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Mass

The Quest to Understand Matter, from Greek Atoms to Quantum Fields

Jim Baggott, Freelance Science Writer

Everything around us is made of ‘stuff’ – from planets, to books, to our own bodies. Whatever it is, we call it matter or material substance. It is solid; it has mass. But what is matter, exactly? This is a question that scientists have been trying to answer since ancient Greece, relentlessly trying to peel away successive layers to reveal its ultimate constituents.

And, at some point on this exciting journey of scientific discovery, we lost our grip on the reassuringly familiar concept of mass. Far from being solid, certain, and dependable, the Universe, it turns out, is built from ghosts and phantoms of a peculiar quantum kind.

How did this happen? How did the answers to our questions become so complicated and so difficult to comprehend? Baggott explains how we come to find ourselves confronted by a very different understanding of the nature of matter, the origins of mass, and its implications for our understanding of the material world.

From the Greek philosophers and their theories of atoms and void via Newton and Galileo, to the development of quantum field theory and the discovery of a Higgs boson-like particle, Baggott shows us that the answer to the question of ‘What is matter?’ is proving to be far more elusive and uncertain than the Greek philosophers ever imagined.
Flora of Middle-Earth
Plants of J.R.R. Tolkien’s Legendarium

Walter S. Judd, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biology, University of Florida, and Graham A. Judd, Adjunct Faculty, Minneapolis College of Art and Design

An exquisite and unmissable title for any Tolkien enthusiast, *Flora of Middle-Earth* considers the importance of plants in Tolkien’s conception of Middle-Earth. It develops the theme that Middle-Earth is our own world, and aims to awaken the reader to the connection between the plants of Tolkien’s legendarium and those growing in our gardens and local natural areas of the Northern Hemisphere. It also demonstrates the connection between the various plant communities of Middle-Earth and the elven and human cultures that occupy them, including those environments degraded by warfare, industrialization, or pollution.

No other book approaches the topic of the plants of Tolkien’s Middle-Earth from a botanical and truly scientific perspective. The heart of the book contains a clear, comprehensive alphabetical listing of every plant in the Tolkien universe. Each entry includes basic botanical details, the literary context in which it appears, and its significance within Tolkien’s body of work, amongst others.

Many plants are illustrated by original artwork by Walter Judd, in the style of a woodcut print, and most are also represented by one or several photographs, showing their diagnostic characteristics. The description along with an identification key, when used with the illustrations and photos, allow for easy identification of each plant, adding to the reader’s understanding and appreciation of Tolkien’s works. A glossary of descriptive terms is also included.

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Collecting Evolution
The Galapagos Expedition that Vindicated Darwin

Matthew J. James, Professor of Geology, Sonoma State University

In 1905, eight men from the California Academy of Sciences set sail for the Galapagos Islands. This voyage became one of the most important expeditions in the history of science and yet, despite its great significance, almost nothing has been written about it.

In Collecting Evolution, James describes this unique maritime adventure during which 78,000 species were collected, but which also saw suicides, controversies over credit and fame, and the killing of now-extinct species. In addition, it sets the voyage in scientific context and explores the personal lives of those who took part in it, as well as what had brought Darwin to the island seventy years earlier.

The Calculus Story
A Mathematical Adventure

David Acheson, Emeritus Fellow, Jesus College, University of Oxford

In The Calculus Story Acheson presents a wide-ranging picture of calculus and its applications, from ancient Greece right up to the present day. Drawing on their original writings, he introduces the people who helped to build our understanding of calculus. With a step by step treatment, he demonstrates how to start doing calculus, from the very beginning.

Calculus is the mathematics of change, a central topic for all maths, science, and engineering. It is also a subject that causes anxiety in many. Here, Acheson gives a concise, step by step account of the very basics, assuming only simple school-level maths. In between, he threads through the story of the discoverers of calculus, and he touches on its wide applications. This is a clear exposition of a topic many people find challenging, but which should serve as a basic introduction to students and the general reader alike.

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Eclipse — Journeys to the Dark Side of the Moon

Frank Close, Professor of Physics, University of Oxford, and three-time winner of the British Science Writer Prize

In August 2017, 100 million will gather across the USA to watch a total solar eclipse. In this book, Close, the widely read popular science author, describes the spellbinding allure of this beautiful natural phenomenon, taking the reader to a war zone in Western Sahara, the South Pacific, and the African bush. In doing so, Close explains why eclipses happen, their role in history, and their influence on literature and myth.

This very personal account also reveals how a teacher and an eclipse inspired the eight-year old author to dedicate his life to science and, specifically, to a lifelong pursuit of eclipses throughout the world. It also details Close’s quest to solve a 3000-year old mystery: how did the moon move backwards during a total solar eclipse, as claimed in the Book of Joshua?

The Lazy Universe
An Introduction to the Principle of Least Action

Jennifer Coopersmith, Honorary Research Associate, La Trobe University

The Lazy Universe is a rare book on a rare topic: it is about ‘action’ and the Principle of Least Action. A surprisingly well-kept secret, these ideas are at the heart of physical science and engineering. Physics is well known as being concerned with grand conservatory principles (e.g. the conservation of energy) but equally important is the optimization principle (such as getting somewhere in the shortest time or with the least resistance).

In this volume, the author aims to explain ideas rather than achieve technical competence, and to show how Least Action leads into the whole of physics, using worked examples to aid understanding, explanations of connections between physics and mathematics, and even cultural and philosophical references.

