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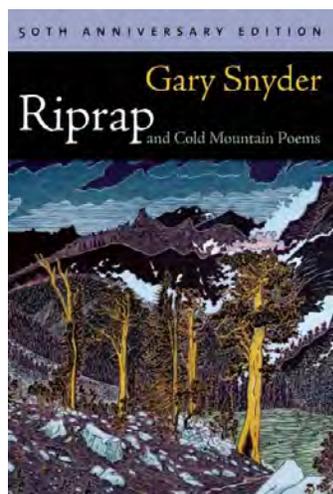
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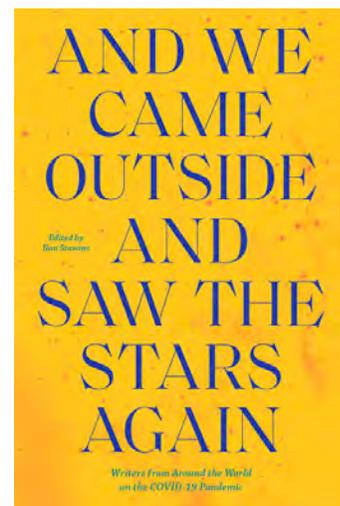
### *Riprap and Cold Mountain Poems*



Gary Snyder is one of the greatest poets in America in the last century. From his first book of poems to his more recent collections of essays and poetry, his work and his example, standing between Tu Fu and Thoreau, have been influential all over the world. *Riprap* was his first book of poems, published in Japan in 1959; a later small press reprint of that book included Snyder's groundbreaking translations of Han Shan's *Cold Mountain Poems*, perhaps the finest translations of that remarkable poet ever made into English. \$15.95, paperback.

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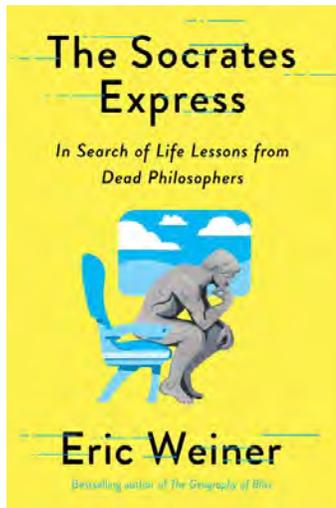
### *And We Came Outside and Saw the Stars Again: Writers from Around the World on the Covid-19 Pandemic*



The title comes from the last line of Dante's *Inferno*, when the poet and his guide emerge from hell to once again behold the beauty of the heavens. In that spirit, the stories, essays, poems, and artwork in this collection—from authors including Jhumpa Lahiri, Mario Vargas Llosa, Eavan Boland, Jon Lee Anderson, Ariel Dorfman, and many more—detail the harrowing experiences of life in the pandemic, while pointing toward a less isolated future. Together, they both illuminate the defining moment of our time and send a clarion call for solidarity across borders. \$22, paperback.

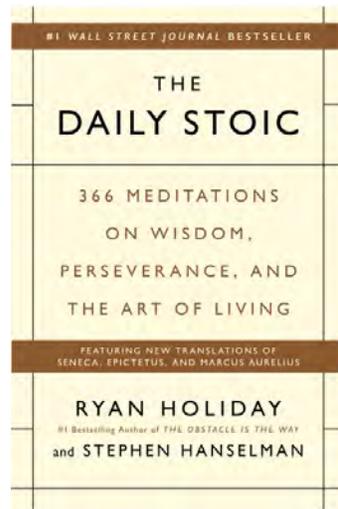
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### **The Socrates Express: In Search of Life Lessons from Dead Philosophers**



Just published! We turn to philosophy for the same reasons we travel: to see the world from a different perspective, to unearth hidden beauty, and to find new ways of being. We want to learn how to embrace wonder, face regrets, sustain hope. The author combines his twin passions for philosophy and global travel in a pilgrimage that uncovers surprising life lessons from great thinkers around the world, from Rousseau to Nietzsche, Confucius to Simone Weil. Weiner's chosen philosophers and places provide important signposts as we navigate chaotic times. \$28, hardcover.

### **The Daily Stoic: 366 Meditations on Wisdom, Perseverance, and the Art of Living**



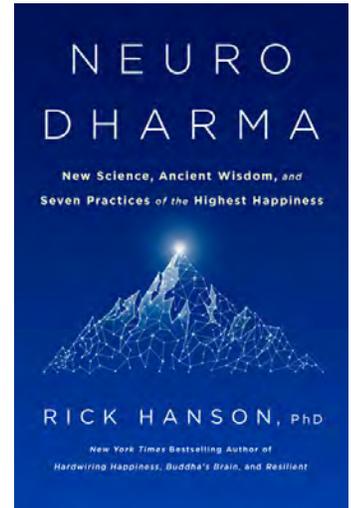
This daily resource of Stoic inspiration combines new translations of Seneca, Epictetus, and Zeno with calls to further reflection and action. Arranged topically following the three basic movements of perception, action, and will, this guide features 12 principles for overcoming obstacles and achieving greater satisfaction. This book is intended to open up a new daily ritual and a new orientation that will bring balanced action, insight, effectiveness, and serenity. \$25, hardcover.

