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A Note from the Senior International Rights Manager

We're delighted to share our London Book Fair 2026 rights guide and look forward to seeing many of you again this year!

This guide showcases a wide selection of standout titles from our Spring 2026 season. We're especially excited to present a major new work from Andrew Knoll, who guides us through the intertwined histories of our planet and the evolution of life in *Earth and Life*. Our science list also features fascinating books on the evolution of sleep, how the computer revolution reshaped human rationality, and a provocative argument against the emerging new space age, among others.

In the humanities, you'll find rich explorations of the ancient Maya, Spinoza's atheist beliefs, the fall of republics across history, and even a cultural study of spiders and their surprising significance. Our social science titles delve into pressing contemporary issues, including the ethics of AI, inequality and what can be done about it, the hidden history of conspiracy theories, and much more.

We've also highlighted a selection of exciting recent backlist titles—perfect opportunities to discover books you might have missed.

And throughout the guide, be sure to explore our author videos for deeper insight into the ideas behind the books.

We hope you find the perfect books for you, and look forward to collaborating with you on them!

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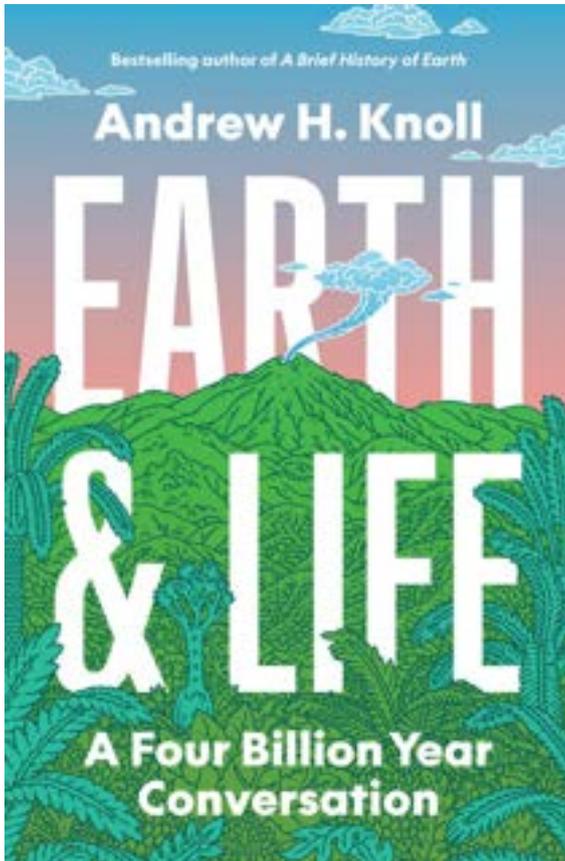
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Science





▶ Video Introduction

From the world-renowned geobiologist and bestselling author of *A Brief History of Earth*, the epic story of a planetary conversation four billion years in the making

How did the world as we know it—from the soil beneath our feet to the air we breathe and the life that surrounds us—come to be? Geologists have proposed one set of answers while biologists have proposed another. *Earth and Life* is the first book to reveal why we need to listen to both voices—the physical and the biological—to understand how we and our planet became possible.

“A tour de force. Weaving together the two greatest stories on Earth—the evolution of life and of the planet itself, Andrew Knoll reveals the dynamic dialogue that created our world. There is grandeur in this new and hard-earned view. You will never look at our planet—or others—in the same way.”
—Sean B. Carroll, author of *A Series of Fortunate Events* and *The Serengeti Rules*



Andrew H. Knoll is the Fisher Research Professor of Natural History and Earth and Planetary Sciences, Emeritus, at Harvard University.

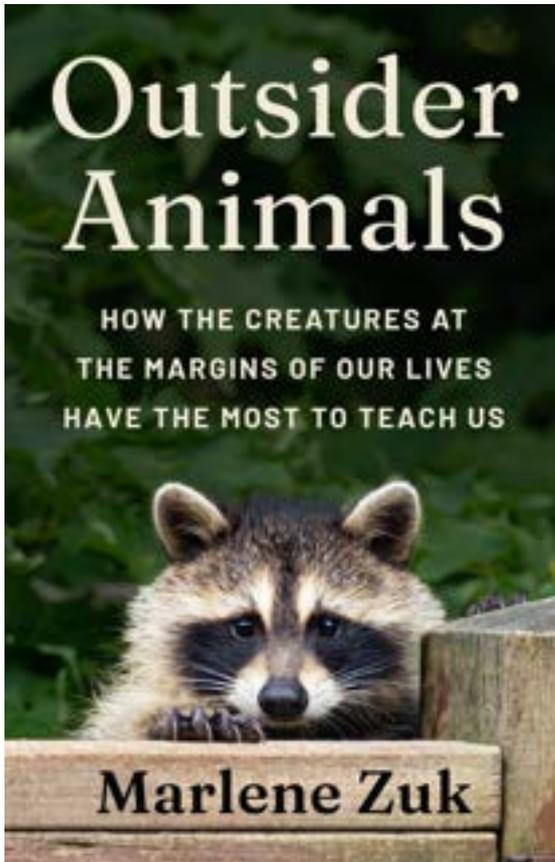
Why It Will Sell

The first book to really weave together the stories of both the history of our planet and the history of life

Beautifully and engagingly written, bringing the author's personal insight and cutting-edge research into the story

Author has a fantastic trade profile and his previous book, *A Brief History of Earth* (Harper Collins), was translated into 27 languages

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328 pages. 16 color + 39 b/w illus.
5 tables.
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Science | Nature



▶ Video Introduction

From one of our foremost experts on behavioral evolution, an entertaining exploration of what raccoons, rats, and other animal intruders teach us about intelligence, adaptability, and ourselves

When we think of animals that provide the greatest insights into animal cognition and behavior, primates and honeybees come to mind, or perhaps whales or octopus. What about the raccoons that plunder our rubbish at night, or the coyotes that threaten pets and livestock, or the gulls that divebomb for snacks at the beach? *Outsider Animals* challenges everything you thought you knew about the overlooked animals that live in proximity to humans.

“Marlene Zuk has written a fascinating book about the creatures we know all too well but haven’t welcomed into our lives. And yet, she convinces us, maybe we should.”

