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This is the story of how in 1606, at age 42, Shakespeare found his footing again after several fallow years. He finished a play he had begun the previous autumn—*King Lear*—before then writing two other great tragedies, *Macbeth* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. The aborted Gunpowder Plot of that same year renewed anti-Catholic sentiment and laid bare divisions in the kingdom. It was against this background that Shakespeare finished *Lear*, a play about a divided kingdom, then wrote a tragedy that turned on the murder of a Scottish king, *Macbeth*. Originally $18.00 paperback, sale priced at **$5.98.**

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Based on interviews with hundreds of displaced Syrians conducted over four years across the Middle East and Europe, this is a breathtaking mosaic of first-hand testimonials from the frontlines. Some of the testimonies are several pages long, eloquent narratives that could stand alone as short stories; others are only a few sentences, poetic, and aphoristic. Together, they cohere into an unforgettable chronicle that is not only a testament to the power of storytelling but also to the strength of those who face darkness with hope, courage, and moral conviction. Originally $24.99 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.

Lewis-Williams and Pearce examine the intricate web of belief, myth, and society in the Neolithic period, arguably the most significant turning point in human history, when agriculture became a way of life and the fractious society that we know today was born. They focus on two contrasting times and places: the beginnings in the Near East, and Western Europe. They argue that neurological patterns hardwired into the brain help explain the nature of the art, religion, and society that Neolithic people produced. Originally $16.95 paperback, sale priced at $5.98.

Author Karin Bojs used DNA to trace the path of her ancestors. Through her research she met dozens of scientists and traveled throughout Europe, from the Neanderthals of central Germany to the Cro-Magnon in France. A second DNA analysis later revealed she has Sami (i.e. Lapp) genetic material in her genome, and there were further revelations about her hunter-gatherer, Bronze-Age, and Iron-Age relatives, including the Vikings. This fresh, first-person exploration of genes and genetics goes well beyond personal genealogy and reveals much about the shared history of European peoples. Originally $17.00 paperback, sale priced at $5.98.

Two modern adventurers sought a treasure possessed by the legendary “Wild Men of Borneo.” One found riches. The other vanished forever into an endless jungle. Lured by these mysteries, New York Times-bestselling author Carl Hoffman journeyed to find the truth, discovering that nothing is as it seems in the world’s last Eden, where the lines between sinner and saint blur into one. Originally $27.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.
Blood Moon: An American Epic of War and Splendor in the Cherokee Nation

This is the story of the century-long blood feud between two rival Cherokee chiefs—Major Ridge and John Ross—from the early years of the United States through the infamous Trail of Tears and into the Civil War. The two men’s mutual hatred, while little remembered today, shaped the tragic history of the tribe far more than anyone, even the reviled President Andrew Jackson, ever did. Their enmity would lead to war, forced removal from their homeland, and the devastation of a once-proud nation. Originally $30.00 hardcover, sale priced at $7.98.

Living With a Dead Language: My Romance with Latin

After years as a book editor in New York, author Ann Patty retired and moved to the country. Bored and a little aimless, she hoped to challenge her restless, word-loving brain by beginning a serious study of Latin at local colleges. The louche poetry of Catullus calls up her early days in 1970s New York, Lucretius elucidates her intractable drivenness and her attraction to Buddhism, while Ovid’s verse conjures a delightful dimension to the flora and fauna that surround her. Along the way, she meets an impassioned cast of characters: professors, students, and classicists outside of academia who keep Latin very much alive. Originally $16 paperback, sale priced at $4.98.

