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The Human Factor
Gorbachev, Reagan, and Thatcher, and the End of the Cold War

ARCHIE BROWN

How three very different political leaders came together to change the course of history

Casting fresh light on the end of the Cold War, The Human Factor tells the story of how the views of Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher changed over time, and shows the impact of their meetings with each other.

The interactions of Reagan, Gorbachev and Thatcher played a crucial part in ending the superpower standoff. Reagan regarded Thatcher as an ideological soulmate and her views carried weight with him and his administration. More surprisingly, the ‘Iron Lady’ formed a strong and supportive relationship with Gorbachev, ‘selling him in Washington’, in the words of her official foreign policy adviser Sir Percy Cradock, ‘as a conduit from Gorbachev to Reagan’ and ‘operating as an agent of influence in both directions’.

Archie Brown has written a highly readable as well as authoritative account, based on interviews and conversations with Soviet politicians, advisers of the perestroika period, and with leading British politicians and Foreign Office officials. The book puts foreign policy and international relations in their domestic political contexts, rejecting triumphalist accounts of American military power or economic strength as the main reason for the conclusion of the Cold War. Brown shows instead how political leaders and their ideas—Gorbachev’s especially—have a bigger part to play in understanding why the Cold War ended.

"The book may, perhaps, be seen as a contribution not only to an explanation of the end of the Cold War but also to a much older debate on the role an individual may play in history."

Introduction to The Human Factor

About the Author

ARCHIE BROWN is a Fellow of the British Academy, an International Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Emeritus Professor of Politics at the University of Oxford. Brown’s most recent book The Myth of the Strong Leader: Political Leadership in the Modern Age, was chosen by Bill Gates as one of the best four books he read in 2016.

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The Napoleonic Wars
A Global History

ALEXANDER MIKABERIDZE, Louisiana State University

- The first global history of the Napoleonic Wars
- Comprehensive in scope, moving across six continents and the entire period from 1792 to 1815
- Moves away from the Eurocentric vision of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars which has been prevalent for so long

Skilfully narrated and deeply researched, here at last is the complete global story of the period, one that expands our contemporary view of the Napoleonic Wars that defined it and their role in laying the foundations of the modern world. In this far-ranging work, Alexander Mikaberidze argues that the Napoleonic Wars can only be fully understood with an international context in mind. Taking specific regions in turn, Mikaberidze discusses major political-military events around the world and situates geopolitical decision-making within its long- and short-term contexts.

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A Natural History

GREG WOOLF, University of London

- Begins with the Greek discovery of the ancient urban civilizations of Egypt and the Near East
- Focuses on the cities themselves: Athens and Sparta, Persepolis and Carthage, Rome and Alexandria, and the generations of people who built and inhabited them
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Greg Woolf tells the story of the rise and fall of ancient cities from the end of the Bronze Age to the beginning of the Middle Ages. It is a tale of war and politics, pestilence and famine, triumph and tragedy, by turns both fabulous and squalid. Its focus is on the ancient Mediterranean: Greeks and Romans at the centre, but Phoenicians and Etruscans, Persians, Gauls, and Egyptians all play a part. The story charts the gradual spread of urbanism to the Atlantic and then the North Sea in the centuries that followed.

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• Dealing with themes of censorship and propaganda, the book is of compelling relevance in the era of “fake news”

Winston Churchill: A Life in the News explores how the development of Churchill’s public life was influenced by the demands of the media, and how press, film, and radio contributed to the many ups and downs of his career. Drawing on an extensive range of personal, governmental, and organizational papers, published diaries, and memoirs, the book not only deals with Churchill’s own personal proclivities as an individual but relates them to broader themes such as media manipulation and the globalization of news. Churchill is revealed as a master of publicity who cultivated a new form of political celebrity.

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The Oxford Illustrated History of the Book reveals the history of books in all their various forms, from the ancient world to the digital present. The history of the book is the history of millions of written, printed, and illustrated texts, their manufacture, distribution, and reception. Yet the history of books is not simply a question of material form. The larger question is of the effect of textual production, distribution, and reception—of how books themselves made history. To this end, each chapter offers incisive and stimulating insights into the relationship between books and the story of their times.

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- Examines the question of how Germany, a nation known for its cultural achievements, could go along with National Socialism
- Relates the everyday experience of people living under Nazism and why so many Germans enthusiastically embraced the regime

Moritz Föllmer turns the spotlight on the Third Reich’s successful cultural appeal in this ground-breaking new study, investigating what ‘culture’ meant for people in the years between 1933 and 1945: for convinced National Socialists at one end of the spectrum, via the legions of the apparently ‘unpolitical’, right through to anti-fascist activists, Jewish people, and other victims of the regime at the other end of the spectrum.

Relating the everyday experience of people living under Nazism, Föllmer gives us a privileged insight into the question of why so many Germans enthusiastically embraced the regime and identified so closely with it.

