covers topics such as the philosophy of modeling, collective movement, segregation, contagion, polarization, the evolution of cooperation, the emergence of norms, networks, and the scientific process
- Discusses more advanced topics, including how to use models to build a more robust empirical research program
- An ideal introductory textbook for graduate students or advanced undergraduates
- An invaluable resource for practitioners

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Physical Oceanography of Continental Shelves

K. H. Brink

An authoritative graduate textbook and professional reference on the physical dynamics of the coastal ocean

This book provides an up-to-date, systematic treatment of the processes governing the velocity, pressure, temperature, and salinity of the coastal ocean. Written by a leading expert with decades of experience with theory, observations, and numerical models, it builds on the idea that knowledge of fundamental phenomena allows for an understanding of continental shelf waters globally. Featuring a wealth of ocean observations from a wide variety of locales, Physical Oceanography of Continental Shelves is an essential resource for both students and researchers on this critical region of the world’s oceans.

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- Topics include turbulent boundary layers, wind driving, coastal-trapped waves, the inner shelf, tides, buoyancy currents, instabilities, and connections with the deep open ocean
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- A must for oceanographers and engineers seeking a comprehensive synthesis of continental shelf processes

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Statistical Mechanics of Phases and Phase Transitions

Steven A. Kivelson, Jack Mingde Jiang & Jeffrey Chang

An engaging undergraduate introduction to the statistical mechanics of phase transitions

Statistical mechanics deploys a powerful set of mathematical approaches for studying the thermodynamic properties of complex physical systems. This textbook introduces students to the statistical mechanics of systems undergoing changes of state, focusing on the basic principles for classifying distinct thermodynamic phases and the critical phenomena associated with transitions between them. Uniquely designed to promote active learning, Statistical Mechanics of Phases and Phase Transitions presents some of the most beautiful and profound concepts in physics, enabling students to obtain an essential understanding of a computationally challenging subject without getting lost in the details.

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Machine Learning for Physics and Astronomy

Viviana Acquaviva

A hands-on introduction to machine learning and its applications to the physical sciences

As the size and complexity of data continue to grow exponentially across the physical sciences, machine learning is helping scientists to sift through and analyze this information while driving breathtaking advances in quantum physics, astronomy, cosmology, and beyond. This incisive textbook covers the basics of building, diagnosing, optimizing, and deploying machine learning methods to solve research problems in physics and astronomy, with an emphasis on critical thinking and the scientific method.

• Introduces readers to best practices in data-driven problem-solving, from preliminary data exploration and cleaning to selecting the best method for a given task
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Soft Matter: *Concepts, Phenomena, and Applications*

Wim van Saarloos, Vincenzo Vitelli & Zorana Zeravcic

A comprehensive, modern introduction to soft matter physics

Soft matter science is an interdisciplinary field at the interface of physics, biology, chemistry, engineering, and materials science. It encompasses colloids, polymers, and liquid crystals as well as rapidly emerging topics such as metamaterials, memory formation and learning in matter, bioactive systems, and artificial life. This textbook introduces key phenomena and concepts in soft matter from a modern perspective, marrying established knowledge with the latest developments and applications.

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- Covers advanced topics such as pattern formation and active matter
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- Offers perspectives on emerging research directions
- Includes more than a hundred step-by-step problems suitable for active learning and flipped-classroom settings
- Accompanied by a website with additional material such as movies of experimental systems
- Solutions manual (available only to instructors)

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The Standard Model: From Fundamental Symmetries to Experimental Tests
Yuval Grossman & Yossi Nir

An authoritative, hands-on introduction to the foundational theory and experimental tests of particle physics

The Standard Model is an elegant and extremely successful theory that formulates the laws of fundamental interactions among elementary particles. This incisive textbook introduces students to the physics of the Standard Model while providing an essential overview of modern particle physics, with a unique emphasis on symmetry principles as the starting point for constructing models.

• Describes symmetry principles of growing complexity, including Abelian symmetries and their application in QED, the theory of electromagnetic interactions, non-Abelian symmetries and their application in QCD, the theory of strong interactions, and spontaneously broken symmetries and their application in the theory of weak interactions
• Derives the Lagrangian that implements these symmetry principles and extracts the phenomenology that follows from it, such as elementary particles and accidental symmetries
• Explains how the Standard Model has been experimentally tested, emphasizing electroweak precision measurements, flavor-changing neutral current processes, neutrino oscillations, and cosmology
• Demonstrates how to extend the model to address experimental and observational puzzles, such as neutrino masses, dark matter, and the baryon asymmetry of the universe

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Intermittent Convex Integration for the 3D Euler Equations: (AMS-217)

Tristan Buckmaster, Nader Masmoudi, Matthew Novack & Vlad Vicol

A new threshold for the existence of weak solutions to the incompressible Euler equations

To gain insight into the nature of turbulent fluids, mathematicians start from experimental facts, translate them into mathematical properties for solutions of the fundamental fluids PDEs, and construct solutions to these PDEs that exhibit turbulent properties. This book belongs to such a program, one that has brought convex integration techniques into hydrodynamics. Convex integration techniques have been used to produce solutions with precise regularity, which are necessary for the resolution of the Onsager conjecture for the 3D Euler equations, or solutions with intermittency, which are necessary for the construction of dissipative weak solutions for the Navier-Stokes equations. In this book, weak solutions to the 3D Euler equations are constructed for the first time with both non-negligible regularity and intermittency. These solutions enjoy a spatial regularity index in $L^2$ that can be taken as close as desired to $\frac{1}{2}$, thus lying at the threshold of all known convex integration methods. This property matches the measured intermittent nature of turbulent flows. The construction of such solutions requires technology specifically adapted to the inhomogeneities inherent in intermittent solutions. The main technical contribution of this book is to develop convex integration techniques at the local rather than global level. This localization procedure functions as an ad hoc wavelet decomposition of the solution, carrying information about position, amplitude, and frequency in both Lagrangian and Eulerian coordinates.

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Comparison Principles for General Potential Theories and PDEs: (AMS-218)

Marco Cirant, F. Reese Harvey, H. Blaine Lawson & Kevin R. Payne

An examination of the symbiotic and productive relationship between fully nonlinear partial differential equations and generalized potential theories

In recent years, there has evolved a symbiotic and productive relationship between fully nonlinear partial differential equations and generalized potential theories. This book examines important aspects of this story. One main purpose is to prove comparison principles for nonlinear potential theories in Euclidian spaces straightforwardly from duality and monotonicity under the weakest possible notion of ellipticity. The book also shows how to deduce comparison principles for nonlinear differential operators by marrying these two points of view under the correspondence principle.

The authors explain that comparison principles are fundamental in both contexts, since they imply uniqueness for the Dirichlet problem. When combined with appropriate boundary geometries, yielding suitable barrier functions, they also give existence by Perron’s method.

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Sourcebook in Greek Mathematics

Edited by Victor J. Katz & Clemency Montelle

An invaluable reference book on the mathematics of Greek antiquity

Euclid, Archimedes, and Apollonius are familiar names to many of us, and their contributions have shaped mathematical practice up to modern times. Yet the mathematical activity of Greek antiquity extended far beyond their achievements and was furthered by diverse individuals in different contexts. Sourcebook in Greek Mathematics brings together an extensive collection of primary source materials that document the extraordinary breadth of mathematical ideas developed in the Eastern Mediterranean from 500 BCE to 500 CE, a millennium in which Greek cultural influence spanned the ancient world.

Victor Katz and Clemency Montelle present a wealth of newly translated texts along with sources difficult to find elsewhere, from writings by the great mathematical thinkers of Greek antiquity to those by practitioners who used mathematics in everyday life. This comprehensive and wide-ranging sourcebook includes lesser-known authors who made critical contributions, sometimes in languages other than Greek, as well as accounts of technical instrumentation, papyri by anonymous authors designed for teaching purposes, and evidence of hand computations and numerical tables.

Sourcebook in Greek Mathematics encompasses disciplines that illustrate the important role of mathematics in ancient Greek society more broadly, from astronomy, music, and optics to philosophy, literature, and theater.

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