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Professor Higgins’ Problem Collection

Peter Higgins, Professor in Pure Mathematics, University of Essex

An exciting and accessible volume designed to test the sharpest minds, Professor Higgins’ Problem Collection explores a variety of problems and shows how mathematics can answer them. Topics range from cracking codes to the persistence of recessive genes, from logic puzzles to classical geometry, and from planetary motion questions to predicting the market share of competing companies. Fully illustrated, it also features an appealing ‘flip to answer’ layout, with one question per page and the answer on the reverse. What is more, there are short summaries of the relevant formulae and ideas at the close of each chapter so that this volume is self-contained.

Closing the Gap
The Quest to Understand Prime Numbers

Vicky Neale, Whitehead Lecturer, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

In the last two years, mathematicians from around the world have made dramatic progress on a problem in number theory that goes back centuries, the Twin Primes Conjecture, which asserts that there are infinitely many pairs of prime numbers that differ by 2 (for example, 17 and 19 is such a pair). A fascinating book on the biggest development in number theory for decades, upcoming writer Neale, looks at the incredible journey of work of Yitang Zhang, a previously unknown mathematician, who made this huge breakthrough.

Teaching Statistics
A Bag of Tricks

Andrew Gelman, Columbia University, and Deborah Nolan, University of California

Teaching Statistics: A Bag of Tricks contains a wealth of teaching tips, classroom demonstrations, student activities, project ideas, and exercises designed to engage students in learning statistics. Full of practical and encouraging advice for teachers and students alike, this ‘bag of tricks’ is the fruit of years of collecting, inventing, experimenting, and hard thinking by two classroom veterans who are also leading statisticians.

This second edition contains new chapters on teaching graphics, statistical communication, and data science, as well as chapters on teaching statistics to social scientists and using statistics diaries in a course.

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The Causes of War and the Spread of Peace

But Will War Rebound?

Azar Gat, Ezer Weitzman Professor of National Security, Tel Aviv University

Why do humans go to war? Have we been waging war ever since we first existed as a species? Is a propensity to wage war part of what it is to be human, or a result of the evolution of human society? And has there actually been a decline in war-making over time – or is this just a pious hope?

The causes of war is one of the big questions of human existence. Here, Gat draws together insights from evolutionary theory, anthropology, history, historical sociology, and political science to address these fundamental questions about the history of our species – the answers to which also have big implications for the survival of the human race.

This monumental volume explores humankind’s need to go to war, from the beginning of prehistory to the present day. Gat reveals that theories regarding the recent decline of war, such as the so-called ‘democratic peace’ and ‘capitalist peace’, capture merely elements of a broader ‘Modernization Peace’ that has been growing since the onset of the industrial age in the early nineteenth century.

An essential text for anyone interested in warfare through the ages and the future of humanity from one of the leading experts in the field.
Stalin’s Defectors
How Red Army Soldiers Became Hitler’s Collaborators, 1941-1945
Mark Edele, Professor of History and Australian Research Council Future Fellow, University of Western Australia

Stalin’s Defectors is the first systematic study of the phenomenon of frontline surrender to the Germans in the Soviet Union’s ‘Great Patriotic War’ against the Nazis in 1941-1945. No other Allied army in the Second World War had such a large share of defectors among its prisoners of war. Based on a broad range of sources, this volume investigates the extent, the context, the scenarios, the reasons, the aftermath, and the historiography of frontline defection. It shows that the most widespread sentiment animating attempts to cross the frontline was a wish to survive the war. Both sides of a long-standing debate between those who equate all Soviet captives with defectors, and those who attempt to downplay the phenomenon, then, over-stress their argument. Instead, more recent research shows that the majority understood their own interest in opposition to both Hitler’s and Stalin’s regime. The findings of Edele in this volume support such an interpretation.

Stalinist Perpetrators on Trial
Scenes from the Great Terror in Soviet Ukraine
Lynne Viola, Professor of History, University of Toronto

An insider’s account of the trials and punishments of the Soviet secret police officers who carried out the Great Terror, Stalinist Perpetrators on Trial uses criminal files from Ukraine to take readers inside the operations of the interrogation rooms and execution chambers where Stalin’s regime enacted state violence.

The documents illuminate one of the darkest corners of Soviet history - the inner world of Stalin’s terror and the mental cosmos of Soviet perpetrators. They allow us to eavesdrop on the conversations of NKVD men, as they discuss the practices of the Great Terror amongst themselves. They permit us to listen in on the top-secret operational meetings of the NKVD at different regional levels as it set out to launch the Great Terror. Most importantly, they bring us directly into the interrogation room to witness the questioning and torture of victims, where the extraction of confessions was the ultimate goal.

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On the Ocean
The Mediterranean and the Atlantic from Prehistory to AD 1500

Sir Barry Cunliffe, Emeritus Professor of European Archaeology, University of Oxford

The sea is, and has always been, a mysterious and largely unknown environment. Ever moving and ever changing in mood, it is a place without time, in contrast to the land which is fixed and scarred by human activity giving it a visible history.

But why, then, did humans become seafarers? Part of the answer is that we are conditioned by our genetics to be acquisitive animals: we like to acquire rare materials and we are eager for esoteric knowledge, and society rewards us well for both. Looking out to sea, most will be curious as to what is out there – a mysterious island, perhaps, but what lies beyond? Our innate inquisitiveness drives us to explore.