—Jonathan B. Losos, author of *The Cat’s Meow*



Marlene Zuk is Regents Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the University of Minnesota and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Why It Will Sell

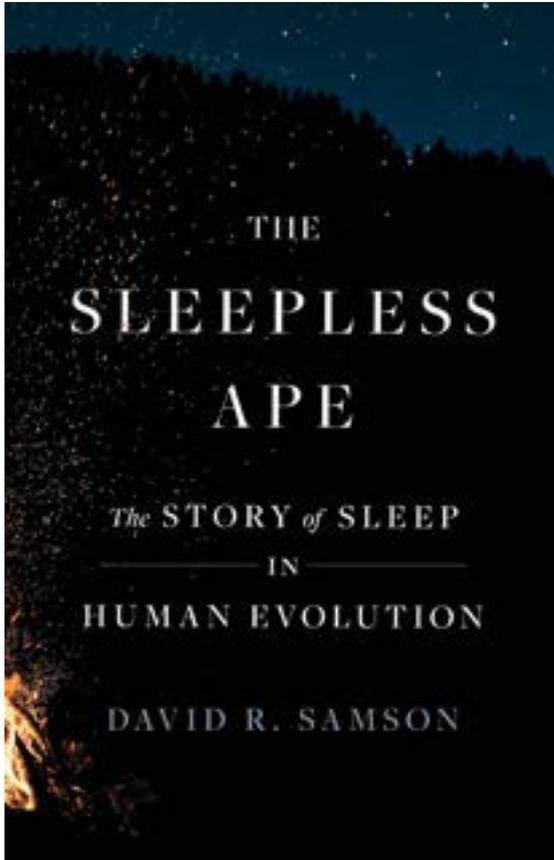
Features global examples of species adapting to human environments, including cockroaches, rats and gulls

Accessibly written with humour and curiosity, giving readers a new appreciation for species we often shun

Author is an acclaimed science communicator and used to writing for a broad audience

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Nature | Science



▶ Video Introduction

How the unique sleep habits of early humans fostered survival, innovation, and social evolution—and how this evolutionary legacy holds insights into how we sleep today

Despite sleep's critical role in maintaining health and cognitive function, humans sleep less than any other primate. *The Sleepless Ape* reveals the reasons for this evolutionary paradox, and why early humans developed shorter, deeper, and more flexible sleep patterns that provided survival advantages and freed more time for crucial activities such as toolmaking, social interaction, and migration.

“How do we sleep, and why do we dream? Packed with eye-opening stories from the frontiers of sleep science, Samson’s book takes us from hunter-gatherer camps to high-tech sleep labs to explore the many ways that sleep made us human and shapes our lives and our health today.”

—Herman Pontzer, author of *Adaptable*



David R. Samson is associate professor of evolutionary anthropology at the University of Toronto and the author of *Our Tribal Future*.

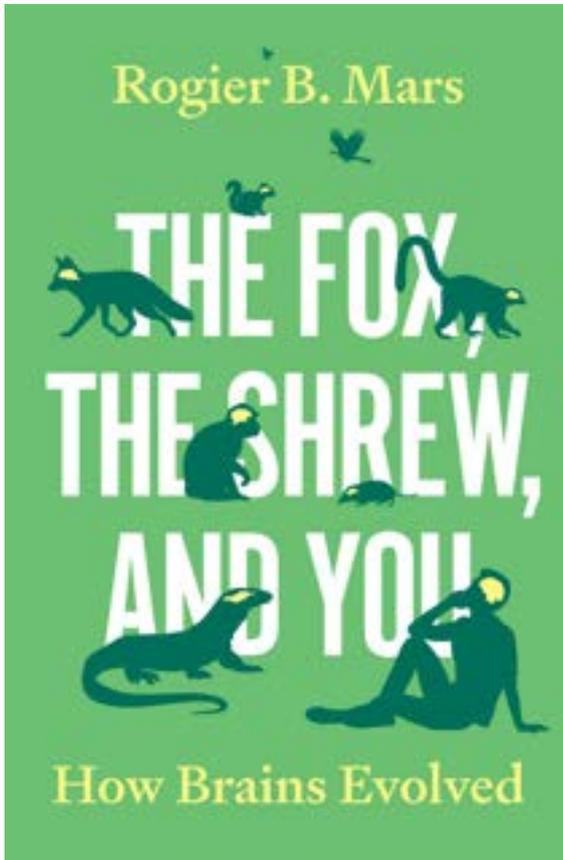
Why It Will Sell

Insightful look at sleep from an evolutionary perspective

Offers key lessons and advice to readers and draws together author’s research on primatology, anthropology and biology
Addresses modern sleep challenges, demonstrating how an understanding of our evolutionary sleep heritage can help us to address sleep disorders and improve overall health and well-being

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Nature | Science



▶ Video Introduction

A leading neuroscientist describes the long evolutionary process that led to the human brain

Our human brain is both unique and similar to that of other species. The only way we can trace its evolution is by comparing it to the brains of animals alive today. In this book, Rogier Mars offers an engaging account of the evolution of the brain by exploring the brains and cognitive capacities of animals from the humble sea squirt to the socially minded fox and the tiny shrew. Mars shows us how we resemble our animal cousins, how we differ from them, and how animals in one branch of the evolutionary tree did the hard evolutionary work of becoming human.

“Life is complicated. That’s why we have brains, the most complex thing in the world. Here, elegantly and eruditely told, is the story of how ours came to be. This is the only book you need to read on the topic.”

—Robin Dunbar, author of *Friends: Understanding the Power of Our Most Important Relationships*



Rogier B. Mars is professor of neuroscience at the University of Oxford and principal investigator at Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

Why It Will Sell

The book has a novel, clever, comparative approach to provide readers with a unique friendly way of understanding the complex topic of brain evolution

Spans a wide range of species over evolutionary time, from early vertebrates becoming predators of the sea to mammals evolving a complex neocortex to forage for high-energy food

The author is a leading evolutionary neuroscientist, and expert on brain evolution

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Science | Neuroscience

The Irrational Decision

How We Gave
Computers
the Power to
Choose for Us

Benjamin Recht



How the computer revolution shaped our conception of rationality—and why human problems require solutions rooted in human intuition, morality, and judgment

In the 1940s, mathematicians set out to design computers that could act as ideal rational agents in the face of uncertainty. *The Irrational Decision* tells the story of how they settled on a peculiar mathematical definition of rationality in which every decision is a statistical question of risk.

“This book is a relief, a breath of fresh air clearing out the smoke and foggy fantasy that comprise too much of our discussions about tech and AI. In accessible and generous prose, Recht puts computation and data back in their rightful place, showing how they are tools in our toolbox to be used selectively to understand our shared world, not magical oracles to which we should cede authority.”

—Meredith Whittaker, President of the Signal Foundation



Benjamin Recht is professor of electrical engineering and computer sciences at the UC Berkeley. He is the author of (with Moritz Hardt) *Patterns, Predictions, and Actions* (Princeton).