The Sensational Past: How the Enlightenment Changed the Way We Use Our Senses

Carolyn Purnell persuasively shows that, while our bodies may not change dramatically, the way we think about the senses and put them to use has been rather different over the ages. The Sensational Past focuses on the ways in which small, peculiar, and seemingly unimportant facts open up new ways of thinking about the past. You will explore the sensory worlds of the Enlightenment, learning how people in the past used their senses, understood their bodies, and experienced the rapidly shifting world around them. Originally $26.95 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

World Textiles: A Visual Guide to Traditional Techniques

The history of the world can be read in textiles: the rise of civilizations and the fall of empires are woven into their warp and weft along with the great stories of conquest, religion, and trade. World Textiles shows the legacy of textile design, form, and pattern, every aspect of materials and techniques, and a succinct summary of characteristics, production, and geographical distribution accompanied by an array of color illustrations and drawings. Non-loom and loom-woven textiles, painted and printed, dyed, sewn, embroidered, and embellished techniques are all covered as well as the materials themselves with information on collections open to the public. Originally $31.95 softcover, sale priced at $9.98.
**Harem: The World Behind the Veil**

Drawing on a host of firsthand accounts and memoirs, as well as her own family history, the author explores life in the world’s harems, from the Middle Ages to the early twentieth century, focusing on the fabled Seraglio of Topkapi Palace as a paradigm for them all. The book shows how this Eastern institution invaded the European imagination—in the form of decoration, costume, and art—and how Western ideas, in turn, finally eroded a system that had seemed eternal. This revised and updated 25th anniversary edition of *Harem* includes a new introduction by the author, revisiting her subject in light of recent events in Turkey and the world. Originally $29.95 softcover, sale priced at $7.98.

**What Would Cleopatra Do? Life Lessons from 50 of History’s Most Extraordinary Women**

This fun book tackles issues by reminding us of inspiring feminists from the past, telling their stories with warmth, humor, and verve. From sticking up for yourself, improving body image, deciding whether to have children, finding a mentor, and dealing with gossip, we can learn a lot by reading motivational stories of heroic women who, living in much tougher times through history, took control of their own destinies and made life work for them. Here are Cleopatra’s thoughts on sibling rivalry, Mae West on positive body image, Frida Kahlo on finding your style, Catherine the Great on dealing with gossip, Agatha Christie on getting dumped, Hedy Lamarr on being underestimated and women leaders who address dilemmas including career-planning, female friendship, loneliness, financial management, and political engagement. Originally $25.00 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.

**The Great Spring: Writing, Zen, and This Zigzag Life**

The “great spring” of this book title refers to the great rush of energy that arrives when you think no life will ever come again—the early yellow flowering forsythia, for example. It also refers to enlightenment: obstructions shatter, pain cracks open, previously resisted truth releases, an acceptance of transiency flows through. Bestselling author Natalie Goldberg shares the moments that have sprung from her own life of writing, teaching, and Zen practice, moments of searching, wandering, zigzagging, losing, and leaping where she has found herself and her voice. Originally $22.95 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.

**How Democracies Die: What History Reveals About our Future**

Democracy no longer ends with a bang—in a revolution or military coup—but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, and the gradual erosion of long-standing political norms. Drawing on decades of research and a wide range of historical and global examples, from 1930s Europe to contemporary Hungary, Turkey, and Venezuela, to the American South during Jim Crow, the authors show how democracies die as well as how ours can be saved. Originally $26.00 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.
**Rome & the Sword:** How Warriors & Weapons Shaped Roman History

Simon James provides a striking new perspective on Roman history by focusing on the soldier class and their actions. Rome's soldiers were less sentinels of civilization than enforcers for aristocrats and autocrats against foreign foes and internal dissent: brutal and unruly, prone to mutiny and rebellion. Rome's dominion was achieved through soldiers' ferocity and excellent weaponry, but to maintain it the conquered were integrated as diplomacy accompanied the threat of the sword. Originally $29.95 hardcover, sale priced at $9.98.