Cunliffe looks at the development of seafaring on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, two contrasting seas — the Mediterranean without a significant tide, enclosed and soon to become familiar, and the Atlantic with its frightening tidal ranges, an ocean without end.

Oxford

Martin Parr, contemporary photographer and President of Magnum, and Simon Winchester, writer, journalist, and broadcaster

Oxford is a collection of around 100 photographs documenting an academic year in the life of the university. Whilst it is centred on a selection of colleges, it also looks at other aspects of university life.

Parr’s photographs are accompanied by an extended essay that draws on, and enriches the photographic material, penned by Winchester.

Parr’s distinctive approach of casting a satirical lens on British life and customs has gathered him a broad international following, and Oxford very much follows in this tradition. This is an ideal volume for all those interested in Oxford University, the students, the academics, and its staff. This photo-documentary project offers a unique visual insight into the day-to-day of this remarkable city.

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Mona Lisa

The People and the Painting

Martin Kemp, Emeritus Professor of History of Art, Oxford University, and Giuseppe Pallanti, Professor of Economics

Read this book and the world’s most famous image will never look the same again. Written by two of the leading experts on Leonardo da Vinci, it is full of new facts and rich in fresh interpretations. Revelations abound on the painter and his father, giving us the chance to meet the illegitimate Leonardo’s real mother and learn where he was born. Kemp and Pallanti also throw new light on the life of the portrait’s subject, Lisa Gherardini, her marriage to the ambitious merchant Francesco del Giocondo, her life as a wife and a mother, her association with sexual scandals, and her later experiences in a convent.

Extensively illustrated in colour, the book shows how the painting that began as a standard portrait was radically reshaped in accordance with Leonardo’s concept of the ‘science of art’ which embraced optics, anatomy, and geology. The Mona Lisa, thus, evolved to become the supreme expression of what he thought painting could do.

Above all, Kemp and Pallanti cut through the suppositions and the myths to demonstrate that the Mona Lisa that became over time a ‘universal picture’ was a product of real people in a real place at a real time.
The World from 1000 BCE to 300 CE

Stanley M. Burstein, Professor Emeritus of History, California State University

This book provides the first comprehensive history of Afro-Eurasia during the first millennium BCE and the beginning of the first millennium CE. The history of these more than 1300 years can be summed up in one word: connectivity. The growth in connectivity during this period was marked by increasing political, economic, and cultural interaction throughout the region, and the replacement of the numerous political entities by a handful of great empires at the end of the period.

In this volume, Burstein discusses controversial issues such as the origins of the Indo-European culture and how historians use the Bible as a historical source.

Part of the New Oxford World History Series.

Modern Hungers

Food and Power in Twentieth-Century Germany

Alice Weinreb, Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University

During the first decades of the twentieth century, the modern states fighting in World War I and II for the first time experimented with feeding – and starving – entire populations. In Europe, starvation claimed more lives than any other weapon of war. As Weinreb shows in Modern Hungers, nowhere was this more apparent than in Germany. Fears of hunger and fantasies of abundance were instead reframed within a new political system that saw the world as divided between Capitalism and Communism.

Drawing on sources ranging from military records and cookbooks to economic and nutritional studies from East and West German archives, Modern Hungers reveals similarities and striking ruptures between popular experience and state policy with regards to the industrial food economy. It thus offers historical context for many key contemporary concerns ranging from humanitarian food aid to the gender-wage gap to the obesity epidemic.

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Not in My Family
German Memory and Responsibility after the Holocaust

Roger Frie, Professor of Education, Simon Fraser University

In this personal account, Frie explores what it means to discover his family’s legacy of a Nazi past. Using the narrative of his grandfather as a starting point, he shows how the transfer of memory from one German generation to the next keeps the forbidding reality of the Holocaust at bay.

Not in My Family is rich with poignant illustration: Frie beautifully combines his own story with the stories of others, perpetrators and survivors, and the generations that came after. As a practicing psychotherapist he also draws on his own experience of working with patients whose lives have been directly and indirectly shaped by the Holocaust. Throughout, Frie proceeds with a level of frankness and honesty that invites readers to reflect on their own histories and to understand the lasting effects of historical traumas into the present.

Perpetrators
The World of the Holocaust Killers

Guenther Lewy, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

The Nazis’ attempt to annihilate the Jewish people continues to raise a disturbing question. About six million defenceless men, women, and children were murdered for no reason but their ancestry. What had converted so many seemingly ordinary people into killers, willing participants in what is probably the worst crime in modern history?

Lewy provides a critical synthesis of recent literature on the perpetrators, drawing on previously untapped valuable sources, including officers’ and soldiers’ diaries; some 35,000 letters written by soldiers serving in the East, many of which describe the murder of Jews; the recollections of Jewish survivors, and most importantly, the record of the trials of hundreds of Nazi perpetrators by German courts.
Through the Lion Gate
A History of the Berlin Zoo

Gary Bruce, Associate Professor of History, University of Waterloo

This is the first English-language history of the Berlin zoo, highlighting its central importance over 150 years of German history. It includes enthralling stories about the animals who were a part of it, such as the ‘Knautschke’, the hippo who survived the aerial bombing of 1943 and became an icon for the city. The author also shows how the Nazis, led by Adolf Hitler and Hermann Göring, promoted animal protection laws as a means to spread their ideology, and he offers vivid descriptions of Berliners’ reaction to the people on display in the ‘human zoos,’ including the romantic relationships that they formed.