Why It Will Sell

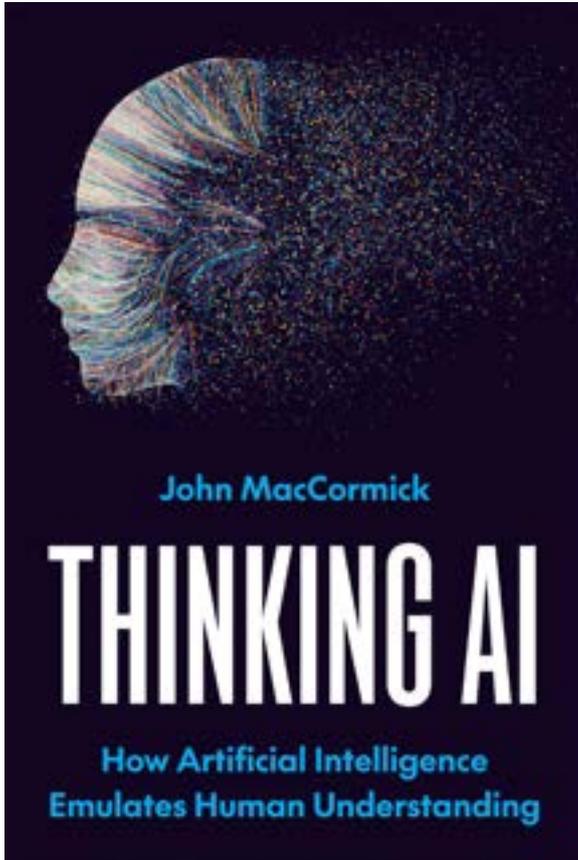
Explores how computers shaped our understanding of the concept of rationality, drawing on examples from diet planning to chess to self-driving cars

Argument for the relevance of humanity in the face of AI and technological advancements that offer computerized decision-making capacities

Offers insight into the power as well as the limitations of mathematical rationality

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280 pages. 6 b/w illus. 4 tables.
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Computer Science |
Mathematics



▶ Video Introduction

Can a computer program think like a human?

“Can machines think?” Ever since Alan Turing posed this question in an influential 1950 paper, it has been central to research in artificial intelligence. More than seventy-five years after Turing’s paper, we grapple with it every time we wonder if Watson was actually smarter than *Jeopardy!* champions, or if ChatGPT really knows what it’s talking about. In *Thinking AI*, computer scientist John MacCormick explores Turing’s question from a perspective informed by a detailed understanding of the way modern AI systems work. MacCormick explains, in accessible fashion, the ideas behind the two main pillars of the twenty-first century AI revolution: deep neural networks and reinforcement learning.

“A worthy and thoughtful contribution to the public’s understanding of AI.”

—Rich Sutton, winner of the 2024 Turing Award



John MacCormick is professor of computer science at Dickinson College. He is the author of *Nine Algorithms That Changed the Future* and *What Can Be Computed?* (both Princeton).

Why It Will Sell

Explains deep neural networks and reinforcement learning in clear, accessible language for non-experts

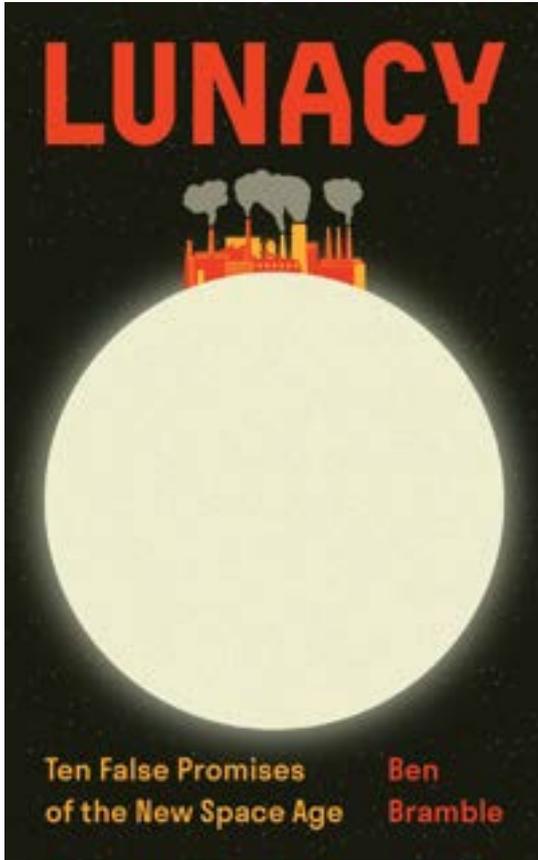
Shows how and when landmark AI systems like AlphaGo, AlexNet, and ChatGPT can mimic human brain processes

A fascinating blend of philosophy and computer science that cuts through the hype around AI

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296 pages. 82 b/w illus. 11 tables. All rights available

Technology | Artificial Intelligence



▶ Video Introduction

Why we shouldn't colonize Mars or the Moon, or even vacation there

If certain business titans, corporations, and governments have their way, humans will someday be living, working, and vacationing in space. This is the much-vaunted New Space Age, and in *Lunacy*, philosopher Ben Bramble explains why it is a giant mistake. Bramble systematically refutes each of the ten most influential reasons given for this new generation of space exploration (and habitation), from the idea of Mars as a backup plan in case Earth meets an untimely end to the charms of friendship with extraterrestrials. Doing so, he reflects on deeper issues, exploring such questions as what the point of the human story is and what a good future for humanity would truly involve. (Spoiler alert: it includes solving problems on Earth.)

Bramble does not think we should get out of space entirely. On the contrary, he thinks that there is an important and exciting future in space science. Our activities in space, he tells us, should be animated by a curiosity about space itself rather than narrow economic or military interests.



Ben Bramble is lecturer in philosophy in the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University and a mission specialist at ANU's Institute for Space.

Why It Will Sell

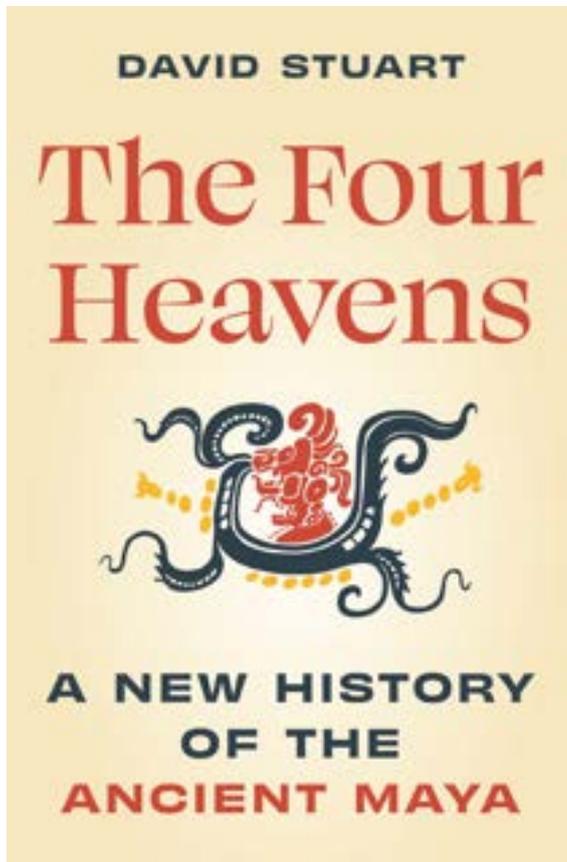
Serves as a crucial counter-narrative, highlighting the ethical, environmental, and societal implications of the New Space Age

Explores a timely topic, which with the rise of privatized companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin, is never far from the news

Breezy and accessible, the author walks readers through his case in ten bite-sized chapters

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176 pages.
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Science | Philosophy

Humanities



From the world-leading expert on the Maya, a monumental history of a flourishing civilization across three millennia

The Four Heavens brings to life the cultural and visual splendor of the ancient Maya, drawing on the oldest indigenous texts of the Americas and the latest archaeological discoveries to present an entirely new history of this spectacular civilization. Renowned historian and archaeologist David Stuart, who has made groundbreaking contributions to the decipherment of Maya hieroglyphics, shows how there was no single rise and fall of the Maya but a series of births and collapses over a breathtaking span of nearly three millennia.