**The Time Traveler's Handbook: 18 Experiences from the Eruption of Vesuvius to Woodstock**

Filled with engaging and colorful details, *The Time Traveler's Handbook* helps you make the most of your "travels," giving you background information, insight into local customs, and advice on all aspects of period life to make your adventures authentic and help you actually live them. Observe Mount Vesuvius erupt (and survive), see the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo, boogie with the Beatles in Hamburg, accompany Marco Polo to Xanadu, attend the opening night of Shakespeare's Globe Theater, smell the cordite at the battle of Bull Run, and sit ringside at Foreman and Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle" in Kinshasa. Illustrated with color and black-and-white paintings and photographs of famous figures and locations, as well as detailed maps and illustrations to aid in your journey through time. Originally $21.99 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.

**Samurai: Japanese Warrior's (Unofficial) Manual**

This handy manual tells you everything you need to know about maintaining the honor of the samurai class both on and off the battlefield. It features how to master the Way of the Warrior; whom you should kill, and what to do with the heads afterward; what the cultured samurai does between battles; how to storm or lay siege to a castle; how to conduct a tea ceremony with Zen-like composure; and how to prepare for entry into the White Jade Pavilion after your death. Originally $19.95 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

**Dothead: Poems**

A recent Carlos Reads selection! Amit Majmudar first shows us the place of an Indian American teenager in the bland surround of a mostly white peer group, partaking of imagery from the poet's Hindu tradition; the very next poem is a fanciful autobiography, relying for its imagery on the religious tradition of Islam. From poems about the treatment at the airport of people who look like Majmudar ("my dark unshaven brothers / whose names overlap with the crazies and God fiends") to a long, freewheeling abecedarian poem about Adam and Eve and the discovery of sex, *Dothead* is a profoundly satisfying cultural critique and a thrilling experiment in language. Originally $26.95 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.
The year 1666 was a watershed for England: an outbreak of the Great Plague, the eruption of the second Dutch War, and the devastating Great Fire of London all struck the country in rapid succession and with devastating repercussions. 1666 also offers a glimpse of the incredible scientific and artistic progress being made at that time, from Isaac Newton’s discovery of gravity to the establishment of The London Gazette. It was in this year that John Milton completed Paradise Lost, Frances Stewart posed for the iconic image of Britannia, and a young architect named Christopher Wren proposed a plan for a new London—a stone phoenix to rise from the charred ashes of the old city. Originally $27.99 hardcover, sale priced at $8.98.

James Wilson weaves a historical narrative that puts Native Americans at the center of their struggle for survival against the tide of invading European peoples and cultures. The book charts the collision course between Euro-Americans and the indigenous people of the continent, from the early interactions at English settlements on the Atlantic coast, through successive centuries of encroachment and outright warfare, to the new political force of the Native American activists of today. It is a clash that would ultimately result in the reduction of the Native American population from an estimated seven to ten million to 250,000 over a span of 400 years and change the face of the continent forever. Originally $18.00 paperback, sale priced at $6.98.

The author blends archaeology, biblical history, and personal journey as he explores 14 ancient cities, and includes photos of artifacts, dig sites, ruins and relics, taking readers on a far-reaching journey from the Grotto of the Nativity to the Megiddo battlegrounds from the Acropolis of Athens to the Qumran caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. He discusses surprising facts such as how deeply the Old Testament god was influenced by other deities; that there were numerous non-biblical books written about Moses, Jacob, and Jesus in antiquity; and how far more books were left out of the bible than were included during the messy, political canonization process. Originally $29.99 hardcover, sale priced at $8.98.

Author/Admiral Stavridis takes us with him on a tour of the world’s oceans from the admiral’s chair, showing how the geography of the oceans has shaped the destiny of nations and how naval power has in a real sense made the world we live in today and will shape the world we live in tomorrow. Sea Power retells battles and naval engagements in history and reckons with the likely sites of our next major naval conflicts, particularly the Arctic Ocean, Eastern Mediterranean, and the South China Sea. Originally $18.00 paperback, sale priced at $5.98.
Sicilian Splendors: Discovering the Secret Places That Speak to the Heart

Keahey illustrates a brand new Sicily no one has ever talked about before. Villagers, eager to welcome tourism and impart awareness of their cultural background, greet Keahey for meals and drink and walk him through their winding streets. In shaking itself free of the Mafia, Sicily is opening itself up to visitors in ways it never has before. Keahey’s never-ending curiosity as a traveler shines light on Sicily’s mythical mysteries and portrays the island not only through his eyes but also through Sicily’s heart. Originally $28.99 hardcover, sale priced at $8.98.