There and Back
A Global History of Routes

Stewart Gordon, Professor Emeritus of World History and British Empire History, State University of Michigan

There and Back explores the major routes of the world through cognitive geography, or literally ‘maps in the mind’, of ancient, medieval and modern routes. Much of the traditional scholarship has studied routes within political, economic, topographic or military paradigms. This volume, however, demonstrates that a route is much more than topography—it is also the songs, the stories, and the fairy tales associated with that route, which reflect the expectations and aspirations associated with them for the travelers who charted them. Special attention is paid to the significance of routes as habitats of ideas, exchanges, and cultural patterns.

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Streams of Gold, Rivers of Blood
The Rise and Fall of Byzantium, 955 A.D. to the First Crusade

Anthony Kaldellis, Professor of Greek and Latin, Ohio State University

The Byzantine empire was once the most powerful state in the Mediterranean. Yet this imperial project came to a crashing collapse fifty years after its prime, when political disunity, fiscal mismanagement, and defeat at the hands of the Seljuks in the east and the Normans in the west brought an end to Byzantine hegemony.

How did this dramatic transformation happen? Based on a close examination of the relevant sources, this history—the first of its kind in over a century—offers a new reconstruction of the key events and crucial reigns as well as a different model for understanding imperial politics and wars, both civil and foreign.

Ottonian Queenship

Simon MacLean, Professor in History, University of St Andrews

The kings and emperors of the Ottonian dynasty which dominated Continental Europe in the tenth and early eleventh centuries are generally regarded as the founders of medieval Germany. The queens of the dynasty were also very powerful, amongst the most powerful of the entire Middle Ages.

*Ottonian Queenship* offers the first full study in English of the surviving sources for Ottonian queenship. It makes original arguments about the nature and origins of queenly power, interpreting it as a product of the particular dynamics of European politics in the decades after the collapse of the Carolingian Empire in 888. By situating Ottonian queenship as a feature in a broader landscape, it guides readers through the intricacies of European history at a crucial moment in its making.

Megadrought and Collapse

Edited by Harvey Weiss, Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology, Yale University

This is the first book to treat in one volume the current paleoclimatic and archaeological evidence of megadrought events coinciding with major historical examples of societal collapse.

This volume presents nine case studies that span the globe and stretch over fourteen thousand years, from the Palaeolithic hunter-gatherer collapse of the twelfth millennium BC to the fifteenth century AD fall of the Khmer capital at Angkor. Together, the studies constitute a primary sourcebook in which principal investigators in archaeology and paleoclimatology present their original research.

The evidence points to a paradigm shift: the insertion of another major force—megadrought—into the global historical record.

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The Wars of Justinian

Peter Heather, Professor of Medieval History, King’s College London

The era of the Emperor Justinian (527-68) intersects the fall of the western half of the Roman Empire in the fifth century and the collapse of the east in the face of rampant Arab invasions in the seventh. Famous for his conquests in Italy and North Africa, and for the creation of stunning monuments such as Hagia Sophia, Justinian’s reign was also marked by global religious conflict within the Christian world and an outbreak of plague which some have compared to the Black Death. Determined to reverse the losses Rome suffered in the fifth century, Justinian’s stubborn aggression in the face of all adversity, not least the plague, led the eastern Empire to overreach itself, making it vulnerable to the Islamic takeover of its richest territories in the seventh century, which turned the great East Roman Empire of late antiquity, into its pale Byzantine shadow of the Middle Ages.

There is a great deal of contemporary source material on this fascinating historical moment: all too much of it, in fact, by one author - Procopius. In The Wars of Justinian, Heather reconsiders Procopius’ seminal judgments by bringing together a series of significant bodies of revisionist modern scholarship. For example, new research has generated great advances in our understanding of the administration of the empire, particularly of its armed forces. A huge body of archaeological evidence has become available for the sixth century, providing an entirely new corpus of information through which to reconsider the overall effects of Justinian’s war policies. Drawing on his own distinguished work on the Vandals, Goths, and Persians, Heather will also give much fuller coverage to Rome’s enemies than Procopius ever did. Finally, his book will aim to provide a much stronger sense of place than anything achieved by Procopius, or other modern histories of the period.

Heather’s book promises to introduce to a wide readership this fascinating but unjustly overlooked chapter in ancient warfare.
Ecology and Power in the Age of Empire
Europe and the Transformation of the Tropical World

Corey Ross, Professor of Modern History, University of Birmingham

Ecology and Power in the Age of Empire provides the first wide-ranging environmental history of the heyday of European imperialism, from the late nineteenth century through to the end of the colonial era. Covering the overseas empires of all the major European powers, it argues that tropical environments were not merely a stage on which conquest and subjugation took place, but were an essential part of the colonial project, profoundly shaping the imperial enterprise even as they were shaped by it. The story it tells is not only about the complexities of human experience, but also about people’s relationship with the ecosystems in which they were themselves embedded: the soil, water, plants, and animals that were likewise a part of Europe’s empire. By relating the expansion of modern empire, global trade, and mass consumption to the momentous ecological shifts that they entailed, this book provides a historical perspective on the vital nexus of social, political, and environmental issues that we face in our twenty-first-century world.