“Reading this marvelous book, two long-standing mysteries were resolved for me. With the brilliant David Stuart as a guide, I didn’t just learn all that I have wanted to learn about the history of the Maya, but also how we have come to know what we know.”

—Camilla Townsend, author of *Fifth Sun*



David Stuart is the David and Linda Schele Professor of Mesoamerican Art and Writing and director of the Mesoamerica Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

Why It Will Sell

A new history of the Ancient Maya that explores the latest archaeological finds and newly deciphered Mayan texts

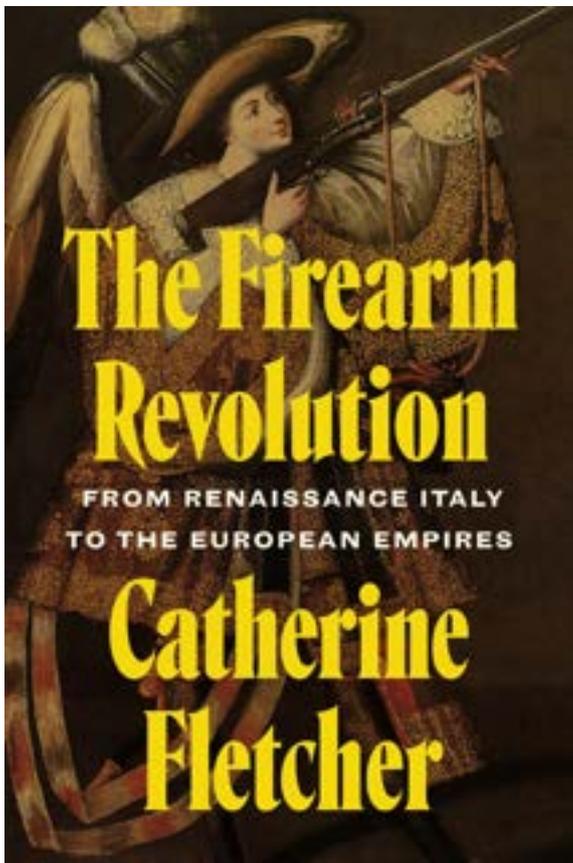
The author brings his experience as the world’s leading expert on the Maya and Mayan hieroglyphics

Beautifully written and illustrated, with many of the author’s own drawings and images throughout

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488 pages. 8-page color insert.
85 b/w illus. 6 maps.

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Ancient History | Archaeology



▶ Video Introduction

A groundbreaking account of how firearms changed Europe and the world

In Renaissance Italy, the gun was not only a tool of war but also a desirable object, a luxury item carried at court. Guns were in use on the battlefield by 1440; later in that century Leonardo da Vinci sketched a design for a faster-firing, more portable handgun that could be hidden beneath a cloak. As the gun proliferated in society, it became both a means of self-defence and a threat to civic order. In *The Firearm Revolution*, historian Catherine Fletcher explores the emergence of firearms in Renaissance Italy and beyond, describing the social transformations that accompanied the evolution of the handgun from innovative military technology to widely used personal accessory.

“What a treat to see beyond the art of the Renaissance and into the violent world that spawned it. A fascinating read.”

—Mary Hollingsworth, author of *Catherine de 'Medici: The Life and Times of the Serpent Queen*



Catherine Fletcher is professor of history at Manchester Metropolitan University. She is the author of several books on early modern Italy, including *The Roads to Rome* and *The Beauty and the Terror*.

Why It Will Sell

Author is an acclaimed historian of Renaissance politics and culture with an impressive trade profile

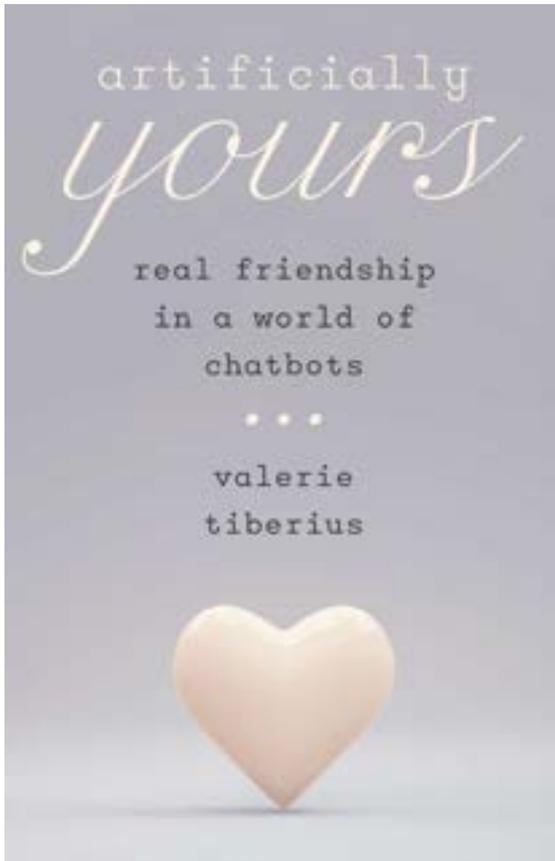
Explores firearms' transformation from a luxury item in Renaissance Italy to a tool of empire in the 18th century

A unique history of an object that changed the world as much as any technological revolution

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illus. 1 map.

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History



▶ Video Introduction

A human perspective on the nature of friendship in the age of artificial intelligence

Is friendship with a chatbot as good as friendship with an actual person? Is there something about human friendships that eludes simulation? If so, what? And how much will the answers to questions like these change as AI develops and becomes more convincingly like us? *Artificially Yours* explains what friendship is and why it's valuable—and why there is no perfect substitute for human friends.

A vital contribution to our ongoing conversation about human-AI relationships, *Artificially Yours* weighs the ethical risks before us as we look to a future with intelligent machines and affirms the value of human connections.

“In her clarifying, witty look at relationships in the AI age, ethicist Valerie Tiberius draws on sources from Aristotle to Star Trek to chart a path between paranoia and false promise. As befits a friendship expert, she’s excellent company.”

