

2021 Non-Fiction:

Books, Lists and Articles

1.



The haunting of Alma Fielding: a true ghost story (Apr 2021)

By: Summerscale, Kate

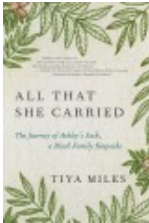
The Edgar Award-winning author of *The Wicked Boy* documents the story of 1930s Hungarian ghost hunter Nandor Fodor and the traumatic details surrounding the case of a London housewife's bizarre supernatural experiences.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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All that she carried: the journey of Ashley's sack, a Black family keepsake (Jun 2021)

By: Miles, Tiya, 1970-

In 1850s South Carolina, just before enslaved nine-year-old Ashley was sold, her mother, Rose, gave her a sack filled with just a few things as a token of her love.

Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter, Ruth, embroidered this history on the bag - including Rose's message that "It be filled with my Love always." Historian Tiya Miles carefully follows faint archival traces back to Charleston to find Rose in the kitchen where she may have packed the sack for Ashley. From Rose's last resourceful gift to her daughter, Miles then follows the paths their lives and the lives of so many like them took to write a unique, innovative history of the lived experience of slavery in the United States.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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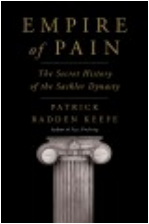
The Copenhagen trilogy: Childhood; Youth; Dependency (Jan 2021)

By: Ditlevsen, Tove Irma Margit, 1917-1976

Tove Ditlevsen is today celebrated as one of the most important and unique voices in twentieth-century Danish literature, and The Copenhagen Trilogy (1969–71) is her acknowledged masterpiece. Childhood tells the story of a misfit child’s single-minded determination to become a poet; Youth describes her early experiences of sex, work, and independence. Dependency picks up the story as the narrator embarks on the first of her four marriages and goes on to describe her horrible descent into drug addiction, enabled by her sinister, gaslighting doctor-husband. Having been dismissed by the critical establishment in her lifetime as a working-class, female writer, she is now being rediscovered and championed as one of Denmark's most important modern authors.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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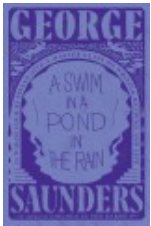
Empire of pain: the secret history of the Sackler dynasty (Apr 2021)

By: Keefe, Patrick Radden, 1976-

A narrative account of how a prominent wealthy family sponsored the creation and marketing of one of the most commonly prescribed and addictive painkillers of the opioid crisis.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

5.



A swim in a pond in the rain: in which four Russians give a master class on writing, reading, and life (Jan 2021)

By: Saunders, George, 1958-
In A Swim in a Pond in the Rain, George Saunders guides the reader through seven classic Russian short stories he's been teaching for twenty years as a professor in the prestigious Syracuse University graduate MFA creative writing program. Paired with stories by Chekhov, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and Gogol, these essays are intended for anyone interested in how fiction works and why it's more relevant than ever in these turbulent times. Funny, frank, and rigorous, A Swim in a Pond in the Rain ultimately shows how great fiction can change a person's life and become a benchmark of one's moral and ethical beliefs.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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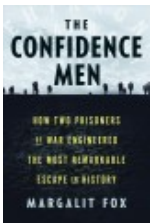


The mirror and the palette: rebellion, revolution, and resilience: five hundred years of women's self portraits (Oct 2021)

By: Higgie, Jennifer
"In The Mirror and the Palette, Jennifer Higgie introduces us to a cross-section of women artists who embody the fact that there is more than one way to understand our planet, more than one way to live in it and more than one way to make art about it. Spanning 500 years, biography and cultural history intertwine in a narrative packed with tales of rebellion, adventure, revolution, travel and tragedy enacted by women who turned their back on convention and lived lives of great resilience, creativity and bravery"--.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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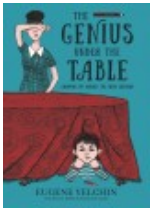
The confidence men: how two prisoners of war engineered the most remarkable escape in history (Jun 2021)