Myths on the Map
The Storied Landscapes of Ancient Greece

Edited by Greta Hawes, Lecturer in Classics and Ancient History, Australian National University

Storytelling was always an inextricable part of how the ancient Greeks understood their environment; mythic maps existed alongside new, more concrete, methods of charting the contours of the Earth. Specific landscape features acted as repositories of myth and spurred their retelling; myths, in turn, shaped and gave sense to natural and built environments, and were crucial to the conceptual resonances of places both known and unknown.

This volume brings together contributions from leading scholars of Greek myth, literature, history, and archaeology to examine the myriad of intricate ways in which ancient Greek myth interacted with the physical and conceptual landscapes of antiquity. The diverse range of approaches and topics highlights in particular the plurality and pervasiveness of such interactions. The collection as a whole sheds new light on the central importance of storytelling in Greek conceptions of space.

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A Magnificent Faith
Art and Identity in Lutheran Germany

Bridget Heal, Senior Lecturer in History, University of St Andrews

This accessibly-written and richly-illustrated volume is the first comprehensive history of the Reformation origins and seventeenth-century emergence of the Lutheran baroque. The Protestant reform movements that transformed religious life during the sixteenth century have generally been associated with iconoclasm; however, Heal demonstrates that in Lutheran Germany, the heartland of the Reformation, a rich visual culture developed despite theologians’ ambivalent attitude towards images. Thoroughly grounded in art, religion, and politics, the text incorporates visual evidence into the broader frameworks of Reformation history, using images to illuminate current debates about religious culture and identity.

1517
Martin Luther and the Invention of the Reformation

Peter Marshall, Professor of History, University of Warwick

Luther’s posting of the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on 31 October 1517 is one of the most famous events of Western history. It inaugurated the Protestant Reformation, and has for centuries been a symbol of religious freedom of conscience, and of righteous protest against the abuse of power.

But did it actually really happen?

As people across the world prepare to remember the 500th anniversary of the posting of the theses, this book offers a timely contribution. Reviewing the evidence, Marshall concludes that, very probably, it never happened. Intending not to ‘debunk’ or belittle Luther’s achievement, Marshall rather invites renewed reflection on how the past speaks to the present - and how, all too often, the present creates the past in its own likeness.

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A World Ablaze
The Rise of Martin Luther and the Birth of the Reformation

Craig Harline, Professor of History, Brigham Young University

It’s not always easy to find the human Martin Luther, given all the oversized statues, paintings, and stories about him. Did he really nail 95 theses on a church door? Was he trying to stop the new practice of indulgences? Was his intent to defy the pope and start a new church? Often with legends of famous people like Martin Luther it’s hard to separate the legend from the life.

This particular telling of Luther’s story reveals his human side. Harline focuses on the first crucial years of fame, from 1517 to early 1522, and brings out the immediacy, uncertainty, and drama of his story, before the ending was ever known. A World Ablaze reveals Martin Luther as a sometimes cranky friar and professor as well as the dramatically posed bronze or oil icon we are more familiar with.

Saint Augustine on the Resurrection of Christ
Teaching, Rhetoric, and Reception

Gerald O’Collins, SJ, Australian Catholic University

Despite an enormous amount of literature on St Augustine of Hippo, this work provides the first examination of what he taught about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Leading scholar O’Collins evaluates Augustine’s works to present the central importance of faith in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, the agency of Christ’s own resurrection, the nature of his risen existence, the impact of his resurrection on others, and his mediatory role as the risen High Priest. This ground-breaking study illustrates the enduring significance of Augustine’s teaching on and apologetic for the resurrection and updates, augments, and corrects what Augustine held.
Aging Thoughtfully

Conversations about Retirement, Romance, Wrinkles, and Regret

Martha C. Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, University of Chicago, and Saul Levmore, William B. Graham Distinguished Service Professor of Law, University of Chicago

Aging brings distinctive discoveries and challenges. People age in many different ways, but here Nussbaum and Levmore suggest that we can learn from shared experiences and insights. Instead of thinking about this stage of life as a time to fade, we need to think boldly and carefully about the active living that we can do for an increasing number of years.

The conversations, or paired essays, in this book juxtapose a philosopher’s approach with that of a lawyer-economist. There are ideas about when to retire, how to refashion social security to help the elderly, how to learn from King Lear - who failed to retire successfully - and whether to enjoy or criticize anti-aging cosmetic procedures. Some questions are very general: what is friendship as we age? What becomes of love and sex? Some are more immediately practical, dealing with philanthropic decisions, relations with one’s children and grandchildren, the purchase of annuities, and how to provide for care in old age. And some are just interesting; they include the treatment of aging women in film and in a Strauss opera, and a consideration of Donald Trump’s marriages to much younger women.

The overall goal is to show how much fun discussion about aging can be and, in the end, how to age thoughtfully and encourage one’s parents and friends to do so as well.
Enactivist Interventions
Rethinking the Mind

Shaun Gallagher, Moss Professor of Excellence in Philosophy, University of Memphis

This groundbreaking interdisciplinary work explores how theories of embodied cognition illuminate many aspects of the mind and offers a conceptual rethink of the concept. Enactivism is presented as a philosophy of nature with significant implications for scientific investigation. Gallagher argues that, like the basic phenomena of perception and action, sophisticated cognitive phenomena like reflection, imagining and mathematical reasoning are best explained in terms of an affordance-based skilled coping. He suggests a continuity running between basic action, affectivity, and a rationality that in every case remains embodied.