### **How To Connect**



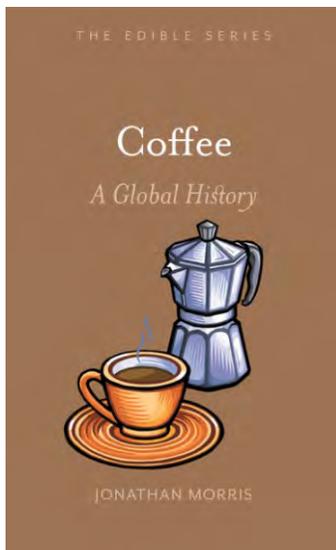
Just published in the *Mindful Essentials* series. With our world experiencing the deep effects of loneliness, environmental detachment, and digital overload, this pocket-sized book reminds us of our crucial need to connect to ourselves, our ancestors, and our planet. Written with characteristic simplicity and kindness, these wise meditations teach us how to remember, at any time, our fundamental gift of belonging. As Vietnamese Zen teacher Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us: "We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness." \$9.95, paperback.

### **Neuro Dharma: New Science, Ancient Wisdom, and Seven Practices of the Highest Happiness**



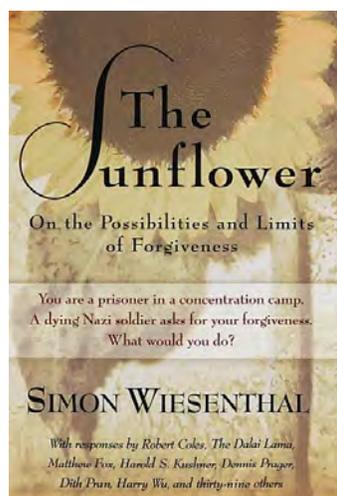
In this newly published work, a follow-up to his classic *Buddha's Brain*, psychologist Rick Hanson not only explores the new neuroscience of awakening but also offers a bold yet plausible plan for reverse-engineering peak experiences, a sense of oneness, and even enlightenment itself, sharing seven practices for strengthening the neural circuitry of profound contentment and inner peace. Step by step, this book explains how to apply these insights in order to cultivate unshakable presence of mind, a courageous heart, and serenity in a changing world. Sign us up! \$26.99, hardcover.

## Coffee: A Global History



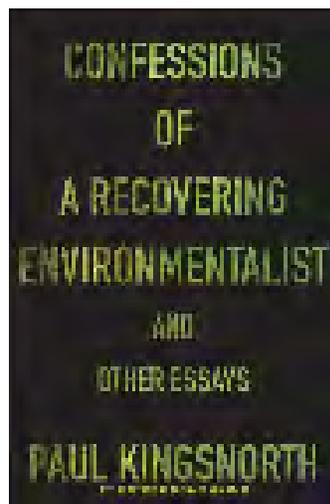
This concise history in the wide-ranging British *Edibles* series shows how the world acquired a taste for this humble bean, revealing a diverse cast of caffeinated characters who drank coffee, why and where they did so as well as how it was prepared and what it tasted like. Written in a style as invigorating as that first cup of java and featuring fantastic recipes, images, stories, and surprising facts, this book will fascinate foodies, food historians, baristas, and all of us who regard this ancient brew as a staple of modern life. \$19.95, hardcover.

## The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness



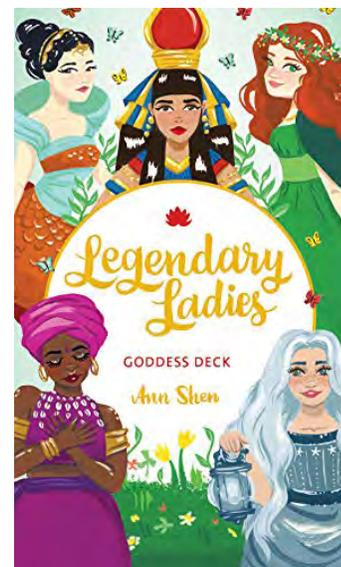
While imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, author Simon Wiesenthal was taken one day from his work detail to the bedside of a dying SS man. Haunted by the crimes in which he'd participated, the soldier wanted to confess to, and obtain absolution from, a Jew. Faced with the choice between compassion and justice, silence and truth, Wiesenthal said nothing. But even years after the war had ended, he wondered: Had he done the right thing? What would you have done in his place? In this important book, 53 distinguished men and women respond to Wiesenthal's questions. \$16.95, paperback.

