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Nicholas Orme is emeritus professor of history at Exeter University. He has written more than thirty books on the religious and social history of England, including *Medieval Children*, *Tudor Children*, *The History of England's Cathedrals* and *Going to Church in Medieval England* which was shortlisted for the Wolfson History Prize.

By the same author:



Chaucer's England

Nicholas Orme

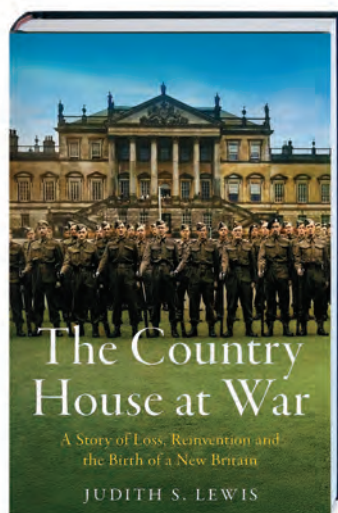
Who were Chaucer's thirty-three pilgrims, and why were they heading to Canterbury? What do they and their tales tell us about medieval England as a place and the daily lives of its people?

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This is an intimate and intriguing guide to the world which produced the first poetry in Middle English, recreating Chaucer's England in all its richness and variety.

The story of how English country houses were repurposed during the Second World War, told through the lives of those who lived and worked in them

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Judith S. Lewis is the Edna Hoffman Bowman Presidential Professor of History and Women's Studies, Emerita, at the University of Oklahoma. She is the author of *In the Family Way: Childbearing in the British Aristocracy* and *Sacred to Female Patriotism: Gender, Class and Politics in Late Georgian Britain*.

The Country House at War

A Story of Loss, Reinvention and the Birth of a New Britain

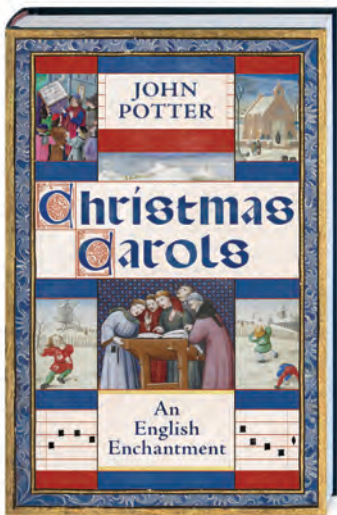
Judith S. Lewis

In the Second World War, country houses across England were requisitioned by the government for the war effort. These homes opened their doors to evacuated children, were transformed into hospitals and played host to training camps for the armed forces. The care of the estates was often left to young women and the elderly, who had to completely change the running of their homes to accommodate essential wartime activities.

In this fascinating history, Judith S. Lewis explores the lives of country houses during the Second World War. Some homes were requisitioned for intelligence operations, like Audley End, which was used as the headquarters of the Polish Section of SOE, where others like West Wycombe were used to house artefacts of national importance. Examining the long legacy of the war, Lewis reveals why some houses survived, whether as family homes, museums, or public parks, while others simply disappeared altogether.

A rich history of one of our most popular kinds of song – and a celebration of Christmas music

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John Potter's books include *Song*, *Tenor* and *A History of Singing*. A former member of the Hilliard Ensemble, his singing career has included first performances of works by Luciano Berio, Arvo Pärt, Gavin Bryars and Sting, and once, as a young boy, the solo in 'Once in Royal David's City' at King's College, Cambridge. He now records for ECM.

By the same author:



Christmas Carols

An English Enchantment

John Potter

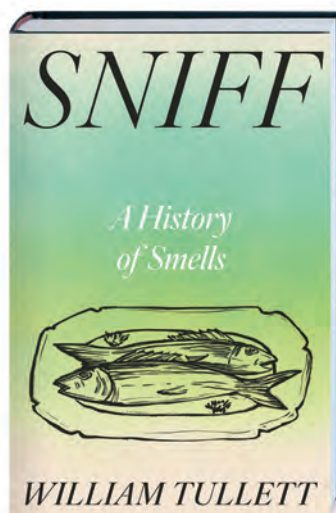
The English Christmas carol has been sung in court and cloister, tavern and field since medieval times. But with the first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in 1880 – and with a view to encouraging revellers into church – the humble carol became integral to the Christmas tradition. Carol concerts are attended all over the world, and the service at King's College, Cambridge has been broadcast since 1928 to millions of listeners.

Singer and author John Potter guides us through the development of this unique tradition. Originating as secular delights of the medieval and Tudor court and chapel, the Victorians brought the carol to a new urban audience. Priests, poets and composers have rearranged ancient songs and created new ones ever since, and incorporated European carols into the evolving English tradition.

Taking us from their earliest origin to their flourishing during the early music revival, this is an enlightening account of a much beloved phenomenon.

A remarkable account of the weird and wonderful history of smell

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Will Tullett is a senior lecturer in early modern history at the University of York. He is the author of *Smell in Eighteenth-Century England: A Social Sense* and *Smell and the Past: Noses, Archives, Narratives*.