By: Fox, Margalit

Imprisoned in a remote Turkish prison camp during World War I, having survived a two-month forced march and a terrifying shootout in the desert, two British officers, Harry Jones and Cedric Hill, join forces to bamboozle their iron-fisted captors. To stave off despair and boredom, Jones takes a handmade Ouija board and fakes elaborate séances for his fellow prisoners. Word gets around camp and one day, a Turkish officer approaches Jones with a query: Could Jones contact the spirit world to find a vast treasure rumored to be buried nearby? Jones, a trained lawyer, and Hill, a brilliant magician, use the Ouija board--and their keen understanding of the psychology of deception--to build a trap for the Turkish officers that will ultimately lead them to freedom.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

8.



The genius under the table: growing up behind the Iron Curtain (Oct 2021)

By: Yelchin, Eugene

The award-winning author and artist recounts his childhood in Cold War-era Russia as a young boy desperate to understand his place in his family.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

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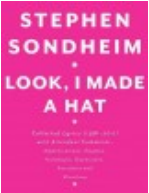
A fatal thing happened on the way to the forum: murder in Ancient Rome (Mar 2021)

By: Southon, Emma

In Ancient Rome, all the best stories have one thing in common - murder. Romulus killed Remus to found the city, Caesar was assassinated to save the Republic. Caligula was butchered in the theater, Claudius was poisoned at dinner, and Galba was beheaded in the Forum. In one 50-year period, 26 emperors were murdered. But what did killing mean in a city where gladiators fought to the death to sate a crowd? In A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Emma Southon examines a trove of real-life homicides from Roman history to explore Roman culture, including how perpetrator, victim, and the act itself were regarded by ordinary people.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

10.



Look, I made a hat: collected lyrics (1981-2011) with attendant comments, amplifications, dogmas, harangues, digressions, anecdotes and miscellany (Nov 2011)

By: Sondheim, Stephen, 1930-

A second volume of collected lyrics by the iconic music artist features accompanying discussions of his experiences in the theater, memories about some of his important collaborations and dissections of what he believes to be his most significant successes and failures providing additional coverage of his creative process and non-sequitur pieces.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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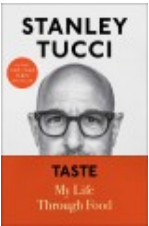
Finishing the hat: collected lyrics (1954-1981) with attendant comments, principles, heresies, grudges, whines, and anecdotes (Oct 2010)

By: Sondheim, Stephen, 1930-

A treasury of lyrics includes all of the composer's works from "West Side Story" to "Sweeney Todd," and offers a rare glimpse into his creative process and relationships with other legends of the American theater.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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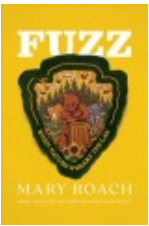
Taste: my life through food (Oct 2021)

By: Tucci, Stanley

The food-obsessed, award-winning actor, reflecting on the intersection of food and life, presents a heartfelt and delicious memoir of life in and out of the kitchen that takes readers on a gastronomic journey through the good times and bad.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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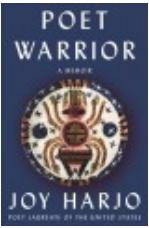
Fuzz: when nature breaks the law (Sep 2021)

By: Roach, Mary

Join "America's funniest science writer" (Peter Carlson, Washington Post) Mary Roach on an irresistible investigation into the unpredictable world where wildlife and humans meet. What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A grizzly bear caught breakingand entering? A murderous tree? As New York Times best-selling author Mary Roach discovers, the answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

14.



Poet warrior (Sep 2021)

By: Harjo, Joy, 1951-

Poet Laureate Joy Harjo offers a vivid, lyrical, and inspiring call for love and justice in this contemplation of her trailblazing life. In the second memoir from the first Native American to serve as US poet laureate, Joy Harjo invites us to travel along the heartaches, losses, and humble realizations of her "poet-warrior" road.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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15.



Citizen Cash: the political life and times of Johnny Cash (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

By: Foley, Michael S.

