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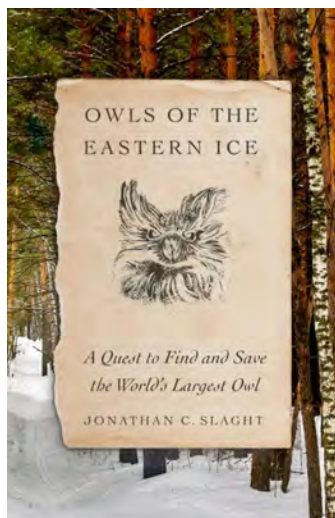
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NEW THIS WEEK

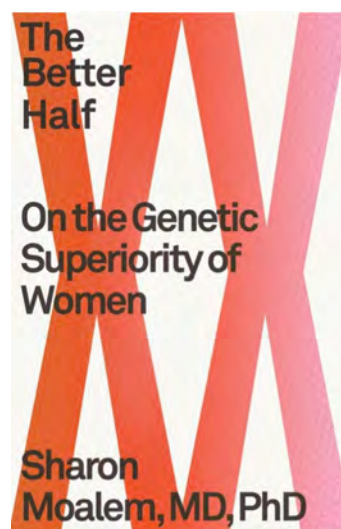
Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl



Despite a wingspan of six feet and a height of over two feet, looking like a small feathered bear, the Blakiston's fish owl is one of the most mysterious birds on earth. Avian conservationist Jonathan Slaght and his team set out to locate the owls in the forests of eastern Russia to craft a conservation plan. This quest sends them on all-night monitoring missions in freezing tents, mad dashes across thawing rivers, and free-climbs up rotting trees to check nests for precious eggs. At the heart of this story are the fish owls themselves: cunning hunters, devoted parents, singers of eerie duets, and survivors in a harsh and shrinking habitat. Longlisted for the 2020 National Book Award. \$28, hardcover.

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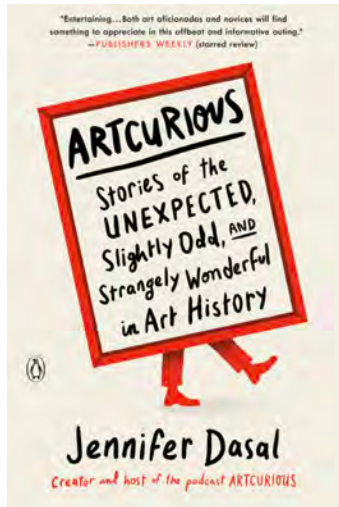
The Better Half: On the Genetic Superiority of Women



An award-winning physician, scientist, and author makes the case that genetic females are stronger than males at every stage of life. Why is this, and why are we taught the opposite? With clear, captivating prose that weaves together eye-opening research, case studies, diverse examples ranging from the behavior of honeybees to American pioneers as well as experiences from his personal life and his own patients, Moalem explains why genetic females triumph over males when it comes to resiliency, intellect, stamina, immunity and much more. \$27, hardcover.

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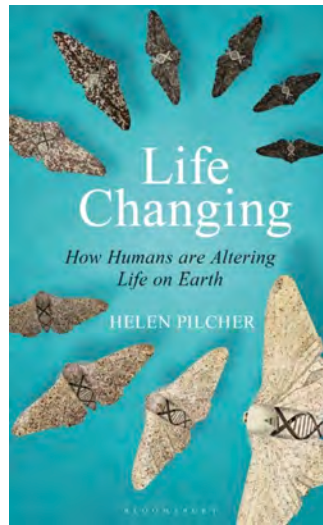
Artcurious: Stories of the Unexpected, Slightly Odd, and Strangely Wonderful in Art History



Everyone knows Monet, thanks in no small part to ubiquitous reproductions of his water lilies on a million products. But did you know that Monet's paintings were originally deemed unbelievably ugly and vulgar? And you probably know the tale of Vincent van Gogh's suicide; were you aware there's pretty compelling evidence that the artist didn't die by his own hand but was accidentally killed, or even murdered. Or how about the fact that one of Andy Warhol's most enduring legacies involves Caroline Kennedy's moldy birthday cake and a collection of toenail clippings? Based on the popular ArtCurious podcast, this is a colorful look at the world of art history, revealing fascinating stories behind the world's great artists and masterpieces. \$17, paperback.

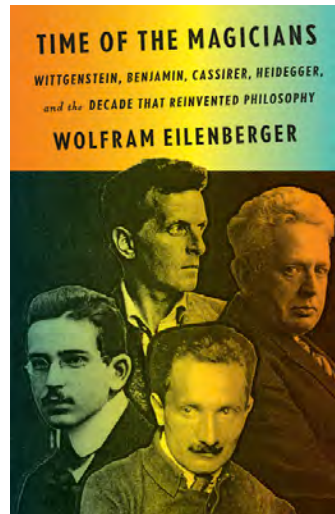
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Life Changing: How Humans Are Altering Life on Earth



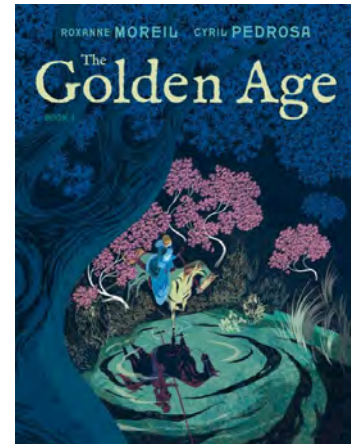
We are now living through the "post-natural phase," where the fate of all living things is irrevocably intertwined with our own. We domesticated animals to suit our needs and altered their DNA. And this was only the beginning. As our knowledge grew, we found new ways to tailor the DNA of animals more precisely; we've now cloned police dogs and created a little glow-in-the-dark fish. Through climate change, humans have now affected even the most remote environments and their inhabitants, and studies suggest that through our actions we are forcing some animals to evolve at breakneck speed. Today, it's not just the fittest that survive; sometimes it's the ones we decide to let live. \$28, hardcover.

Time of the Magicians: Wittgenstein, Benjamin, Cassirer, Heidegger, and the Decade That



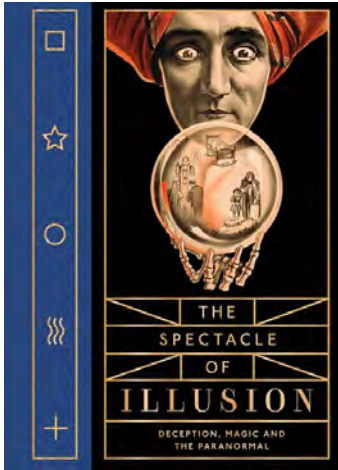
Just published! As the horrors of World War I come to a close, the stage is set for a great intellectual drama that will unfold across the next decade. The lives and ideas of this extraordinary philosophical quartet will converge as they become world historical figures. But as World War II looms on the horizon, their fates will be very different. This book, which features not only philosophers but some of the most important economists, politicians, journalists, and artists of the century, traces the paths of these remarkable lives, illuminating with rare clarity their challenging and brilliant ideas. \$30, hardcover.

The Golden Age, Book 1



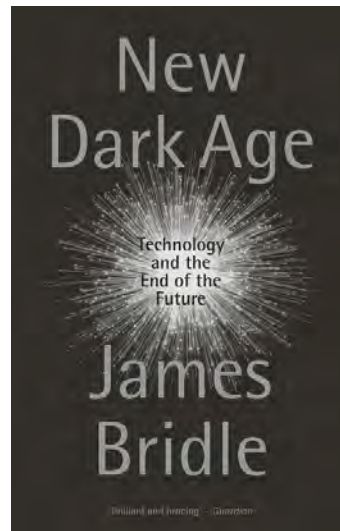
In this lavish French graphic novel, the lives of the citizens of Lantreviers are marked by suffering, unless they're a member of the ruling class. Princess Tilda wants to deliver her people from famine and strife, but on the eve of her coronation, her younger brother usurps her throne and casts her into exile. With the help of her last remaining allies she travels in secret through the hinterland and learns of a bygone era when all men lived free and comfortable lives and discovers that there are many who are ready to revive this golden age at any cost. \$29.99, hardcover.