## Confessions of a Recovering Environmentalist and Other Essays



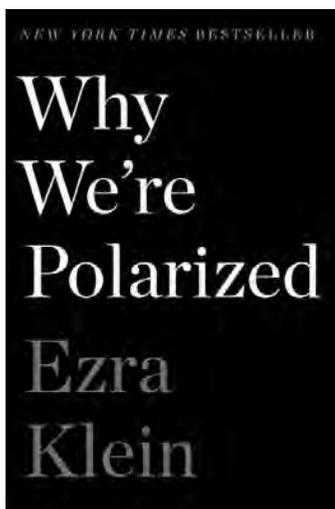
Author and novelist Paul Kingsnorth was once an ardent environmentalist who fought against the depredations of a corporate world that seemed hell-bent on ignoring a looming climate crisis. But as the environmental movement began to focus on "sustainability" rather than the defense of wild places for their own sake and as global conditions worsened, he grew disenchanted with it. Full of grief and fury as well as passionate, lyrical evocations of nature and the wild, this book gathers the wave-making essays that have charted the change in Kingsnorth's thinking. Here he articulates a vision of "dark ecology," which stands in opposition to the belief that technology can save us, and he argues for a renewed balance between the human and nonhuman worlds. \$16, paperback.

## Legendary Ladies Goddess Deck



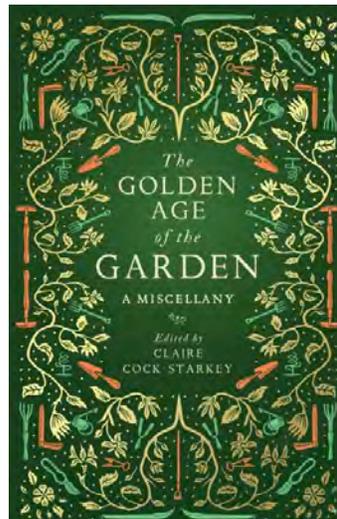
Find your goddess within and tap into your inner strength with this empowering deck of 58 goddesses from beloved artist Ann Shen. The cards feature colorful portraits of female deities from around the world, and the accompanying booklet describes how you can invoke their unique powers in your own life. \$16.95, card deck.

## Why We're Polarized



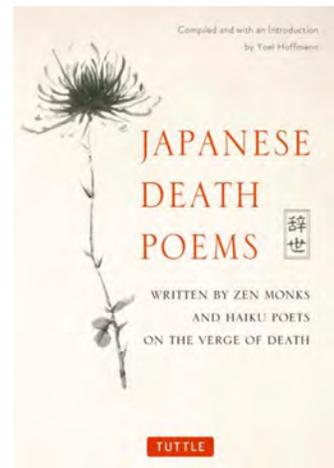
Journalist and cofounder of Vox, Klein shows how and why American politics polarized around identity in the 20th century and what that polarization did to the way we see the world and each other. He traces the feedback loops between our polarized political identities and our polarized political institutions that are driving our political system towards crisis. Neither a polemic nor a lament, *Why We're Polarized* offers a clear understanding of today. \$28, hardcover.

## The Golden Age of the Garden: A Miscellany



An inspiring collection of stories, anecdotes, and insights with sections devoted to love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty, *The World According to Mister Rogers* reminds us that there is much more in life that unites us than divides us. This is a new edition of the 2003 anthology, culled from Fred Rogers's speeches, program transcripts, books, letters, and interviews with some of his never-before-published writings. \$17, hardcover.

## Japanese Death Poems: Written by Zen Monks and Haiku Poets on the Verge of Death



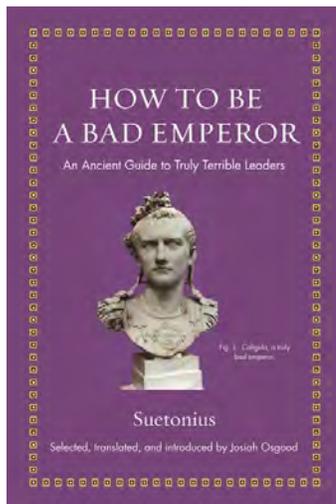
Best seller! Although the consciousness of death is, in most cultures, very much a part of life, this is perhaps nowhere more true than in Japan, where the approach of death has given rise to a centuries-old tradition of writing jisei, or the "death poem." Such a poem is often written in the very last moments of the poet's life, sometimes expressing a dreamlike whimsy. Hundreds of Japanese death poems, many with a commentary describing the circumstances of the poet's death, have been translated into English here, exploring the attitudes and customs surrounding death in historical and present-day Japan. \$14.99, paperback.