—Ada Calhoun, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Why We Can't Sleep*



Valerie Tiberius is professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota. Her books include *What Do You Want Out of Life?* (Princeton).

Why It Will Sell

One of the first books to look, without being alarmist, at the growing use of chatbots and AIs as friends and how they are impacting our understanding of friendship

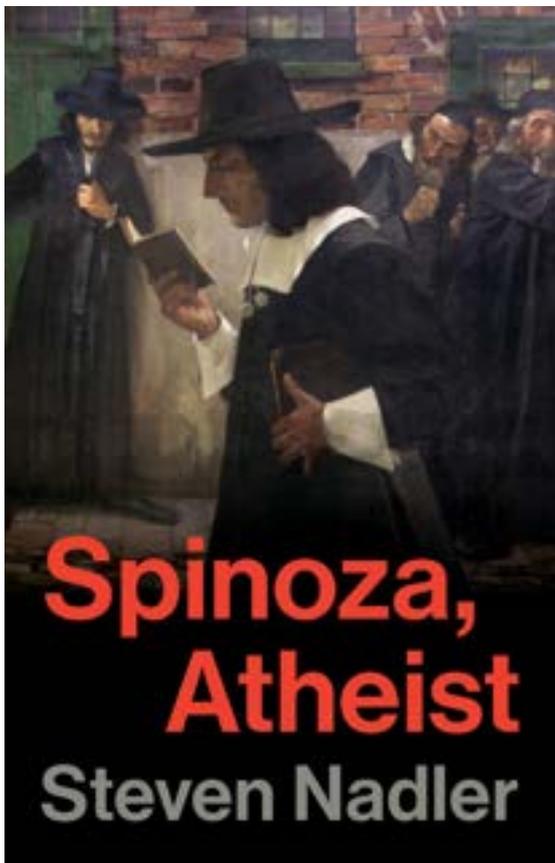
The author brings her skills as a moral psychologist and philosopher to show what is distinctively valuable about human friendships

Contributes to a vital conversation about the future of AI-human relationships, balancing depth with a fun, approachable style

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224 pages.

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Philosophy | Technology



▶ Video Introduction

From Pulitzer Prize finalist Steven Nadler, a fascinating historical and philosophical narrative that unravels the mystery of whether Spinoza was an atheist

Baruch Spinoza was accused of unspecified “horrifying heresies,” but the precise reasons for his expulsion from his Portuguese-Jewish community remain a mystery. When he published his *Theological-Political Treatise* in 1670 he began to reveal to the world what his heresies may have been. Yet ever since the eighteenth century, most readers and scholars have assumed that Spinoza was a pantheist—even a “God-intoxicated man,” as the poet Novalis put it. In *Spinoza, Atheist*, Steven Nadler, one of the world’s leading authorities on the philosopher, aims to settle the question and show that that’s exactly what he was.

“Steven Nadler offers a fresh look at the great philosopher’s true beliefs—and, in the process, invites readers to examine their own.”
—Arthur C. Brooks, coauthor of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Build the Life You Want*



Steven Nadler is Vilas Research Professor and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin Madison. His many books include *Rembrandt’s Jews*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, *Think Least of Death* (Princeton), and *A Book Forged in Hell* (Princeton)

Why It Will Sell

Argues that Spinoza was an atheist, and explores his beliefs and opinions on God

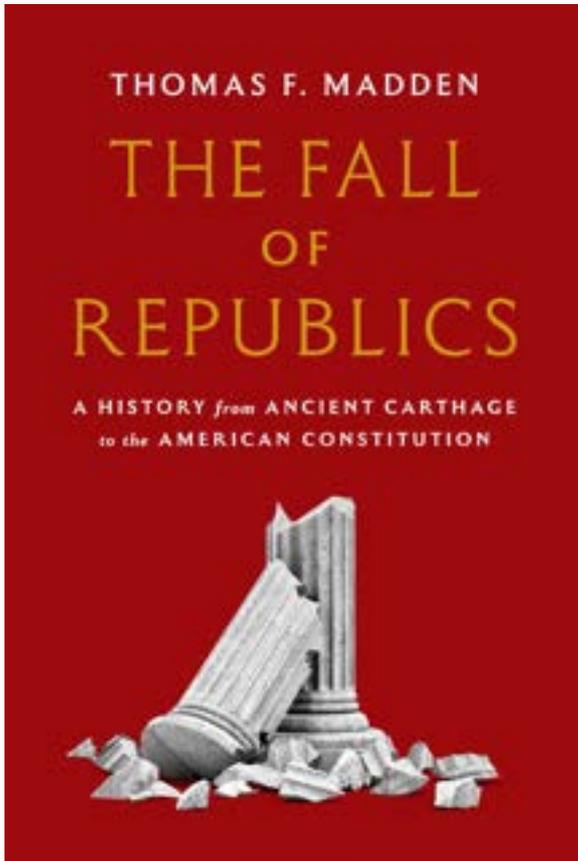
Promises to transform our understanding of Spinoza’s views and to make clear just how radical a thinker he was and remains

Author is a leading scholar on Spinoza and has previously been widely translated

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264 pages.

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Philosophy



▶ Video Introduction

What caused the world's great republics to fall—and what their fate reveals about the dangers facing modern democracies today

In this timely book, distinguished historian Thomas Madden explores the people, events, and factors that led to the collapse of some of the world's most enduring republics—from Carthage to Rome to Venice and beyond—and examines the worrying lessons these failures hold for the United States and other democracies today.

“*The Fall of Republics* is a work of impressive scope and restraint. Thomas Madden shows that republics rarely die by assassination; they unravel through habit, compromise, and the quiet normalization of excess. The lesson is not that democracy inevitably fails—but that it must be constantly defended.”

—Amanda Foreman, *New York Times* best-selling author of *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*



Thomas F. Madden is professor of history and director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Saint Louis University. His books include *Istanbul: City of Majesty at the Crossroads of the World* and *Venice: A New History*.