November 1918

The German Revolution

ROBERT GERWARTH, University College Dublin

- Considers a wide range of dramatic events between the last months of the war in 1918 and the Hitler Putsch in 1923
- Explores how the revolution destroyed the authoritarian monarchy, while also creating the first German democratic national state
- Dispels the idea that the German Revolution of 1918 was a failure

The German Revolution of November 1918 is nowadays largely forgotten outside Germany. It is generally regarded as a failure even by those who have heard of it, a missed opportunity which paved the way for the rise of the Nazis and the catastrophe to come. Robert Gerwarth argues that to view the German Revolution in this way is a serious misjudgement. November 1918: The German Revolution illuminates the fundamental and deep-seated ways in which the November Revolution changed Germany, with repercussions extending almost to the present.
**The Imposteress Rabbit Breeder**

*Mary Toft and Eighteenth-Century England*

**KAREN HARVEY, University of Birmingham**

- Based on extensive new archival research, this book is the first in-depth micro-history of this extraordinary case
- Uncovers new evidence of Mary Toft’s experiences, her husband’s political activity, and the criminal and political context of the case
- Explores the motivations of the men in medicine, and considers why the case attracted the attention of the King and powerful figures in government

In October 1726, newspapers began reporting a remarkable event. A woman called Mary Toft had started to give birth to rabbits. Several leading doctors—some sent directly by King George I—travelled to examine the woman, and she was moved to London to be closer to them. Against the backdrop of an incendiary political culture, traditional social hierarchies were shaken and relationships between men and women were redrawn. *The Imposteress Rabbit Breeder* allows us to reflect critically on our own ideas about pregnancy, reproduction, and the body through the lens of the past.

**The Lockhart Plot**

*Love, Betrayal, Assassination, and Counter-Revolution in Lenin’s Russia*

**JONATHAN SCHNEER, Georgia Institute of Technology (Emeritus)**

- A rivetingly written true historical thriller, romance, and spy story
- Includes never before published interviews, which in turn presents a significant new interpretation of the subject
- The only full-length book on the Lockhart Plot, opening up this fascinating story for the first time

The Lockhart Plot could have been a turning point in world history. It is an extraordinary story of the British plot in the summer of 1918 to overthrow the Bolshevik government in Russia, murder the Bolshevik leaders, and install a new government in Moscow. Instead, its failure has left us with one of the great ‘what ifs?’ of the twentieth century, which is why it has until now remained shrouded in mystery. Jonathan Schneer recounts the thrilling story that continues to resonate today.
The Politics of Humiliation
A Modern History

UTE FREVERT, Max Planck Institute for Human Development

- Looks at the role that public humiliation has played in modern society
- Shows how humiliation is used as a means of coercion and control

Using a multitude of both historical and contemporary examples, Ute Frevert shows how humiliation has been used as a tool over the last 250 years (and how it still is today), in a story that reveals remarkable similarities across different times and places. We see how the art of humiliation is in no way a thing of the past but has been re-invented for the 21st century, in a world where such humiliation is inflicted not from above by the political powers that be but by our social peers. Bringing the story right up to the present, Ute Frevert shows how the internet and social media pillorying have made public shaming a ubiquitous phenomenon.

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Harry Perry Robinson was a born adventurer and the ultimate witness to history, whose life offers a new window and perspective on his times, including the First World War and the nascent ‘special relationship’ between Britain and the United States, as well as the 1884 American gold rush, the 1896 US Presidential election, the controversy over the relatively new Olympic Games, and the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb.

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The Spartans

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- Lifts the veil on the fascinating and sometimes appalling practices of the most infamous ancient Greek society
- Tells the true story of Thermopylae, drawing on the latest research
- Focuses on key aspects of Spartan society, such as boyhood, the Helots, and Spartan women

The image of Sparta, and the Spartans, is one dyed indelibly into the public consciousness: musclebound soldiers with long hair and red cloaks, bearing shiny bronze shields emblazoned with the Greek letter lambda. But what was Sparta? The myths surrounding it are as old as the city itself. In this book, Andrew Bayliss explores that whilst it was undoubtedly a cut-throat society, there was also much to admire in ancient Sparta, such as the Spartans’ state-run education system which catered even to girls, or the fact that Sparta was almost unparalleled in the pre-modern world in allowing women a clear voice. This book reveals the best and the worst of the Spartans, separating myth from reality.

How the South Won the Civil War

Oligarchy, Democracy, and the Continuing Fight for the Soul of America

HEATHER COX RICHARDSON, Boston College

- A provocative book that is sure to stir debate in an election year
- Provides critical insights into the paradox of American history

How the South Won the Civil War opens with Barry Goldwater of Arizona winning the 1964 Republican nomination with the votes from the South Carolina delegation and goes back to the roots of the connection between the South and the West, starting with the Jeffersonian era, moving through the Civil War and Reconstruction, into the 20th century, and then the 21st, as first Dixiecrats and then “Movement Conservatives” embraced the legacies of the Old Confederacy.
Do Morals Matter?
Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump

JOSEPH S. NYE JR., Harvard University

- Provides a succinct vignette of each president from Woodrow Wilson to the present to create a historical framework around each one's ethics and policy
- Establishes a scorecard for each president's ethical decisions
- Bestselling author Joseph S. Nye is a renowned scholar of politics and international relations

What is the role of ethics in American foreign policy? The Trump Administration has elevated this from a theoretical question to front-page news. Should ethics even play a role, or should we only focus on defending our material interests? In Do Morals Matter? Joseph S. Nye provides a concise yet penetrating analysis of how modern American presidents have—and have not—incorporated ethics into their foreign policy. Nye examines each post-1945 American presidency and scores them on the success they achieved in implementing an ethical foreign policy. Alongside this, he evaluates their leadership qualities, explaining which approaches were most successful and which were not.