## Humankind: A Hopeful History



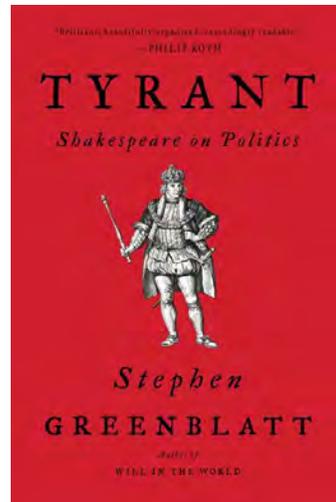
Just published! The notion that human beings are by nature selfish and governed primarily by self-interest drives newspaper headlines and guides the laws that shape our lives. But what if it isn't true? What if the habit of thinking the worst of people brings out the worst in our politics and economics? This international bestseller provides new perspectives on the past 200,000 years of human history, setting out to prove that we are hardwired for kindness, geared toward cooperation rather than competition, and more inclined to trust rather than distrust one another. \$30, hardcover.

## How to Be a Bad Emperor: An Ancient Guide to Truly Terrible Leaders



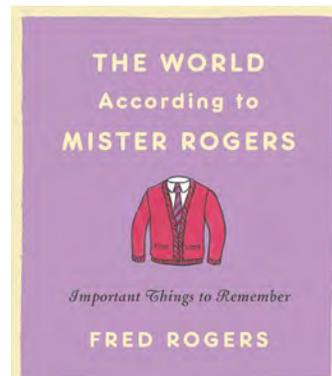
Just published! This is a crisp new translation of Suetonius's briskly paced, darkly comic biographies of problematic Roman emperors. The stories of these ancient anti-role models show how power inflames leaders' worst tendencies, causing almost incalculable damage. Complete with the original Latin on facing pages, this is a perceptive account of leadership gone monstrously awry: Caesar using his aunt's funeral to brag about his descent from gods and kings and hiding his bald head with a comb-over and a laurel crown; Tiberius neglecting public affairs in favor of wine, tortures, and executions; and Caligula flaunting his skill at cruel put-downs. \$16.95, hardcover.

## Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics



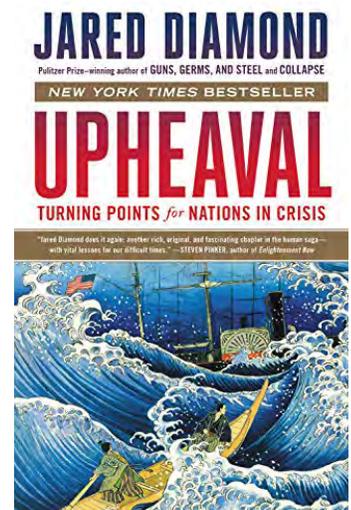
Examining the psyche and psychoses of Richard III, Macbeth, Lear, and Coriolanus, renowned Shakespeare scholar Greenblatt illuminates the ways in which William Shakespeare delved into the lust for absolute power and the disasters visited upon the societies over which these characters rule. *Tyrant* shows that Shakespeare's work remains vitally relevant today, not least in its probing of the unquenchable, narcissistic appetites of demagogues and the self-destructive willfulness of collaborators who indulge their appetites. \$13.95, paperback.

## The World According to Mister Rogers



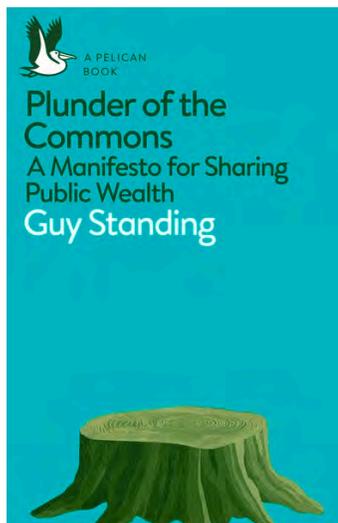
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## Upheaval: Turning Points for Nations in Crisis



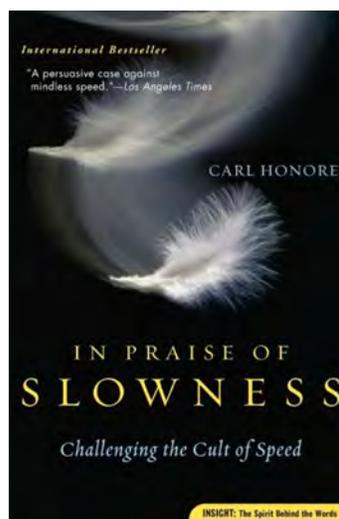
Now in paperback! In his previous bestselling books, Jared Diamond transformed our understanding of what makes civilizations rise and fall. Here he reveals how successful nations recover from crises while adopting selective changes—a coping mechanism more commonly associated with individuals recovering from personal crises. He ranges from the forced opening of Japan by US gunboats to the Soviet Union's attack on Finland to coups, countercoups, and post war national rebuilding. \$22.99, paperback. dreamers alike. \$35.00, hardcover.

## Plunder of the Commons: A Manifesto for Sharing Public Wealth



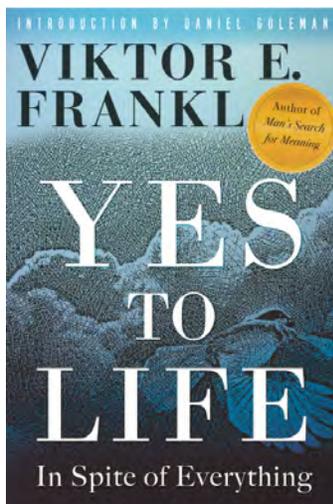
This heady volume leads us through a new appraisal of the commons, stemming from the medieval concept of common land reserved from marauding barons in ancient law, to his modern reappraisal of the resources we all hold in common, to a brilliant new synthesis that crystallizes how much public wealth has been redirected to the 1% in recent decades through a variety of short-sighted state policies touching on housing, health, and benefit systems, our justice system, schools, and even our water and air. The author proposes a new understanding of commoning, of remembering, guarding, and sharing that which belongs to us all. \$19.95, paperback.

## In Praise of Slowness: Challenging the Cult of Speed



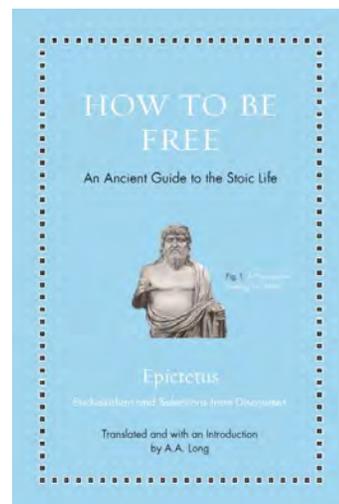
Honoré details our perennial love affair with efficiency and speed in a perfect blend of anecdotal reportage, history, and intellectual inquiry. *In Praise of Slowness* is the first comprehensive look at the worldwide Slow movements making their way into the mainstream—in offices, factories, neighborhoods, kitchens, hospitals, concert halls, bedrooms, gyms, and schools. Defining a movement that is here to stay, this spirited manifesto will make you completely rethink your relationship with time. \$15.99, paperback.

## Yes to Life: In Spite of Everything



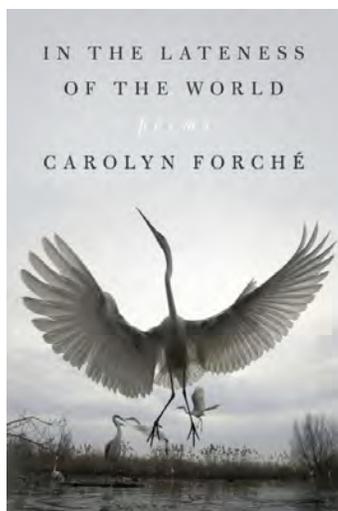
Eleven months after he was liberated from the Nazi concentration camps, Viktor E. Frankl held a series of public lectures in Vienna. The psychiatrist, who would soon become world famous, explained his central thoughts on meaning, resilience, and the importance of embracing life even in the face of great adversity. Published here for the first time in English, Frankl's words resonate as strongly today as they did in 1946. He offers an insightful exploration of the maxim "Live as if you were living for the second time," and he unfolds his basic conviction that every crisis contains opportunity. \$19.95, hardcover:

## How to Be Free: An Ancient Guide to the Stoic Life



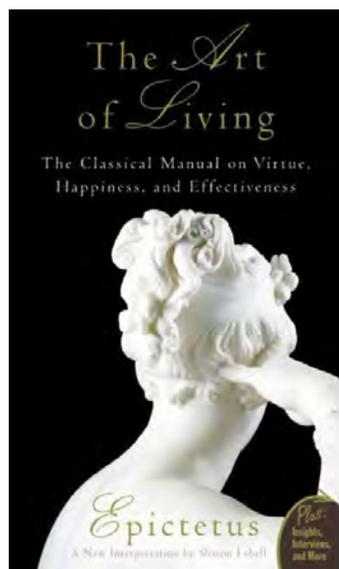
The Roman Stoic philosopher Epictetus (c. 55-135 AD) taught that mental freedom is supreme, since it can liberate one anywhere, even in a prison. One of the world's leading authorities on Stoicism provides a superb new edition of Epictetus's celebrated guide to the Stoic philosophy of life (the *Encheiridion*) along with a selection of related reflections in his *Discourses*, as well as an invaluable glossary of key words and concepts. Freedom, for Epictetus, is not a human right or a political prerogative but a psychological and ethical achievement, a gift that we alone can bestow on ourselves. We can all be free if only if we learn to assign paramount value to what we can control. \$16.95, hardcover.