Sniff

A History of Smells

Will Tullett

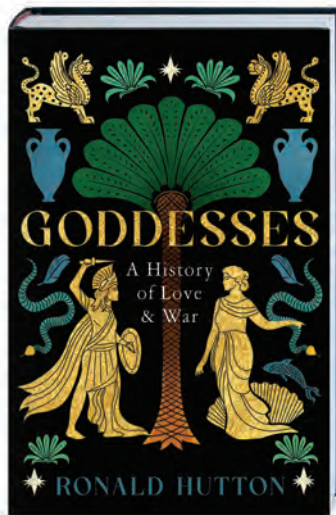
Across vast periods of time and around the globe, smell has been central to human life. From the incense burned in medieval religious rituals to the use of modern sniffer dogs, smells have been central to our sense of identity, our ability to build communities, and, perhaps less positively, to mark those deemed unwelcome within them. Our sense of smell brings us the pleasure of good food, wine and perfume, but it also warns us of dangerous fire, gas and rot.

What did the past smell like? Why does our own world smell the way it does?

Moving through key locations, from libraries to forests, churches to hospitals, Will Tullett explores the peculiar history of smell. We smell witchcraft and murder, fin de siècle Parisian theatres and cinemas in 1960s New York. What emerges is not just a history of smells, but biographies of the many noses that have sniffed them.

A groundbreaking history of the ancient goddesses of love and war

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Ronald Hutton is professor of history at Bristol University and a leading authority on the British Isles in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, on ancient and medieval paganism and magic, and on the global context of witchcraft beliefs. He is the author of twenty books.

Goddesses

A History of Love and War

Ronald Hutton

The figure of a goddess who represents both love and war can be found in cultures across the ancient world. These societies were all polytheistic, and all worshipped such deities as Venus, Freya and the Morrigan. What was it about this model of divine femininity that ancient people in Europe and the Near East found so attractive?

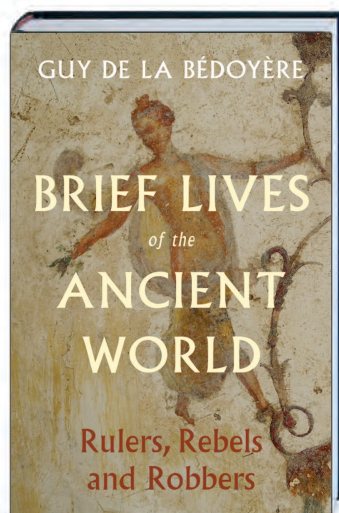
In this vivid account, Ronald Hutton traces the history of eight key goddesses in ancient societies. Looking at the Sumerian Inanna, ancient Greek Aphrodite and Egyptian Hathor, amongst others, Hutton compares the characters of these female deities and examines how and why such a figure reoccurred so often. Ranging from Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine to western Europe, this fascinating story provides a deeper understanding of two of the most powerful and intractable human impulses: love and war.

By the same author:



A fascinating window into the history of the ancient world, told through thirty-five fascinating figures

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Guy de la Bédoyère is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and is well known for his many books on the Roman world and Ancient Egypt, including *Pharaohs of the Sun*, *The Real Lives of Roman Britain* and *Prætorian*.

Brief Lives of the Ancient World

Rulers, Rebels, Robbers

Guy de la Bédoyère

The western ancient world stretched from the Pillars of Hercules between Spain and North Africa in the west to Mesopotamia in the east, and from southern Egypt in the south to Scotland in the north. In between all the places and across several thousand years came a succession of grand civilizations and cultures—including the Sumerians, ancient Egypt, Carthage, classical Greece, the Hellenistic kingdoms and the Roman Empire.

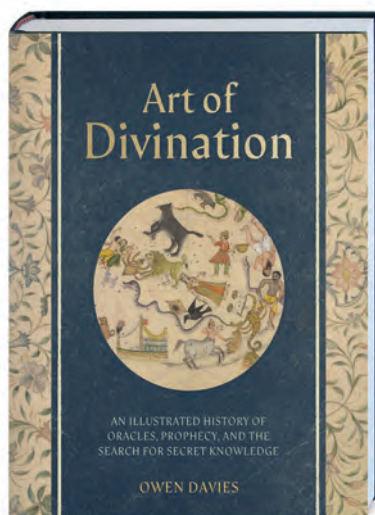
In this engaging account, Guy de la Bédoyère draws on decades of research to provide a history of the ancient world through a personal selection key figures. The story of any one of these lives is unique, from Egypt's reforming pharaoh Horemheb or the public priestess Eumachia at Pompeii. These individuals serve as a portal into the experience of the ancient world in the days of despotic pharaohs and Roman emperors and make it possible for us to try and imagine what their lives were

By the same author:



A global history of divination practices and tools, from tea leaves and tarot cards to pyromancy and palmistry

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Owen Davies is professor in history at the University of Hertfordshire and an expert in the history of magic, witchcraft, ghosts, and popular medicine from the ancient world to the modern era. His many books include *Art of the Grimoire: An Illustrated History of Magic Books and Spells*.