Johnny Cash was an American icon, known for his level, bass-baritone voice and somber demeanor, and for huge hits like "Ring of Fire" and "I Walk the Line." But he was also the most prominent political artist in the United States, even if he wasn't recognized for it in his own lifetime, or since his death in 2003. Then and now, people have misread Cash's politics, usually accepting the idea of him as a "walking contradiction." Cash didn't fit into easy political categories - liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, hawk or dove. Like most people, Cash's politics were remarkably consistent in that they were based not on ideology or scripts but on empathy - emotion, instinct, and identification.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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16.



Overpaid, oversexed and over there: how a few skinny Brits with bad teeth rocked America (Dec 2021)

By: Hepworth, David, 1950-

The Beatles landing in New York in February 1964 was the opening shot in a cultural revolution nobody predicted. Suddenly the youth of the richest, most powerful nation on earth was trying to emulate the music, manners and the modes of a rainy island that had recently fallen on hard times. The resulting fusion of American can-do and British f***-you didn't just lead to rock and roll's most resonant music. It ushered in a golden era when a generation of kids born in ration card Britain, who had grown up with their nose pressed against the window of America's plenty, were invited to wallow in their big neighbour's largesse. It deals with a time when everything that was being done - from the Beatles playing Shea Stadium to David Bowie touching down in the USA for the first time with a couple of gowns in his luggage - was being done for the very first time. Rock and roll would never be quite so exciting again.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

17.



Once upon a time we ate animals: the future of food (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

By: Voorst, Roanne van

Though increasing numbers of people know that eating meat is detrimental to our own health and the planet's, many still can't be convinced to give up eating meat. But how can we change behavior when common arguments, scientific data, and information aren't working? Acclaimed anthropologist Roanne Van Voorst changes the dialogue. In Once Upon a Time We Ate Animals, she shifts the focus from the present looking forward to the future looking back - imagining a world in which most of us no longer use animals for food, clothing, or other items. By shifting the viewpoint, van Voorst offers a clear and compelling vision of what it means to live in a world without meat. Hopeful and persuasive, entertaining and informative, Once Upon a Time We Ate Animals offers a tantalizing vision of what is not only possible but perhaps inevitable.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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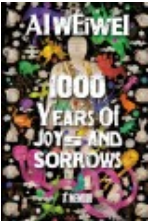
Wings of gold: the story of the first women naval aviators (Dec 2021)

By: Weintraub, Beverly, 1961-

This is the story of the first women naval aviators and their struggles and triumphs as they earned their Wings of Gold, learned to fly increasingly sophisticated jet fighters and helicopters, mastered aircraft carrier landings, served at sea, and reached heights of command that would have been unthinkable less than a generation before. It is also the story of the legacy they left behind.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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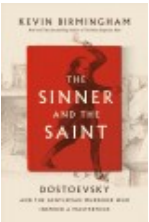
1000 years of joys and sorrows (Nov 2021)

By: Ai, Weiwei

One of the world's most famous artists and activists presents a personal memoir and a history of the last 100 years of China, while shedding light on his own artistic process.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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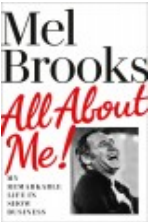
The sinner and the saint: Dostoevsky and the gentleman murderer who inspired a masterpiece (Nov 2021)

By: Birmingham, Kevin

Offers the true story behind the creation of a masterpiece of world literature, Fyodor Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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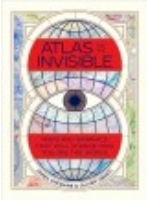
All about me: my remarkable life in show business (Nov 2021)

By: Brooks, Mel, 1926-

The author reflects on his incredible lifetime of work, in a funny, poignant and nostalgic memoir.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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Atlas of the invisible: maps and graphics that will change how you see the world (Nov 2021)

By: Cheshire, James

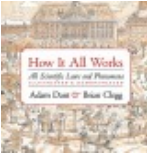
Our reality rests on an invisible world of information. The traces are all around us. Transforming enormous datasets into rich maps and visualizations, James Cheshire and Oliver Uberti explore these hidden patterns in human society. With their joyfully inquisitive approach, Cheshire and Uberti investigate happiness levels around the globe, track the undersea cables and cell towers that connect us, examine the concealed scars of geopolitics, and illustrate how a warming planet affects everything from hurricanes to the hajj. Filled with surprising facts and beautifully designed graphics, Atlas of the Invisible invites readers to revel in the secrets of a newly visible world.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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How it all works: all scientific laws and phenomena illustrated & demonstrated (Nov 2021)

By: Clegg, Brian

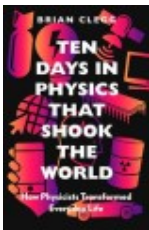
In this beautiful and unique combination of art and science, this stunningly detailed book examines how the rules of science govern the the world around us, from the rooms in our houses to the planet, the solar system and the universe itself!