## ***In the Lateness of the World: Poems***



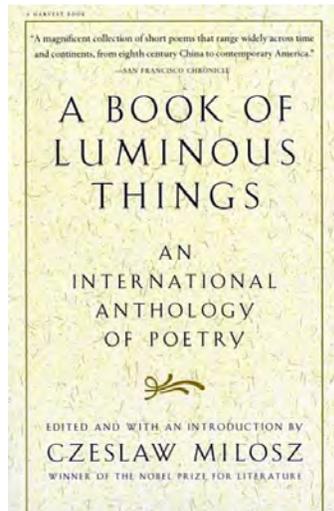
Carolyn Forché's first new collection in 17 years, this is a tenebrous book of crossings, of migrations across oceans and borders but also between the present and the past, life and death. The poems call to the reader from the aftermath of history, a place where "you could see everything at once ... every moment you have lived or place you have been." The world here seems to be steadily vanishing, but in the moments before the uncertain end, an illumination arrives and "there is nothing that cannot be seen." \$24, hardcover.

## ***Art of Living: The Classical Manual on Virtue, Happiness, and Effectiveness***



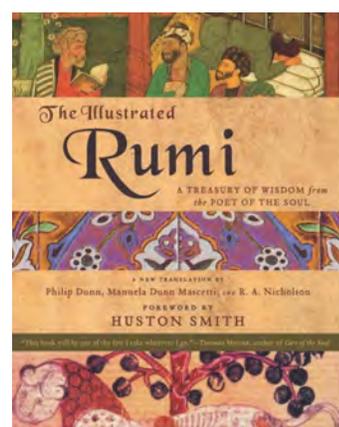
A longtime best seller in our bookshop! This accessible survey of stoic philosophy as epitomized by Epictetus, who was born into slavery but later established an influential school of Stoic philosophy, stressing that human beings cannot control life, only their responses to it. By putting into practice the 93 witty, wise, and razor-sharp instructions that make up *The Art of Living*, readers learn to meet the challenges of everyday life successfully and to face life's inevitable losses and disappointments with grace. \$14.99, paperback.

## ***A Book of Luminous Things: An International Anthology of Poetry***



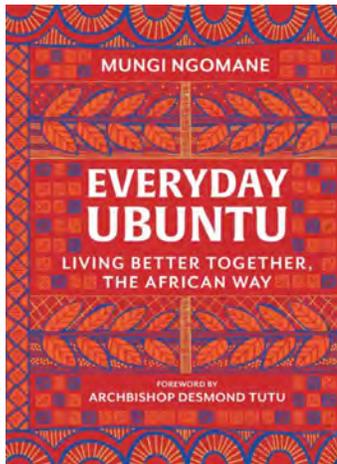
For this collection Nobel laureate poet Czeslaw Milosz has selected 300 of the world's greatest poems written throughout the ages, poems memorable for how they render the realities of the world palpable and immediate. They are organized under eleven headings, including "Epiphany," "Nature," "The Secret of a Thing," "Travel," "Places," and "The Moment." In addition to his introduction, Milosz contributes brief, penetrating commentary on each poet. Featuring Elizabeth Bishop, Constantinos Cavafy, Emily Dickinson, Allen Ginsberg, Seamus Heaney, Jane Hirshfield, Robinson Jeffers, D. H. Lawrence, Li Po, Thomas Merton, Mary Oliver, and many more. \$15.95, paperback.

## ***The Illustrated Rumi: A Treasury of Wisdom from the Poet of the Soul***



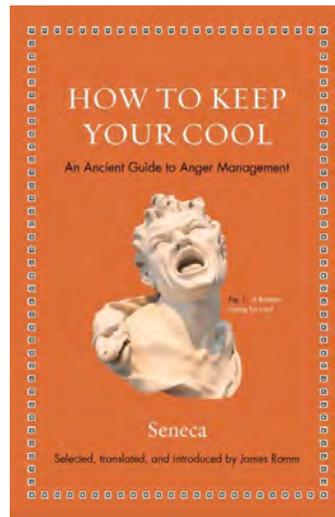
A Carlos Museum Bookshop best seller! The bestselling poet in America today, 13th-century Sufi mystic Jalalu'ddin Rumi has inspired and enlightened thousands with his playful, passionate work celebrating the sacred in everyday life. Now the spiritual wealth of Rumi's stories and poetry in translation are accompanied by rare and wonderful art in the Sufi tradition. This fresh rendering brings new life to these incomparable parables, which have transcended time, place, culture, and religion to speak directly to the hearts and souls of contemporary readers. \$22.95, paperback.

## Everyday Ubuntu: Living Better Together, the African Way



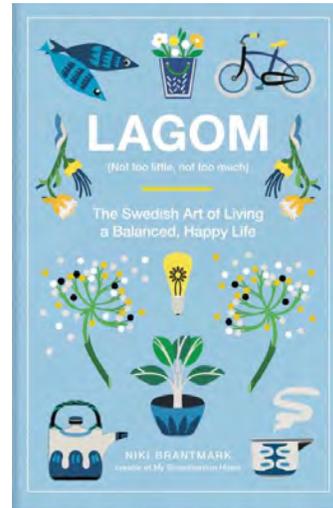
Mungi Ngomane, granddaughter of Nobel Peace Prize-winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, offers an introduction to *ubuntu*, the Southern African philosophy that celebrates the universal human bond in this beautiful definitive guide, illustrated with full-color photos and filled with lessons on how to live harmoniously with all people. *Ubuntu* is a Xhosa word encapsulating all our aspirations about how to live life well together. It is the belief in a universal human bond: I am only because you are. These 14 lessons from the Rainbow Nation are an essential toolkit to helping us all live better together. \$19.99, hardcover.

