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Corporate Rebel by Sadika Fakir

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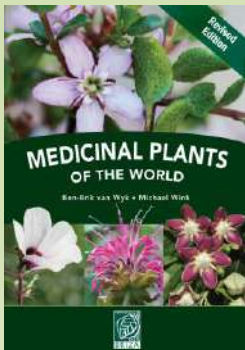
In *Corporate Rebel*, Sadika Fakir delivers a fearless, funny, no-BS guide to surviving and thriving, inside systems that profit from women's ambition while quietly diminishing it. From unpaid gigs and free consulting to boardrooms, breakdowns, bad bosses and even worse job offers and finally rising to senior leadership, Sadika tells it like it actually is. She has lived the contradictions of corporate life and is done pretending that hard work alone is enough. No corporate jargon. No girl-boss clichés. Just hard-won lessons, sharp humour and radical honesty about what it really takes to be a woman at work. This isn't a glossy "lean in" manifesto or a confidence pep talk. It's real strategy: how power actually works, why ego derails careers, when working for free is a trap, and how to stop playing small without burning everything down.



Tracks in the Dust by Mario Cesare

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Raised on Sicilian family stories and the constant bustle of his father's Italian restaurant in the heart of Johannesburg, Mario Cesare grew up rooted in tradition, but his heart was elsewhere. From an early age, he was drawn to open spaces and the untamed edges of the world beyond the city. Nature was never a passing fascination; it was a calling that refused to be ignored. That calling led him deep into South Africa's most prestigious game reserves, Thornybush, Mala Mala, Olifants, where beauty and brutality exist side by side. As a game ranger on the front lines of conservation, Mario faced the grim realities behind Africa's wildlife tourism: armed poachers, mutilated animals, and the constant emotional toll of protecting what cannot protect itself. Mario's journey is one of courage, heartbreak and unwavering commitment. This is not a romanticised tale of the bush, but a raw, honest account of what it truly means to live the life of a game ranger in South Africa.

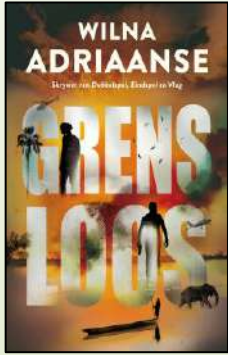


Medicinal Plants of the World (3rd Edition) by Ben-Erik van Wyk & Michael Wink

9781997457015 | Briza | HB | R795

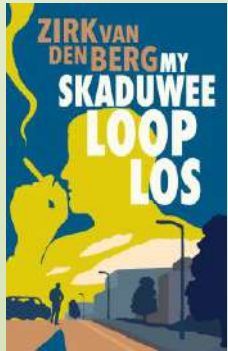
A comprehensive, illustrated scientific guide to the most important medicinal plants and their global uses. Fully revised 21 years after its first publication, this edition reflects modern scientific developments and includes new data on over 370 main species. Each entry covers the plant's origin, botanical description, traditional uses, active chemical compounds, and pharmacological activity. The book also features introductory chapters on global medicine systems, including European, Chinese, Ayurvedic, and African traditions and detailed sections on active ingredients, quality control, and safety. With more than 900 species summarized in a quick-reference table, this guide serves as an essential tool for health care practitioners, students, and scientists seeking a user-friendly but rigorous overview of the natural products that contribute to 25% of all modern clinical drugs.

Fiksie (Fiction)



Grensloos deur Wilna Adriaanse
9780624095583 | Tafelberg | TPB | R350

Sabine Maartens is nie iemand wat getem kan word nie. Ná pynlike jeugjare het sy haar eie weg gebaan, hier as vlieënier in Botswana, maar altyd is daar die risiko dat haar onblusbare drang om wilde diere te beskerm haar aan die verkeerde kant van die reg kan laat beland. Haar pad het jare gelede kortstondig gekruis met dié van Max Krige, eks-Interpolagent, deesdae top-onderhandelaar vir 'n internasionale sekuriteitsmaatskappy . . . en toe het die vonke gespat. En nou bevind Sabine haar in 'n lewensgevaarlike situasie, as een van die gyselaars wat weggevoer word uit die deltagebied. Reeds is 'n bloedspoor agtergelaat. Kan Max verdere lewensverlies verhoed? Dis asof die noodlot hierdie omstandighede so bestem het, want Max weet dit is nie 'n situasie waar hy koel en berekend sy werk kan doen nie. Sy hart vertel hom dit. *Grensloos* is 'n boeiende roman, propvol spanning en intrige, asook die meesleurende karakterverhoudinge waarvoor Wilna Adriaanse so bekend is.



My skaduwee loop los deur Zirk van den Berg
9780795803376 | Queillerie | TPB | R300

Op sy ma se begrafnis in die Kaap maak André Verreyne die verbysterende ontdekking dat hy 'n identiese tweelingbroer het van wie hy in die wieg geskei is. Hy het net enkele dae om sy broer te probeer opspoor voordat hy moet terugvlieg Nieu-Seeland toe vir sy dogter se troue. Dit gee 'n speurtog af wat hom lei na uiteenlopende mense op sy broer se lewenspad, elkeen met 'n verrassende storie te vertel. Gou begin 'n prentjie vorm van 'n persoon wat héél anders as André self is, al word hy gedurende sy soektog voortdurend vir sy broer aangesien. Hoe meer hy oor sy broer uitvind, hoe meer begin hy sy eie lewenskeuses bevraagteken. *My skaduwee loop los* is 'n meesleurende, veelvlakkige verhaal oor die soeke na wat werklik die waardevolste lewe is en die antwoord op die teregende vraag: Wat as?



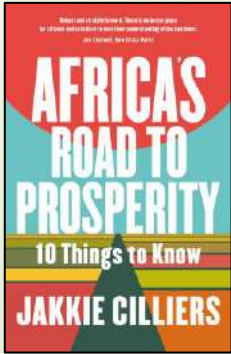
Donkerhart deur Henda Olivier
9780798186209 | Human & Rousseau | TPB | R350

Op 16 Junie 2019 verdwyn Tilla Hart se tweejarige meisiekind, Mia. Spoorloos. Dit lyk of sy uit haar slaapkamer op haar grootouers se plaas in die omgewing van Bremel ontvoer is. Tilla gee haar werk as veearts prys en laat haar tienerdogter, Petra, by eksman Altus en sy nuwe vrou agter om 'n kluisenaarsbestaan op die familieplaas te gaan voer. En nou, ses jaar later, is daar steeds geen antwoorde nie. Die reeksmoordenaar Ricky Erwee is agter tralies, maar Mia se oorskot is nooit gevind nie. Wanneer Jonker Cloete, 'n jong filmmaker van Nieu-Seeland, sy opwagting maak om 'n dokumentêr oor Mia se verdwyning te skiet, begin die dorpsmense van Bremel hul herinneringe opdiep en opnuut spekuleer oor wat presies destyds gebeur het. Tilla worstel met selfverwyrt en wens dat die polisie en die media haar net met rus wil laat . . . Maar die verlede bly haar agtervolg.