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆

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Ten days in physics that shook the world: how physicists transformed everyday life (Nov 2021)

By: Clegg, Brian

The breakthroughs that have had the most transformative practical impacts, from thermodynamics to the Internet. Physics informs our understanding of how the world works but more than that, key breakthroughs in physics have transformed everyday life. We journey back to ten separate days in history to understand how particular breakthroughs were achieved, meet the individuals responsible and see how each breakthrough has influenced our lives. It is a unique selection. Focusing on practical impact means there is no room for Stephen Hawking's work on black holes, or the discovery of the Higgs boson. Instead we have the relatively little-known Rudolf Clausius (thermodynamics) and Heike Kamerlingh Onnes (superconductivity), while Albert Einstein is included not for his theories of relativity but for the short paper that gave us E=mc² (nuclear fission). Later chapters feature transistors, LEDs and the Internet.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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A natural history of the future: what the laws of biology tell us about the destiny of the human species (Nov 2021)

By: Dunn, Rob R.

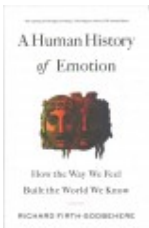
Our species has amassed unprecedented knowledge of nature, which we have tried to use to seize control of life and bend the planet to our will. In A Natural History of the Future, biologist Rob Dunn argues that such efforts are futile. We may see ourselves as life's overlords, but we are instead at its mercy. In the evolution of antibiotic resistance, the power of natural selection to create biodiversity, and even the surprising life of the London Underground, Dunn finds laws of life that no human activity can annul. When we create artificial islands of crops, dump toxic waste, or build communities, we provide new materials for old laws to shape. Life's future flourishing is not in question. Ours is.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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A human history of emotion: how the way we feel built the world we know (Nov 2021)

By: Firth-godbehere, Richard

Focuses on the role that emotions have played throughout history and human societies, including during the birth of the world’s major religions and bloodiest wars from Ancient Greece to today’s United States.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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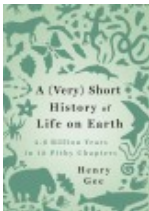
Underwater wild (Nov 2021)

By: Foster, Craig, (Filmmaker)

From the creators of the hit documentary My Octopus Teacher, an immersive journey into the underwater world that inspired it - and holds transformative lessons for us all. Craig Foster and Ross Frylinck regularly dive together in the awe-inspiring kelp forests off South Africa, without wetsuits or oxygen tanks. In the stories that make up this unforgettable book, we swim alongside Ross as he grows from skeptic to student of the underwater wild. And in the revelatory marine science behind the stunning photos, we learn how to track sea hares, cuttlefish, and limpets, and we witness strange new behaviors never before documented in marine biology. We realize that a whole world of wonder, and an innate wildness within us all, emerge anew when we simply observe.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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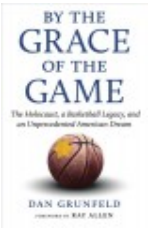
A (very) short history of life on Earth: 4.6 billion years in 12 pithy chapters (Nov 2021)

By: Gee, Henry, 1962-

Takes the reader through the last 4.6 billion years of history of Life on Earth with infectious enthusiasm and intellectual rigor.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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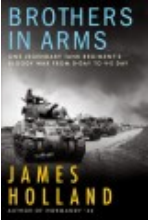


By the grace of the game: the Holocaust, a basketball legacy, and the American dream (Nov 2021)