Aesthetics of the Familiar
Everyday Life and World-Making

Yuriko Saito, Rhode Island School of Design

Saito offers a fascinating exploration into the nature and significance of the aesthetic dimensions of everyday life. Everyday aesthetics has the recognized value of enriching one's life experiences and sharpening attentiveness and sensibility. Saito draws out its broader importance for how we collectively make our worlds—environmentally, morally, as citizens and consumers.

Saito urges that we have a social responsibility to encourage cultivation of aesthetic literacy and vigilance against aesthetic manipulation, arguing that ultimately, everyday aesthetics can be an effective instrument for directing humanity's collective world-making project for the betterment of all.

The Quantum Revolution in Philosophy

Richard Healey, Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona

Quantum theory launched a revolution in physics but we have yet to understand its significance for philosophy. The first part of this book offers a self-contained but opinionated introduction to quantum theory. The second part goes on to assess the theory's philosophical significance. Healey illustrates the value of pragmatist approaches to such topics as probability, causation, explanation, and meaning.

This is a landmark work by a prize-winning philosopher of physics, exploring the radical consequences of quantum theory for our understanding of the world but without assuming any prior knowledge.
Down Girl
A Theory of Misogyny

Kate Manne, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Cornell University

Surprisingly there have been few systematic accounts of misogyny by philosophers. In Down Girl Manne offers an original philosophical analysis of what misogyny is and how to fight it. For Manne, misogyny is a reaction from those who feel threatened by women’s increasing social power. Manne’s insight that men who lash out are often insecure about their position in the social world informs her view on how to respond; not by ‘dismantling the bastions of male privilege’, which would be disruptive and dangerous, but by navigating a path that balances the long-term political imperative of gender justice against the short-term risk to women. And when male privilege does fall, she argues for an ethos of attentiveness to the vulnerable in the aftermath.

The Messages We Send
Social Signals and Storytelling

G. R. F. Ferrari, Melpomene Professor of Classics, University of California, Berkeley

In this accessible work, Ferrari offers a new framework for understanding ways in which we communicate with each other. He explores the idea of ‘intimations’: social interactions that approach outright communication but do not quite reach it. The metaphor from which he starts is that of a communicative scale or switch, which goes from ‘off’ (no communication intended) to fully ‘on’ (outright communication). Intimations lie in between. Three intermediate positions are identified: quarter-on, half-on, and three-quarters-on. To illustrate this scale, the book ranges from fashion and the ‘messages’ we send with our clothes, to lyric poetry, to storytelling. The book discusses storytelling at length, and at the end investigates its connection to situational irony.
In this long-awaited work Longuenesse presents an original exploration of our understanding and the way we talk about ourselves. The first part of the book discusses contemporary analyses of our use of ‘I’ in language and thought, and compares them to Kant’s account of self-consciousness, especially the type of self-consciousness expressed in the proposition ‘I think.’ According to many contemporary philosophers any instance of our use of ‘I’ is backed by our consciousness of our own body. For Kant, in contrast, ‘I think’ expresses our consciousness of being engaged in bringing rational unity into the contents of our mental states. The second part of the book, analyses the details of Kant’s view, arguing that contemporary discussions in philosophy and psychology stand to benefit from Kant’s insights into self-consciousness and the unity of consciousness. The third and final part of the book outlines similarities between Kant’s view of the structure of mental life grounding our uses of ‘I’ in ‘I think’ and in the moral ‘I ought to’ on the one hand and Freud’s analysis of the organizations of mental processes he calls ‘ego’ and ‘superego’ on the other. Longuenesse argues that Freudian metapsychology offers a path to a naturalization of Kant’s transcendental view of the mind. It offers a developmental account of the normative capacities that ground our uses of ‘I,’ which Kant thought could not be accounted for without appealing to a world of pure intelligences, distinct from the empirical, natural world of physical entities.
Teaching Music Improvisation with Technology

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Expert author and veteran public school music educator Fein shows that technology is a valuable tool that can be used effectively to supplement student practice time while also developing the skills necessary to become a proficient improviser. Incorporating technology in music classrooms can take the mystery out of improvisation, establishing a strong foundation for chord, scale, phrase, ear training, and listening exercises, creating a solid backdrop for student expression. Complete with notated exercises, accompaniment tracks, and listening resources, this book gives teachers methods to set their students free to make mistakes and to develop their own ear for improvisation at their own pace. In addition to hands-on activities, each chapter provides the reader with an ‘iPad Connection’ to various iOS applications, allowing another medium through which to learn, share, and create art.

The Transformation of Black Music

The Rhythms, the Songs, and the Ships of the African Diaspora

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Exploring the full spectrum of black musics, the authors discuss how it has blossomed, permeated present traditions, and created new practices. As a companion to the groundbreaking The Power of Black Music, this text situates black musics in a broader cultural, political, and social framework. Providing a broad list of figures rarely included in conventional music history, the text elucidates wide-ranging academic findings, weaving these accounts into a powerful narrative. The book will solidify not only the inestimable value of black musics, but also its importance to all musical endeavours.

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The Art of Interpretation in an Age of Computation

Paul Kockelman, Professor of Anthropology, Yale University

Kockelman focuses on a set of processes whereby ostensibly human-specific modes of meaning become automated by machines, formatted by protocols, and networked by infrastructures.