Stealth
The Secret Contest to Invent Invisible Aircraft

PETER WESTWICK, The Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West

- An engaging look into the birth of one of the US’s most tightly held secrets: the Stealth Bomber
- Contrasts the approaches of the two competing programs, Lockheed and Northrop, giving the human face of this remarkable invention
- Reveals momentous changes in the aerospace industry at the peak of the Cold War arms race

It seemed like the ultimate way to gain ascendance in the Cold War. Could the United States defend its airspace while at the same time pass through Soviet skies undetected? A craft with such capacity would have to be essentially invisible to radar—a seemingly miraculous feat of physics and engineering. In Stealth, Peter Westwick reveals the process by which the seemingly impossible was achieved. This is a tale of two aerospace companies, Lockheed and Northrop, and their fierce competition—with each other and with themselves—to obtain what was estimated one of the largest procurement contracts in history.
**The Churchill Myths**

**STEVEN FIELDING**, University of Nottingham, **BILL SCHWARZ**, Queen Mary University of London, and **RICHARD TOYE**, University of Exeter

- Brings together three stands of historical study from prominent historians to paint a full picture of Churchill’s legacy
- Draws not only on conventional historiography, but also assesses the Churchill phenomenon in popular media and culture

This is not a book about Winston Churchill as a man or a politician. Instead, it addresses the varied afterlives of the man and the persistent, deeply located compulsion to bring him back from the dead, capturing and explaining the significance of the various Churchill myths to Britain’s history and current politics. The authors discuss how he is depicted in contemporary historiography, popular culture, and modern political campaigns, bringing particular focus to Churchill’s influence on the Brexit debate.

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**This Sporting Life**

**Sport and Liberty in England, 1760 – 1960**

**ROBERT COLLS**, De Montfort University

- Takes a new approach to the history of sport, allowing us a visceral look at the sporting lives of the English between the eighteenth and twentieth centuries
- Provides insights into how sport impacts upon ideas of masculine identity and sense of place

*This Sporting Life* offers an important view of England’s cultural history through its sporting pursuits, carrying the reader to a match or a hunt or a fight, viscerally drawing a portrait of the sounds and smells, and showing that sport has been as important in defining British culture as gender, politics, education, class, and religion.

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**Fifth Sun**

**A New History of the Aztecs**

**CAMILLA TOWNSEND**, Rutgers University

- November 2019 marked the five hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Hernando Cortes in Mexico
- Based on a comprehensive reading of rarely used Nahuatl-language sources
- Spans the pre- and post-conquest periods

Based on rarely-used Nahuatl-language sources written by the indigenous people, this engaging revisionist history of the Aztecs, told through their own words, explores the experience of a once-powerful people facing the trauma of conquest and finding ways to survive, offering an empathetic interpretation for experts and non-specialists alike.

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- Highlights the role of scholars, librarians, and archivists in finding and preserving books

In this fascinating account, cultural historian Kathy Peiss reveals how book and document collecting became part of the new apparatus of intelligence and national security, military planning, and post-war reconstruction. Focusing on the ordinary people carried out these missions, she shows how they made decisions on the ground to acquire sources and preserve the written word as well as provide critical information for intelligence purposes.

Killer High
A History of War in Six Drugs

PETER ANDREAS, Brown University

- Includes both legal and illegal drugs in relation to warfare
- Provides a fresh and long overdue historical perspective on today’s policy debates about the drugs-war nexus

In *Killer High*, Peter Andreas tells the story of war from antiquity to the modern age through the lens of six psychoactive drugs: alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, opium, amphetamines, and cocaine. Armed conflict has become progressively more “drugged” with the global spread of these mind-altering substances. From ancient brews and battles to meth and modern warfare, drugs and war have grown up together and become addicted to each other. By looking back not just years and decades but centuries, Andreas reveals that the drugs-conflict nexus is actually an old story, and that powerful states have been its biggest beneficiaries.

Empire of the Black Sea
The Rise and Fall of the Mithridatic World

DUANE W. ROLLER, Ohio State University

- Provides context for the famous clash between the Roman Republic and Mithridates VI
- Richly illustrated and also includes maps

This book provides the most comprehensive general history of the kingdom of Pontos, from its mythic origins in Greek literature (e.g. Jason and the Golden Fleece) to its violent conquest by Rome. It includes detailed discussions of Pontos’ cultural achievements—a rich blend of Greek and Persian influences—as well as its political and military successes under Mithridates VI, as formidable a foe to Rome as Hannibal.

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Today Sardines are Not for Sale
A Street Protest in Occupied Paris

PAULA SCHWARTZ, Middlebury College

- This work derives from extensive oral histories from resistance activists
- Uses a microhistorical approach to probe every aspect of a single 20 minute event and its repercussions over time
- Uses archives that were unavailable to scholars before this study

This is the story of a demonstration for food organised by the underground French Communist party that took place at a central Parisian marketplace on May 31, 1942. The so-called “women’s demonstration on the rue de Buci” became a cause célèbre. In this microhistory of the event, Paula Schwartz examines the many moving parts of an underground operation; the lives and deaths of the protesters, both women and men; and the ways in which the incident was remembered, commemorated, or forgotten. The study is based on interviews with surviving resisters and on a rich documentary record.

Invisible Agents
Women and Espionage in Seventeenth-Century Britain

NADINE AKKERMAN, Leiden University

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BBC History Magazine (hardback edition)

A compelling history of women in seventeenth century espionage, telling the forgotten tales of women from all walks of life who acted as spies in early modern Britain. Nadine Akkerman has immersed herself in archives, libraries, and private collections, transcribing hundreds of letters, breaking cipher codes and their keys, studying invisible inks, and interpreting riddles, acting as a modern-day spymistress to unearth plots and conspiracies that have long remained hidden by history.