By: Grunfeld, Dan
This book details a family's unique story from escaping the Holocaust to landing in America to playing in the NBA.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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Brothers in arms: one legendary tank regiment's bloody war from D-Day to V-E Day (Nov 2021)

By: Holland, James, 1970-
In the annals of World War II, certain groups of soldiers stand out, and among the most notable were the Sherwood Rangers. Originally a cavalry unit in the last days of horses in combat, whose officers were landed gentry leading men who largely worked for them, they were switched to the "mechanized cavalry" of tanks in 1942. Winning acclaim in the North African campaign, the Sherwood Rangers then spearheaded one of the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944, led the way across France, were the first British troops to cross into Germany, and contributed mightily to Germany's surrender in May 1945. Inspired by Stephen Ambrose's Band of Brothers, WWII historian James Holland memorably profiles an extraordinary group of citizen soldiers constantly in harm's way.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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Woke up this morning: the definitive oral history of the Sopranos (Nov 2021)

By: Imperioli, Michael, 1966-

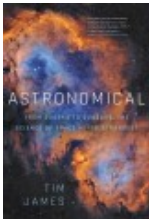
Inspired by the incredibly successful Talking Sopranos podcast, The Sopranos stars Michael Imperioli (Christopher Moltisanti) and Steve Schirripa (Bobby Baccalieri) finally reveal all the Soprano family secrets in a surprising, funny, and honest new book. Woke Up This Morning is the definitive behind-the-scenes history of the groundbreaking HBO series that became a worldwide cultural phenomenon, ushered in a new Golden Age of Television, and to this day continues to be one of the most binged shows of all time. Expanding on the podcast with exclusive interviews with the cast, crew, producers, writers, directors, and, of course, the series creator David Chase, Michael and Steve will tell all the incredible stories that The Sopranos fans have been waiting to hear for over twenty years.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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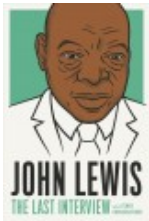
Astronomical: from quarks to quasars, the science of space at its strangest (Nov 2021)

By: James, Tim, (Chemistry teacher)

Space is the biggest, oldest, hottest, coldest, strangest thing a human can study. It's no surprise then, that the weirdest facts in science (not to mention the weirdest scientists themselves) are found in astrophysics and cosmology. If you're looking for instructions on how to set up your grandad's telescope this book probably isn't for you. In Astronomical, Tim James takes us on a tour of the known (and unknown) universe, focusing on the most-mind boggling stuff we've come across, as well as unpacking the latest theories about what's really going on out there.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

33.



John Lewis: the last interview and other conversations (Nov 2021)

By: Lewis, John

Throughout John Lewis's long and storied career he maintained a seemingly unwavering hope for a better future. This hope can be traced throughout the interviews collected here. From a young activist testifying in the aftermath of Bloody Sunday to recounting the violence he met as a Freedom Rider to an elder statesman inspired by today's civil rights activists, this collection forms a portrait of a man whose life was spent fighting for a better world and never lost hope.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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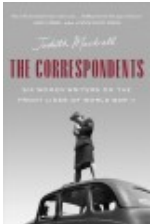
Rez Rules: my indictment of Canada's and America's systemic racism against Indigenous People (Nov 2021)

By: Louie, Clarence, Chief

An impassioned call to action, Clarence Louie imparts decades of wisdom and takes forceful aim at the relationship between First Nations and colonial Canada and the United States. Believing that education is fundamental to success, Louie also argues that change requires a new attitude. By turns angry, direct, humorous, and practical, Louie offers a bold blueprint for what the future of First Nations governance could look like.

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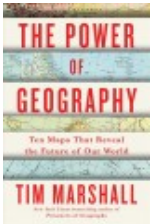
The correspondents: six women writers on the front lines of World War II (Nov 2021)

By: MacKrell, Judith

Following six remarkable woman as their lives and careers intertwine, this riveting, untold history of a group of heroic women reporters who revolutionized the narrative of WW II reveals how they were forced to fight for the right to work on equal terms with men.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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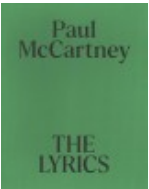
The power of geography: ten maps that reveal the future of our world (Nov 2021)

By: Marshall, Tim, 1959-

Tim Marshall's global bestseller Prisoners of Geography offered us a "fresh way of looking at maps," showing how every nation's choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. Since then, the geography hasn't changed, but the world has. Now, in this revelatory new book, Marshall takes us into ten regions that are set to shape global politics and power. Find out why the Earth's atmosphere is the world's next battleground; why the fight for the Pacific is just beginning; and why Europe's next refugee crisis is closer than we think.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

37.