By the same author:



Art of Divination

A Visual History of Oracles, Prophecy, and the Search for Secret Knowledge

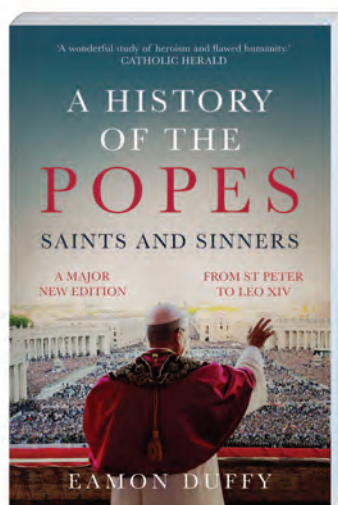
Owen Davies

Throughout history, humans have aspired to explain the unexplainable, to understand phenomena beyond our control and to peer into the future. In this captivating book, Owen Davies explores the global history of divination practices that seek to answer questions that range from the philosophical and metaphysical to the romantic and personal. Davies frames divination as a diverse array of activities that overlap with art and science. He emphasises the artistry and craft of divination practices, which often require tools and manuals; these objects are at the heart of the book, accompanied by an exploration of the techniques of foretelling the future and revealing the unknown.

Organised into six thematic groups – observing the natural world; making patterns; communicating with gods and spirits; signs from the human body and mind; looking to the heavens; and chance and calculation – *Art of Divination* allows readers to see connections between different ages and places. From the Romans looking to the flight of birds, to Renaissance tarot cards, and to modern-day fortune cookies, Davies reveals the timeless desire to transcend the human condition and the wide and varied practices that people have devised to do so.

A comprehensive single-volume history of the papacy

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Eamon Duffy, professor of the history of Christianity, and fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, is also the author of *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400–1580* and *The Voices of Morebath*, both published by Yale University Press.

By the same author:



A History of the Popes

Saints and Sinners

Eamon Duffy

This engrossing book encompasses the extraordinary history of the papacy, from its beginnings to the present day. In this new edition, the final chapter has been expanded to cover the resignation of Benedict XVI and the election of Francis I.

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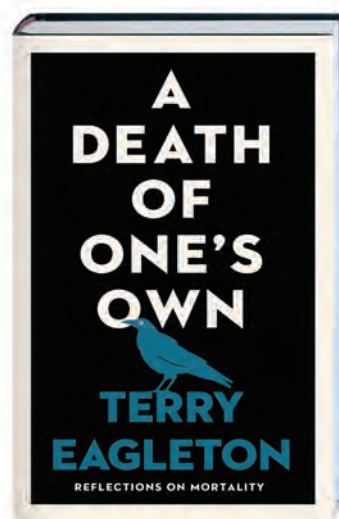
“Duffy enlivens the long march through church history with anecdotes that bring the different pontiffs to life. . . . *Saints and Sinners* is a remarkable achievement.” – Piers Paul Read, *The Times*

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An engaging, insightful meditation on death, from one of our leading minds

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Terry Eagleton has been the Warton Professor of English Literature at Oxford University and is the author of more than fifty books in the fields of literary theory, postmodernism, politics, ideology and religion.

A Death of One's Own

Reflections on Mortality

Terry Eagleton

Death is ever-present in literature. From Shakespearean tragedies to elegiac poetry, the spectre of human mortality has always haunted writers.

In this wide-ranging and personal account, Terry Eagleton examines the ways in which western culture has reflected on death. Eagleton looks at the works of novelists, poets, and playwrights – including Andrew Marvell and Dylan Thomas, Samuel Beckett and Andrew Carter. He draws the together topics from a broad range of his work, from comedy and humour to the literature of mortality and tragedy, to explore the ideas and individuals which have been central to his spiritual and intellectual life.

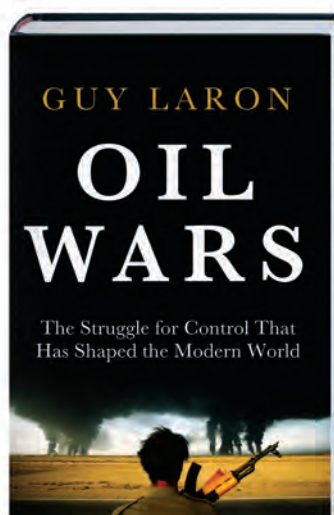
This is an erudite and humorous meditation on what it feels like to be at the end of days.

By the same author:



A vital history of oil and politics, showing how the struggle to control energy corridors and chokepoints shaped the modern world

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Guy Laron is a senior lecturer in international relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the author of two books *Origins of the Suez Crisis* and *The Six-Day War*. His op-eds have appeared in the *Guardian*, *Le Monde Diplomatique* and *American Prospect*.

Oil Wars

The Struggle for Control that has Shaped the Modern World

Guy Laron

For the last twenty years, Putin's Russia has weaponised its vast resources of oil and gas, trying to use them to dominate Ukraine and later, with growing audacity, challenge NATO itself. But this is far from the first time this tactic has been used. Over the last 150 years, access to oil and gas has repeatedly been used as a tool to gain an advantage.

Looking at the global picture – including Vietnam, India and Egypt – Guy Laron charts the connection between oil, gas and political power from the First World War, through the Cold War, to the crises of today. He shows how political actors leveraged their power through key chokepoints: production sites, pipelines and even refineries. Whilst at the same time, companies lobbied states to block rivals and eliminate competition. This has been a high-stakes game over the controlling heights of the world economy that continues until this very day.

The story of the mavericks and scientists, crackpots and artistic visionaries who imagined a future where machines fuse with our minds

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Mike Jay is a celebrated historian of science, medicine and culture. He is the author of acclaimed books including *Free Radicals*, *Mescaline* and *Psychonauts*, described by Michael Pollan as 'easily the most interesting work of psychedelic history I've read in years.'