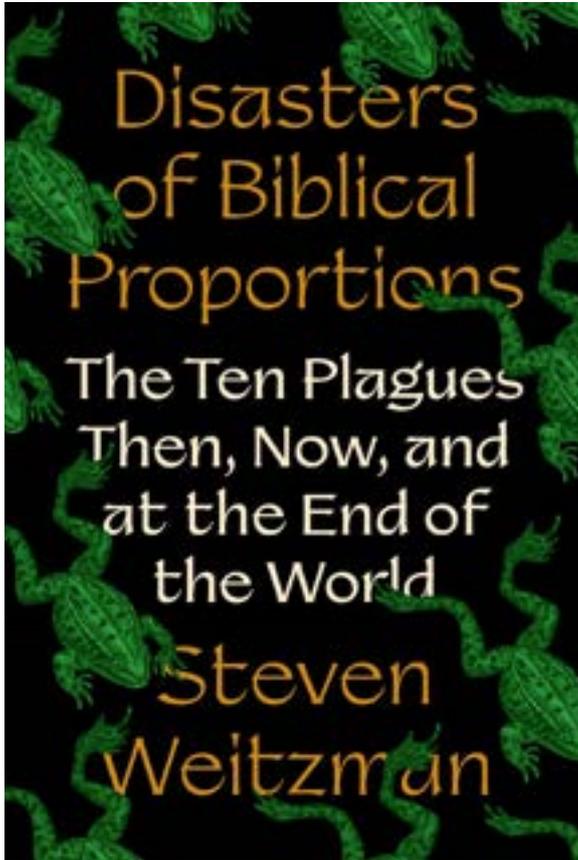
Why It Will Sell

A clearly written narrative account of the fall of famous republics, including Rome, Carthage, Sparta and Venice

Provides timely lessons for our modern era of constitutional challenges

Author has been previously translated into 10 languages

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448 pages.
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History | Politics



▶ Video Introduction

How people have reimagined the story of the ten plagues of Egypt, from antiquity to our own era of relentless catastrophe

People have been telling and retelling stories about disasters for as long as they have been telling stories. One of the oldest of such stories is the ten plagues in the book of Exodus, the series of disasters that forced the Egyptians to liberate the Israelites. These plagues packed enough catastrophe to fill a series of summer blockbusters—rivers of blood, invasions of frogs and insects, mass disease, fiery hail, smothering darkness, and a midnight massacre of the firstborn.

“Weitzman’s *Disasters of Biblical Proportions* offers a brilliant exploration of the twists and turns in the exegetical history of the Ten Plagues story, following the paths it has taken in different contexts from late antiquity to the present. In Weitzman’s hands, the plagues become an incredibly rich turf for the exploration of responses to disaster that are only too relevant today.”

—Ilana Pardes, author of *The Song of Songs*



Steven Weitzman is the Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also serves as the Director of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies.

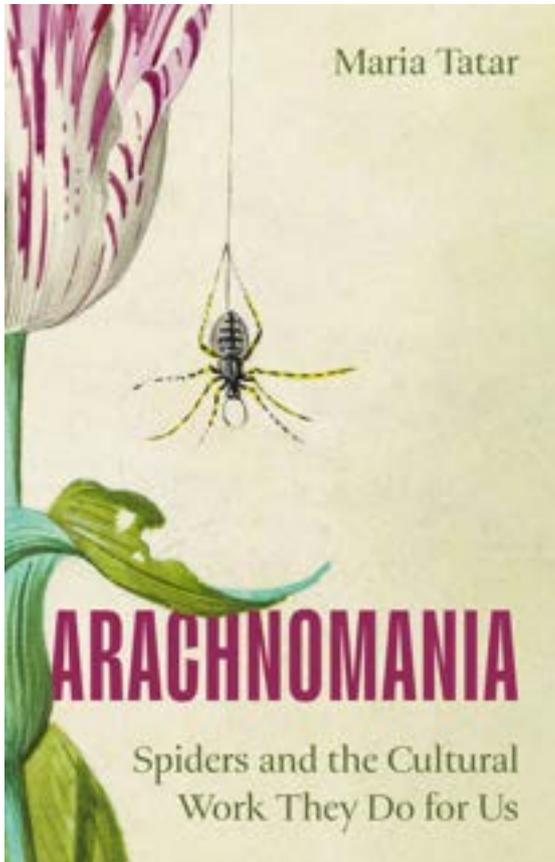
Why It Will Sell

Dives deeper into a story which has been circulating in Western culture for millennia, as we try to make sense of calamities such as pandemics, climate change, and war. Recounts Christian, Jewish and Muslim uses of these stories from medieval to modern times.

Shows how artists, writers, activists, and philosophers alike, have reshaped the story to understand the present and envision the future.

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Biblical Studies | Religion



In praise of spiders in all their inspirational glory

Spiders are often found lurking in dusty corners, where we can observe them with interest or brush them away with disgust—or make a run for it, as the agitated Miss Muffet does. They are just as prevalent in our cultural landscapes, starring in horror films, inspiring works by famous artists and writers, and featured in myths and folktales. In *Arachnomania*, Maria Tatar explores how these creatures became our totem animals, our significant others, and our curved mirrors.

“I have loved writing and reading about spiders my entire career and was totally captivated by Maria’s Tatar’s book. Her knowledge and perspective on how spiders have influenced folklore, myths, children’s literature, and popular culture makes for fascinating reading. Her wonderful book means I will never again see the word ‘spinner’ without thinking of spiders and their masterful weaving!”

—Simon D. Pollard, author of *The Little Book of Spiders*



Maria Tatar is the John L. Loeb Research Professor of Folklore and Mythology and Germanic Languages and Literatures, Emerita, at Harvard University.

Why It Will Sell

Presents spiders from a variety of perspectives, and draws on a range of disciplines, from mythology to film, to understand their role in our cultural life

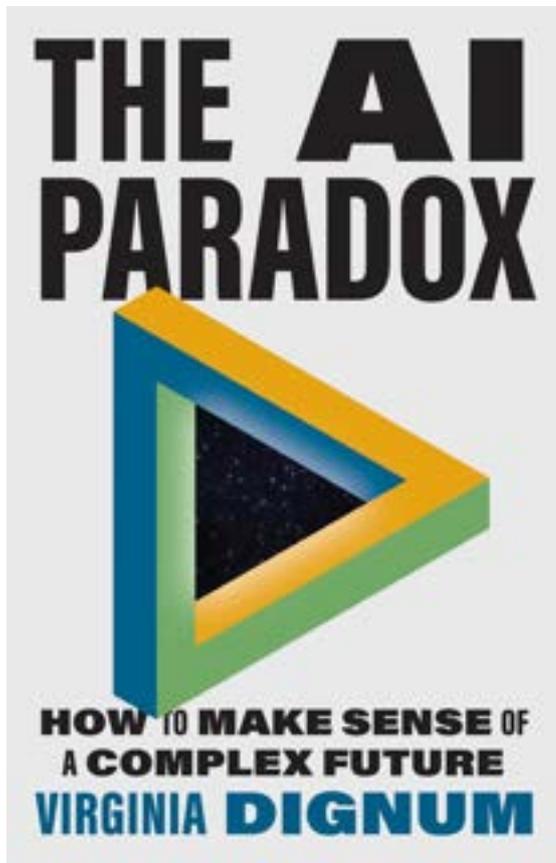
Invites us to acknowledge our collective arachnophobia yet also embrace arachnophilia and celebrate spiders for their cultural benefits and real-world merits

Draws on folklore, fairy tales and literature, from Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* to E.B. White’s *Charlotte’s Web*

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Literature | Nature

Social Science



▶ Video Introduction

A user's guide to navigating the intricate, often contradictory relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence

Artificial intelligence will shape our future in unforeseen ways, and it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that it could someday dictate the terms of our very existence. But the fact is, the more that AI can do, the more it underscores the irreplaceable qualities of human creativity, empathy, and moral reasoning. This is one of the eight paradoxes of AI that Virginia Dignum explores in this revelatory book. Drawing on her decades of experience in AI research and governance, Dignum cuts through the hype and sensationalism that often surround AI and reveals why the most profound questions it raises are not about technology but ourselves.