Spectacle of Illusion: Deception, Magic, and the Paranormal



Organized thematically within a broadly chronological trajectory, this compelling book explores how illusions perpetuated by magicians and fraudulent mystics since the early 18th century can not only deceive our senses but also teach us about the inner workings of our minds. Mesmerism and spiritualism gave rise to professional magicians such as Houdini who set out to debunk paranormal claims. The book also relates the interactions between magicians, mystics, and scientists over the past 200 years. Illustrated throughout with entertaining and bizarre drawings, this unnerving volume highlights how unreliable our minds can be. \$35, hardcover.

New Dark Age: Technology and the End of the Future



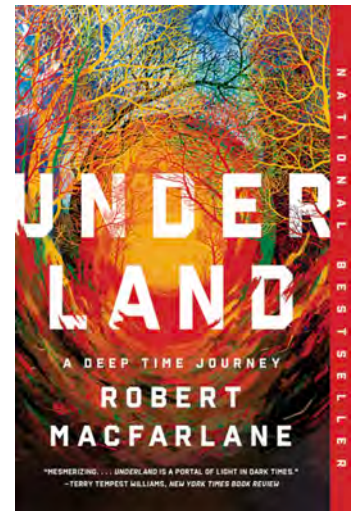
From rogue financial systems to shopping algorithms, from artificial intelligence to state secrecy, we no longer understand how our world is governed or presented to us. The media is filled with unverifiable speculation, much of it generated by anonymous software, while companies dominate their employees through surveillance and the threat of automation. Artist and writer James Bridle surveys the history of art, technology, and information systems, and reveals the dark clouds that gather over our dreams of the digital sublime. \$16.95, paperback.

Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague



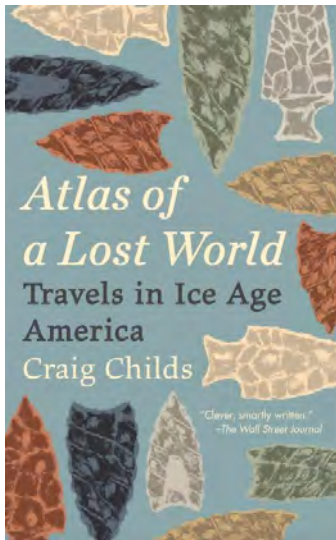
International bestseller! A luminous portrait of a marriage, of a family ravaged by loss, and an unforgettable re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten. In Tudor England, with the black death creeping across the land, a penniless young Latin tutor falls in love with an extraordinary young woman. Agnes walks her family's land with a falcon on her glove and, although socially awkward, is a gifted healer. Once she settles with her husband in Stratford-upon-Avon she becomes a fiercely protective mother and a steadying force in the life of her young husband as he builds a career on the London stage. But then their young son falls dangerously ill . . . \$26.95, hardcover.

Underland: A Deep Time Journey



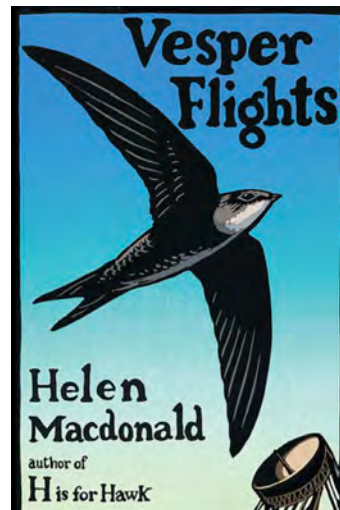
New in paperback! Acclaimed nature writer Macfarlane delivers an epic exploration of the Earth's underworlds as they exist in myth, literature, memory, and the land itself. Traveling through the dizzying expanse of geologic time—from prehistoric art in Norwegian sea caves, to the blue depths of the Greenland ice cap, to a deep-sunk "hiding place" where nuclear waste will be stored for 100,000 years—he takes us on an extraordinary journey into our relationship with darkness, burial, and what lies beneath the surface of both place and mind. \$17.95, paperback.

NEW THIS WEEK
Atlas of a Lost World:
Travels in Ice Age
America



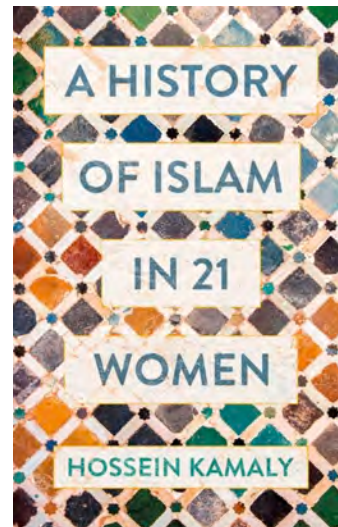
Renowned writer Craig Childs blends science and personal narrative to upend our notions of where the first people in the Americas came from and who they were. The first people in the New World were few, and their encampments fleeting. How they got here, persevered, and ultimately thrived is a story that resonates from the Pleistocene to our modern era, and it reveals how much has changed since the time of mammoth hunters as well as how little. Through it, readers will see the Ice Age and their own age in a whole new light. \$17, paperback.

Vesper Flights



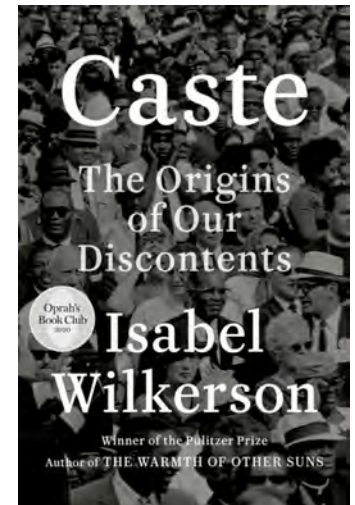
Just published! Best-selling author of *H is for Hawk* Helen Macdonald brings together a collection of her best loved essays, along with new pieces on topics ranging from nostalgia for a vanishing countryside to the tribulations of farming ostriches to her own private vespers while trying to fall asleep. Meditating on notions of captivity and freedom, immigration and flight, Macdonald invites us into her most intimate experiences: observing songbirds from the Empire State Building as they migrate through the Tribute of Light, watching tens of thousands of cranes in Hungary, seeking the last golden orioles in Suffolk's poplar forests, and the unexpected guidance and comfort we find when watching wildlife. \$27, hardcover.

A History of Islam in 21 Women



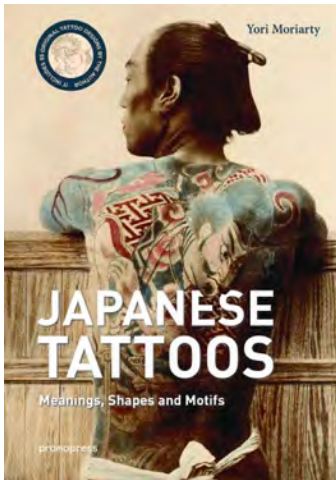
Beginning in 17th-century Mecca and Medina, this new book takes us around the globe: through 11th-century Yemen and Khorasan, into 16th-century Spain, Istanbul, and India, to 19th-century Persia and the African savannah, through 20th-century Russia, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq, before finally arriving in present-day Europe and America. From the first believer, Khadija, and the other women who witnessed the formative years of Islam to award-winning architect Zaha Hadid in the 21st-century, Hossein Kamaly celebrates the lives and groundbreaking achievements of these extraordinary women in the history of Islam. \$24.95, hardcover.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents



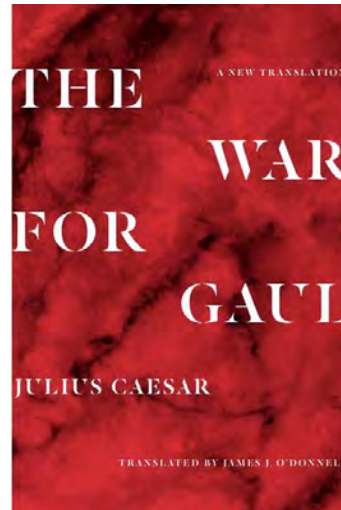
Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people like Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, even Wilkerson herself, she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. Beautifully written, original, and revealing. \$32, hardcover.