What does it take to automate meaningful practices? What does this mean for those who engage in such practices? And what is at stake? How can we understand computational processes from the standpoint of meaningful practices? And what lies in wait? In answering these questions, Kockelman both stays close to fundamental concerns of computer science and originally leverages key ideas of American pragmatism.

The Ideas Industry

Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics, Tufts University

The concept of the ‘public intellectual’ has a rich and colorful history. It began in the early twentieth century, when the new mass media catapulted intellectuals who were able to write for the general public to semi-stardom. Since then, the definition of the public intellectual had solidified.

This is the first work by a nationally prominent author on public intellectuals for a long time. In it, Drezner puts forth the argument that the traditional public intellectual has been supplanted by a new model: the ‘thought leader’. He identifies and analyses inequality and political polarisation as the primary drivers of this shift as well as recounting engaging stories about the foibles of contemporary intellectual life. This is a book which will reshape our understanding of contemporary public intellectual life in America and the West.

Jihad & Co.

Black Markets and Islamist Power

Aisha Ahmad, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto

Why are some ideologically-inspired Islamists particularly able to build state-like polities out of enduring civil war stalemate? By tracking the financial origins of jihadists in Afghanistan, Somalia, Pakistan, Mali, and Iraq, the book shows that, behind the heated rhetoric, there are hard economic reasons for Islamist success: an ability to work within and exploit local economies. Ground-breaking research features extensive interviews with jihadists and merchants and new fieldwork on the wars in Mali, Syria, and Iraq to demonstrate why business, far more than religion, explains the rise of militant Islamist power across the modern Muslim world.

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Migrant, Refugee, Smuggler, Savior

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This book investigates one of the most under-examined aspects of the great migration crisis of our time. As millions seek passage to Europe, in order to escape violent conflicts, repressive governments, and crushing poverty, their movements are enabled and actively encouraged by criminal networks that amass billions of dollars by facilitating their transport. Many of these smugglers carry out their activities with little regard for human rights, which has led to a manifold increase in human suffering, not only in the Mediterranean Sea, but also along the overland smuggling routes that cross the Sahara, penetrate deep into the Balkans, and through hidden corners of Europe’s capitals. But some of these smugglers are revered as saviours by those they move, for it is they who deliver men, women, and children to a safer place and a better life. Disconcertingly, it is often criminals who help the most desperate among us when the international system fails to come to their aid.

This book is a measured attempt, born of years of research and reporting in the field, to better understand how human-smuggling networks function, the ways in which they have evolved, and what they mean for peace and security in the future.
The Captured Economy
How the Powerful Become Richer, Slow Down Growth, and Increase Inequality

Brink Lindsey, Vice President, Cato Institute, and Steven Teles, Associate Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University

The relentless increase of inequality in twenty-first century America has confounded analysts from both ends of the political spectrum. Here, Lindsey and Teles identify a new culprit surprising for both sides of the ideological divide: the government-corporate sector nexus. They explain why the perverted form of governance that this alliance has created subverts the goals of egalitarian-minded policymakers and suggest feasible policies to correct the problem. A powerful, original, and genuinely counterintuitive interpretation of the forces driving the increase in inequality, The Captured Economy will be necessary reading for anyone concerned about rising social and economic divisions in contemporary society.

Democracy to Come
Politics as Relational Praxis

Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee Professor of Philosophy and Political Science, Notre Dame University

This book lays the groundwork of a new understanding of modern democracy. Rejecting the idea that democracy is a stable system fostered through regime change and the unidirectional transfer of concepts from the West to autocracies, he argues that a major danger in modern history has been the tendency of Western leaders to appeal to the ‘will of the people’. Dallmayr argues that rather than traveling horizontally, democracy must be relational - nurtured by different societies and cultures from within. In turn, democracy can never be a finished project, but will always be about its potential.
Good People, Bad Managers
How Work Culture Corrupts Good Intentions

Samuel A. Culbert, Professor of Management and Organizations, UCLA

Culbert argues that well-intentioned bad managers make up the bulk of management today and are having a detrimental effect on all employees. He makes a powerful case that modern organizational culture ends up twisting good intentions into bad management behaviour, and that a well-intentioned bad manager is worse than an actively bad one.

According to Culbert, the problem starts at the beginning; these underlying problems can only be addressed through culture change, which cannot be forced from the top down. In this book, he explains how to shift managers’ mindsets and to encourage them to break from the culturally written ‘good management’ scripts that they enact. Company leaders, CEOs, and employees at top-tier levels must realise how they, along with everyone in their company, can benefit from managers evolving. Culbert suggests changes that anyone in a company can initiate and offers practical advice for moving forward. He outlines five prevailing assumptions that companies need to put under the microscope, and five mindsets that companies need to develop to radically change their organizational structure.

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Are profits and sustainability compatible? This book brings unique perspectives to the debate on green entrepreneurship and explores its history since the nineteenth century, showing that it is not something new. Multidisciplinary in appeal, it covers a range of different industries and spans the US, UK, Asia, and Latin America.

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Exploring the Worlds of Global Outsourcing

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Offshore outsourcing - the movement of jobs to lower-wage countries - is a defining feature of globalization. This book provides the first sustained investigation of the workings of the global sourcing industry. Interdisciplinary in appeal, it reveals the complexities involved in globalized employment systems.

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This book argues that we are witnessing not merely a decline in the quality of social science research, but the proliferation of research which is of no value to society. A range of constructive measures are offered, with examples from the UK, US, and Europe.