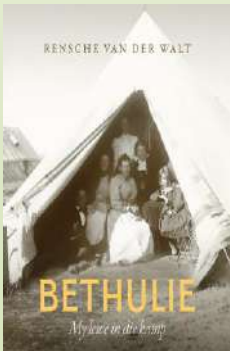
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Non-fiction / Nie-fiksie



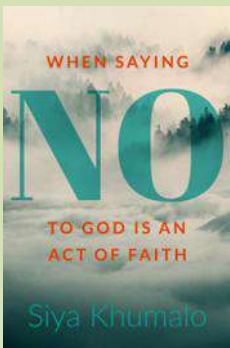
Africa's Road to Prosperity by Jakkie Cilliers
9780624096818 | Kwela | TPB | R360

In *Africa's Road to Prosperity*, futurist and Africa analyst Jakkie Cilliers looks at the main forces that will shape the continent's economic and political future. Large investments in infrastructure and energy efficiency are essential, as is improved regional trade integration. But African countries will only be able to modernise their economies if the influence of traditional leaders on matters such as land management and ownership is curbed. The continent needs bold leaders.



Bethulie deur Rensche van der Walt
9780624096009 | Tafelberg | TPB | R360

Rensche van der Walt was maar 23 jaar oud toe Britse soldate haar en haar gesin in April 1901 van hul plaas na die Bethulie-konsentrasiekamp weggevoer het. Die Britse verskroeideaardebeleid het toe reeds groot verwoesting in die Vrystaatse platteland gesaai. Sy het van die begin af dagboek gehou van hul ervarings en die daaglikse werklikhede in die konsentrasiekamp. Rensche se ongekunstelde inskrywings verplaas die leser direk na die kamp se tentedorp waar jy saam met haar honger, dors en koud kry. Haar aangrypende vertellings van die skokkende wanvoeding, siektes en oorbevolking gee nuwe betekenis aan koue statistieke. Dag in en dag uit moet sy toekyk hoe bekendes om haar sterf. Jy beleef ook haar verlange na hul lewe voor die oorlog en hul kommer oor broers, pa's en eggenote wat nog iewers op kommando of in die krygsgevangenekampe is.



When saying no to God is an act of faith by Siya Khumalo
9780624096269 | Tafelberg | PB | R330

At a time when Christianity is invoked to defend xenophobia and genocides, Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu Prize winner Siya Khumalo asks a provocative question: *what if saying "no" to the God sold by religion is an act of faith?* As a gay black activist who understands that abandoning Christianity to conservatives is conceding ideological ground to people who will use it, Khumalo analyses the ways in which faith, once used to defend apartheid, is distorted to advance today's abuses of power. He understands that the narrative of a crucified God belongs to the marginalised, not the powerful; moreover, that the Bible can be contextualised and read from the perspective of the outcast rather than the perspectives of institutions, empires and technology companies. Doing so disarms the favoured weapon of dictatorial powers and their voters, re-engineering it into a tool for those who value freedom.





Meer van U, Heer deur Farren Cloete

9780796323699 | Lux Verbi | PB | R260

Na die sukses van Farren Cloete se eerste boek, Geroep vir 'n tyd soos hierdie, gesels die dominee van die pienk kerk op Lambertsbaai en bekende TikTok-ster oor alles wat vroue se harte diep raak en ons daaglikse lewe beïnvloed.

Hierdie 150 dagstukkies sal jou lei om elke dag meer bewus te wees van die Here se teenwoordigheid.

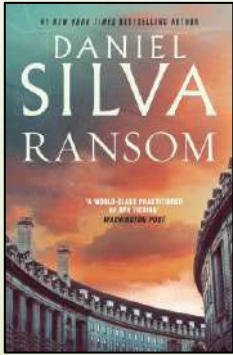
Begin vandag jou reis.

Laat hierdie boek jou lei van onsekerheid na ver troue, van vrees na geloof, van gerigtheid op jouself na ge rigtheid op ander mense en jou Heer.

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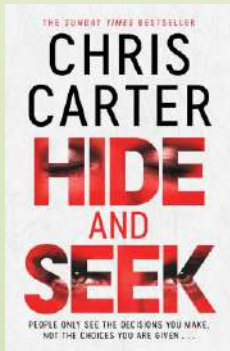
Fiction



Ransom by Daniel Silva

97800008729035 | HarperCollins | TPB | R395

Alice Winter, one of Britain's most dazzling socialites, seemingly has the perfect life, a lavish home in posh Knightsbridge, a grand estate in Devon, millions of followers on social media who eagerly await her next post. But when she disappears without a trace while on holiday with three old friends from Cambridge, her desperate husband, the real estate baron Edward Knight, turns to none other than Gabriel Allon to find her. He soon discovers that Alice Winter is not the woman she appears to be, that she has a reckless side, that she has secrets. But Edward Knight has a secret too, a secret so dangerous that Gabriel will have no choice but to return to the life he thought he had left behind. An old enemy lurks there, waiting for him to make one misstep, waiting for the perfect moment to exact vengeance.

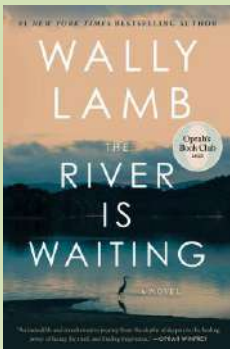


Hide and Seek by Chris Carter

97800008771140 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

After being trapped in an abusive marriage, Sam Stewart finally manages to gather enough courage to take her husband, Nelson, to court. But before he is sent to prison, he makes her a promise: 'I will be coming for you. No matter how long it takes.' And Nelson Stewart isn't one to make empty promises. Sam is granted a new name and a new identity.

As Mary Smith she moves across the country to start life afresh, but she knows full well what her ex-husband is capable of and that his reach stretches far beyond prison walls. What was supposed to be a new beginning for Mary becomes the biggest cat and mouse game of her life, where nothing is quite what it appears to be, where she HIDES and he SEEKS, however long it takes, because to some, revenge can be an art form.

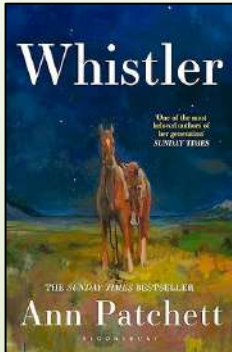


The River Is Waiting by Wally Lamb

9781668006405 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R385

Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart. Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive life on the inside, where he bears witness to frightful acts of brutality but also experiences small acts of kindness and elemental kinship with a prison librarian who sees his light and some of his fellow offenders, including a tender-hearted cellmate and a troubled teen desperate for a role model. Buoyed by them and by his mother's enduring faith in him, Corby begins to transcend the boundaries of his confinement, sustained by his hope that mercy and reconciliation might still be possible. Can his crimes ever be forgiven by those he loves?

Fiction



Whistler by Ann Patchett
9781037206498 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R420

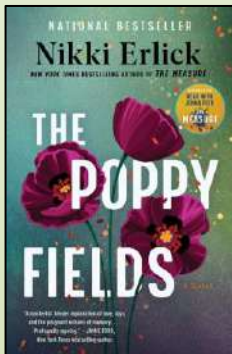
When Daphne notices an older gentleman following her around the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, she doesn't expect it to be Eddie, her former stepfather.

Married to her mother for a short time when Daphne was nine, she hasn't seen Eddie for many years; not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives.

Meeting again now, Daphne and Eddie feel that time has fallen away.

Their earlier relationship was brief but had a profound impact on both of them.

Together, they consider not only their past, but the joys of the present and their commitment to face the future together.



The Poppy Fields by Nikki Erlick
9781835013205 | HarperCollins | TPB | R340

Here, in a remote stretch of the California desert, lies an experimental and controversial treatment center that allows those suffering from the heartache of loss to sleep through their pain...and keep on sleeping. After patients awaken from this prolonged state of slumber, they will finally be healed in this emotional book club read. But only if they're willing to accept the potential shadowy side effects.