The Sultan and the Queen: The Untold Story of Elizabeth and Islam

The young Queen Elizabeth I sought to build new alliances with the great powers of the Muslim world. She sent an emissary to the Shah of Iran, wooed the king of Morocco, and entered an alliance with the Ottoman Sultan Murad III, with whom she shared a lively correspondence. This story of the traders and adventurers who first went East to seek their fortunes reveals how Elizabeth’s fruitful alignment with the Islamic world, financed by England’s first joint stock companies, paved the way for its transformation into a global commercial empire. Originally $26.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

Aphrodite and the Rabbis: How the Jews Adapted Roman Culture to Create Judaism as We Know It

Rabbi Burton Visotzky presents Judaism as a distinctly Roman religion. Full of fascinating detail from the daily life and culture of Jewish communities across the Hellenistic world, Aphrodite and the Rabbis will appeal to anyone interested in the development of Judaism, religion, history, art, and architecture. The culture in which rabbinic Judaism grew in the first five centuries of the Common Era nurtured the development of Judaism as we still know and celebrate it today. Originally $26.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

Dominion: The History of England from the Battle of Waterloo to Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee

Dominion, the fifth volume of Peter Ackroyd’s masterful History of England, begins in 1815 as national glory following the Battle of Waterloo gives way to a post-war depression and ends with the death of Queen Victoria in January 1901: an era of enormous innovation. Technological progress—from steam railways to the first telegram—swept the nation and the finest inventions were showcased at the first Great Exhibition in 1851. By the end of Victoria’s reign, the British Empire dominated much of the globe, and Britannia really did seem to rule the waves. Originally $29.99 hardcover, sale priced at $8.98.
In the 1980s, a young adventurer and collector for a government library, Abdel Kader Haidara, journeyed across the Sahara Desert and along the Niger River tracking down and salvaging tens of thousands of ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts that had fallen into obscurity. Here is the incredible story of how Haidara, a mild-mannered archivist and historian from the legendary city of Timbuktu, later became one of the world’s greatest and most brazen smugglers. Joshua Hammer tells the story of Haidara’s heroic and ultimately successful effort to outwit Al Qaeda and preserve Mali’s—and the world’s—literary patrimony, a victory of art and literature over extremism. Originally $26.00 hardcover, sale priced at $7.98.

**The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World’s Most Precious Manuscripts**

**Hippie Food: How Back-To-The-Landers, Longhairs, and Revolutionaries Changed the Way We Eat**

This book reveals how today’s quotidian whole-food staples—including sprouts, tofu, yogurt, brown rice, and whole-grain bread—were introduced and eventually became part of our diets. From coast to coast, through Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Vermont, Kauffman tracks hippie food’s journey from niche oddity to a cuisine that hit every corner of this country. Originally $26.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

**The Human Instinct: How We Evolved to Have Reason, Consciousness, and Free Will**

Author Kenneth Miller, a Brown University biologist, rejects the idea that our biological heritage means that human thought, action, and imagination are pre-determined, describing instead the trajectory that ultimately gave us reason, consciousness and free will. A proper understanding of evolution, he says, reveals humankind in its glorious uniqueness—one foot planted firmly among all of the creatures we’ve evolved alongside, and the other in the special place of self-awareness and understanding that we alone occupy in the universe. Originally $26.00 hardcover, sale priced at $7.98.