“Between the hype and hysteria, *The AI Paradox* offers a down-to-earth map of how to understand AI, the claims made about it, and the debates around the technology's future.”
—Marietje Schaake, author of *The Tech Coup*



Virginia Dignum is an internationally recognized expert in AI ethics and policy who has led initiatives for the European Commission, the UN, the WEF, UNESCO, and UNICEF, among others. She is professor of responsible artificial intelligence at Umeå University in Sweden and the author of *Responsible Artificial Intelligence*.

Why It Will Sell

Addresses the global ethical challenges of AI, with a nuanced and thoughtful argument

Provides a clear framework for collaborative and transparent AI development in 8 short chapters

Written by one of the foremost authorities on AI ethics and policy

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Technology | Current Affairs

David W. Miller
with Susan Richardson

The 5 Questions for Ethical Decisions

*How to Succeed
Without Selling
Your Soul*

A practical guide for professionals, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and college students who want to achieve personal success without compromising their morals

Whether in our daily work or in our personal life, even the most conscientious people with the best intentions can make ethically questionable decisions. *The 5 Questions for Ethical Decisions* helps you identify your own ethical “true north” and avoid the costly missteps that can betray your values, damage your relationships, and even end careers.

“A vital book that many would have thought had been written decades ago, but it has not been until now. Rather than providing scolding, sermonizing, or abstract theory, it guides readers through the regular moral dilemmas of their everyday lives.”

—Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, Founder and CEO of Chief Executive Leadership Institute at Yale University



David W. Miller is founding director of the Faith & Work Initiative at Princeton University. **Susan Richardson** is a lecturer at Princeton and an adjunct faculty member at the College of New Jersey.

Why It Will Sell

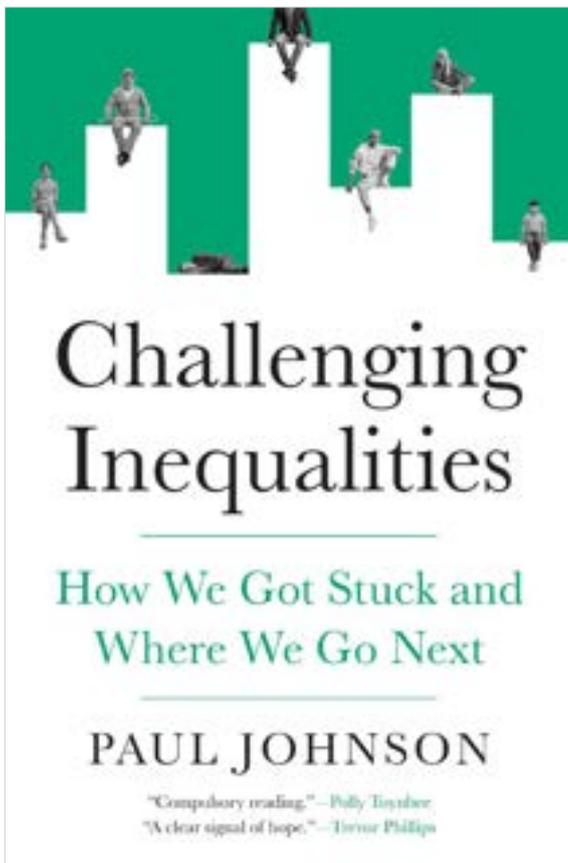
Miller has 2 decades of experience in field, both teaching at Princeton and consulting, advising CEOs and other leaders in large organizations

Offers a broad, straightforward, and adaptable 5-step approach to ethics, using end of chapter takeaways and key exercises to test one’s ethical fitness

Unlike other comps which are either too theoretical or too practical without the depth, this book does both

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Business | Leadership | Self-Help



A comprehensive look at inequalities and why they matter

There is a widespread sense throughout the developed world that progress towards a better society has stalled. Many countries, including the UK, have experienced persistent economic stagnation accompanied by declining trust in institutions. Governments are struggling to respond not only to traditional economic problems but also to newer challenges posed by climate change, migration and technological change. *Challenging Inequalities* connects these conditions to inequality—inequality not just of income and wealth but of health, political participation and opportunity.

“This book offers a deep analysis on inequality: not only what the challenges are, but also the solutions, presented in an evidence-based and balanced way. This is a must-read for anyone concerned about inequality and what we should all be doing about it.”

—Devi Sridhar, author of *How Not to Die (Too Soon)*



Paul Johnson is provost of the Queen's College, University of Oxford, and former director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).

Why It Will Sell

Offers a wide-ranging look at inequality that touches on many key topics such as gender, geography and education

Draws on the insights of a panel of experts, chaired by Nobel Laureate Sir Angus Deaton

Includes comparisons between the UK and Germany, France, and the US

Powerful read, with a pacy narrative for readers of Tony Atkinson, Branko Milanović and Diane Coyle

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Economics

Insecurity Politics

How
Unstable Lives
Lead
to Populist
Support

Lorenza Antonucci

The everyday realities of financial and work insecurity that drive right- and left-wing populism