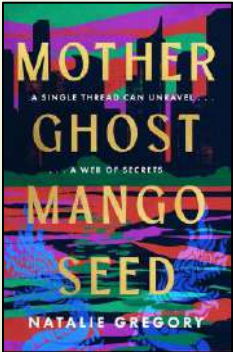
On a journey to this mystical destination are four very different strangers and one little dog: Ava, a book illustrator; Ray, a fireman; Sasha, an occupational therapist; Sky, a free spirit; and a friendly pup named PJ. As they attempt to make their way from the Midwest all the way west to the *Poppy Fields*, where they hope to find Ellis, its brilliant, enigmatic founder, each of their past secrets and mysterious motivations threaten to derail their literary fiction voyage.



Villa Coco by Andrew Sean Greer
9781399757294 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R395

Broke and directionless, our young protagonist takes a job in the Italian countryside as the assistant to Lisabetta, better known to her friends as Coco, a strong-willed, wealthy aristocrat of great local renown. Trained as an archivist, he thinks he's been hired to catalogue the contents of the beautiful, crumbling mansion nestled in the green Tuscan hills. But what are his actual duties? Days are spent in a series of increasingly eccentric pursuits: entertaining an endless carousel of guests (from bohemian painters to elderly princesses to unnervingly handsome nephews), attending a funeral in order to make off with the urn, and aiding and abetting Coco's great and final plan, to reunite with the lost love of her life before it's too late. As summer turns into autumn and the Italian countryside begins to work its magic, the secrets of *Villa Coco* and its inhabitants are slowly brought to light and with them, an unforgettable story of the enduring power of friendship.

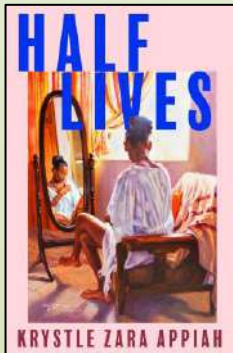
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Mother Ghost Mango Seed by Natalie Gregory

9780008680947 | HarperCollins | TPB | R390

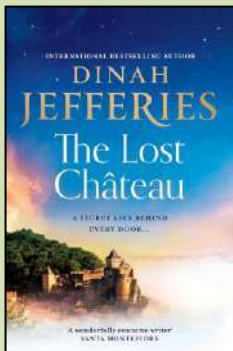
Lin returns from England to Bangkok to care for her dying mother. In the city, pro-democracy protestors clash with the military government and ambitious new king. And among all this, Lin's mother dies. Numbed at the wake and feeling like a stranger in her home country, Lin tries to cook her mother's favourite dish, but her mother's recipes are all missing, and in their place is an old political leaflet which everyone refuses to translate. Lonely and intrigued, Lin sets off with her baby to the Thai countryside in search of answers. As she discovers herself and her culture, Lin quickly finds that tugging at a single thread can unravel a web of secrets held for decades, driving away loved ones, breaking cultural taboos, and uncovering dreadful truths behind a devastating political past.



Half Lives by Krystie Zara Appiah

9780008528898 | HarperCollins | TPB | R410

Growing up in 1970s Ghana, Evelyn and Maggie are two sides of the same coin. While reliable Evelyn is entrusted to support her struggling family, Maggie skips class to flirt with boys. Despite their differences, they've made a promise: one day they will escape to America, and start a new life together. Evelyn's prospects transform when she marries Gus, a wealthy surgeon who already lives in New York, and quickly falls pregnant. Meanwhile, Maggie sees her prospects vanish when she realises she is also expecting, but without the crucial detail of a husband. When a terrible accident causes Evelyn to lose her unborn child, the answer seems simple, and Evelyn takes her sister's unwanted baby to the States to raise as her own. But such an act has untold consequences for both sisters, and when one of them changes their mind, an impossible decision awaits.



The Lost Château by Dinah Jefferies

9780008612078 | HarperCollins | PBO | R280

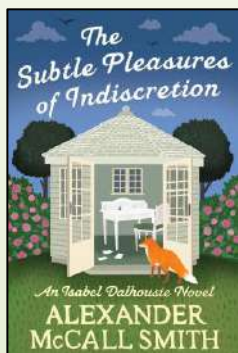
The Dordogne, 1936

Amid tangled gardens and crumbling walls, Chateau Rousseau guards its secrets well. Pushing open its faded door, Thirza Caruthers arrives to care for her great-aunt. She's made a promise, unaware of what awaits.

As the skies darken above Europe, the chateau begins to reveal its secrets: stories of forbidden love, devastating betrayal, and a child who vanished years ago.

But in uncovering the truth, Thirza may lose herself forever.

Fiction



The Subtle Pleasures of Indiscretion by Alexander McCall Smith
9780349148892 | Little Brown | TPB | R440

The surface of Isabel Dalhousie's life is usually a tranquil one. From her house in Edinburgh she edits a philosophical journal. In the background is her long-time housekeeper, Grace, her handsome husband, Jamie, and her two small boys, Charlie and Magnus. Outside, under the cover of the rhododendron bushes, lives Brother Fox, who, with his dark, vulpine eyes, takes a great interest in what is happening around him. And yet, in the middle of this rather idyllic setting, things are happening. Jamie, a bassoonist, has been invited to play in a prestigious London concert and to make a recording for a prominent classical label. This invitation, though, comes from a scheming woman who finds him particularly charming. Alarm bells ring. And they ring too when a wily philosopher, Christopher Dove, reveals a plot to topple Professor Robert Lettuce, a member of Isabel's editorial board. Could Isabel's life get more complicated?



The Honeymoon Suite by Rebecca Taylor McKay
9781408750025 | John Murray | TPB | R470

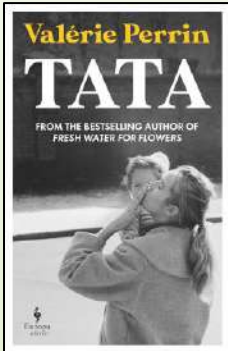
Beautiful young bride Clara Carmichael and her wealthy new husband Spencer arrive on the Amalfi Coast. A glorious month of dazzling blue seas, lemon trees heavy with fruit, and their sparkling, marble-clad honeymoon suite stretches ahead of them. For the newlyweds, the days slip by in a haze of boat rides, sun-bathing on the private beach, and cocktails beneath a star-studded sky. It's paradise, until a note is slipped under their door, and everything unravels. In black ink, the message is unmistakable: He's lying to you. Suddenly, Clara questions everything. Why does Spencer seem so familiar with their hotel? Why does she have the feeling she's being watched? As she winds through the twists and turns of Amalfi Coast's sun-bleached alleyways and jagged cliffs, Clara is forced to confront the truth: the man she married may not be who he says he is. And the closer she gets to the answers, the more danger she's in.



Hello, Limerence by Momo Yamaguchi
9780571396849 | Faber & Faber | TPB | R430

Mika is about to turn 25, and all she has to show for it is a soul-sucking office job and a terminal case of virginity. Between unwanted advances from co-workers and subway commuters, and love-bombing from unappealing fuckboys, Mika's ready to explode. Her only therapeutic outlet is her imagination, which manifests in a series of comically violent and horny fantasies. Determined to change her fate, and with the encouragement of Nana, her certified "Hot Girl" best friend, Mika loses half of her virginity to Tyler, a Japanese-American boy with an allergy to commitment. The other half is taken by a man with a drawer full of red flags, all while Mika indulges in fantasies of women much to her titillation and confusion. Caught in a love(less) triangle, Mika also must weather a mysterious outbreak spurred by the unhygienic bathroom practices of white male westerners. Will she emerge from quarantine a new woman?