The lyrics: 1956 to the present (Nov 2021)

By: McCartney, Paul

From his early Liverpool days, through the historic decade of The Beatles, to Wings and his long solo career The Lyrics pairs the definitive texts of 154 Paul McCartney songs with first-person commentaries on his life and music. Spanning two alphabetically arranged volumes, these commentaries reveal how the songs came to be and the people who inspired them: his devoted parents, Mary and Jim; his songwriting partner, John Lennon; his "Golden Earth Girl," Linda Eastman; his wife, Nancy McCartney; and even Queen Elizabeth, among many others. With images from McCartney's personal archives - handwritten texts, paintings, and photographs, hundreds previously unseen - The Lyrics, spanning sixty-four years, becomes the definitive literary and visual record of one of the greatest songwriters of all time.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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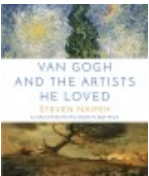
Rock concert: an oral history as told by the artists, backstage insiders, and fans who were there (Nov 2021)

By: Myers, Marc, 1956-

An acclaimed interviewer, weaving together the history of rock concerts with ground-breaking accounts from the people who were there, presents an entertaining look at the evolution of rock |n' roll through the lens of live performances.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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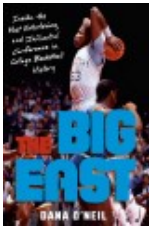
Van Gogh and the artists he loved (Nov 2021)

By: Naifeh, Steven W., 1952-

Drawing on Van Gogh's own thoughtful and often poetic comments about the artists he revered, this account of his deep immersion in their work, which helped him develop his iconic style, features hundreds of paintings by Van Gogh as well as the artists who inspired him.

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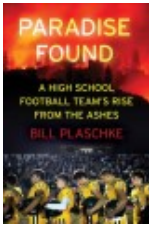
The Big East: inside the most entertaining and influential conference in college basketball history (Nov 2021)

By: O'Neil, Dana Pennett

There has never been, nor will there ever be, another league quite like the Big East. Five Big East schools have won national college basketball titles, and five coaches are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. From the formation of the league to the backstories of the people who shaped it to inside the epic games and players that sealed its relevance and laid the groundwork for its eventual rebirth The Big East tells the tale of the most powerful and entertaining league in college basketball history. Tells the story of the most powerful and entertaining league in college basketball history, from the formation of the league to the backstories of the people who shaped it to inside the epic games and the players that sealed its relevance and laid the foundation for its eventual rebirth.

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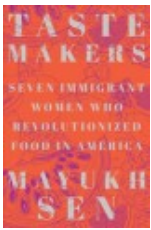
Paradise found: a high school football team's rise from the ashes (Nov 2021)

By: Plaschke, Bill

In this comeback story like no other, an L.A. Times columnist follows Coach Prinz and the Paradise High Bobcats as they rose from the ashes after one of the deadliest and most devastating fires in California history.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

42.



Taste makers: seven immigrant women who revolutionized food in America (Nov 2021)

By: Sen, Mayukh

America's modern culinary history told through the lives of seven pathbreaking chefs and food writers. Who's really behind America's appetite for foods from around the globe? This group biography from an electric new voice in food writing honors seven extraordinary women, all immigrants, who left an indelible mark on the way Americans eat today. Taste Makers stretches from World War II to the present, with absorbing and deeply researched portraits of figures including Mexican-born Elena Zelayeta, a blind chef; Marcella Hazan, the deity of Italian cuisine; and Norma Shirley, a champion of Jamaican dishes. In imaginative, lively prose, Mayukh Sen—a queer, brown child of immigrants—reconstructs the lives of these women in vivid and empathetic detail, daring to ask why some were famous in their own time, but not in ours, and why others shine brightly even today. Weaving together histories of food, immigration, and gender, Taste Makers will challenge the way readers look at what's on their plate—and the women whose labor, overlooked for so long, makes those meals possible.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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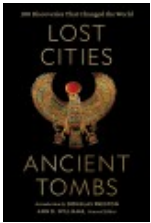