By the same author:



Wireheads

An Unnatural History of Technology in the Brain

Mike Jay

As humanity and technology become ever more tightly interwoven, *Wireheads* explores the final and most intimate frontier: the brain, and the electronic devices, magnetic signals, implants and computer interfaces that promise to merge it with the world of the machine. Will these technologies eventually direct our thoughts and behaviour – or are they doing so already? Will they maintain us in states of artificial bliss, connect us to higher intelligences, or replace the world of our senses with simulated realities?

Mike Jay, acclaimed author of *Psychonauts*, now traces the tangled, paranoid history of these real and fantastical brain technologies. From the fictions of H.G. Wells and Philip K. Dick to *The Matrix*, the C.I.A.'s Cold War experiments and Elon Musk's Neuralink, scientists and visionaries have long chased the dream of neural enhancement and control, with wildly varying degrees of success.

Encompassing covert military operations and psychedelic art, moral philosophy and cybernetic theory, Jay has assembled a thrilling narrative out of our attempts to understand and rewire the brain – and a brilliant meditation on what it means to be human in a posthuman age.

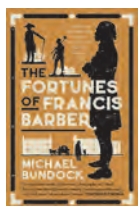
The first full biography of Granville Sharp, the founding figure of abolitionism in Britain

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Michael Bundock is a barrister and historian with a particular interest in eighteenth-century social and legal history, and an honorary research fellow at University College London. He is the author of *The Fortunes of Francis Barber: The True Story of the Enslaved Jamaican Who Became Samuel Johnson's Heir*.

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A Meeting on Mincing Lane

The Story of Granville Sharp and the Fight Against Slavery

Michael Bundock

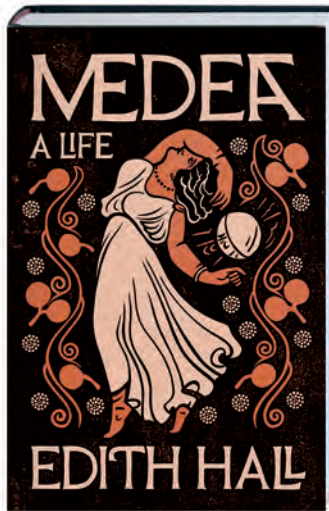
In London, 1765, Jonathan Strong was bludgeoned half to death by his enslaver. As the injured Strong staggered towards a doctor on Mincing Lane, he was noticed by the civil servant Granville Sharp – a chance meeting which would set in motion a lifelong fight for justice.

Appalled by the violence of slavery – a system with at the time some 900,000 victims in North America alone – Sharp took up the abolitionist cause with a zealous sense of moral duty. He taught himself law to challenge slavery in the *Somerset* case, wrote Britain's first antislavery tract, publicised the horrors of the *Zong* massacre, and was integral to the establishment of the free colony of Sierra Leone.

Michael Bundock recounts Sharp's astonishing and largely forgotten life, which saw collaboration with Black activists Olaudah Equiano and Ottobah Cugoana and even brought Sharp to the attention of America's founding fathers. This is the extraordinary story of how the fight for abolition began, and the single-minded campaigner at its heart.

The story of Medea, a maligned, misunderstood woman of Greek mythology, from one of Britain's foremost classicists

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Edith Hall is a professor in the Department of Classics and Ancient History at Durham University. She is the author of numerous books, including *Epic of the Earth: Reading Homer's 'Iliad' in the Fight for a Dying World* and *Facing Down the Furies: Suicide, the Ancient Greeks, and Me*.

By the same author:



Medea

A Life

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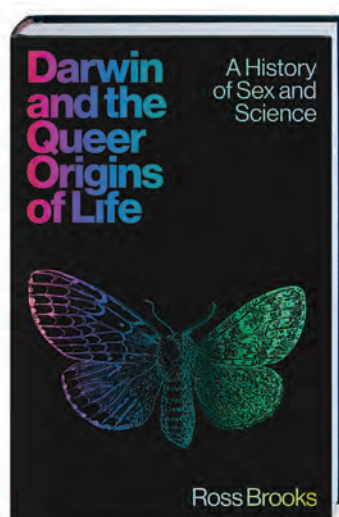
Mothers who kill their children are universally abhorred but perennially fascinating. In this book, the award-winning scholar Edith Hall explores the possibility that Medea, mythology's archetypal murderous mother, could be based on a historical figure who migrated to Greece in the late Bronze Age.

Medea has appeared in countless works of art – plays, operas, musicals, ballets, movies, poems, paintings, sculptures and novels – but until now no one has written a biography of her. Through meticulous research and fast-paced narrative, Hall brings new life to Medea's story, from her lonely childhood on the shores of the Black Sea through her dramatic escape with Jason and the Argonauts, the murders and attempted palace coup in Thessaly, her deadly revenge in Corinth, and her final exile in Athens.

In reframing a figure long reduced to villainy, Hall restores Medea's humanity, illuminating a woman pushed to extremes by betrayal and displacement – a brilliant, embattled outsider navigating the violent patriarchies of the ancient Mediterranean.

A revelatory history of sex, gender and science from Linnaeus to Darwin

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Ross Brooks (he/him) is an independent historian of science and a foundational thinker in queer history and the history of sexology. He regularly speaks on the queer history of science at events across the UK, and features in the pioneering documentary *Queer Planet*.