## How to Keep Your Cool: An Ancient Guide to Anger Management



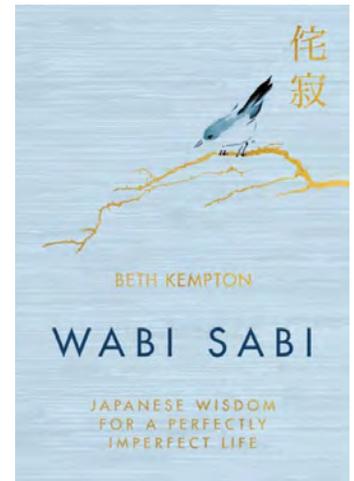
This splendid new translation of essential selections from *On Anger* offers readers a timeless guide to avoiding and managing anger. Seneca builds his case against anger with mounting intensity, like a fire-and-brimstone preacher, as he paints a grim picture of the moral perils to which anger exposes us, tracing nearly all the world's evils to this one toxic source. But he then uplifts us with a beatific vision of the alternate path, a path of forgiveness and compassion that resonates with Christian and Buddhist ethics. \$16.95, hardcover.

## Lagom: Not Too Little, Not Too Much: The Swedish Art of Living a Balanced, Happy Life



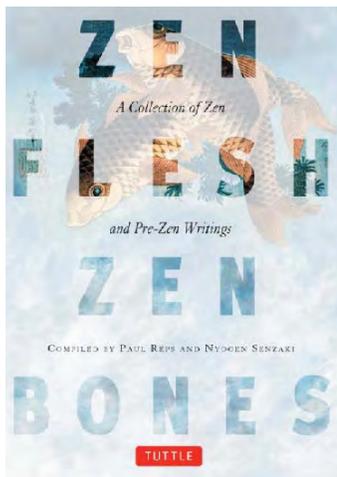
Sweden is ranked in the top three of the world's happiest places to live, and *lagom*, which means "not too much and not too little—just right," is the Swedish philosophy for enjoying balance in every aspect of life from work and leisure to family and food and everything in between. Experienced bakers know by touch when the dough they are kneading is *lagom*—not too moist and not too dry. At the office, professionals who work hard—but not to the detriment of other parts of their lives—are following the *lagom* ideal. *Lagom* is moderation, balance, and equality. \$19.99, hardcover.

## Wabi Sabi: Japanese Wisdom for a Perfectly Imperfect Life



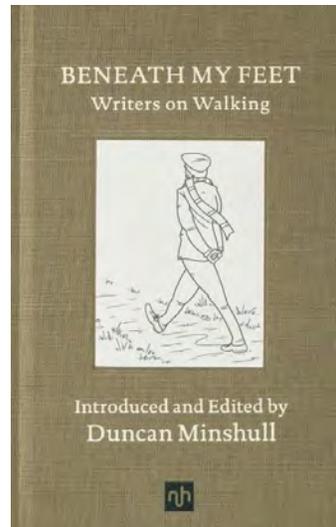
In this transformative handbook, Beth Kempton introduces you to *wabi sabi* (wah-bee sah-bee), a captivating concept from Japanese aesthetics that offers a whole new way of looking at the world. With roots in Zen and the Way of Tea, *wabi sabi* teaches you to see beauty in imperfection, appreciate simplicity, and accept the transient nature of all things. It inspires you to simplify everything and concentrate on what truly matters. Filled with simple yet profound wisdom, *Wabi Sabi* will help you slow down, reconnect with nature, and be gentler on yourself. \$19.99, hardcover.

## Zen Flesh, Zen Bones: A Collection of Zen and Pre-Zen Writings



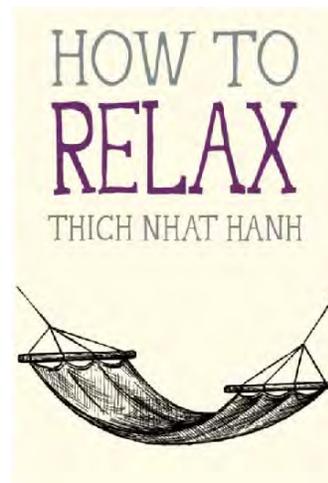
When *Zen Flesh, Zen Bones* was published in 1957 it became an instant sensation with an entire generation of readers who were just beginning to experiment with Zen. It includes *101 Zen Stories*, a collection of tales that recount actual experiences of Chinese and Japanese Zen teachers over a period of more than five centuries; *The Gateless Gate*, the famous 13th-century collection of Zen koans; *Ten Bulls*, a 12th-century commentary on the stages of awareness leading to enlightenment; and *Centering*, a 4,000 year-old teaching from India that some consider to be the roots of Zen. \$14.95 paperback.