Japanese Tattoos: Meanings, Shapes, and Motifs



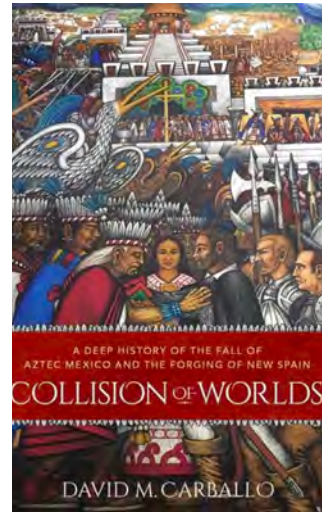
The culture of *irezumi* is deep and rich in meanings, shapes and motifs that have gone from color woodblock prints to being applied to the skin to beautify and protect their bearers. This richly illustrated book reveals the meaning and the secrets behind the most significant motifs from traditional Japanese tattooing such as mythological and supernatural creatures, animals, Buddhist deities, flowers, and historical characters. The origin and meaning of each visual representation is discussed with a brief review of the history of Japanese tattoo art, followed by each subject with a gallery of original designs by the author and a glossary. \$29.95, hardcover.

The War for Gaul: A New Translation



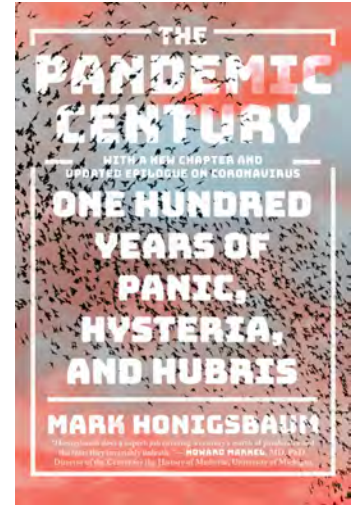
Here is a book about an unnecessary war written by the ruthless general of an occupying army, a dramatic propaganda piece that forces the reader to identify with the conquerors and designed, like the war itself, to fuel the political ambitions of the author. While letting Caesar tell his battle stories in his own way, classicist James O'Donnell also fills in the rest of the story in a substantial introduction and notes that explain why *The War for Gaul* is the "best bad man's book ever written," a great book that, as O'Donnell says, "gets war exactly right and morals exactly wrong." \$27.95, hardcover.

Collision of Worlds: A Deep History of the Fall of Aztec Mexico and the Forging of New Spain



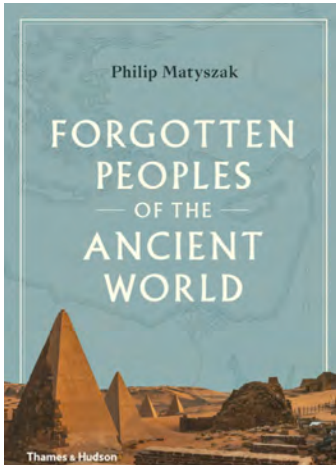
Spaniards led by Cortes joined forces with tens of thousands of Mesoamerican allies to topple the mighty Aztec Empire, a template for the forging of much of Latin America and the globalized world. The violent clash and the Aztec-Spanish war of 1519-21 and the new colonial order it created were millennia in the making, entwining cultural developments of both sides of the Atlantic. Mesoamerican archaeologist David Carballo offers perspective with a focus on the physical world, similarities and differences in trans-Atlantic perspective, and their interweaving in conquest and colonialism as well as the resilience of Native peoples. \$34.95, hardcover.

The Pandemic Century: One Hundred Years of Panic, Hysteria, and Hubris



How can we understand the COVID-19 pandemic? In *The Pandemic Century*, a lively account of scares both infamous and less known, a medical historian combines reportage with the history of science and medical sociology to artfully reconstruct epidemiological mysteries and the ecology of infectious diseases. We meet dedicated disease detectives, obstructive or incompetent public health officials, and brilliant scientists often blinded by their own knowledge of bacteria and viruses—and see how fear of disease often exacerbates racial, religious, and ethnic tensions. \$17.95, paperback.

Forgotten Peoples of the Ancient World



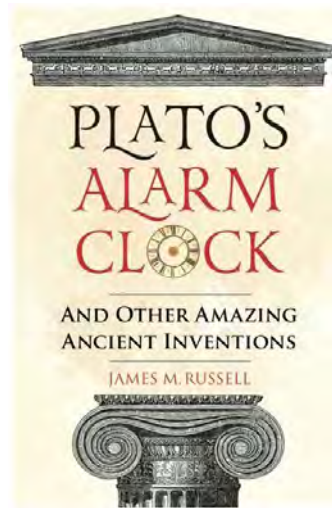
The ancient world of the Mediterranean and the Near East saw the birth and collapse of great civilizations. While several of these are well known, for all those that have been recorded, many have been unjustly forgotten. This thorough guide explores those civilizations that have faded from the pages of our textbooks but played a significant role in the development of modern society. From the Hyksos to the Hephthalites and everyone in between, this new book provides a unique overview of humanity's history from approximately 3000 BC-550 AD. A wide range of illustrated artifacts and artworks as well as specially drawn maps help to tell the stories of 40 lost peoples and allow readers to take a direct look into the past. \$34.95, hardcover.

Hieronymus Bosch: The Complete Works



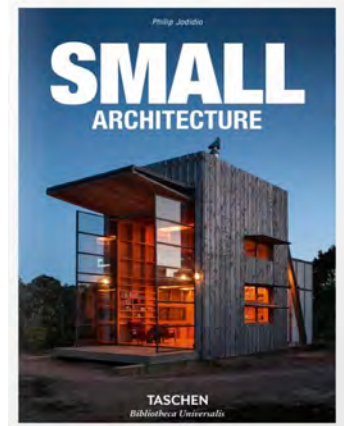
Carlos Museum Bookshop best seller! Only 20 paintings and eight drawings are confidently assigned to this Netherlandish painter, but in their fantastical visions they have secured his place as one of the most cultish artists in history. This beautiful compact edition offers the complete and haunting Bosch world through full spreads and carefully curated details, encountering his hybrid creatures, his nightmarish scenarios, his religious and moral framework, and his pictorial versions of contemporary proverbs and idioms. Along the way, art historian and Bosch expert Stefan Fischer reveals the most important themes and influences in these cryptic, mesmerizing masterpieces. **Bargain price: \$19.98**, hardcover.

Plato's Alarm Clock: And Other Amazing Ancient Inventions



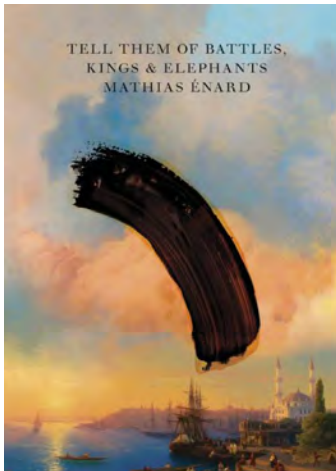
Many of the ancients were much more advanced than we realize; there are recent inventions that had actually been discovered centuries earlier and then forgotten. From brain surgery in the Stone Age to Chinese whisky from the 7th century BC, to Damascus steel—once the hardest metal in the world, which we no longer know how to make—this insightful book collects together the stories of hundreds of ancient devices, inventions, and breakthroughs from around the world and across the centuries. \$16.95, hardcover.