Darwin and the Queer Origins of Life

A History of Sex and Science

Ross Brooks

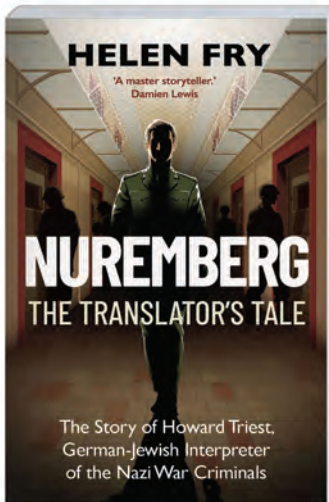
What did Darwin and Linnaeus really think about sex? In print, their descriptions of animal courtship painted a comfortingly traditional picture: males were belligerent show-offs, females were choosy and skittish, and the two came together in unions curiously akin to human marriage. But in truth, the forefathers of evolutionary science were acutely aware that this was not the whole story. The reality was far more messy and ambiguous.

In this iconoclastic history, Ross Brooks shows how queerness was at the heart of evolutionists' thinking about the natural world. From hermaphroditic slugs and sex-changing birds to male pigeon lactation, pregnant male seahorses and bisexual pigs, Darwin and his fellow naturalists were privately in awe of nature's sexual diversity. These encounters fundamentally shaped their understanding of plants, animals and humans, even if they were never fully acknowledged in their published writings.

Brooks radically exposes us to the hidden queerness of Georgian and Victorian science – and shows how nature has always been more sexually diverse than we've been told.

The compelling story of the only German-Jewish translator to work with the psychiatrists in Nuremberg prison

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Historian Helen Fry is the author of *The Walls Have Ears*, *Women in Intelligence*, *Spymaster*, *MI9*, and more than twenty books on intelligence, prisoners of war, and the social history of World War II. She appears regularly in media interviews and podcasts and has been involved in numerous documentaries.

By the same author:



Nuremberg: The Translator's Tale

*The Compelling Story of Howard Triest,
German-Jewish Interpreter of the Nazi
War Criminals*

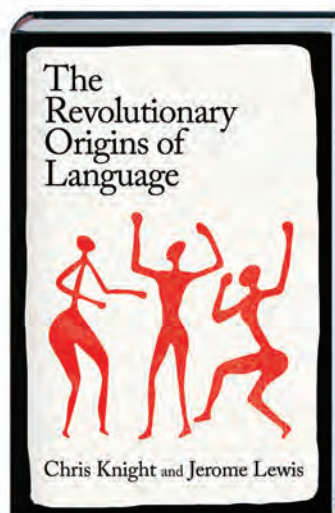
Helen Fry

The Nuremberg Trials laid bare the atrocities of the Nazi regime to the world. As they awaited trial, the twenty-two surviving leaders of Hitler's government were visited by American psychiatrists Drs Kelley and Goldensohn. Their only method of communication with the defendants was through translator Howard Triest, a German Jew who had fled Munich and fought as an American soldier in Normandy. Unbeknownst to the defendants, Triest's parents had perished at Auschwitz.

Helen Fry traces the events that took place in Nuremberg prison through the eyes of Triest. Combining meticulous research with intimate interviews, Fry offers a rare glimpse of life among Hitler's inner circle during their final year and reveals candid conversations and psychological evaluations. This powerful account uncovers a story resilience and justice – and presents a unique insight into the events behind bars whilst the world waited for justice to be played out in the courtroom.

The story of the social and sexual revolution responsible for the emergence of our most prized skill – the ability to speak

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Chris Knight is professor emeritus of anthropology at UCL, a founder of the EVOLANG conference series and editor of six volumes on evolutionary linguistics. Jerome Lewis is professor of anthropology at UCL, and world-renowned for over 30 years of research with hunter-gatherers in Central Africa.

The Revolutionary Origins of Language

Chris Knight and Jerome Lewis

Speech is unprecedented in the natural world. Yet human infants can learn the grammar of their native tongue so quickly, it is as if they knew the basics already. How did such a unique ability evolve and what does it reveal about the nature of our species?

Drawing on evolutionary and social anthropology, behavioural ecology, archaeology and linguistics, Chris Knight and Jerome Lewis unearth the political and social origins of our capacity to speak. What they discover points to the revolutionary role played by women at every stage. It seems that formidable coalitions of women used laughter, song and dance to restrain the male potential for violence. In so doing, women established extraordinary levels of community-wide trust—precisely what was needed for linguistic creativity to flourish.

The Revolutionary Origins of Language is a bold and surprising assessment of the complex conditions which produced our most prized skill.

A fascinating guide to the history of drugs and medicines, the science of how they work, and the way they've shaped healthcare and society

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Rod Flower is emeritus professor of biochemical pharmacology at Queen Mary University of London. His career has focused particularly on inflammation and anti-inflammatories, and he has an active interest in biosecurity matters and the misuse of science.

Drugs

The Story of Pharmacology

Rod Flower

Today, drugs are a ubiquitous tool in all our lives, from the highly specialised gene therapies used to treat hitherto incurable disease, to the common painkillers we take to relieve fevers and headaches. But healing plants and herbs have been revered since time immemorial, and have been used for as long as people have experienced illness. Over the last century our understanding of these therapeutic wonders has developed at astonishing speed, and so the science of pharmacology was born.