Heartthrobs
A History of Women and Desire

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From dreams of Prince Charming or dashing military heroes, to the lure of dark strangers and vampire lovers; from rock stars and rebels to soulmates, dependable family types, or simply good companions, female fantasies about men tell us a great deal about the history of women. In Heartthrobs, Carol Dyhouse draws upon literature, cinema, and popular romance to show how the changing cultural and economic position of women has shaped their dreams about men.
Creators, Conquerors, and Citizens
A History of Ancient Greece
ROBIN WATERFIELD, Writer and Translator

- An exciting and rich narrative account of the cradle of Western civilisation
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Churchill and the Dardanelles
CHRISTOPHER M. BELL, Dalhousie University

“A book which combines a thoroughly researched, well-written and convincing new assessment of one of the British Empire’s most controversial and disputed campaigns with a thoughtful and reflective survey of how the episode has come to be understood since ... One of the best additions to the scholarship on the First World War produced since 2014.”
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PATRICIA FARA,
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A tour of the late eighteenth century English Enlightenment in the company of Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of Charles, who (aside from his poetry and other scientific endeavours) was expounding theories of evolution years before the birth of his more famous grandson.

Rome Resurgent
War and Empire in the Age of Justinian
PETER HEATHER,
King’s College London

- Draws on contemporary sources and archaeological evidence
- Discusses the exotic appeal of the Persian east and inherent interest in the Vandals and Goths

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Birds in the Ancient World
Winged Words
JEREMY MYNOTT,
University of Cambridge (Emeritus)

- Wide-ranging account of a huge body of historical and cultural material with extensive quotations in translation from over 100 Greek and Roman authors
- Nearly 100 colour illustrations from ancient wall-paintings, pottery and mosaics

Birds played an important role in the ancient world: as indicators of time, weather, and seasons; as a resource for hunting, medicine, and farming; as pets and entertainment; as omens and messengers of the gods. Jeremy Mynott explores the similarities and surprising differences between ancient perceptions of the natural world and our own.
Quantum Reality  
The Quest for the Real Meaning of Quantum Mechanics - a Game of Theories  

JIM BAGGOTT

Richard Feynman once declared that ‘nobody understands quantum mechanics’. Quantum Reality will tell you why

Although the theory of quantum mechanics quite obviously work, it leaves us chasing ghosts and phantoms; particles that are waves and waves that are particles; cats that are at once both alive and dead; and lots of seemingly spooky goings-on. But if we’re prepared to be a little more specific about what we mean when we talk about ‘reality’ and a little more circumspect in the way we think a scientific theory might represent such a reality, then all the mystery goes away. This shows that the choice we face is actually a philosophical one.

In Quantum Reality, Jim Baggott provides a quick but comprehensive introduction to quantum mechanics for the general reader, and explains what makes this theory so very different from the rest. He also explores the processes involved in developing scientific theories and explains how these lead to different philosophical positions, essential if we are to understand the nature of the great debate between Niels Bohr and Albert Einstein. Moving forwards, Baggott then provides a guide to determining what the theory actually means, through exploring the Copenhagen interpretation to many worlds and the multiverse.

Quantum mechanics is an extraordinarily successful scientific theory, on which much of our modern, tech-obsessed lifestyles depend, from smartphones to streaming to satellites... it is also completely mad.

Preamble to Quantum Reality

About the Author

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Disaster by Choice
How Our Actions Turn Natural Hazards into Catastrophes

ILAN KELMAN, University College London and University of Adger

• Considers the social, political, and economic factors involved in our decision making around natural hazards
• Encourages readers not to accept the complacent narrative of human helplessness in the face of the power of inevitable natural occurrences
• Describes examples of effective human action that limits damage, such as managing flooding in Toronto and wildfire in Colorado

We speak of earthquakes, floods, and wildfires as ‘natural disasters’. In this provocative book, Ilan Kelman argues that the true disaster is not caused by natural phenomena, but by human choices that leave people unprepared and at terrible risk. He explores how we can and should act to stop people suffering when nature unleashes its powers. Throughout, his message is clear: there is no such thing as a natural disaster. The disaster lies in our inability to deal with the environment and with ourselves.

In Praise of Beer

CHARLES W. BAMFORTH, University of California, Davis (Emeritus)

• Bamforth examines beer and beer consumption with the knowledge of an expert and the tone of young beer enthusiast
• Includes a comprehensive list of sources for further reading
• Offers clear and concise ways to examine beer like an industry expert

In his latest book, Charles Bamforth brings new light to the topic of beer in ways perfect for any beer fan, lover, or connoisseur. In Praise of Beer answers popular questions from consumers, including what they should be expecting from their beer; what styles are available; what they should be thinking about when purchasing beer; how to look after beer; how to present beer; which beer for which occasion; and if they can drink beer (in moderation) with a clear conscience. In Praise of Beer is written in an authoritative but easy-to-read style and is full of anecdotes, inside knowledge and valuable information.

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JUDY FOREMAN, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis

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The Origins of the Laws of Nature

PETER ATKINS, University of Oxford

• Considers the profound question of the origin of the laws that structure our Universe
• Looks at conservation laws, and lesser laws, exploring the basic ideas of classical and quantum mechanics and the nature of light, time, and temperature

The marvellous complexity of the Universe emerges from several deep laws and a handful of fundamental constants that fix its shape, scale, and destiny. Peter Atkins identifies the minimum decisions that would be needed for the Universe to behave as it does, arguing that the laws of Nature can spring from very little—or perhaps from nothing at all.