## Beneath My Feet: Writers on Walking



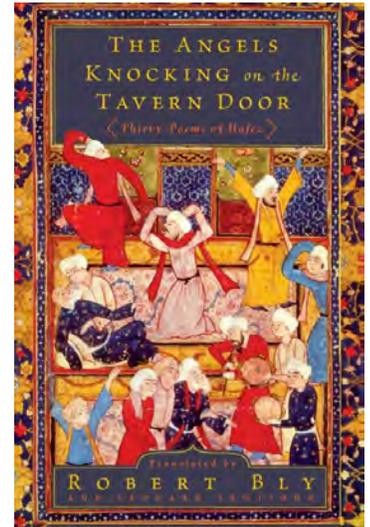
Walking and writing have always gone together, and the best insights, the deepest and most joyous examinations of this simple activity are to be found in nonfiction—in essays, travelogues, and memoirs. This beautiful little book rounds up the most memorable walker-writers from the 1700s to the modern day from country hikers to urban strollers, from the rationalists to the truly outlandish. Follow in the footsteps of William Hazlitt, George Sand, Rebecca Solnit, Will Self, and dozens of others. \$18.95, hardcover.

## How to Relax (Mindfulness Essentials)



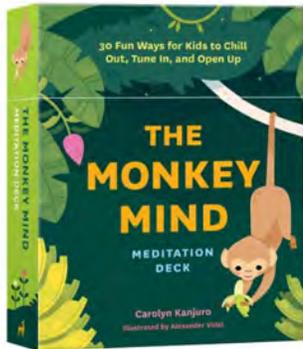
These pocket sized books by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh are a long-time bestseller in the bookshop. Here, he suggest that when we relax, we “become calm water, and we will reflect reality as it is. If we’re not calm, the image we reflect will be distorted. When the image is distorted by our minds, it’s not the reality, and it causes lots of suffering.” Relaxation is essential for accessing the tranquility and joy that lead to increased personal well-being. With sections on healing, relief from nonstop thinking, transforming unpleasant sounds, solitude, being peace, and more, *How to Relax* includes meditations you can do to help you achieve the benefits of relaxation no matter where you are. \$9.95, paperback.

## The Angels Knocking on the Tavern Door: Thirty Poems of Hafez



There is no poet in the Western tradition who carries the amount of admiration and devotion that the Persians have for Hafez. Almost every family has a copy of the collected Hafez on the dining room table. Robert Bly and the great Islamic scholar Leonard Lewisohn have worked for 15 years on this book of Hafez, the first that carries into English his nimbleness, his outrageous humor, his defenses of the private life in the face of the fundamentalists, and the joy of his love poems. He writes in the ghazal form, one of the greatest inventions in the history of poetry. This is Rumi’s wild younger brother, now available in English in a way that makes his genius visible. \$15.99, paperback.

## The Monkey Mind Meditation Deck: 30 Fun Ways for Kids to Chill Out, Tune In, and Open Up



This card deck explores the playful and powerful qualities of animals and nature to inspire your child to discover the same qualities in themselves and others. Vibrant images are paired with key phrases and short meditations or activities to help children learn about themselves without judgment. By getting to know the impulses that give rise to their actions, children can become empowered to make better choices. Includes a short booklet explaining the various ways to use the cards and additional notes to tailor the meditations and activities to meet the needs of your child, to cultivate a safe inner space to handle life's ups and downs, release tension and anxiety, and maintain emotional freedom. \$17.95, deck with booklet.

## Blank Journal: Elephant Festival



In these unique times, keeping a journal is not only a way to process and understand the world and yourself, but it can also be a form of mediation. The beautiful, Eastern-inspired cover design features jewel-tone shades of gold, turquoise, ruby, emerald, and more. The 192 lined pages are acid-free archival paper, with an elegant gold ribbon to keep your place. \$15.99, book-bound journal measuring 9"x7".

## Blank Journal: The Tree of Life



An all-time Carlos Museum Bookshop best seller! Gustav Klimt's *Tree of Life* graces this beautiful journal with gold foil accents and 60 lined pages of acid-free archival paper. Also includes an elastic band place holder and inside back cover pocket. \$8.99, book-bound journal measuring 7"x5".

## Artistic Cat Art Mug



This mug understands the temperamental artist: Inspiration is elusive. Hidden. Unpredictable. It appears when you least expect it. Pounces, stirs things up. This transfixing mug features portraits of beautiful creatures by such artists as Bosch, Goya, Klee, Picasso, Chagall, and many more, with a pawprint on the inside bottom. \$12.95, boxed.