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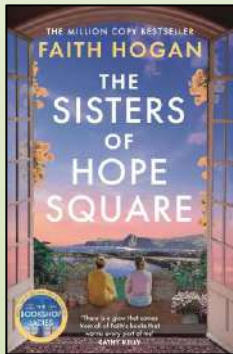
Tata by Valérie Perrin
9781787706347 | Europa UK | PB | R465

When Agnes hears from the local police her Aunt Colette has died, she can't believe her ears. Her father's sister Colette, Tat, died three years ago and has been resting in peace in the cemetery of Gueugnon.

Agnes is called to identify the body: there is no doubt, it's Aunt Colette.

But then, who rests under the stone engraved with Colette's name? And why did she fake her own death? So begins an investigation back in time, as Agnes pieces together the multitude of stories that lie behind her aunt's second death.

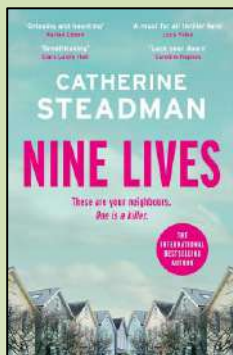
An intricate, compelling web of stories told with irony, delicacy and depth.



The Sisters of Hope Square by Faith Hogan
9781035906567 | Bloomsbury | TPB | R445

All Blythe Carney ever wanted was to become a hotelier and run her family's business, the Hope Square Hotel. But fate, and her grandfather, intervened and it fell into her younger sister Rae's lap, taking her dreams with it. Now Blythe owns Still Water House, the most exclusive guest house on Pin Hill Island, but she can't help but feel she's still not living the life she was meant to. Rae Johnson had no interest in taking over the hotel, her dreams lay elsewhere, but when she ended up with the family business her sister had set her heart on, her sense of duty to continue their family legacy with her husband was too strong to ignore.

Now, fifteen years later, newly widowed Rae is struggling to keep the hotel afloat and she knows that selling it could be the final straw in her already fragile relationship with her sister.



Nine Lives by Catherine Steadman
9781529438895 | Quercus | TPB | R440

Reeling from a very recent divorce, Frankie has moved into a glamorous London neighbourhood. This is a new chapter in her life. She's decided to put down roots with the beautiful Persian cat she left her marriage with named Blue.

But little niggles with her perfect new life start to grow and when Blue returns one night from slipping into places he shouldn't, Frankie's concerns solidify. Two words are roughly scratched into his collar: HELP ME. Unsettled and unwilling to ignore the incident, Frankie roots out an old unused "Cat Cam" collar.

What slowly begins as a voyeuristic fascination with her neighbours and the secrets they're hiding soon turns into a perilous quest for the truth that threatens to bring untold terrors to her doorstep.

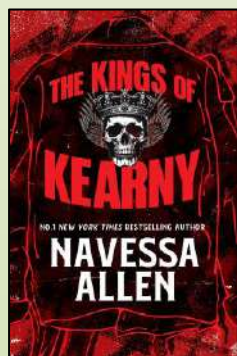
Fiction



The Missed Connection by Tia Williams

9781529439465 | Quercus | TPB | R440

Sasha Cruz knows types. As a booked-and-busy casting agent, she's always casting-at happy hour, the grocery store, everywhere. She's all about finding the perfect person to slot into the perfect role. What she doesn't do, however, are relationships. Too much energy, not enough time. On a flight to Paris for work, a chance encounter with her type changes everything. Sasha's seated next to a broodingly attractive mystery man, and sparks fly-but they never exchange contact information. Convinced she's lost out on her soulmate, Sasha emails her work friend for help, but accidentally writes to the entire company worldwide! The international manhunt to find Seat F begins. Meanwhile Sasha takes matters into her own hands. She hires a smoldering detective she knew in another lifetime-who complicates matters in unforeseen (and irresistible) ways.



The Kings of Kearny by Navessa Allen

9781529452716 | Quercus | PBO | R305

Jakob Larson is going to be the death of me. That's what I think every time he strides into my bar. *The Kings of Kearny* run this small Texas town, and Jakob is their chief enforcer. The Viking, they call him. He's a criminal. As dangerous as he is sexy. The kind of man who makes my inner cavewoman sit up and take notice. Unfortunately, Jakob has other plans. Someone in town is breaking one of the cardinal rules set by the leader of The Kings, and Jakob thinks they're using my grandmother's nursing home to do it. Now I'm neck-deep in trouble with him, and every time I think I've figured out what's really going on, Jakob reveals another piece of the puzzle. I need to figure out how far I'm willing to go to protect this town. How far I'm willing to go with Jakob. Because if I fall for him, there's no going back. No hope for a peaceful ending.

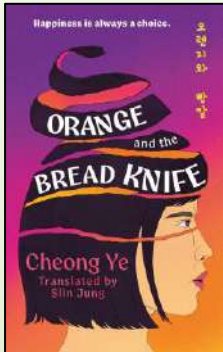


Skin Contact by Elisa Faison

9781399748605 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R425

Unmoored by her mother's sudden death, Frances has never felt so diminished, or so old. She's painfully aware that strangers no longer look at her the same way and that she's now, at thirty-two, older than the great aunt for whom she was named, who was killed in the seventies under mysterious circumstances involving an extramarital affair. Her husband, Ben, will do anything to help Frances regain her vivacity and sense of purpose. So, when Frances suggests that they open their marriage, Ben complies. Over the next two years, they explore their sexualities and latent kinks; they navigate jealousy, betrayal, desire, and obsession; they defend their choices and their new identities, to confused friends. They do all of this together, as a team. But when Ben finds himself falling in love with another woman, just as Frances realizes she's ready to settle down and have a baby, they are forced to confront the consequences of their experiment.

Fiction



Orange and the Bread Knife by Cheong Ye

9781035434985 | Headline | TPB | R395

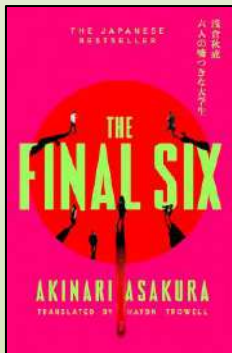
Happiness Is Always A Choice

Youngah is a warm-hearted schoolteacher, always smiling, always yielding. She bends her life to everyone else's rules. But deep inside, this endless restraint is killing her. An unending sense of despair festers.

Desperate for relief, she turns to a cutting-edge, four-week emotion regulation programme, which promises to sculpt her into a better version of herself.

The procedure works a little too well.

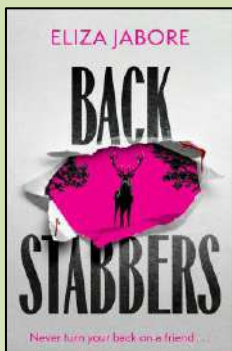
Unburdened at last, Youngah embraces her raw, unfiltered self, dismantling the weight of the exhausting expectations and ideals imposed upon her.