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

JIM BAGGOTT, Freelance Science Writer

• Explores the unanswered questions of atomic physics and quantum theory, and discusses the disputed theories of the field
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The Future of the Professions
How Technology Will Transform the Work of Human Experts

RICHARD SUSSKIND, University of Oxford, and DANIEL SUSSKIND, University of Oxford

“undoubtedly right” - The Economist
“remorselessly effective” - Financial Times
“expert, original and witty” - The Times
“an act of delicious iconoclasm” - Prospect Magazine

With a new preface exploring recent critical developments, this updated edition of The Future of the Professions builds on Richard and Daniel Susskind’s groundbreaking research on how technology will transform the work of doctors, teachers, architects, lawyers, and many others in the twenty-first century. It explains how increasingly capable technologies will place the ‘practical expertise’ of the finest specialists at the fingertips of everyone, often at no or low cost and without face-to-face interaction, and raises profound questions about the relevance of the professions in today’s internet society.

Future Politics
Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech

JAMIE SUSSKIND, Barrister, Littleton Chambers

• Shows how technologies are already influencing issues of power, liberty, democracy, and social justice
• Asks penetrating questions about where power will lie in the future—with governments, transnational tech giants, individuals, or with artificial intelligence itself
• Sets out options for what democracy could look like in this new digital world

Digital technologies—from artificial intelligence to blockchain, from robotics to virtual reality—are transforming the way we live together. Those who control the most powerful technologies are increasingly able to control the rest of us. A landmark work of political theory, Future Politics challenges readers to rethink what it means to be free or equal, what it means to have power or property, and what it means for a political system to be just or democratic. In a time of rapid and relentless changes, it is a book about how we can—and must—regain control.
The Ethical Algorithm
The Science of Socially Aware Algorithm Design
MICHAEL KEARNS, and AARON ROTH, both at University of Pennsylvania

- Presents cutting-edge research in the science of socially aware algorithm design
- Interweaves fascinating case studies from business, law, and medicine with analysis of the science behind new technologies
- Written in a clear and engaging style

Understanding and improving the science behind the algorithms that run our lives is quickly becoming one of the most pressing issues of this century. Traditional solutions, such as laws, regulations and watchdog groups, have proven woefully inadequate at best. The Ethical Algorithm offers a new approach: a set of principled solutions based on the emerging and exciting science of socially aware algorithm design. Weaving together the science behind algorithm design with stories of people experiencing the trial-and-error of research in real-time, Michael Kearns and Aaron Roth present a strikingly original way forward.

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Anti-System Politics
The Crisis of Market Liberalism in Rich Democracies
JONATHAN HOPKIN, London School of Economics

- Provides a powerful, broad-ranging analysis of arguably the most important political phenomenon in the world at present
- Argues that they are the long-term fallout from decisions made in the 1970s and 1980s, in which mainstream parties of both the left and right ceded power and control to market forces
- Suggests ways to address this turbulence and achieve a better functioning economy, society and democracy

This book examines the electoral successes of anti-system forces in the rich democracies. It explains the rise of anti-system politicians and parties in terms of two separate but closely related developments: the rise of economic inequality and insecurity over the last four decades, and the failure of technocratic elites to address them.

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Black Software
The Internet and Racial Justice, from the AfroNet to Black Lives Matter
CHARLTON D. McILWAIN, New York University

- Includes never-published, first-hand accounts of African American computer networking and Internet pioneers
- Provides a historical look at the challenges of diversity and inclusion in computing industries
- Reveals the previously untold collaboration between the federal government, the computing industry, and elite institutions to use new computer technology for the purpose of containing, profiling, and detaining Black Americans, beginning in the early 1960s

Beginning with the simultaneous rise of civil rights and computer revolutions in the 1960s, Black Software, for the first time, chronicles the long relationship between African Americans, computing technology, and the Internet. Through new archival sources and the voices of many of those who lived and made this history, the book centralizes African Americans’ role in the Internet’s creation and evolution, illuminating both the limits and possibilities for using digital technology to push for racial justice in the United States and across the globe.

Power to the People
How Open Technological Innovation is Arming Tomorrow’s Terrorists
AUDREY KURTH CRONIN, American University

- Explains a fundamental shift in patterns of innovation for lethal technologies, and what it means
- Looks at individuals and private groups, not states, as the most significant trend redefining the future
- Presents contemporary case studies and discussion of paradigm-shifting technology from the late 19th century and mid-20th century

Never before have so many possessed the means to be so lethal. The diffusion of modern technology (robotics, cyber weapons, 3-D printing, autonomous systems, and artificial intelligence) to ordinary people has given them access to weapons of mass violence previously monopolized by the state. In recent years, states have attempted to stem the flow of such weapons to individuals and non-state groups, but their efforts are failing. Based on hard lessons from previous waves of weapons-technology such as dynamite and the assault rifle, Power to the People explains what the future may hold and how we should respond.
Cyberwar
How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President: What We Don’t, Can’t, and Do Know
KATHLEEN HALL JAMIESON, University of Pennsylvania

• Powerful, evidence-based analysis by one of the deans of American politics on how Russian interference likely tilted the 2016 election to Donald Trump
• Marshals unique polling data and rigorous media framing analysis to explain why in all probability the interference had an effect on the outcome

In Cyberwar, Kathleen Hall Jamieson tackles the issue of Russian meddling in US elections. She marshals the troll posts, unique polling data, analyses of how the press used the hacked content, and a synthesis of half a century of media effects research to argue that it is probable that the Russians helped elect Donald Trump. After detailing the ways in which the Russian efforts were abetted by the press, social media platforms, the candidates, party leaders, and a polarized public, Cyberwar closes with a warning: the country is ill-prepared to prevent a sequel. In this updated paperback edition, Jamieson covers the many new developments that have come to light since the original publication.