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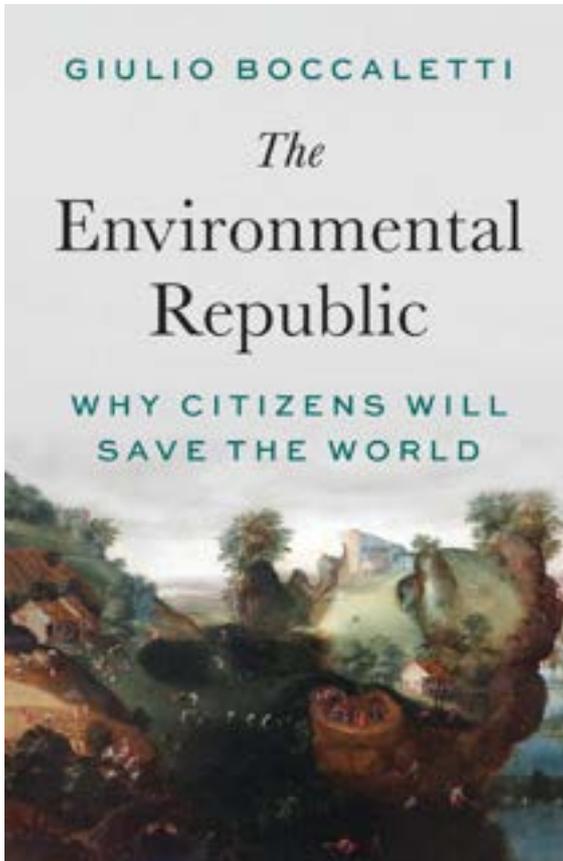
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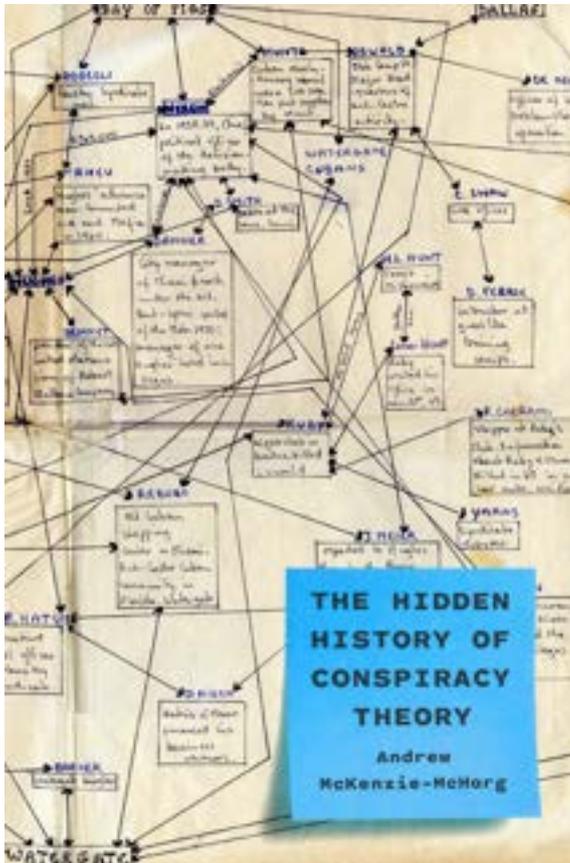
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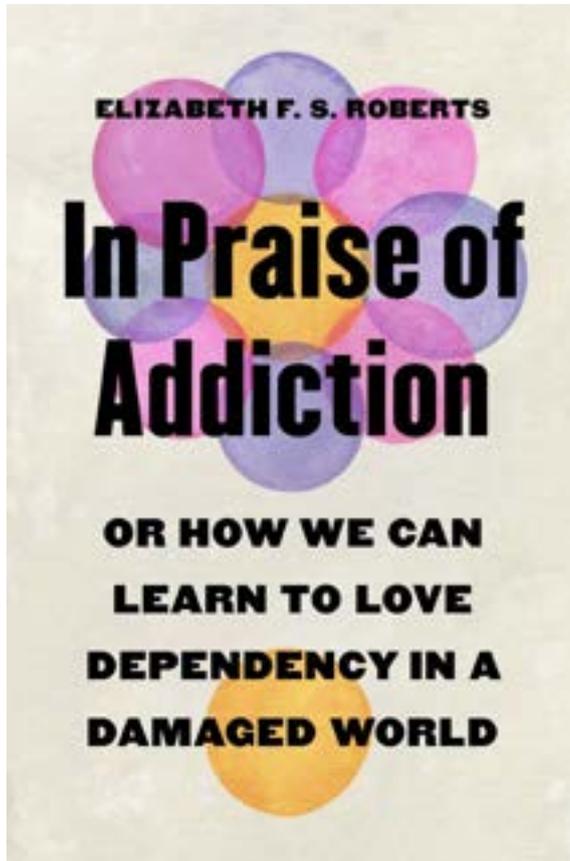
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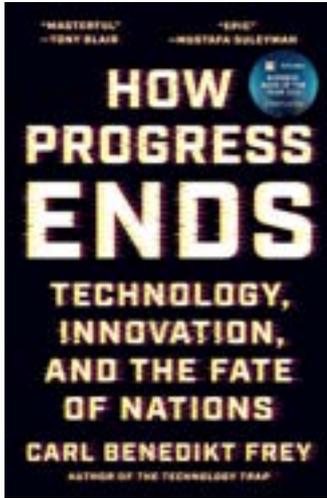
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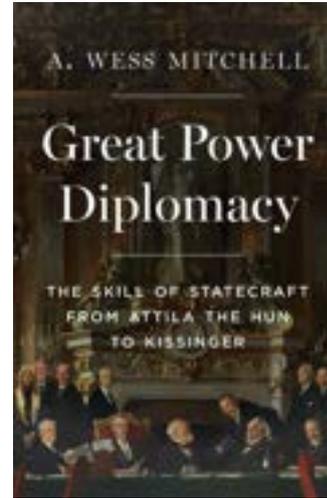
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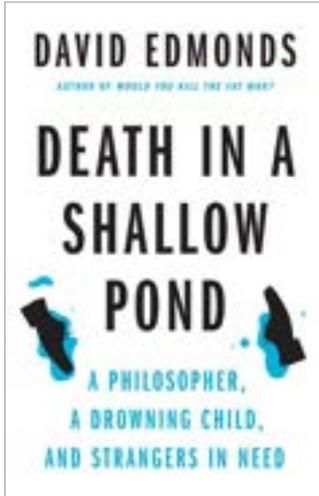
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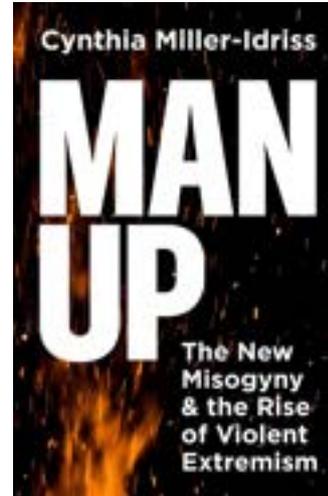
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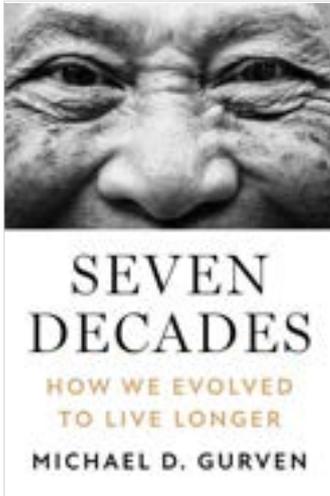
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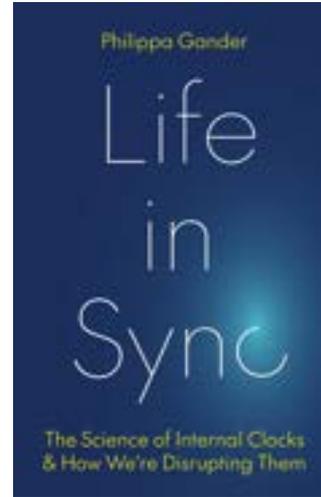
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