The Final Six by Akinari Asakura

9781408725085 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

Shogo Hatano has beaten thousands of applicants to become one of six final candidates in the running for a graduate position at Japan's most exclusive tech company. Only one will be chosen, a decision made by the applicants themselves. In a glossy high-rise office in Tokyo, the interview begins. All six of them are equally measured and polished, until they discover the envelopes. One for every candidate. Each containing a secret so terrible that they could ruin more than just careers. They could destroy lives. The evidence was clearly planted by someone in the room. As suspicion coils tighter and alliances fracture, it's clear the question is no longer who deserves the job, but how far are they willing to go to get it. Because behind the polite mask and slick words is a monster capable of anything in the pursuit of their goal. But are any of them truly who they say they are?



Backstabbers by Eliza Jabore

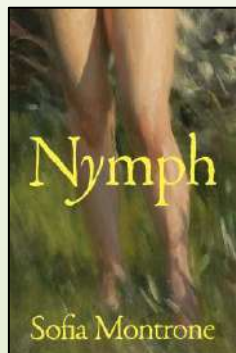
9781408722268 | Little Brown | TPB | R440

Jade, Stef and Zoe are hiking Washington's Bones Hollow Trail, braving cougars, snakes and the storms that roll in without warning. The friends' paranoia isn't helped by listening to a true crime podcast about the serial killer whose hunting ground they're hiking through.

Then when Stef twists her ankle, badly, there's no one to hear them scream for help. The only sign of life for miles is a cabin that looks straight out of a horror movie, with an owner who's a little too eager to invite them in.

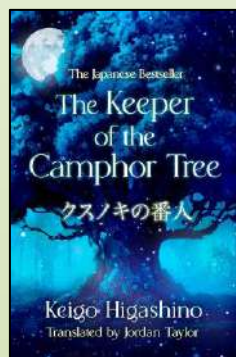
The friends must soon find a way to survive as things spiral out of control. After all, who can you trust when your back's against the wall? But unfortunately for them, the only thing more twisted than this nightmare is their friendship...

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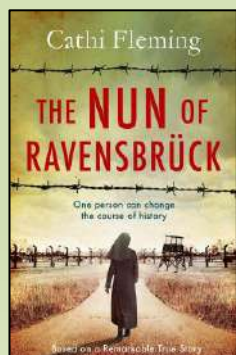
Nymph by Sofia Montrone
9781837265145 | Canongate | TPB | R475

To ten-year-old Leo, life is a collection. She spends her mornings tidying the rooms of her Nonna Tina's timeworn Italian agriturismo, carefully accumulating the curious bits of left-behind detritus from guests, a pearl earring, a lock of hair. Her nights are suffused with gathering the stories that flow from her father's lips, liquor-spun tales of Odysseus and the Trojans in secret battle. But when an accident rips the gentle membrane of Leo's childhood, she is left vulnerable to the pains and pleasures of growing up. Years later, in a sultry summer not unlike the many that came before, the agriturismo is the only thing that remains the same. Nonna Tina has grown older, Leo's brother Max is intractable and mercurial, and the curiosity Leo so loved to feed as a child has turned into something more confusing. When she meets Dolores, an American girl made brilliant by Leo's perception of her, she can't help but gather all the experiences first love promises, while shedding parts of the past she no longer fits into.



The Keeper of the Camphor Tree by Keigo Higashino
9780349147864 | Little Brown | TPB | R395

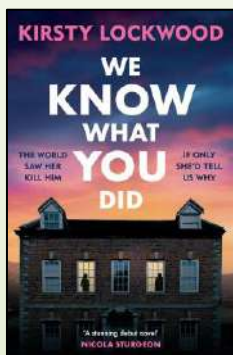
When a run of bad luck lands Reito in prison, about to be sentenced, a distant aunt he has never met offers him a surprising way out: he must become the next *keeper of the camphor tree*. In his strange new job, Reito welcomes the people coming by nightfall to commune with the tree, all of whom are lost and all in need of something. There is the stern, middle-aged man who hums to the tree for hours; and his glamorous daughter, who has been secretly following him. Then there is the rich, disaffected young man who seems to come grudgingly, with no faith that the tree will even help. What is the secret of the camphor tree? Can its power be more than just a myth? Reito begs his aunt Chifune to explain, but she assures him that when he is ready for them, the answers will come to him.



The Nun of Ravensbrück by Cathi Fleming
9781399749282 | Little Brown | TPB | R425

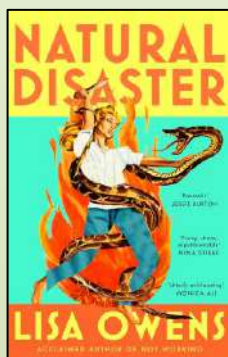
1944, Ravensbrück, the infamous concentration camp for women. Amid unimaginable suffering, Sr Kate McCarthy, an Irish nun and Resistance fighter, stands at the gates. Kate joined the French Resistance at the outbreak of war. She risked everything to fight tyranny, enduring capture, interrogation and brutal imprisonment. Her faith never faltered. Her resolve never broke. Now, as the war reaches its final, harrowing chapter, Kate faces her greatest test yet. Alongside her closest allies, Sylvette and Angèle, she must summon every ounce of strength to endure what lies beyond the barbed wire and to keep hope alive when all seems lost.

Fiction



We Know What You Did by Kirsty Lockwood
9781398726604 | Hachette Ireland | TPB | R425

Everyone saw the murder happen. Now they want to know why. Nineteen-year-old Odette and eighty-year-old Amos were already famous. Their unlikely, heartwarming friendship captured the hearts of thousands of fans online. But when Amos is brutally murdered during a livestream and Odette is filmed covered in his blood, there's no question who's to blame. The video of the murder quickly goes viral, and the world is hungry for answers. How did a sweet, lonely girl turn on her only friend? And why won't she say a word in her defence? As the media storm worsens, Odette is frightened, alone and refusing to speak. But time is fast running out and if she stays silent, the truth may never be revealed ...



Natural Disaster by Lisa Owens
9780349020242 | Little Brown | TPB | R425

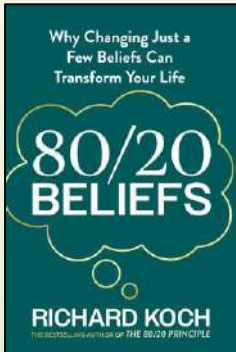
For weeks, she has been saying it will be their special day. One last, perfect day with her children before she returns to work after maternity leave. What's the worst that can happen? Unfolding across 24 hours, *Natural Disaster* is a novel about the absurd, frustrating, hilarious, precarious, bittersweet, sometimes astonishing challenge, literal, existential of being a woman, a mother, a wife, a person for one single, entire day. 'Owens captures the absurdity, tenderness and frazzle of modern motherhood with acute, painfully recognisable humour'.



Make Strange by Niamh Campbell
9781399631808 | Orion | TPB | R425

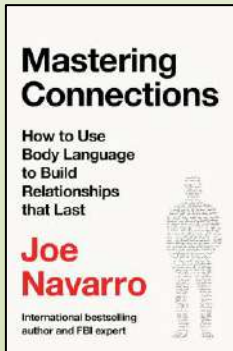
It begins on an orange afternoon, cool but ruminant, close to Halloween. Sunny, only four years old, looks up from the tub of toys in the living room and asks, 'Mama, do you remember when I died?' Over the strange, strained year that follows, Sunny will refer repeatedly to her previous lives and how they ended. Her parents Lena and Odhran, who tumbled into family life after an accidental pregnancy and a hasty registry office wedding, are left desperate for answers. Is their child suffering from disassociation, a psychological disorder or something more? Has she absorbed their own haunted histories, Lena's experience as an indie musician in the era of sleaze, or the shady legacy of madness in Odhran's family? Can we ever really protect our children? What if we can't?

Non- Fiction



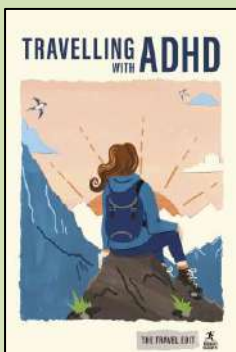
80/20 Beliefs by Richard Koch
9780349445724 | Little Brown | TPB | R450

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



Mastering Connections by Joe Navarro
9780008747695 | HarperCollins | TPB | R420

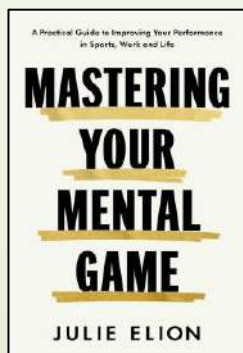
Drawing on unique expertise gained over his 25-year career as an FBI counterintelligence officer, bestselling author Joe Navarro shows how to use simple body-language tools to transform relationships in everyday interactions, both personally and professionally. With the help of Navarro's easy-to-grasp insights and practical advice, he will help you: Master the art of the first impression. Build trust and rapport with someone new. Handle workplace negotiations with ease, Defuse tension and conflict. Be prepared for a first date and Foster positive life-long relationships. No matter how challenging the situation you find yourself in, Navarro's body-language insights and tools will give you greater confidence, helping you engage with others with greater ease and build more meaningful friendships and relationships.



Travelling with ADHD by Rebecca Hallett & Rough Guides
9781835295243 | APA Publication | TPB | R420

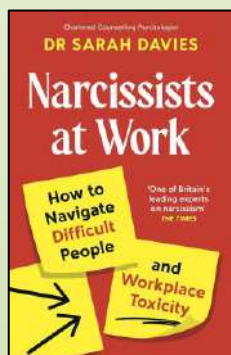
From planning pitfalls to sensory overload, this book helps ADHD travellers navigate challenges and harness their individual strengths, to plan unforgettable trips. Understand how ADHD affects every stage of travel and how to work with it. Packed with practical tips, hacks and mindset shifts for smoother journeys. ADHD friendly itineraries, flexible planning tools, and customisable checklists. Encouraging, inclusive and empowering, grounded in real traveller experiences. Perfect for: Neurodivergent travellers, supportive companions, and anyone who wants to travel with more clarity and confidence. Whether you're a spontaneous adventurer or a nervous first-timer, *Travelling with ADHD* gives you the structure, support and inspiration to travel on your own terms.

Non- Fiction



Mastering Your Mental Game by Julie Elion
9781398552517 | Simon & Schuster | TPB | R450

Over the past twenty-five years, Julie Elion has been the silent force behind some of the most prominent athletes of our time. Her clients on the PGA Tour, who have included Justin Thomas, Max Homa and Wyndam Clark, have racked up over \$500 million in career earnings and twenty-five major championship wins. Known as 'Stealth' for her discreet but potent coaching style, Elion has been honing her unique methods for decades. Now, she's ready to share her winning strategies in this transformative guide which blends sport psychology and mindfulness to help improve the way you think, perform and succeed. Elion's approach goes far beyond traditional sports psychology. Her philosophy is holistic. By integrating classical sport psychology tools focused on behavioral and cognitive cues with a deeper appreciation and understanding of oneself, she helps individuals unlock peak performance.



Narcissists at Work by Dr Sarah Davies
9781805226239 | Profile | TPB | R475

From horrible bosses to misbehaving juniors, *Narcissists at Work* helps you navigate harmful professional relationships and unhealthy working environments.

You will learn how to:

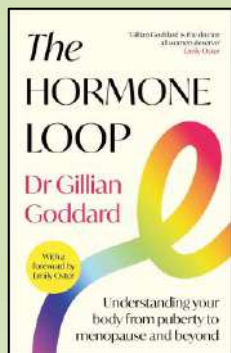
Identify narcissistic abuse and enablers.

S.H.I.E.L.D. from toxic behaviour with clear communication and boundaries.

Gain confidence to speak up and seek change.

Focus on your own professional growth.

Drawing on decades of clinical expertise, Dr Sarah Davies offers a compelling insight into the mind of a troublesome narcissist at work and a blueprint for protecting your wellbeing and career.



The Hormone Loop by Gillian Goddard
9781805226550 | Profile | TPB | R475

From our mood to our metabolism, hormones maintain nearly every bodily function. Yet most of us don't understand how our hormones work, and what to do when they don't.

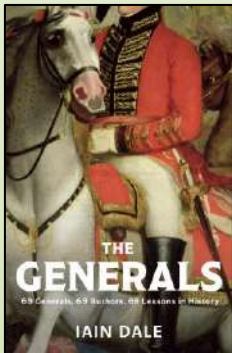
In *The Hormone Loop*, renowned endocrinologist Dr Gillian Goddard offers a definitive guide to hormonal health throughout a woman's life, from puberty and the reproductive years to each phase of menopause. Explaining how hormones are comprised of four interconnected 'loops', reproductive, thyroid, growth and adrenal, she uncovers their roles in our lifelong health and shows how to harness them. Whether you are experiencing unexpected weight gain, fatigue or period pain, or simply want to support a child through puberty, Dr Goddard will prepare you to have better conversations with doctors and become a powerful self-advocate for your health.

Non- Fiction



Grand Prix 101 by Christian Hewgill
97810354349097 | Welbeck | HB | R645

Formula 1 is the most popular motorsport on the planet. But while the speed and spectacle of F1 can be enjoyed by anyone, it's a famously complex sport, combining cutting-edge engineering, deep layers of strategy and superhuman feats of dexterity and endurance, all played out at blistering speeds of more than 200mph. Enter Grand Prix 101, an F1 companion that provides a fascinating, accessible look at the workings of the sport. Written by broadcaster and host of the award-winning The Fast and the Curious podcast and the official F1 Explains podcast, Christian Hewgill, it answers 50 burning questions across seven key topics (Rules, Teams, Drivers, Circuits, Cars, Races and Tech), offering expert insights on everything from the design of F1 circuits, the strategies that give teams an edge on race day, and the ultra-competitive process through which drivers are selected.



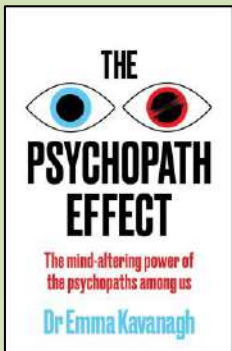
The Generals by Iain Dale
9781399733137 | Hodder & Stoughton | TPB | R450

With the planet in turmoil there is considerable global interest in the record of military commanders in various combat zones throughout the ages.

What made them successful?

Why have they become military legends? How much is it to do with their strategic abilities, leadership qualities or force of personality? What can we learn?

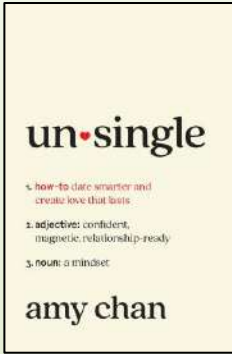
Following the successful approach of Iain Dale's The Prime Ministers, The Presidents and The Dictators, military experts, academics, historians, commentators, political journalists and serving politicians share valuable insights into sixty-nine key military leaders who've shaped not only the history of our tumultuous world, but the present too.



The Psychopath Effect by Dr Emma Kavanagh
9781409199687 | Orion | TPB | R425

We all know what psychopathy is. Or, at least, we think we do. For decades, we have looked at psychopaths as something 'other': as monsters, or bogeyman. But psychopaths don't just exist on our screens, they exist in our communities, offices and, sometimes, in our very own families. *The Psychopath Effect* is the story of the psychopaths among us, those who are searingly antagonistic yet still have a job. Those who approach empathy as an optional extra yet still have a family. Through case studies and new research, we finally see the mind-altering, everyday effects of those who reduce our ability to think rationally, and who remake our worlds into something unrecognisable. In this ground-breaking new book from expert psychologist Dr Emma Kavanagh, the potent impact of the psychopath effect is finally exposed.

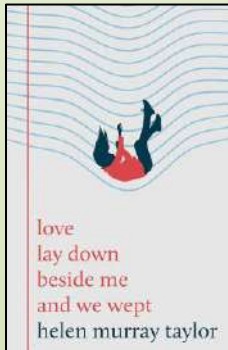
Non- Fiction



Unsingle by Amy Chan
9781419779848 | Abrams | HB | R570

Dubbed the “scientific Carrie Bradshaw” by The Observer, relationship expert Amy Chan has helped countless people transform their love lives through her world-renowned Breakup Bootcamp and Dating Bootcamps. What she’s discovered is surprising: Most singles aren’t failing at love because they need years of therapy or a complete personality overhaul. They’re stuck in a recurring pattern and once that pattern is identified and interrupted, everything changes.

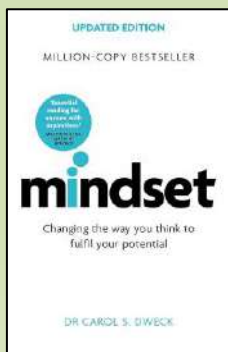
In this groundbreaking guide, Chan introduces the Dating Funnel framework, a step-by-step system that pinpoints exactly where people are getting stuck and why. Whether it’s struggling to meet quality matches, stalling after the first few dates, or getting caught in situationship purgatory, *Unsingle* offers a practical roadmap to update dating skills and heal the deeper wounds that block connection.



love lay down beside me and we wept by Helen Murray Taylor
9781806770212 | Wilton Square Books | TPB | R305

love lay down beside me and we wept is Helen Murray Taylor’s lyrical memoir of devastating mental illness.

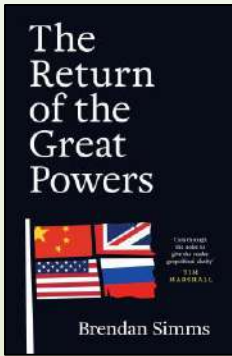
Depressed and suicidal, Helen was admitted to a psychiatric ward and sectioned under the Mental Health Act. At her lowest, she almost succeeded in taking her own life. But somehow, she endured and later, she recovered. *love lay down beside me and we wept* sprang from these emotionally shattering experiences. Amid the horror though, there were moments of pure comedy and unexpected comradeship. And of course, plenty of material for writing. This is a profoundly moving and masterful account of one woman’s physical and psychological catastrophe, it’s a tribute to the love that supported her through it, and it’s an offering to the reader who might find comfort or understanding in this story.



Mindset by Dr Carol Dweck
9781472139955 | Little Brown | TPB | R360

World-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck, in decades of research on achievement and success, has discovered a truly groundbreaking idea - the power of our mindset. Professor Dweck explains why it’s not just our abilities and talent that bring us success, but whether we approach our goals with a fixed or growth mindset. With the right mindset, we can motivate our children to raise their grades, as well as reaching our own goals, both personal and professional. *Mindset* reveals what all great parents, teachers, CEOs and athletes already know: how a simple idea about the brain can foster learning and nurture the resilience that is the basis of accomplishment in every area. This revised and updated edition includes new material on organisational mindsets and on opening yourself up to growth and addresses common misconceptions about growth mindsets.

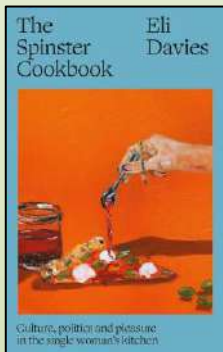
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The Return of the Great Powers by Brendan Simms
9781399816953 | John Murray | TPB | R525

From the dawn of the modern era to the end of the Cold War, global history was defined by rivalries between great powers. In the West, this meant the struggle for supremacy in Europe and the Americas, while in the East, it encompassed those vying for control over the successor states to Genghis Khan's empire. Between 1989 and the year 2000, great power rivalry temporarily gave way to globalization, with liberal democracy on the march and national chauvinism seemingly in retreat. But events of the past decade have made one thing abundantly clear: the great powers are back.

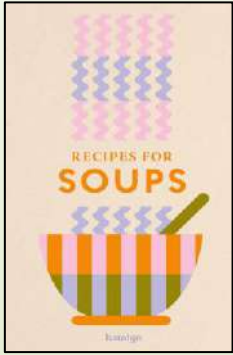
In *The Return of the Great Powers*, renowned historian Brendan Simms offers a new history of the rise, fall, and return of the Great Powers in our time. He shows that over the past ten years or so, the major global actors have already resumed making decisions based on geopolitical rather than global economic considerations.



The Spinster Cookbook by Eli Davies
9781911648994 | Indigo Press | HB | R430

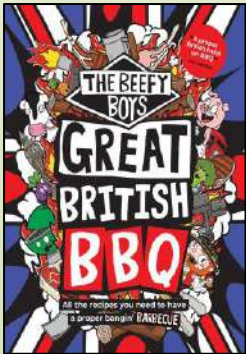
The kitchen has always been a complex space for women: a place of labour and gendered expectations, as well as a site of nourishment, care and company. But how does this change when you're alone, not cooking for family or friends, but simply for yourself? Eli Davies explores what happens when food is uncoupled from domestic duty and romantic relationships and what it means to cook (or not) for yourself and by yourself. How does this shape your mealtimes, the way you shop for food, the kitchen equipment you use, and your relationship to cleaning up and looking after yourself? With warmth, humour and insight, *The Spinster Cookbook* explores shopping and leftovers, solo meals and dinner parties for one, joy and grief and the politics of living on your own. This is a book about making a home in the face of housing precarity, loneliness, heartbreak and social norms, and finding independence, pleasure and self-expression through cooking. It's a cookbook of sorts, and a manifesto for living differently.

Cookery



Recipes for Soups by Hamlyn
9780600640127 | Octopus | HB | R295

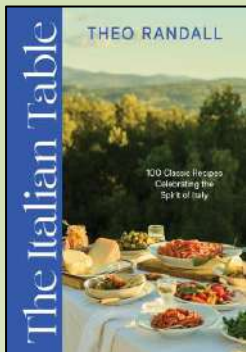
Discover 70 mouthwatering, heartwarming and inspiring recipes that turn everyday ingredients into timeless, comforting meals. Homemade soup is the ultimate comfort food: warm, filling, and satisfying. There is nothing better than soup for using up leftovers, it's easy to make, endlessly versatile and simply delicious. Whether you are looking for indulgent starters, light summer lunches, wholesome and hearty winter dishes, or just a quick and simple mid-week dinner to savour, they are all here. *Recipes for Soup* is perfect for soup fans everywhere; explore inventive variations or master the classics, there is a recipe for every occasion. From Caribbean Pepper Pot and Cream of Chicken Soup to Crab Bisque and Seafood Gumbo, the recipes in this book are a great way to convert soup sceptics to soup lovers.



The Beefy Boys' Great British BBQ by Beefy Boys
9781837836055 | Hardie Grant | HB | R490

Barbecues in the UK conjure up images of grilling under a brolly, burnt sausages, undercooked chicken and overcooked steak. *The Beefy Boys* are here to change that and help reclaim the Great British BBQ!

With recipes for everything from smoky roasts to low-and-slow ribs, chops, steaks and (of course) burgers, all tastes and appetites get the Beefy Boys treatment. Taking inspiration from Britain's long history of cooking over fire and the world-class culinary influences that have helped to shape modern Britain's food culture, there's something for everyone in this ultimate guide to live-fire cooking. Come rain or shine, join the boys and cook up a storm in the comfort of your own backyard! (Umbrella not included).



The Italian Table by Theo Randall
9781837834105 | Hardie Grant | HB | R680

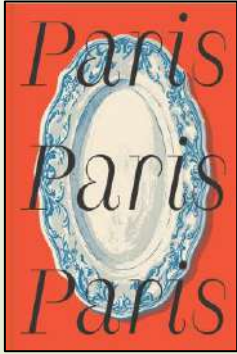
This collection of 100 brand-new recipes captures the simplicity, authenticity and generosity that make Italian cooking so enduring.

Divided as an Italian table would be, Antipasti, Primi, Secondi, Contorni and Dolci, the book guides readers through every course, from delicate starters and handmade pastas to hearty mains, vibrant vegetable dishes and indulgent desserts. Dishes such as Tuscan Ribollita, Amatriciana and Pansotti alla Genovese showcase the beauty of honest ingredients and culinary traditions that have stood the test of time. Brimming with Theo's passion, insight and expertise, *The Italian Table* brings the spirit of la dolce vita into every kitchen, encouraging cooks of all levels to gather, share and enjoy.

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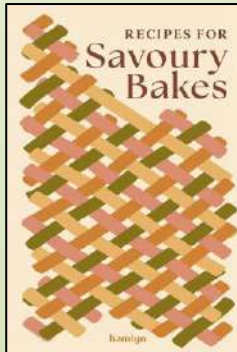


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CITlx60 RECIPES – Paris by Victionary
9789887066125 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R695

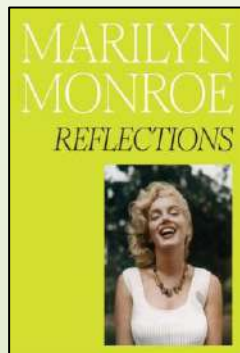
As the title suggests, each book will feature authentic recipes by local chefs, cooks, and food influencers to offer a true taste of the culture, traditions, and community that define the city. In addition to stepby-step instructions for preparing restaurant menu fare, iconic street food dishes, or homecooked comforts, they will share personal stories/anecdotes and recommendations of their favourite eateries (displayed as map locations) making every meal a journey into the heart of the destination. *CITlx60 Recipes* will also include information on local produce, markets, and beverages, encouraging culinary adventurers to delve deeper into the flavours unique to each city.



Recipes for Savoury Bakes by Hamlyn
9780600640134 | Octopus | HB | R295

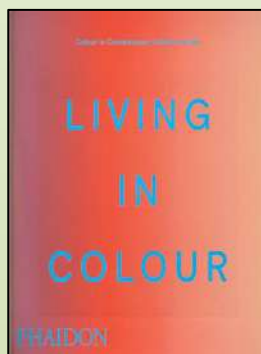
Discover 70 mouthwatering, indulgent and irresistible recipes that you will want to make to time and time again. There is something universally comforting about the buttery aroma of pastry fresh from the oven, is there anything more satisfying than biting into a warm, flaky sausage roll or nibbling on a rich, cheesy pie? Transcending traditional sweet treats, this book offers an inspiring journey of pies, tarts, breads, and pastries filled with herbs, cheeses, meats and vegetables. Whether you're preparing a simple lunch, an elegant side dish, or a hearty centerpiece for your dinner table, this book has a recipe to delight for every occasion. *Recipes for Savoury Bakes* is the perfect ode to the deeply rich and umami world of savoury baking; packed full of flavoursome and inviting recipes.

Illustrated
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Marilyn Monroe: Reflections by Rosie Broadley
9781855148451 | Thames & Hudson | HB | R520

Marilyn Monroe is one of the most celebrated icons from the twentieth century who devoted her life to the silver screen. Her beauty and charisma were captured in images taken by some of the great photographers of the era including Eve Arnold and Richard Avedon. *Marilyn Monroe: Reflections* showcases a number of loved photographs alongside iconic quotes by Monroe and those who knew and admired her including Bonnie Greer, Elton John, and Zadie Smith. From her early years as Norma Jeane, to her unforgettable roles in *The Seven Year Itch*, and *The Misfits*, this beautiful giftbook offers readers a personal perspective on the well-loved icon. Monroe sought agency in shaping her career which is illustrated through her own words and her collaboration with photographers in creating her image.



Living in Colour by Phaidon Editors
9798886743777 | Phaidon | HB | R680

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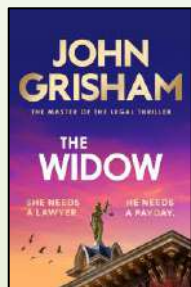
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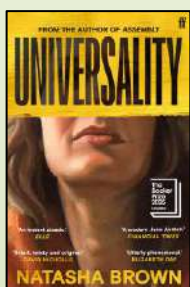
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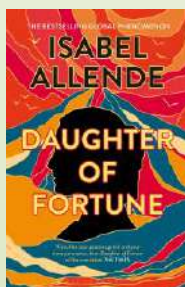
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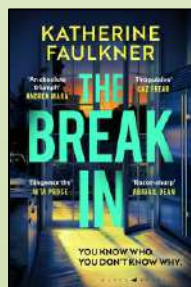
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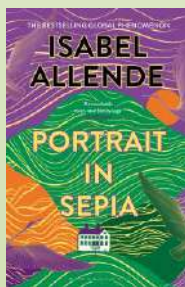
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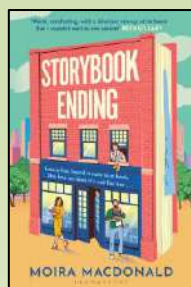
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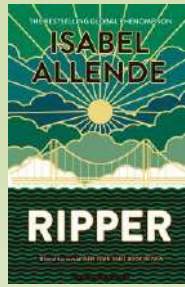
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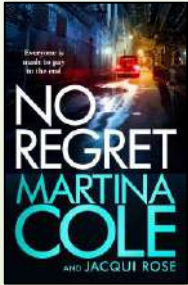
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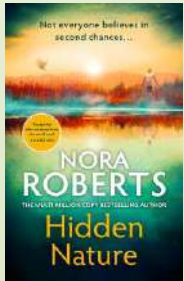
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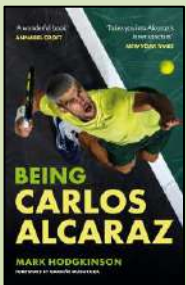


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