**Home: How Habitat Made Us Human**

Neuro-anthropologist John S. Allen believes that the human habitat is one of the most important products of human cognitive, technological, and cultural evolution over the past two million years. In Home, Allen argues that the thing that may have been most critical in our evolution is not the physical aspect of a home, but developing a feeling of defining, creating, and being in a home, whatever its physical form; an environment, relatively secure against whatever horrors lurked outside, that enabled the expensive but creative human mind to reach its full flowering. Originally $28.99 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.
Why Buddhism Is True: The Science and Philosophy of Meditation and Enlightenment

This is the first book to combine evolutionary psychology with cutting-edge neuroscience to defend the radical claims at the heart of Buddhist philosophy. With bracing honesty and fierce wisdom, it will persuade you not just that Buddhism is true—which is to say, a way out of our delusion—but that it can ultimately save us from ourselves, as individuals and as a species. Originally $28.00 hardcover, sale priced at $8.98.

Rome: A History in Seven Sackings

Novelist and historian Matthew Kneale, a longtime resident of Rome, tells the story of the Eternal City—from the early Roman Republic through the Renaissance and the Reformation to Mussolini and the German occupation in World War II—through pivotal moments that defined its history. He paints portraits of the city before seven assaults, describing what it looked like, felt like, smelled like and how Romans, both rich and poor, lived their everyday lives. With drama and humor, he brings to life the city of Augustus, of Michelangelo and Bernini, of Garibaldi and Mussolini, and of popes both saintly and very worldly. Originally $32.00 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

The Unruly City: Paris, London and New York in the Age of Revolution

Rapport explores the relationship between city and revolution. Why did Paris experience a devastating revolution while London avoided one? And how did American independence ignite activism in cities across the Atlantic? The Unruly City takes readers from the politically charged taverns and coffee-houses on Fleet Street, through a sea battle between the British and French in the New York Harbor, to the scaffold during the Terror in Paris. Originally $32.00 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga

In 1904, Ota Benga, a young Congolese “pygmy”—a person of petite stature—arrived from central Africa and was featured in an anthropology exhibit at the St. Louis World’s Fair. Two years later, the New York Zoological Gardens displayed him in its Monkey House, cruelly caging the slight 103-pound, 4-foot, 11-inch tall man with an orangutan. Pamela Newkirk traces Ota’s biography—and the social issues raised—from Africa to St. Louis to New York and finally to Lynchburg, Virginia, where he lived out the remainder of his short life. Originally $25.99 hardcover, sale priced at $7.98.
In this the follow-up to her New York Times bestseller Reading Like a Writer, the distinguished novelist, literary critic, and essayist Francine Prose celebrates the pleasures of reading and pays homage to the works and writers she admires above all others from Jane Austen and Charles Dickens to Jennifer Egan and Roberto Bolaño. Originally $23.99 hardcover, sale priced at $5.98.

Tutankhamen was the youngest king Egypt had ever had, and his short, tumultuous rule ended when he died at the age of 19. More than 3,000 years later, Howard Carter, an archaeologist with a penchant for ancient history and a special skill for excavation in Egypt’s Valley of the Kings, made a discovery that shocked the world: Tut’s tomb, long assumed destroyed, not only survived but was fully intact. With comprehensive text and stunning illustrations from a New York Times bestselling-illustrator, The Story of Tutankhamun is a compelling look at the life and legacy of the famed boy king. For ages 8-10. Originally $18.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.

Nnedi Okorafor, winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy awards, merges today’s Nigeria with a unique world she creates. Sunny Nwazue, an American-born Nigerian girl, knows she must confront her destiny. With the support of her Leopard Society friends, Orlu, Chichi, and Sasha, and of her spirit face, Anyawu, Sunny will travel through worlds both visible and invisible to the mysterious town of Osisi, where she will fight a climactic battle to save humanity. For ages 12 and up. Originally $18.99 hardcover, sale priced at $6.98.