Esteemed scientist Rod Flower guides us through the fascinating history of the discipline, and shows us how drugs really work. How are new medicines developed, and what gives scientists the confidence their therapies will function as intended? What happens inside our bodies when we ingest these mysterious chemicals, and how have they shaped the progress of societies across the world?

This accessible introduction to the science of drugs reveals their intriguing inner workings, and celebrates their remarkable healing power.

A lively and engaging history of the brass band in Britain and beyond

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Trevor Herbert was introduced to music in the junior brass band of the colliery where his father worked. His career has been divided between being a professional trombone player and academic life at the Open University, where he is now emeritus professor of music, and the Royal College of Music, where he is a research professor.

The Brass Band Story

Trevor Herbert

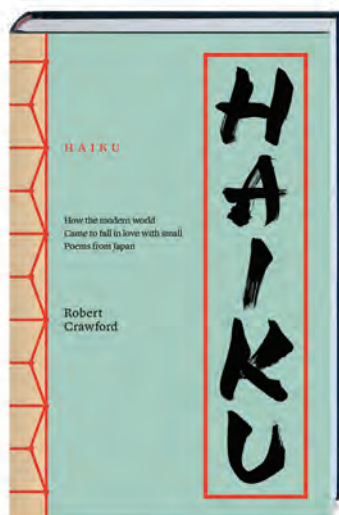
Brass bands have played a unique role in the cultural history of Britain. Amidst the industrial revolution, an increasingly urban population turned to music for mass entertainment. Brass bands became intimately associated with working men and spread across the country at breathtaking speed. At their height in the late Victorian era, there were thousands of them.

Trevor Herbert reveals the story of these bands, from their working-class origins and the enormous popularity of Victorian contests to their sophistication in modern times. It is a tale of the survival of tradition and the embrace of change. Victorian brass bands solidified communities and promoted shared local identities. As new modes of popular culture posed existential threats in the twentieth century, they reinvented themselves. The model British bands created is now replicated throughout the world.

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Haiku

How the Modern World Came to Fall in Love with Small Poems from Japan

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A century and a half ago almost no one outside of Japan had heard of the haiku. Even in Tokyo some people regarded these tiny poems with disdain. Today, they are the world's most widely known poetic form, cherished and reviled in equal measure. At their best, haiku are highly attentive to the moment and describe the world with pinpoint accuracy; at their worst, they can be trite and cloyingly cute.

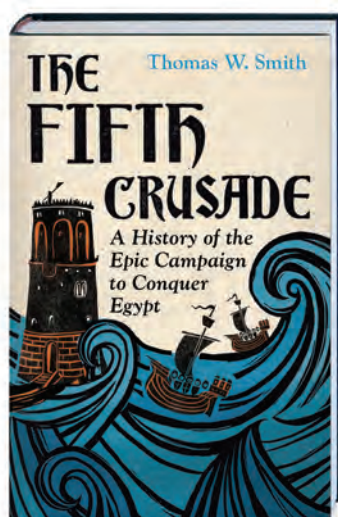
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The Fifth Crusade

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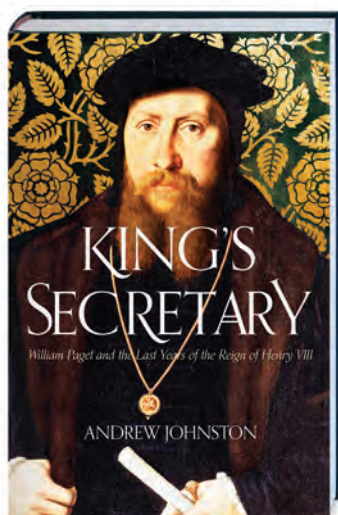
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In 1217, the crusader states were in a highly fragile condition. The Fourth Crusade had failed, and Jerusalem had not been recovered. The crusaders now set their sights on Egypt. If the breadbasket of the Mediterranean could be conquered, long-term Christian control of the Holy Land could be ensured. Led by the rulers of Hungary and Austria, and backed by the Knights Templar and Hospitaller, the Fifth Crusade was launched.

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King's Secretary

William Paget and the Last Years of the Reign of Henry VIII

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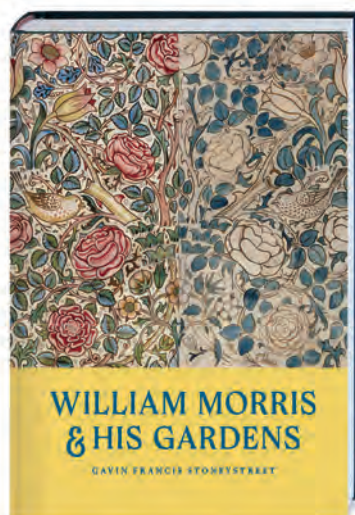
In the closing years of Henry VIII's reign, the future of England hung in the balance. The king's potential heirs consisted of two daughters of disgraced parentage, and a young son too inexperienced to rule. With a French invasion imminent and the succession in crisis, England's noble families vied to manipulate the succession for their own ends.

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Gavin Francis Stoneystreet is a Cultural Botanist, writer and creative, exploring the relationships between plants and people. Gavin serves as heritage consultant for William Morris's garden at Kelmscott Manor, where he also compiled the garden's conservation plan. His PhD explored artists gardens as places of pilgrimage and creative expression. He has lectured widely including Oxford University.