Small Architecture



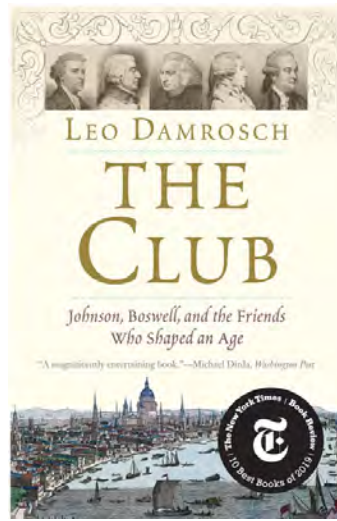
Another beautiful Taschen art book! Whether in Japanese cities, where large sites are hard to come by or at the frontier between art and architecture, small buildings present many advantages and push their designers to do more with less. A dollhouse for Calvin Klein in New York, a playhouse for children in Trondheim, pop-up stores for fashion stars, vacation cabins, and housing for victims of natural disasters are all part of the new rush to develop the great small architecture. **Bargain priced at \$20**, hardcover.

Tell Them of Battles, Kings, & Elephants



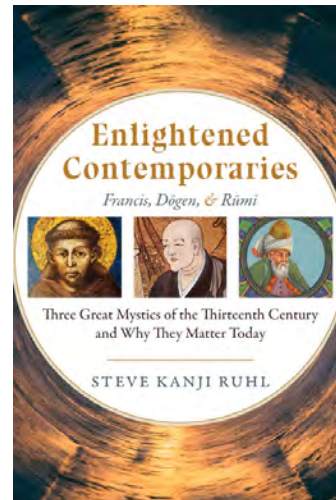
In 1506, a young Michelangelo is invited by the Sultan of Constantinople to design a bridge over the Golden Horn. Michelangelo flees Rome (and an irritated Pope Julius II) and arrives in Constantinople for this truly epic project—da Vinci's design had already been rejected! Once there, he explores the beauty and wonder of the Ottoman Empire, sketching and describing his impressions along the way, and becomes immersed in cloak-and-dagger palace intrigues as he struggles to create what could be his greatest architectural masterwork. This stunning French novel is constructed from real historical fragments but expands outward in all directions. \$19.95, hardcover.

The Club: Johnson, Boswell, and the Friends Who Shaped an Age



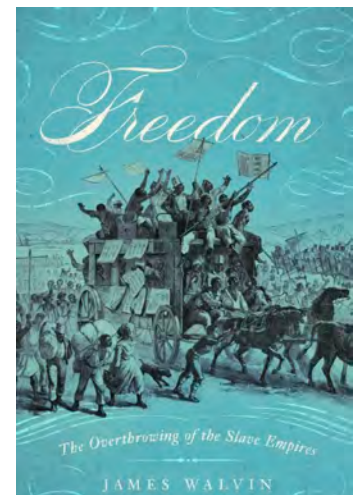
In 1763, the painter Joshua Reynolds proposed to his friend Samuel Johnson that they invite a few friends to join them every Friday at the Turk's Head Tavern in London to dine, drink, and talk until midnight. The group came to include among its members Edmund Burke, Adam Smith, Edward Gibbon, and James Boswell. With the friendship of the "odd couple" Samuel Johnson and James Boswell at the heart of his narrative, Damrosch conjures up the exciting, often brutal world of late 18th-century Britain and an extraordinary group who helped to shape their age and our own. \$20, paperback.

Enlightened Contemporaries: Francis, Dōgen, & Rūmī, Three Great Mystics of the Thirteenth Century and Why They Matter Today



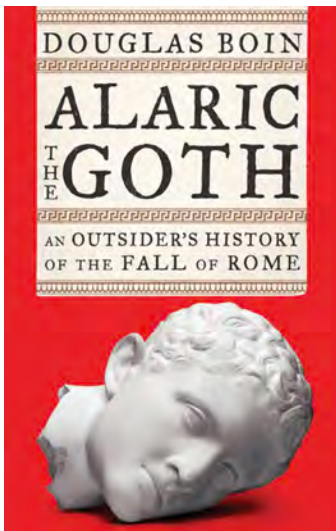
Linking Christian, Buddhist, and Islamic mystical teachings within a vibrant historical context, this newly published study shows how these three spiritual masters, all alive during the same century, not only complement each other but also remain profoundly relevant in the 21st century. It also deftly examines how they all engaged the world in the context of five shared themes: spiritual love, nature, the body, the role of women, and balancing retreat from society with active involvement. \$16.95, paperback.

Freedom: The Overthrowing of the Slave Empires



This new study focuses not on abolitionism or the brutality and suffering of slavery, but on the resistance of the enslaved themselves—from sabotage and absconding to full-blown uprisings—and its impact in overthrowing slavery. The author also looks at the whole Atlantic world, including the Spanish Empire and Brazil, all of which revolved around the enslavement of 12 million Africans. Yet it declined, collapsed, and was destroyed by a complexity of forces that, to this day, remains disputed, but there is no doubting that it was in large part defeated by those it had enslaved. \$27.95, hardcover.

Alaric the Goth: An Outsider's History of the Fall of Rome



New! Stigmatized and relegated to the margins of Roman society, the Goths were violent “barbarians” who destroyed “civilization,” at least in the conventional story of Rome’s collapse. But a slight shift of perspective brings their history shockingly alive. Alaric grew up near the river border that separated Gothic territory from Roman. In stark contrast to the rising bigotry, intolerance, and zealotry among Romans during Alaric’s lifetime, the Goths, as practicing Christians, valued religious pluralism and tolerance. Marginalized and demonized, Alaric and the Goths rioted for three nights and struck fear into the hearts of the powerful. \$26.95, hardcover.

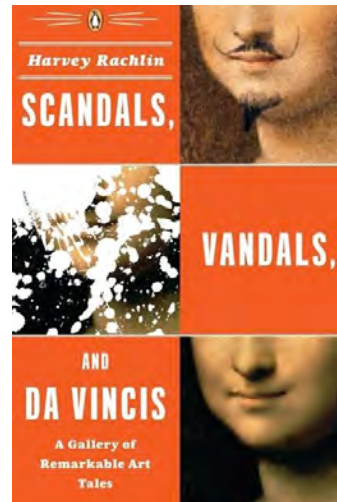
A Garden Eden: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration



From Byzantine manuscripts right through to 19th-century masterpieces, through peonies, callas, and chrysanthemums, these exquisite reproductions dazzle in their accuracy and their aesthetics. Whether in gently furred leaves, precisely textured fruits, or the sheer beauty and variety of colors, we celebrate an art form as tender as it is precise, and ever more resonant amid our growing awareness of our ecological surroundings and the preciousness of natural flora. A gorgeous book from the art publisher Taschen.

Bargain price: \$19.98, hardcover.

Scandals, Vandals, and Da Vincis: A Gallery of Remarkable Art Tales



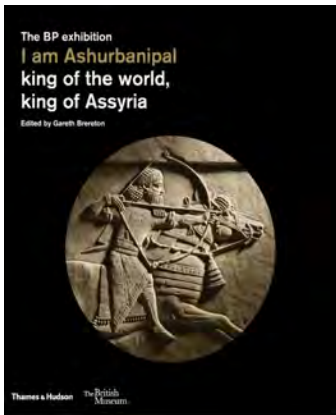
Caravaggios, Rembrandts, Monets, the works of immortal artists ... behind many of these brilliant paintings and sculptures are fascinating, unique histories, and award-winning writer Harvey Rachlin relates in exciting detail how nearly 30 of these works came to be created and how they survived burglary, forgery, revolutions, ransoms, vandals, scandals, religious sects, and shipwrecks to eventually come to their current resting places. \$15, paperback.