The 1619 Project: a new origin story (Nov 2021)

The animating idea of The 1619 Project is that our national narrative is more accurately told if we begin not on July 4, 1776, but in late August of 1619, when a ship arrived in Jamestown bearing a cargo of twenty to thirty enslaved people from Africa. Their arrival inaugurated a barbaric and unprecedented system of chattel slavery that would last for the next 250 years. This is sometimes referred to as the country's original sin, but it is more than that: It is the country's very origin. The 1619 Project tells this new origin story, placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are as a country.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

44.



Lost cities, ancient tombs: 100 discoveries that changed the world (Nov 2021)

Archaeology is the key that unlocks our deepest history. Ruined cities, golden treasures, cryptic inscriptions, and ornate tombs have been found across the world, and yet these artifacts of ages past often raised more questions than answers. But with the emergence of archaeology as a scientific discipline in the 19th century, everything changed. Illustrated with dazzling photographs, this enlightening narrative tells the story of human civilization through 100 key expeditions, spanning six continents and more than three million years of history.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

45.



The modern explorers: epic journeys to the ends of the world (Nov 2021)

This title profiles 39 modern explorers who have disproved the idea that there is nowhere left to discover and explore. Some are greatly experienced and are celebrated worldwide, while others are young or less well known and just starting to make their mark.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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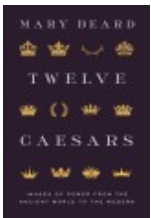
Welcome to Dunder Mifflin: the ultimate oral history of The office (Oct 2021)

By: Baumgartner, Brian

The official oral history book of The Office, featuring exclusive interviews with every major player and never-before-seen photos, pulling back the curtain on what went on to create the show and why it continues to resonate with audiences today.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

47.



Twelve Caesars: images of power from the ancient world to the modern (Oct 2021)

By: Beard, Mary, 1955-

Against a background of today's "sculpture wars," one of the world's leading classicists and cultural commentators tells the fascinating story of how images of Roman autocrats have influenced art, culture and the representation of power for more than two millennia.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

48.



Dressing the resistance: the visual language of protest through history (Oct 2021)

By: Benda, Camille

Weaving together historical and current protest movements across the globe, Dressing the Resistance explores how everyday people and the societies they live in harness the visual power of dress to fight for radical change. American suffragettes made and wore dresses from old newspapers printed with voting slogans. Male farmers in rural India wore their wives' saris while staging sit-ins on railroad tracks against government neglect. Costume designer and dress historian Camille Benda analyzes cultural movements and the clothes that defined them through over 150 archival images, photographs, and paintings that bring the history of activism to life, from ancient Roman rebellions to the #MeToo movement, from twentieth-century punk subcultures to Black Lives Matter marches.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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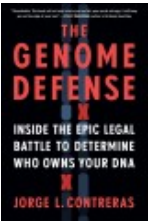
Until I am free: Fannie Lou Hamer's enduring message to America (Oct 2021)

By: Blain, Keisha N., 1985-

Blending together social commentary, biography and history, an award-winning historian challenges us to listen to Fannie Lou Hamer, a working-poor and disabled Black woman activist and intellectual of the civil rights movement, as we grapple with modern concerns around race, inequality and social justice.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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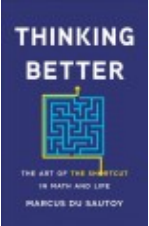


The genome defense: inside the epic legal battle to determine who owns your DNA (Oct 2021)

By: Contreras, Jorge L.
In a behind-the-scenes courtroom drama, a brilliant legal team battles corporate greed and government overreach for our fundamental right to control our genes.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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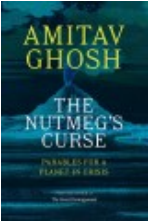