High on God
How Megachurches Won the Heart of America
JAMES WELLMAN, JR., University of Washington,
KATIE CORCORAN, West Virginia University and
KATE STOCKLY, Boston University

• The first comprehensive history of the origins of the megachurch and its emotional roots
• Offers a full explanation of megachurch success

High on God gives the first robust and plausible explanation for why megachurches have conquered the churchgoing market of America. Without condescension or exaggeration, the authors show the genius of megachurches: the power of charisma, the design of facilities, the training of leaders, the emotional dynamics, and the strategies that bring people together and lead them to serve and help others. Using Emile Durkheim’s concept of homo duplex, the authors plot the strategies that megachurches employ to satisfy the core human craving for personal meaning and social integration, as well as personal identity and communal solidarity. The authors also show how these churches can go wrong, sometimes tragically so. But they argue that, for the most part, megachurches help their attendees find themselves through bonding with and serving others.
Building a Resilient Tomorrow
How to Prepare for the Coming Climate Disruption

ALICE C. HILL, Stanford University, LEONARDO MARTINEZ-DIAZ, Global Director of the Sustainable Finance Centre

“This timely and important book, by deeply knowledgeable veterans of that fight, offers practical ideas and lessons on how to do it and each story underscores a reality with which the world must reckon now.”

- Former Secretary of State John Kerry

- Offers behind-the-scenes stories from authors’ experiences working at the highest levels of the U.S. Government

Building a Resilient Tomorrow does not dwell on overhyped descriptions of apocalyptic climate scenarios, nor does it travel down well-trodden paths surrounding the politics of reducing carbon emissions. Instead, it starts with two central facts: climate impacts will continue to occur, and we can make changes now to mitigate their effects. While squarely confronting the scale of the risks we face, this pragmatic guide focuses on solutions—some gradual and some more revolutionary—currently being deployed around the globe.

Greenovation
Urban Leadership on Climate Change

JOAN FITZGERALD, Northeastern University

- Examines economic development and equity aspects of climate action
- Includes interviews with practitioners and elected officials on what works and what doesn’t and why
- Compares and contrasts cities in North America and Europe

In Greenovation, noted urban policy scholar Joan Fitzgerald explains why efforts to reduce climate change have to start in cities and calls for a policy of “Greenovation”, which uses the city as a test bed for adopting and perfecting green technologies. A uniquely urban-focused appraisal of the economic, political, and social debates that underpin the drive to “go green”, Greenovation helps us understand what is arguably the toughest policy problem of our era: the increasing impact of anthropocentric climate change on modern social life.

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Crude Intentions
How Oil Corruption Contaminates the World

ALEXANDRA GILLIES, Natural Resource Governance Institute

- The first book in recent years to tackle oil sector corruption, despite a number of enormous scandals that made headlines worldwide
- Tells stories of jaw-dropping corruption from Angola, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Malaysia, Nigeria, the Republic of Congo, Russia, and the US, as well as how stolen money flows through the global financial system
- The first book in recent years to tackle oil sector corruption, despite a number of enormous scandals that made headlines worldwide

Drawing on information exposed by intrepid journalists, prosecutors, and whistle blowers, Crude Intentions tells jaw-dropping stories of corruption and asks what we can learn from them. The cases reveal common tactics, but also vulnerabilities in this web of fraud. These are the starting points for building a smarter fight against corruption, in the oil sector and well beyond.

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Exit from Hegemony
The Unravelling of the American Global Order

ALEXANDER COOLEY, Columbia University,
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- Applies a large body of social-science theory to discuss international relations, in particular among the US, Russia, and China
- Argues that American hegemony is ending and identifies four ways in which the nation can lose power
- Grapples with ‘hot topics’ in contemporary foreign-policy debates: the rise of China, Russian support for the transnational right and information warfare against the West, and Trump and the fate of liberal order

In Exit from Hegemony, Alexander Cooley and Daniel Nexon develop a new approach to understanding the rise and decline of hegemonic orders. They identify three ways in which the liberal international order is transforming. The Trump administration, declaring “America First,” accelerates all three processes, lessening America’s position as a world power.

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The Return of Great Power Rivalry
Democracy versus Autocracy from the Ancient World to the U.S. and China

MATTHEW KROENIG, Georgetown University

- Employs a unique framework to understand and analyse the state of today’s competition between the democratic United States and its autocratic competitors, Russia and China
- Offers a sweeping historical analysis of democratic and autocratic competitors from ancient Greece through the Cold War

In The Return of Great Power Rivalry, Matthew Kroenig shows that democracies actually have unique economic, diplomatic, and military advantages in long-run geopolitical competitions and compares these to the geopolitical advantages and disadvantages possessed by autocratic powers. He contends that despite all of its faults, America is better positioned for this new era of major power rivalry than either Russia or China.

Things Come Together
Africans Achieving Greatness in the Twenty-First Century

ROBERT ROTBERG, Woodrow Wilson Center and Harvard University

- Explains how Africans are governed and who leads their countries on issues from the economy and education to health and technology
- Highlights the exploding population of Africa and of Nigeria in particular, which will soon be the third-largest country in the world

All of Africa in a single volume. Not since John Gunther has the real Africa appeared between two covers, examining a continent that is a puzzle for most people. This book answers questions about who and what is African, about climate change, about war, about how Africans make their living, about health and schooling, and much more.

China’s Western Horizon
Beijing and the New Geopolitics of Eurasia

DANIEL S. MARKEY, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

- Serves as a comprehensive resource for understanding the geopolitical implications of China’s new initiatives in Eurasia
- Explains how Eurasian leaders and interest groups perceive China and seek to gain from Beijing’s growing economic, military, and diplomatic power

In China’s Western Horizon, scholar and former U.S. State Department policy planner, Daniel S. Markey, draws from extensive interviews, travels, and historical research to assess what China is doing, to explain how states along the historic Silk Road that once knitted Eurasia together are turning Chinese initiatives to their own purposes, and to offer thoughtful recommendations for U.S. policymakers.
Orca
How We Came to Know and Love the Ocean’s Greatest Predator

JASON M. COLBY, University of Victoria

- Explains how the capture and display of orcas helped transform the environmental politics of the Pacific Northwest and beyond
- Shows how the captivity industry, now criticized as the enemy of orcas, helped generate the public affection and scientific study of killer whales and other cetaceans

Orcas are the most controversial display animal in history. But how did we come to care about them in the first place? Drawing upon previously unavailable documents and interviews, this book explores our love affair with killer whales and its impact on science, the marine park industry, and modern environmentalism.

The Populist Temptation
Economic Grievance and Political Reaction in the Modern Era

BARRY EICHENGREEN,
University of California-Berkeley

“Barry Eichengreen is the world leader in distilling the lessons of economic history for the policy makers of today. This important book is the best we yet have on populism and the antidotes it demands.”
Lawrence H. Summers, Professor Emeritus at Harvard University

Lucidly explaining both the appeals and dangers of populism across history, this book is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand not just the populist phenomenon, but more generally the lasting political fallout that follows in the wake of major economic crises.

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ASHOKA A. MODY, Princeton University

- A sweeping history of the EU that highlights how the push for a common currency—the euro—has undermined the entire political project
- Features all of the major players in the European drama of the past half century
- Offers profound insights into the roots of Europe’s current disorder, especially distrust of the political systems and elites

EuroTragedy, listed by both Foreign Affairs and The Financial Times as one of the best books of 2018, is an authoritative history of the Eurozone from its origins in the post-World II era to the ongoing crisis that has wracked it since the 2008 financial crisis. This updated paperback edition features coverage of the most important events that have occurred since the publication of the original hardcover edition.

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HATE
Why We Should Resist it with Free Speech, Not Censorship

NADINE STROSSEN, New York Law School

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Lucy Kogler, LitHub (hardback edition)

- Clearly explains the importance of continuing to protect the subcategory of “hate speech”
- Shows that laws restricting such speech do not effectively reduce the feared harms of “hate speech”

In HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship, Nadine Strossen dispels the many misunderstandings that have clouded the perpetual debates about “hate speech vs. free speech,” and shows that the U.S. First Amendment approach effectively promotes all pertinent concerns: free speech, democracy, equality and societal harmony.

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Our Time Has Come
How India is Making its Place in the World

ALYSSA AYRES, Council on Foreign Relations

- Major work by a top South Asia specialist on how India envisions its role in the world
- Covers the key debates in 21st-century India: growth versus inclusion, trade and foreign investment, and autonomy in foreign policy

Long plagued by poverty, India’s recent economic growth has vaulted it into the ranks of the world’s emerging powers, but what kind of power it wants to be remains a mystery. Our Time Has Come explains why India behaves the way it does, and the role it is likely to play globally as its prominence grows.

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End of an Era
How China’s Authoritarian Revival is Undermining its Rise

CARL MINZNER, Fordham University

- Boldly argues that China’s reform era is ending and outlines the looming risks of instability
- Examines how China under Xi Jinping fits into rising populist and authoritarian trends worldwide

In this book, Carl Minzner argues that China’s reform era is ending. The core factors that characterized the era—political stability, ideological openness, and rapid economic growth—are unravelling. Economic cleavages have widened; ideological polarization deepened. And China’s leaders are now progressively cannibalizing institutional norms and practices. End of an Era explains how China arrived at this dangerous crossroads, and outlines the potential outcomes that could result.

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Let’s Talk
How English Conversation Works

DAVID CRYSTAL

Unpicking the art of conversation with a master of the English language

Banter, chit-chat, gossip, natter, tete-a-tete: these are just a few of the terms for the varied ways in which we interact with one another through conversation. Conversation has been described as an art, as a game, sometimes even as a battle. Whichever metaphor we use, most people are unaware of what the rules are, how they work, and how we can bend and break them when circumstances warrant it.

In this entertaining and accessible introduction to English conversation, renowned linguist David Crystal explores the factors that motivate so many different kinds of talk and reveals the rules we use unconsciously, even in the most routine exchanges of everyday conversation. We tend to think of conversation as something spontaneous, instinctive, and habitual. However, through a wide range of examples drawn from literature, TV, and politics, Crystal highlights some common misconceptions about how conversation truly works.

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What are the rules that we use unconsciously, even in the most routine exchanges of everyday conversation? Most people are unaware of them, how they work, and how they can be bent and broken when circumstances warrant it.

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Prologue to Let’s Talk

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A Bite of the Apple
A Life with Books, Writers and Virago
LENNIE GOODINGS

“All an apple should be: crisp, tart but sweet, steeped in mysterious history and tangled symbolism, and not a bad missile when it comes to alleyway combat. Oh, and delicious!”

Margaret Atwood, on Twitter

_Bite of the Apple_ is part memoir, part history of Virago, and part thoughts on over forty years of feminist publishing. This is the story of how the authors and staff who, driven by passion, conviction and excitement, have made Virago Press one of the most important and influential English-language publishers in the world. Lennie Goodings has been with the iconic press founded by Carmen Callil almost since the start. First a publicist and then for over twenty years, publisher and editor, she has worked with extraordinary authors: Margaret Atwood, Marilynne Robinson, Sarah Waters, Linda Grant, Natasha Walter, Naomi Wolf and Maya Angelou among many others.

Virago has been a life-changer for Lennie Goodings—but certainly not only for her. Following the chronology of the press and the enormous breadth of the Virago titles published over these years, she sets her story in the context of feminism, and segues into thoughts on editing, post-feminism, reading, breaking boundaries, and the Virago Modern Classics. Virago lives within the tension between idealism and pragmatism; between sisterhood and celebrity; between watching feminism wax and wane at the same time as knowing so many of the battles are still to be won. This book is about how it felt to be there. _A Bite of the Apple_ is a celebration of writing, of publishing, and of reading.

“There is so very much to enjoy -and learn about- in this engaging book... A wonderful memoir and such a great read.”

Susie Orbach

About the Author

LENNIE GOODINGS is Chair of the UK publishing house Virago Press. The authors interviewed for this book include, among many others, Margaret Atwood, Maya Angelou, Sarah Waters, Natasha Walter, Sandi Toksvig and Marilynne Robinson. Goodings won the Bookseller’s Industry Award: Editor and Imprint of the Year in 2010 and A Lifetime’s Achievement at London’s Southbank Women of the World festival in 2018.

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Why Women Read Fiction
The Stories of Our Lives

HELEN TAYLOR, University of Exeter (Emeritus)

• Draws on 500 questionnaire responses and interviews with women readers and writers, including Hilary Mantel, Helen Dunmore, Louise Doughty, Sarah Dunant, Katie Fforde, Judy Finnigan, and Lennie Goodings
• Discusses how distinguished female writers see themselves as readers and relate to women readers, as well as to a male-dominated industry
• An overview of the literary industry through the eyes of female readers including childhood reading, book clubs, literary festivals and literary tourism, and discussions on re-reading particular novels by members of reading groups

Written by a leading academic and broadcaster and drawing on interviews with readers, writers, reading groups, bookshop owners, librarians, and figures from literary publishing, reviewing, and festivals, this accessible volume offers an overview of the contemporary scene of women’s novel-reading.

Reading For Life

PHILIP DAVIS, University of Liverpool (Emeritus)

• Presents leading research into the processes of reading by a variety of research methods, from brain-imaging through to transcript analysis of reading group session
• Features detailed interviews with a wide range of readers, from professionals to those who are severely under-privileged and inexperienced
• Questions what literature can and cannot do in the service of mental health and wellbeing

Drawing on a series of case-studies, Reading for Life is a detailed account of what reading literature can do for a wide variety of individuals and how literary texts can offer help in times of painful personal need. It will be of interest to scholars working within literary studies, and to all those involved in thinking about the therapeutic interactions of literature and life in psychology, medicine, and mental health support settings.
William Wordsworth
A Life

STEPHEN GILL, University of Oxford (Emeritus)

• The author has intimate knowledge of the Wordsworth archive, having worked on poetry and prose for four decades
• This new edition devotes more time to Wordworth’s experiences and the poems that chronicled them, and also includes new illustrations

A second edition of Stephen Gill's acclaimed biography William Wordsworth: A Life. Completely revised and updated, this edition explores the whole of Wordworth's life including his career, his personal relationships, and the historical circumstances that affected his poetry.

The various phases of Wordsworth's life are explored with a not uncritical sympathy; the narrative brings out the courage he and his wife and family were called upon to show as they crafted the life they wanted to lead. The foundation of this second edition of the biography remains, as it was of the first, a conviction that Wordsworth's poetry, which has given pleasure and comfort to generations of readers in the past, will continue to do so in the years to come.

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- Fitzgerald’s importance as the definer of his times continues into the 21st century, whether as chronicler of the Jazz Age or the finest writer of the American Depression
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Flappers and Philosophers was F. Scott Fitzgerald’s first collection of short fiction. The familiar themes of aspiration and social satire already permeate his writing in these stories of youth and disappointment. This collection illustrates the early stages of Fitzgerald’s development as a writer and provides a chronicle of America in the 1910s.

This Side of Paradise
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD
Edited by PHILIP MCGOWAN, Queen’s University Belfast

- 2020 marks the centenary of the publication of F. Scott’s Fitzgerald’s first novel, This Side of Paradise
- Establishes the first fictional terrains for Fitzgerald’s investigations of American individualism, sexuality, the emerging rebellion of teen years, and the questioning of perceived routines of American innocence

F. Scott Fitzgerald’s first novel, This Side of Paradise tells the story of Amory Blaine as he grows up from pampered boy to young man who becomes a literary aesthete and makes friends with other aspiring writers at Princeton. Youthful exuberance and immaturity give way to disillusion and disappointment as Amory confronts the realities of life.

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The Prisoner of Zenda is a swashbuckling adventure set in Ruritania, a mythical pocket kingdom. Nicholas Daly’s introduction outlines this thrilling tale inspired not only stage and screen adaptations, but also place names, and even a popular board game. A whole new subgenre of ‘Ruritanian romances’ followed, though no imitation managed to capture the charm, exuberance, and sheer storytelling power of Hope’s classic tale.

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MARIA EDGEWORTH
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