Blooming Flowers: A Seasonal History of Plants and People



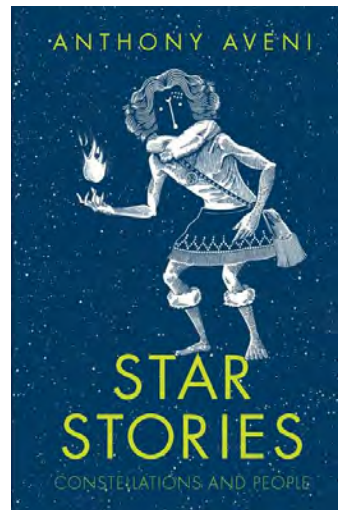
Newly published! This beautifully illustrated book looks at the wealth of floral associations that has been passed down in perfumes, poems, and paintings; in the design of buildings, clothes, and jewelry; and in nearly every religious, social, and political ritual. Exploring the first daffodils of spring and the last chrysanthemums of autumn, this is also a book about seasons. The author considers how the sunflower, poppy, rose, lily, and many other flowers have given rise to meaning, value, and inspiration throughout history, and why they are integral to so many different cultures. \$22, hardcover.

I Am Ashurbanipal: King of the World, King of Assyria



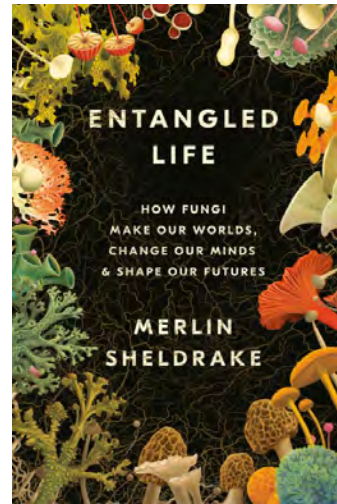
Just published! In 668 BC, Ashurbanipal inherited the largest empire in the world, which stretched from the shores of the eastern Mediterranean to the mountains of western Iran, ruling from his massive capital at Nineveh in present-day Iraq. This survey features images of objects excavated from all corners of the empire and highlights the British Museum's unrivaled collection of Assyrian reliefs, bringing to life the tumultuous story of Ashurbanipal's reign: his conquest of Egypt, the crushing defeat of his rebellious brother, and his ruthless campaign against the Elamite rulers of southwest Iran. \$45, paperback.

Star Stories: Constellations and People



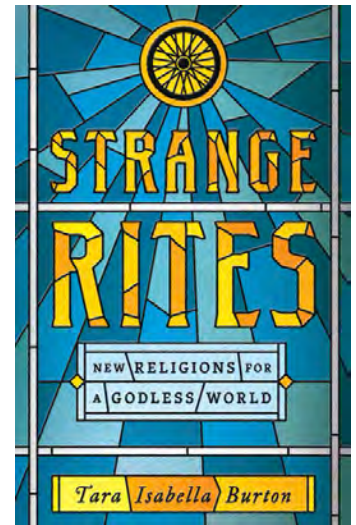
Follow an epic animal race, a quest for a disembodied hand, and an emu egg hunt in constellation stories from diverse cultures. A world expert on cultural understandings of cosmology, Anthony Aveni provides an unconventional atlas of the night sky, introducing readers to tales beloved for generations. The constellations included are not only the typical Greek and Roman myths but also star patterns conceived by a host of cultures, non-Western and indigenous, ancient and contemporary. \$26, hardcover.

Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures



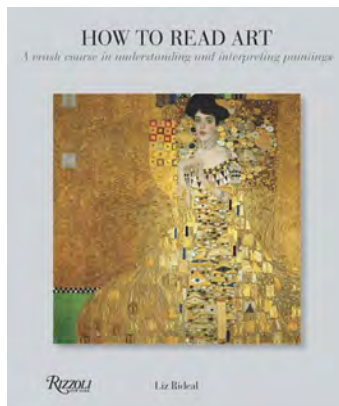
Just published! Mushrooms are only fruiting bodies, analogous to apples on a tree. Most fungi live out of sight, yet they make up a massively diverse kingdom of organisms that support and sustain nearly all living systems. In *Entangled Life*, the biologist Merlin Sheldrake shows us the world from a fungal point of view. Sheldrake's vivid exploration takes us from yeast to psychedelics, to the fungi that range for miles underground and are the largest organisms on the planet to those that link plants together in complex networks known as the "Wood Wide Web." Fungi throw our concepts of individuality and even intelligence into question. They are metabolic masters, earth makers, and key players in most of life's processes. \$28, hardcover.

Strange Rites: New Religions for a Godless World



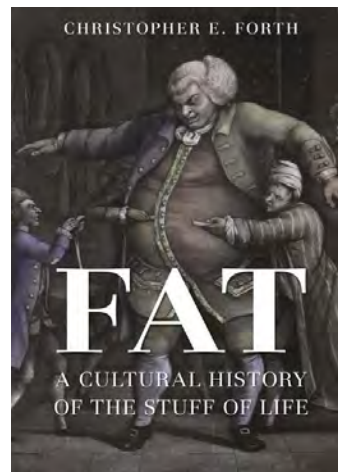
People are looking elsewhere for the intensity and unity that religion once provided, making their own personal faiths—theistic or not—mixing and matching spiritual, ritualistic, personal, and political practices in order to create their own bespoke religious selves. In so doing, we're carrying on a longstanding American tradition of religious eclecticism, DIY-innovation and "unchurched" piety. Our era is not the dawn of American secularism but rather a brand-bolstered resurgence of American pluralism, revved into overdrive by commerce and personalized algorithms. \$28, hardcover.

**How to Read Art:
A Crash Course in
Understanding and
Interpreting Paintings**



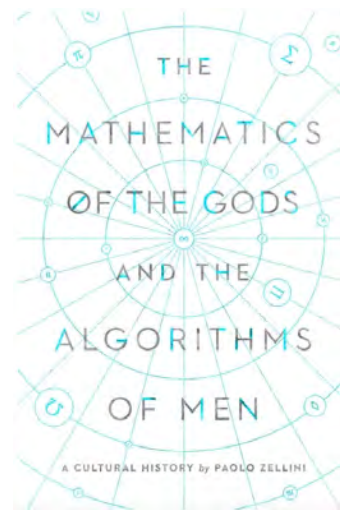
Carlos Museum best seller! This charmingly illustrated, highly informative field guide to understanding art history explains the aesthetics of schools of painting from the Renaissance masters and Impressionists to the Cubists and Modernists. In the first part of the book, the author reveals how to read paintings by considering five key areas: shape and support, style and medium, compositional devices, genre, and the meaning of recurring motifs and symbols. The second part explores fifty paintings through extracted details, accompanied by insightful commentary, training the reader and viewer to understand context and discover meaning within art. \$18.95, paperback.

**Fat: A Cultural
History of the Stuff
of Life**



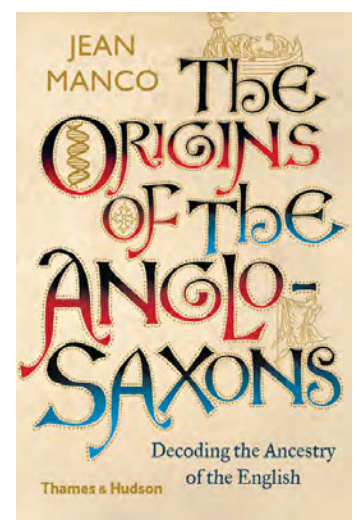
While “fat” describes the size and shape of bodies—their appearance—our negative reactions to corpulence also depend on something tangible and tactile. This unusual history offers reflections on how fat has been perceived and imagined in the West since antiquity. Featuring fascinating historical accounts as well as philosophical, religious, and cultural analyses, the book digs deep into the past for the roots of our current notions and prejudices. By exploring the complex ways in which fat, fatness, and fattening have been perceived over time, this book provides rich insights into the stuff our stereotypes are made of. \$32, hardcover.

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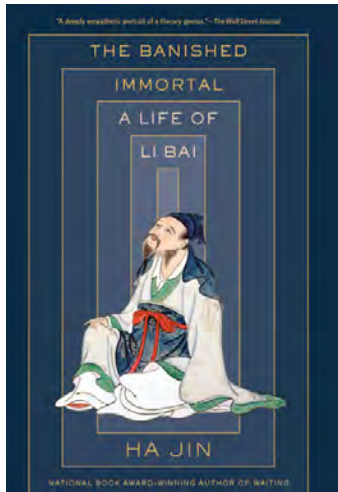
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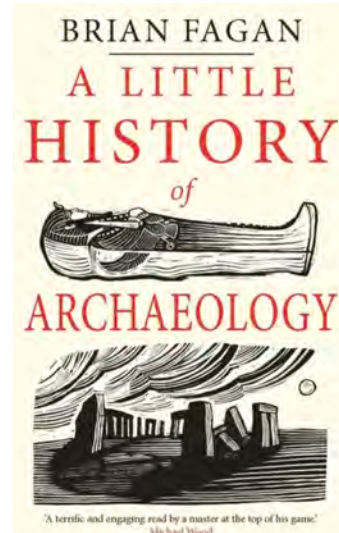
This important addition to our understanding of art history's masterworks puts some of the world's most famous paintings under a magnifying glass to uncover their smallest and subtlest elements as well as what they reveal about a bygone time, place, and culture. Guiding our eye to the minutiae of subject and symbolism, this bestselling study allows even the most familiar of pictures to be rediscovered through myriad intricacies and intrigues. As we pick apart each painting and then reassemble it like a giant jigsaw puzzle, these celebrated canvases captivate not only in their sheer wealth of details but also in the witness they bear to the fashions and trends, people and politics, and loves and lifestyles of their time. **Bargain price: \$19.98**, hardcover.

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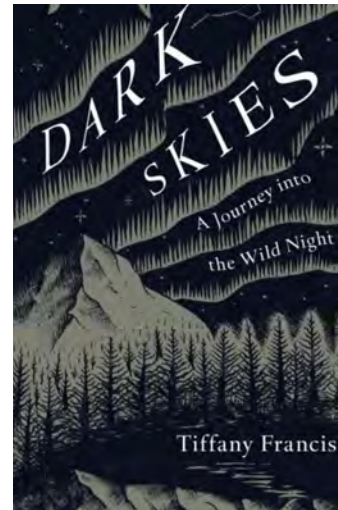
In his own time (701-762), Li Bai's brilliant poems, shaped by Daoist thought and filled with an irrepressible lust for life, were never given their proper due. Nonetheless, his lines rang out on the lips of tavern singers, soldiers, and writers throughout the Tang dynasty, and his deep desire for a higher, more perfect world gave rise to his nickname: the Banished Immortal. This is an extraordinary biography of a poet whose ability to live, love, drink, dance, and mourn without reservation produced some of the world's most enduring verses. \$17, paperback.

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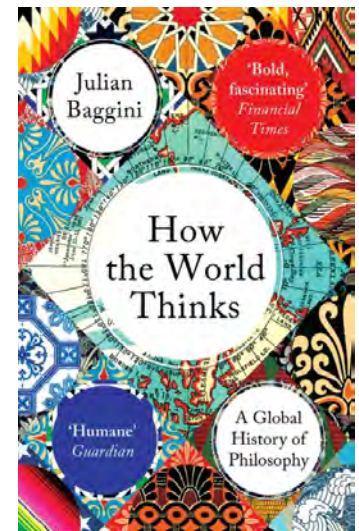
This recent addition to the Yale *Little History* series tells the riveting stories of some of the great archaeologists and their amazing discoveries around the globe: ancient Egyptian tombs, Mayan ruins, the first colonial settlements at Jamestown, mysterious Stonehenge, the incredibly preserved Pompeii, and many, many more. In 40 brief, exciting chapters, the book recounts archaeology's development from its 18th-century origins to its 21st-century technological advances. \$15, paperback.

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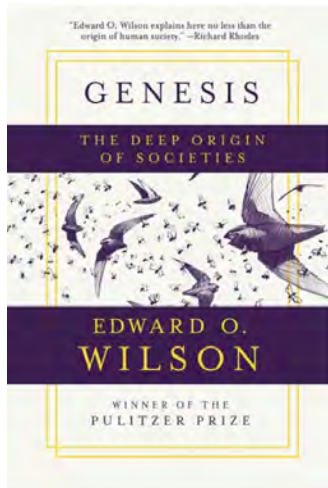
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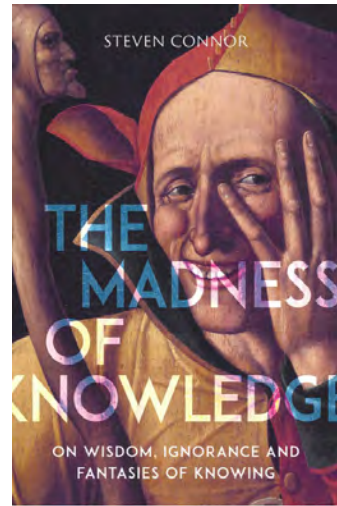
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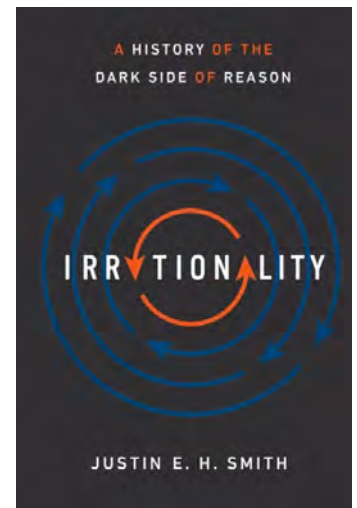
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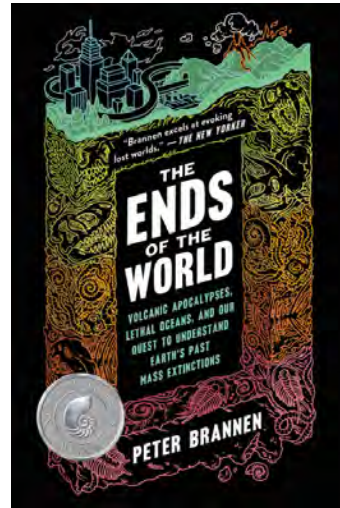
From sex and music to religion and war, irrationality makes up the greater part of human life and history. Challenging conventional thinking about logic, natural reason, dreams, art and science, pseudoscience, the Enlightenment, the internet, jokes, lies, and death, *Irrationality* shows how history reveals that any triumph of reason is temporary and reversible, and that rational schemes, notably including many from Silicon Valley, often result in their polar opposite. Illuminating unreason at a moment when the world appears to have gone mad again, *Irrationality* is fascinating, provocative, and timely. \$29.99, hardcover.

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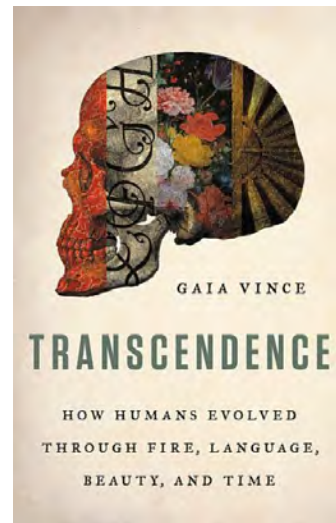
Where is the world's very first art located? Overturning the traditional Eurocentric vision of our artistic origins, the authors seek out the earliest art on the planet. There are clues that even three million years ago distant human ancestors were drawn to natural curiosities that appeared representational such as the face-like "Makapansgat cobble" from South Africa, not carved but naturally weathered to resemble a human face. In the last 100,000 years people all over the world began to create art, as evidenced by the first paint palettes, hand carved fertility figures, and magnificent murals on cave walls. \$29.95, hardcover.

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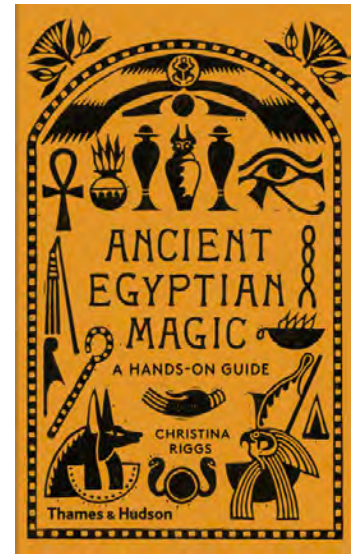
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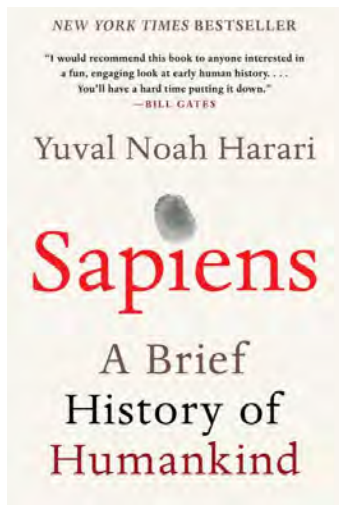
What enabled us to go from simple stone tools to smart phones? How did bands of hunter-gatherers evolve into multinational empires? In *Transcendence*, Gaia Vince argues that modern humans are the product of a nuanced coevolution of our genes, environment, and culture that goes back into deep time. She explains how, through four key elements—fire, language, beauty, and time—our species diverged from all other animals, unleashing a compounding process that turned itself into something marvelous. \$30, hardcover.

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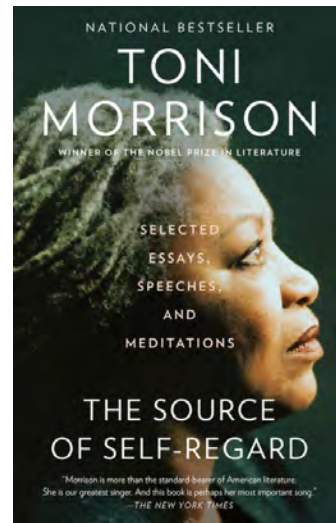
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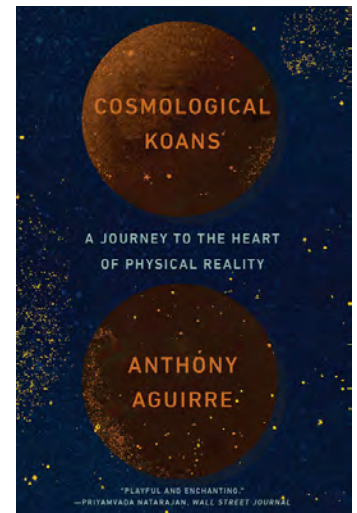
Art has the power to change our lives. For many, becoming an artist is a lifelong dream. But how to make it happen? In *How to Be an Artist*, art critic Jerry Saltz of *New York* magazine, one of the art world's most celebrated and passionate voices, offers an indispensable handbook for creative people of all kinds. Saltz offers invaluable insight into what really matters to emerging artists: originality, persistence, a balance between knowledge and intuition, and that most precious of qualities, self-belief. Teeming with full-color artwork from visionaries ancient and modern, this beautiful and useful book will help artists of all kinds—painters, photographers, writers, performers—realize their dreams. \$22, hardcover.

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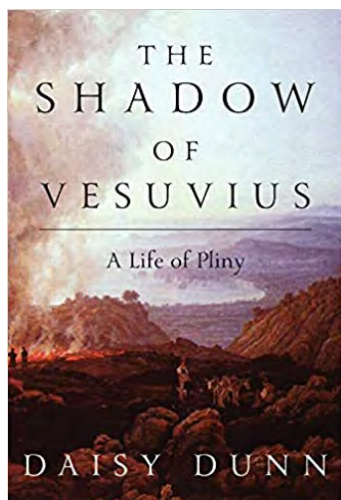
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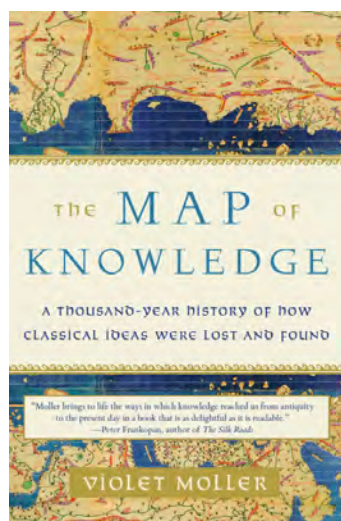
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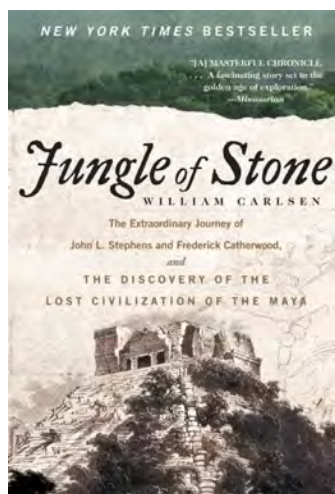
When Pliny the Elder perished at Stabiae during the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, he left behind an enormous compendium of knowledge, his 37-volume *Natural History*, and a teenaged nephew who revered him as a father. Grieving his loss, Pliny the Younger inherited the Elder's notebooks—filled with pearls of wisdom—and his legacy. Interweaving the younger Pliny's *Letters* with extracts from the Elder's *Natural History*, Daisy Dunn paints a vivid, compellingly readable portrait of two of antiquity's greatest minds. \$29.95, hardcover.

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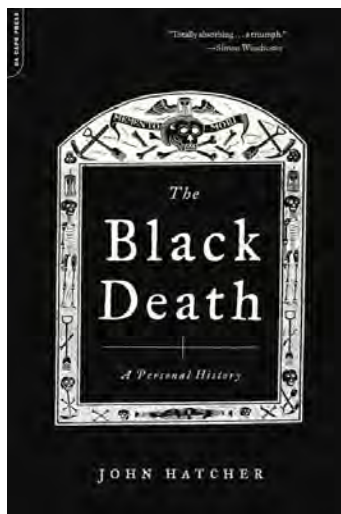
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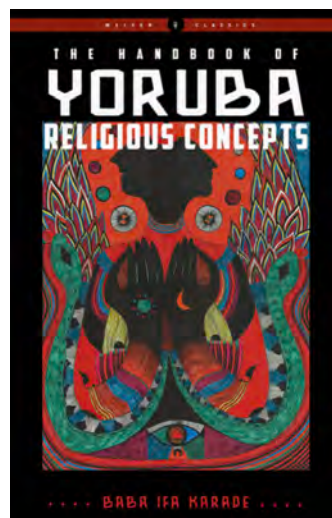
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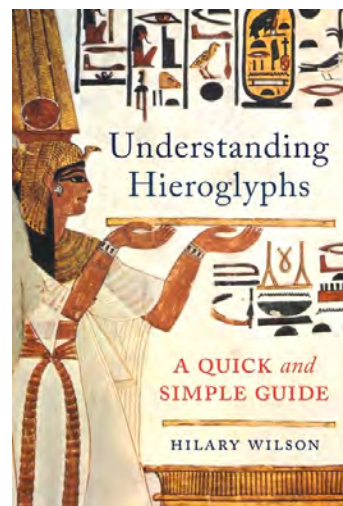
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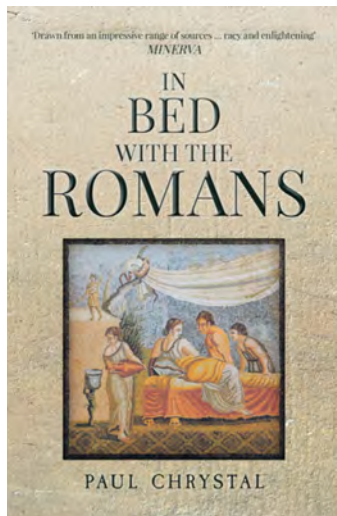
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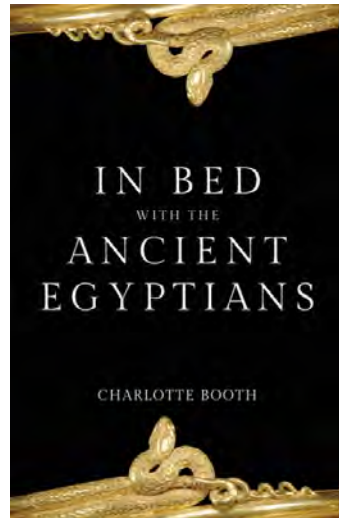
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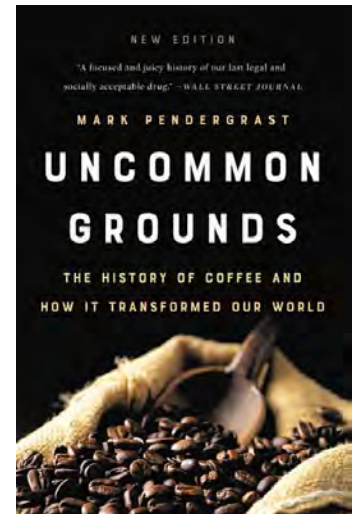
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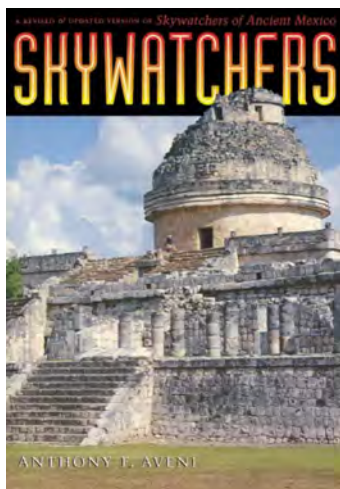
To writer, activist, and Emory alumna, Melody Moezzi, Rumi's writings became a lifeline. In *The Rumi Prescription*, we follow her path of discovery as she translates Rumi's works for herself—to gain wisdom and insight in the face of a creative and spiritual roadblock. With the help of her father, who is a lifelong fan of Rumi's poetry, she immerses herself in this rich body of work, and discovers a 13th-century prescription for modern life. \$27, hardcover.

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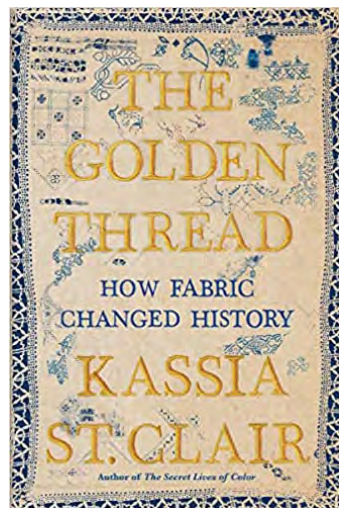
A comprehensive story of coffee from its discovery on a hill in ancient Abyssinia to the advent of Starbucks. Mark Pendergrast (bestselling author of *For God, Country & Coca-Cola*) reviews the dramatic changes in coffee culture over the past decade from the disastrous "coffee crisis" that caused global prices to plummet to the rise of the Fair Trade movement and the "third-wave" of quality-obsessed coffee connoisseurs. As the scope of coffee culture continues to expand, *Uncommon Grounds* remains more than ever a brilliantly entertaining guide to the currents of one of the world's favorite beverages. \$24.99, paperback.

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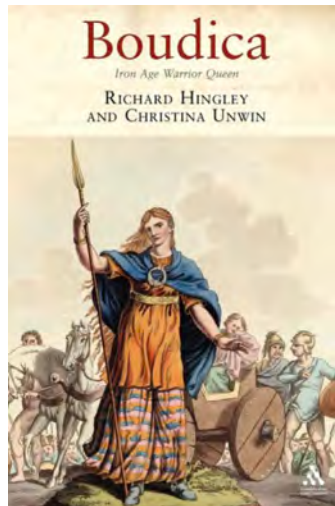
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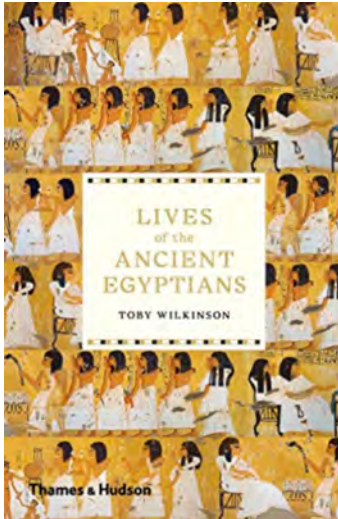
Boudica, or Boadicea, queen of the Iceni, led a famous revolt against Roman rule in Britain in 60 AD, sacking London, Colchester, and St. Albans, and throwing the province into chaos. Although later defeated by the governor, Suetonius Paulinus, her rebellion sent a shock wave across the empire. This book is an account of what we know about the real woman from classical literature written for the consumption of readers in Rome, from the archaeological evidence, and from her extraordinary posthumous career as the earliest famous woman in British history. \$29.95, paperback.

Women Who Fly: Goddesses, Witches, Mystics, and Other Airborne Females



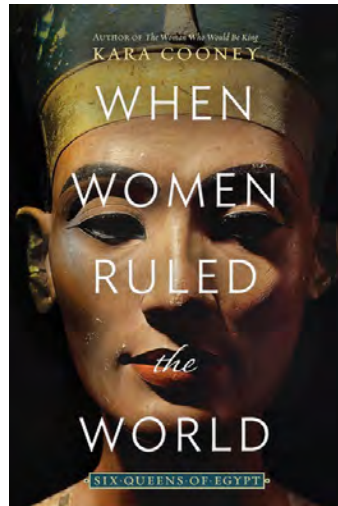
From the beautiful apsaras of Hindu myth to the swan maidens of European fairy tales, stories of flying women reveal the perennial fascination with and ambivalence about female power and sexuality. Anthropologist Serinity Young examines the motif of the flying woman in a wide variety of cultures and historical periods. She considers the Valkyries of Norse legend, who transport men to immortality; winged deities like the Greek goddesses Iris and Nike; figures of terror like the Furies, witches, and succubi. Throughout, Young demonstrates that female power has always been inextricably linked with female sexuality and how to control it. \$29.95, hardcover.

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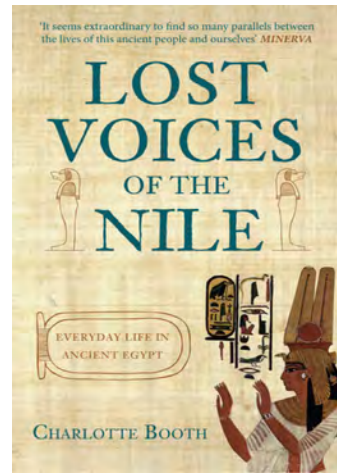
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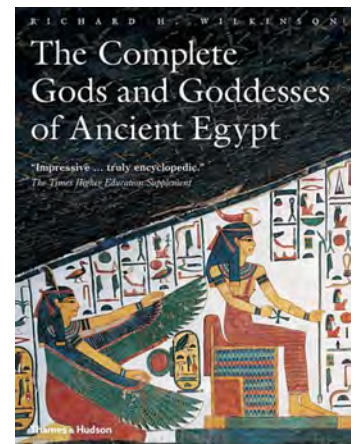
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