Thinking better: the art of the shortcut in math and life (Oct 2021)

By: Du Sautoy, Marcus
We are often told that hard work is the key to success. But success isn't about hard work - it's about shortcuts. "Shortcuts allow us to solve one problem quickly so that we can tackle an even bigger one. They make us capable of doing great things." And according to Marcus du Sautoy, math is the very art of the shortcut. In Thinking Better, Du Sautoy explores how diagramming revolutionized therapy, why calculus is the greatest shortcut ever invented, whether you must really practice for ten thousand hours to become a concert violinist, and why shortcuts give us an advantage over even the most powerful AI. Throughout, we meet artists, scientists, and entrepreneurs who use mathematical shortcuts to change the world.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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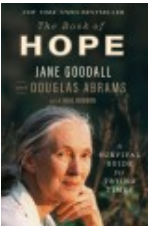


The nutmeg's curse: parables for a planet in crisis (Oct 2021)

By: Ghosh, Amitav, 1956-
A powerful work of history, essay, testimony and polemic traces our contemporary planetary crisis back to the discovery of the New World and the sea route to the Indian Ocean, arguing that the dynamics of climate change today are rooted in a centuries-old geopolitical order constructed by Western colonialism.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

53.



The book of hope: a survival guide for trying times (Oct 2021)

By: Goodall, Jane, 1934-

A famous naturalist and a best-selling author explore how do we hold on to hope in a world that seems so troubled.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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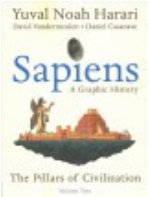
The storyteller: tales of life and music (Oct 2021)

By: Grohl, Dave

The legendary American musician, singer, songwriter and documentary filmmaker offers a collection of stories, written by his own hand, that focus on the memories of his life, from his childhood to today.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

55.



Sapiens : a graphic history. Volume 2, The pillars of civilization (Oct 2021)

By: Harari, Yuval N.

This second volume of Sapiens: A Graphic History, the full-color graphic adaptation of Yuval Noah Harari's #1 New York Times bestseller, focuses on the Agricultural Revolution--when humans fell into a trap we've yet to escape: working harder and harder with diminishing returns.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

56.



Unearthing the Secret Garden: the plants and places that inspired Frances Hodgson Burnett (Oct 2021)

By: McDowell, Marta

Marta McDowell has revealed the way that plants have stirred some of our most cherished authors, including Beatrix Potter, Emily Dickinson, and Laura Ingalls Wilder. In Unearthing The Secret Garden, she delves into the professional and gardening life of Frances Hodgson Burnett. Complementing her fascinating account with charming period photographs and illustrations, McDowell paints an unforgettable portrait of a great artist and reminds us why The Secret Garden continues to touch readers after more than a century.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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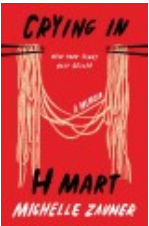
Refugee high: coming of age in America (Aug 2021)

By: Fishman, Elly

For a century, Chicago's Roger C. Sullivan High School has been a home to immigrant and refugee students. In 2017, during the worst global refugee crisis in history, its immigrant population numbered close to three hundred - or nearly half the school - and many were refugees new to the country. These young people came from thirty-five different countries, speaking among themselves more than thirty-eight different languages. Refugee High is a riveting chronicle of the 2017-18 school year at Sullivan High, a time when anti-immigrant rhetoric was at its height in the White House. Equal parts heartbreaking and inspiring, it raises vital questions about the priorities and values of a public school and offers an eye-opening and captivating window into the present-day American immigration and education systems.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

58.



Crying in H Mart (Apr 2021)

By: Zauner, Michelle

The Japanese Breakfast indie pop star presents a full-length account of her viral New Yorker essay to share poignant reflections on her experiences of growing up Korean-American, becoming a professional musician and caring for her terminally ill mother.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

59.



This is your mind on plants (Jul 2021)

By: Pollan, Michael

In this unique blend of history, science and memoir, a #1 New York Times best-selling author examines and experiences three plant drugs — opium, caffeine and mescaline — from several very different angles and contexts, exploring the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction