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Why It Will Sell
By world-renowned scholar and public intellectual Sir Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal.

Previous books translated into more than 10 languages.

Final PDF: July 2018
Editor: Ingrid Gnerlich
136 pages. 25 b/w illus.
How you can become better at solving real-world problems by learning creative puzzle-solving skills

We solve countless problems—big and small—every day. Despite so much practice, why do we often have trouble making simple decisions—much less arriving at optimal solutions to important questions? Are we doomed to this muddle—or is there a practical way to learn to think more effectively and creatively? In this enlightening, entertaining, and inspiring book, Edward Burger shows how we can become far better at solving real-world problems by learning creative puzzle-solving skills using simple, effective thinking techniques.

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—William C. Powers Jr., former president of the University of Texas, Austin

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Why It Will Sell

From the author of the wildly successful The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking.

How to think creatively—and learn from our mistakes.

Previous book sold in 15 languages.

Final PDF: August 2018

Editor: Vickie Kearn

120 pages. 35 b/w illus.

SELF-HELP | EDUCATION
The Neuroscience of Emotion presents a new framework for the neuroscientific study of emotion across species. Written by Ralph Adolphs and David J. Anderson, two leading authorities on the study of emotion, this accessible and original book recasts the discipline and demonstrates that in order to understand emotion, we need to examine its biological roots in humans and animals.

“Emotions have moved from obscurity to daylight, not only in psychology, but also in neuroscience. This accessible book offers the perfect introduction to the emotions of both humans and animals. It keeps feelings separate from bodily expressed emotions, and questions many common assumptions while offering a path to a truly scientific approach.”

—Frans de Waal, author of Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?
The untold story of how hereditary data in mental hospitals gave rise to the science of human heredity

In the early 1800s, a century before there was any concept of the gene, physicians in insane asylums began to record causes of madness in their admission books. Almost from the beginning, they pointed to heredity as the most important of these causes. *Genetics in the Madhouse* is the untold story of how the collection and sorting of hereditary data in mental hospitals, schools for “feebleminded” children, and prisons gave rise to a new science of human heredity.

“We’ve all been taught how genetics got its start in Mendel’s pea patch. But the real story is more complicated, and a lot more interesting. In *Genetics in the Madhouse*, Theodore Porter chronicles some of the early history of heredity—not in gardens, but in asylums. The book is a fascinating exploration of the long-running conviction that madness, criminality, and other mental traits can be passed down from parent to child.”

—Carl Zimmer, *author of* She Has Her Mother’s Laugh: The Powers, Perversions, and Potential of Heredity

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Why It Will Sell

A revolutionary argument about the history of science from a leading scholar.

Draws from dozens of school, prison, and asylum archives from Europe and US.

Previous books translated into French, Chinese, German, Japanese, and Italian.

Final PDF: Available now

Editor: Brigitta van Rheinberg

440 pages. 20 b/w illus.
The lives and activities of seabirds as you’ve never seen them before

Seabirds evoke the spirit of the earth’s wildest places. They spend large portions of their lives at sea, often far from land, and nest on beautiful and remote islands that humans rarely visit. Thanks to the development of increasingly sophisticated and miniaturized devices that can track their every movement and behavior, it is now possible to observe the mysterious lives of these remarkable creatures as never before. This beautifully illustrated book takes you on a breathtaking journey around the globe to reveal where these birds actually go when they roam the sea, the tactics they employ to traverse vast tracts of ocean, the strategies they use to evade threats, and more.

“This is among the best written popular science books on birds I have come across. Anyone interested in birds will enjoy Far from Land.”

—Tim Birkhead, coauthor of Ten Thousand Birds: Ornithology since Darwin

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Why It Will Sell

The first book to bring together amazing findings on seabirds from the past 20 years, made possible by technology.

Global coverage of seabird species.

Packed with fascinating and breathtaking facts.

Published: March 2018

Editor: Ingrid Gnerlich

280 pages. 21 color + 29 b/w illus. 8 maps.
A lavishly illustrated look at how evolution plays out in selective breeding

*Unnatural Selection* is a stunningly illustrated book about selective breeding—the ongoing transformation of animals at the hand of man. More important, it’s a book about selective breeding on a far, far grander scale—a scale that encompasses all life on Earth. We’d call it evolution.

“Combining art, history, and science, this idiosyncratic book is very engaging and exceptionally clear. The illustrations, more than just appropriate and accurate, are marvelous.”

—Henry S. Horn, professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology, Princeton University

“I’m impressed with this book’s content, organization, and writing. The scholarship is impressive and conveyed in an accessible manner.”

—Greger Larson, University of Oxford

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**Why It Will Sell**
An extraordinary study of the impact of selective breeding on the biology of animals.

400 precise and captivating drawings by the author describe the genetic odyssey of breeds.

Final PDF: Available now
Editor: Robert Kirk
304 pages. 400 b/w illus.
In the fall of 1922, Albert Einstein, along with his then-wife, Elsa Einstein, embarked on a five-and-a-half-month voyage to the Far East and Middle East, regions that the renowned physicist had never visited before. Einstein’s lengthy itinerary consisted of stops in Hong Kong and Singapore, two brief stays in China, a six-week whirlwind lecture tour of Japan, a twelve-day tour of Palestine, and a three-week visit to Spain. This handsome edition makes available, for the first time, the complete journal that Einstein kept on this momentous journey.

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—Danian Hu, author of China and Albert Einstein
Central bankers have emerged from the financial crisis as the third great pillar of unelected power alongside the judiciary and the military. They pull the regulatory and financial levers of our economic well-being, yet unlike democratically elected leaders, their power does not come directly from the people. *Unelected Power* lays out the principles needed to ensure that central bankers, technocrats, regulators, and other agents of the administrative state remain stewards of the common good and do not become overmighty citizens.

“In this magisterial and magnificent book, Paul Tucker, drawing on his extensive experience in central banking, provides us with clear principles for determining the trade-off between professional competence and popular support. A must-read for anyone interested in the theory and practice of governance.”

—Mervyn King, former governor of the Bank of England

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A serious examination of the roles and legitimacy of central bank action.

Final PDF: Available now
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656 pages. 4 tables.
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How society’s undervaluing of life puts all of us at risk—and the groundbreaking economic measure that can fix it

Like it or not, sometimes we need to put a monetary value on people’s lives. In the past, government agencies used the financial “cost of death” to monetize the mortality risks of regulatory policies, but this method vastly undervalued life. *Pricing Lives* tells the story of how the government came to adopt an altogether different approach—the value of a statistical life, or VSL—and persuasively shows how its more widespread use could create a safer and more equitable society for everyone.

“How From probably the world’s leading thinker on the valuation of mortality risks, *Pricing Lives* makes a fundamental, enduring contribution.”
—Cass Sunstein, Harvard Law School

“Pricing Lives is an accessible, example-rich, and interestingly written account of the ways in which lives ought to be accorded monetary value for the purposes of policymaking.”
—Steve Shavell, Harvard Law School

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A new, counterintuitive theory of how social networks influence the spread of behavior

New social movements, technologies, and public-health initiatives often struggle to take off, yet many diseases disperse rapidly without issue. Can the lessons learned from the viral diffusion of diseases be used to improve the spread of beneficial behaviors and innovations? In *How Behavior Spreads*, Damon Centola presents over a decade of original research examining how changes in societal behavior—in voting, health, technology, and finance—occur and the ways social networks can be used to influence how they propagate.

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—Mark Granovetter, Stanford University

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**Why It Will Sell**

Engaging, clear and accessible, these fresh ideas are applicable to everything from voting behaviour to investment decisions. With cutting-edge innovative techniques, this book offers an original perspective on diffusion via networks.

Final PDF: Available now
Editor: Meagan Levinson
312 pages. 53 b/w illus.
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**SOCIOLGY | ECONOMICS**
How a new understanding of warfare can help the military fight today’s conflicts more effectively

The way wars are fought has changed starkly over the past sixty years. International military campaigns used to play out between large armies at central fronts. Today’s conflicts find major powers facing rebel insurgencies that deploy elusive methods, from improvised explosives to terrorist attacks. Small Wars, Big Data presents a transformative understanding of these contemporary confrontations and how they should be fought.

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Why It Will Sell

How new empirical and social science methods can be used globally to respond to security threats with greater expertise. The book uses both historical and contemporary vignettes and mini stories to makes its core argument.

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Editor: Eric Crahan
400 pages. 19 b/w illus. 1 table.
How a fraying social fabric is fueling the outrage of rural Americans

What is fueling rural America’s outrage toward the federal government? Why did rural Americans vote overwhelmingly for Donald Trump? And, beyond economic and demographic decline, is there a more nuanced explanation for the growing rural-urban divide? Drawing on more than a decade of research and hundreds of interviews, Robert Wuthnow brings us into America’s small towns, farms, and rural communities to paint a rich portrait of the moral order—the interactions, loyalties, obligations, and identities—underpinning this critical segment of the nation.

“Wuthnow cogently confronts the question: Why are so many of the people living in small-town America filled with rage? Instead of condemning, he listens. In this highly accessible, instructive book, Wuthnow reminds readers why the so-called American Dream is closely connected to the politics of place.”

—Nancy Isenberg, author of White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America

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Why It Will Sell

Essential reading for anyone who wants to understand modern America, this book paints a nuanced picture of why rural Americans vote the way they do, and America’s increasing polarization.