The Future of Consumer Society
Prospects for Sustainability in the New Economy

Maurie J. Cohen, Professor of Sustainability Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology

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Ray Fisman, Professor Slater Family Professor in Behavioural Economics, Boston University, and Miriam A. Golden, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles

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Mindlessness

The Corruption of Mindfulness in a Culture of Narcissism

Thomas Joiner, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, Florida State University

A contemplative practice with Buddhist roots, mindfulness is ‘the awareness that arises from paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, non-judgmentally.’ Practicing mindfulness can be an effective adjunct in treating psychological disorders such as depression, anxiety, and addiction. But have we gone too far with mindfulness? Recent books on the topic reveal a troubling corruption of mindfulness practice for commercial gain, with self-help celebrities hawking mindfulness as the next ‘miracle drug.’ Furthermore, common misunderstanding of what mindfulness really is seems to be fueled by a widespread cultural trend toward narcissism, egocentricity, and self-absorption.

Joiner chronicles the promising rise of mindfulness and its perhaps inevitable degradation. Giving mindfulness its full due, both as a useful philosophical vantage point and as a means to address various life challenges, he mercilessly charts how narcissism has intertwined with and co-opted the practice to create a Frankenstein’s monster of cultural solipsism and self-importance. He examines the dispiriting consequences for many sectors of society and ponders ways to mitigate, if not undo, them. Mining a rich body of research, Joiner also makes use of material from popular culture, literature, social media, and personal experience in order to expose the misuse of mindfulness and to consider how we as a society can back away from the brink, salvaging a potentially valuable technique for improving mental and physical wellbeing.
Could it be Adult ADHD?

*Could It Be Adult ADHD? A Clinician's Guide to Recognition, Assessment, and Treatment*

Jan Willer, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Chicago, Illinois

One out of every 10 adult psychotherapy clients likely has ADHD – it is even more common in clinical populations than the general public. This book is for mental health professionals who wish to learn how to recognize, assess, and treat adult ADHD. Written in a style maximally accessible to the practicing mental health professional, it educates early-career psychotherapists and experienced professionals alike on the disorder, its symptoms, and its treatment.

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Night Call

*Embracing the Heart of Compassion and Resilience*

Robert Wicks, Professor of Pastoral Counselling, Loyola Maryland University

Told through anecdotes, clinical observations, pearls of wisdom, and drawing from broad literature in psychology, philosophy, and religion, Wicks weaves together stories of pain, hope, healing, and strength to guide readers through the night. Students, practitioners, and supervisors in any of the helping professions will of course form a core professional audience, but the book is written for anyone interested in the experiences and knowledge of one who looks after the caregiver.
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

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Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) has been shown to be very effective in helping people to overcome obsessive compulsive disorder. Therapists, however, are often left wondering how to apply their knowledge of treatment to the particular problems as they face them in clinical practice. This book guides the reader through the principles of using CBT in a clear practical ‘how to’ style, using illustrative case material. Throughout the book, the authors provide tips on receiving and giving supervision to trouble-shoot commonly encountered problems, resulting in a guide that can help clinicians at all levels of experience.

Adaptive Mentalization-Based Integrative Treatment

A Guide for Teams to Develop Systems of Care

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Socially excluded youth with mental health problems and co-occurring difficulties face numerous interventions throughout their lives. They are exposed to many different treatment models which can be overwhelming and, when poorly coordinated, have aversive effects. This is the first book to describe AMBIT; a new approach to working with people that has at its core an integrative approach, drawing on recent advances in neuroscientific, psychoanalytical, social cognitive, and systemic research.
Seven Steps to Managing Your Memory
What’s Normal, What’s Not, and What to Do About It

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As you age, you may find yourself worrying about your memory. With more than 41 million Americans over the age of 65 in the United States, the question becomes how much and what type of memory loss is to be expected as one gets older and what should trigger a visit to the doctor. Written in an easy-to-read and comprehensive style, featuring clinical vignettes and character-based stories that provide real-life examples of how to successfully manage age-related memory loss, this book tackles the frequently-asked questions. It shows what lapses in memory are normal and which need immediate medical attention, what kinds of alternative and pharmacological treatments can help, and strategies to keep the memory active as you age.

The main body of the text focuses on detailing key information on the seven factors of memory: (1) Learn what is normal memory, (2) Determine if your memory is normal, (3) Understand your memory loss, (4) Treat your memory loss, (5) Modify your lifestyle, (6) Strengthen your memory, and (7) Plan your future. A summary of each chapter is provided, making it easy to find that section of the book later on.
The Global Pain Crisis
What Everyone Needs to Know

Judy Foreman, Health Journalist, Senior Fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, Brandeis University

Foreman, a renowned health journalist, addresses the major health issue of pain, which claims hundreds of millions of sufferers worldwide. She considers who it affects the most, what the pain relief options are, and whether the chronic pain crisis can be resolved for good. Foreman's book is a wake-up call for a health problem that affects people across the globe, at all stages of life.

Written in an easy-to-read and quick reference style, this book is a must for anyone whose life is affected by chronic pain.

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Understanding Your Migraines
A Guide for Patients and Families

Morris Levin, MD, UCSF Headache Center, University of California San Francisco, and Thomas N. Ward, MD, Dartmouth Headache Center

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David H. Rosen, Psychiatrist and Medical Educator, and Uyen B. Hoang

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