Based on years of fieldwork, it gives an in-depth look at the mindset of the people to whom Donald Trump and other Republican politicians appeal.

Published: January 2018
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200 pages.

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Compelling writings on the refugee crisis by artist Ai Weiwei, whose new film *Human Flow* documents the plight of migrants around the world

Ai Weiwei (b. 1957) is widely known as an artist across media: sculpture, installation, photography, performance, and architecture. He is also one of the world’s most important artist-activists and a powerful documentary filmmaker. His work and art call attention to attacks on democracy and free speech, abuses of human rights, and human displacement—often on an epic, international scale.

This collection of quotations demonstrates the range of Ai Weiwei’s thinking on humanity and mass migration, issues that have occupied him for decades. Selected from articles, interviews, and conversations, Ai Weiwei’s words speak to the profound urgency of the global refugee crisis, the resilience and vulnerability of the human condition, and the role of art in providing a voice for the voiceless.

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168 pages. 2 b/w illus.
A succinct and comprehensive history of the development of citizenship from the Roman Empire to the present day

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“The relevance of Cooper’s breathtakingly ambitious and masterfully told story to our age of inequality within and among nations is unmistakable.”

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FREDERICK COOPER is professor of history at New York University. His many books include Empires in World History and Citizenship between Empire and Nation (both Princeton).

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Editor: Brigitta van Rheinberg
224 pages.

WORLD HISTORY
For millennia, idleness and laziness have been regarded as vices. We’re all expected to work to survive and get ahead, and devoting energy to anything but labor and self-improvement can seem like a luxury or a moral failure. Far from questioning this conventional wisdom, modern philosophers have worked hard to develop new reasons to denigrate idleness. In *Idleness*, the first book to challenge modern philosophy’s portrayal of inactivity, Brian O’Connor argues that the case against an indifference to work and effort is flawed—and that idle aimlessness may instead allow for the highest form of freedom.

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Why It Will Sell

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232 pages. 212 b/w illus.
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Editor: Joe Jackson
296 pages. 9 line illus. 36 tables.

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—James Robinson, Harvard University

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Why It Will Sell

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Reveals how their domestication of horses and use of the wheel spread language and transformed civilization.
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Editor: Rob Tempio
568 pages. 3 halftones.
86 line illus. 16 tables. 25 maps.
The definitive account of Tesla’s life and work

Nikola Tesla was a major contributor to the electrical revolution that transformed daily life at the turn of the twentieth century. His inventions, patents, and theoretical work formed the basis of modern AC electricity, and contributed to the development of radio and television. An astute self-promoter and gifted showman, he cultivated a public image of the eccentric genius. In this groundbreaking book, W. Bernard Carlson demystifies the legendary inventor, placing him within the cultural and technological context of his time, and focusing on his inventions themselves as well as the creation and maintenance of his celebrity. This major biography sheds new light on Tesla’s visionary approach to invention and the business strategies behind his most important technological breakthroughs.

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Essential reading for those in business, education, medicine, finance, government, the police and the military, foreign aid and anyone who wants to challenge the way metrics run our lives. Compact and accessibly written.

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Welcome to Princeton’s rights guide for the 2018 London Book Fair!

As somebody who has published for over twenty five years in the Humanities and History, I confess that the most exciting title this year for me is Martin Rees’s book on *On the Future* which grippingly addresses some of the most important questions we all face: how do we harness our scientific knowledge to assure our planet’s future.

Ed Burger’s book *Making Up Your Own Mind* is also about how to solve problems and learning how to think creatively and learn from failure. We sold his previous book, *The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking*, into 15 languages, and the audiobook was a bestseller.

For readers who want to understand just why it is that so many of the people living in small-town America are filled with rage, I heartily recommend Robert Wuthnow’s *The Left Behind*, which draws on a decade of research and hundreds of interviews painting a rich portrait of the rural-urban divide.

In the humanities, I’ve long been excited by my colleagues’ endeavour to publish philosophy books that speak to perennial questions of how to live our lives. We were delighted with the translation success of Setiya’s *Midlife: A Philosophical Guide*, which we sold into many languages. If you admired or missed Setiya, do look at Brian O’Connor’s *Idleness: A Philosophical Essay*, which ranges from the Ancient Greeks to the 21st century and argues that far from being a moral failure, idleness may in fact be the highest form of freedom for us all.

And what would a Princeton catalog be without some graphically illustrated books? I’m a huge fan of our new series of ancient Chinese classics, illustrated by one of East Asia’s most beloved illustrators C. C. Tsai. This spring we are publishing Confucius’ *The Analects*, and Sunzi’s *The Art of War*, introduced by Michael Puett and Lawrence Freedman respectively.

Enjoy!

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