William Morris & His Gardens

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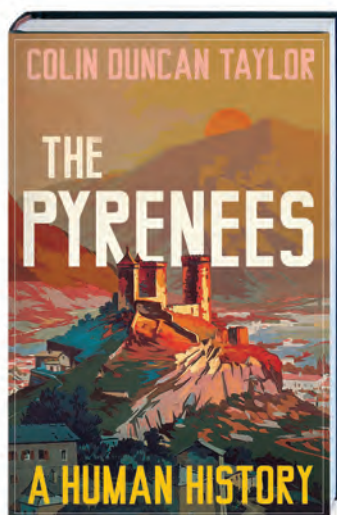
William Morris (1834–1896) was the pre-eminent pattern designer of the nineteenth century; his designs in continuous production have become part of the national consciousness. Less attention has been given to the gardens that inspired his patterns, and influenced his wider craftwork, writing, and informed his place as a forefather of the environmental movement.

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The Pyrenees

A Human History

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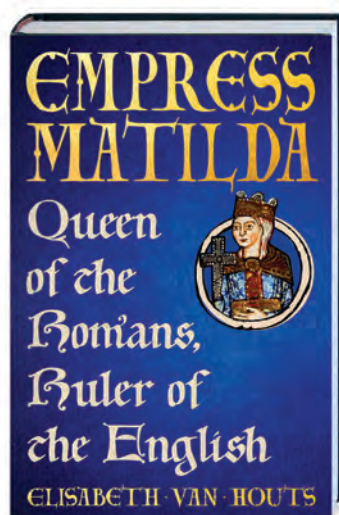
The Pyrenees dominate the landscape between France and Spain, stretching from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Long thought of as an impassable, unspoiled wilderness, the mountains are often seen as both a physical and cultural barrier between southern Europe and the Iberian Peninsula. Yet this treacherous terrain has been inhabited and shaped by human hands for centuries.

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Empress Matilda

Queen of the Romans, Ruler of the English

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Born in 1102, Empress Matilda combined the blood of two dynasties: the house of Wessex and their conquerors, the dukes of Normandy. As a widowed German empress, she was named as heir successor by her father, Henry I. But, after his death in 1135, Matilda's place on the English throne was usurped by her cousin, Stephen of Blois. Civil war followed, and she ruled the south-west of England in opposition.

Elisabeth van Houts explores the remarkable life of medieval England's only queen regnant. Van Houts examines female rulership in the Middle Ages, from Matilda's relationships with her husbands, to her self-identification as granddaughter of William the Conqueror. Matilda used her persuasiveness effectively with the men who surrounded her, including her father, husbands, half-brothers and cousins.

This is a fascinating account, which reveals Matilda to be an assertive, if on occasion disappointed, woman who made the best of her position with intelligence and stamina.

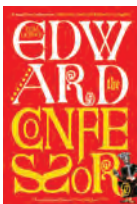
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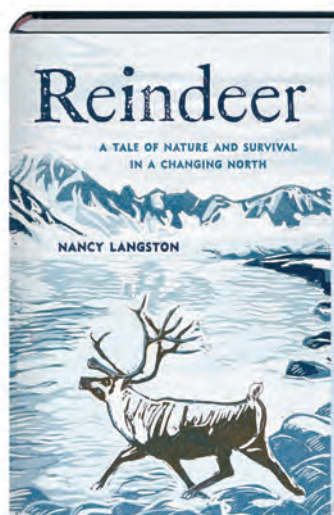
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Harold Godwinson is renowned as the king who lost England to the invading William the Conqueror in 1066. Infamous legends, invented by the Victorians, surround his life, and have corrupted our idea of him. But who was the real Harold II?

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Reindeer

A Tale of Nature and Survival in a Changing North

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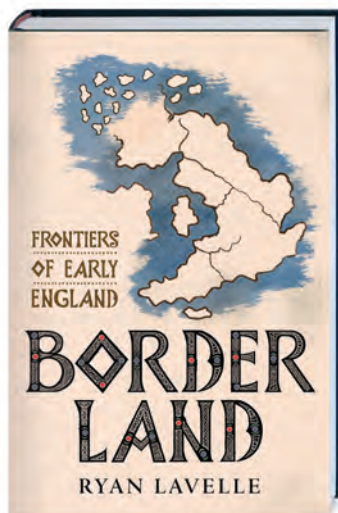
Across the Arctic and the boreal north, reindeer populations are dwindling as our ever developing planet grows warmer. Reindeer range is roughly half what it was in the nineteenth century, and populations have dropped by more than half in the past ten years alone. However, we have a conservation tool at hand for this crisis: wildlife translocation, or moving animals to more suitable habitats.

In this book, the first popular global history of reindeer, Nancy Langston interweaves historical research with accounts of her fieldwork in Lapland, Iceland, North America, Mongolia and elsewhere. She details the history of struggles faced by communities that have relied on reindeer hunting and herding and engages with the scientific debates about the need to move northern wildlife to viable habitats because of human activities. She also addresses the challenges—logistical, ethical, and societal—of moving large animals in a world with complex geopolitical boundaries.

Enhanced by the author's own artwork, this passionate, informed, and surprisingly hopeful volume sheds light on the complicated past and possible futures of reindeer and the cultures surrounding them.

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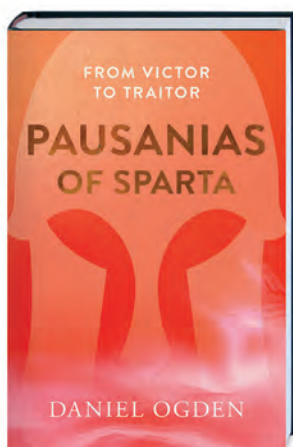
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Frontiers of Early England

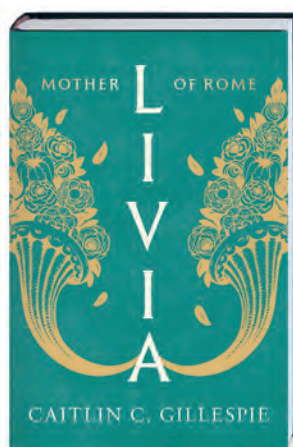
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The earliest written record of a political boundary in England dates from around 879, when King Alfred and Danish warlord Guthrum formalised a legal treaty to divide lands between them. How did Alfred and his descendants think about the borders of 'English' territory? And what can these markers tell us about the English kingdom itself?

Ryan Lavelle takes readers on a journey around the borders and edges of early medieval England. From an oak tree used as a marker by St Augustine, through Alfred's famous treaty, to 1066 and beyond, Lavelle explores how land was divided and the ways in which boundaries were perceived. He argues that there was no one unified 'England' until after the Norman Conquest—and in fact the lands were divided several times between the death of Æthelstan and the invasion of William the Conqueror. This is a fascinating account that reshapes our thinking about the origins of the 'lands of the English'.



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The story of Pausanias, the general who defeated the Persians invading Greece and changed the course of history

Pausanias of Sparta

From Victor to Traitor

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Weaving together ancient sources, Daniel Ogden tells the gripping story of the enigmatic and controversial Spartan regent to an underage king. Pausanias (ca. 505–ca. 467 BCE) would never have come to power had the Persians not annihilated the Greek forces at Thermopylae in 480 BCE, killing his uncle Leonidas. The next year, Greek forces under the new regent's command crushed the Persians at the decisive Battle of Plataea. It was a brilliant victory for Pausanias, but his heroic reputation swiftly declined. He was accused of tyrannical ambition, treachery, rape and murder, and came to a grisly and ghostly end, starved to death in Sparta's Temple of Athena.

In this meticulously researched book—the first full-length biography of Pausanias in English—Ogden searches for the truth behind the ancient stories. Was Pausanias merely misunderstood and misrepresented, or was he an egotist in thrall to his own success? Despite Pausanias' dark demise, Ogden hails his greatest achievement: by defeating the Persians he ensured the future of Classical Greek culture and the development of Western civilization as we know it.

Daniel Ogden is professor of ancient history at the University of Exeter. His recent books include *The Dragon in the West* and *The Werewolf in the Ancient World*.

A bold new portrait of Livia, ancient Rome's first First Lady, who shaped the empire from behind the throne

Livia

Mother of Rome

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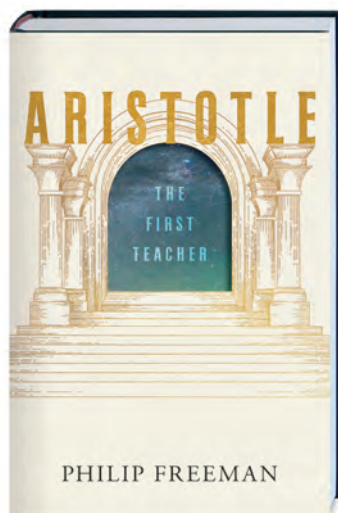
Livia was no ordinary Roman woman. As wife of Augustus and mother of Tiberius—the first and second Roman emperors—she stood at the heart of the first imperial dynasty, wielding extraordinary influence in a world that denied women formal power. In this vivid biography, Caitlin C. Gillespie reclaims Livia (58 BCE–29 CE) from centuries of scandal and rumoured villainy, tracing her journey from elite birth and early traumatic exile through her rise to wealth and influence as the matriarch of the imperial household, the Domus Augusta.

Drawing on literary and archaeological sources, Gillespie explores Livia's inner life through her personal losses, including the death of her son Drusus; her political savvy; and her later life as Julia Augusta, high priestess of Augustus' divine cult. Though she never held an official political position, Livia emerges as a complex figure whose story of ambition, resilience, and maternal power resonates over millennia, captivating audiences from antiquity through today.

Caitlin C. Gillespie is the Helaine and Alvin Allen Chair in Literature and assistant professor in the Department of Classical Studies at Brandeis University. She is the author of *Boudica: Warrior Woman of Roman Britain*.

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Aristotle

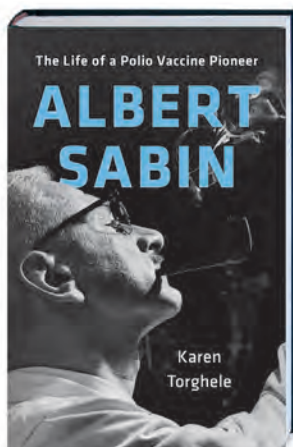
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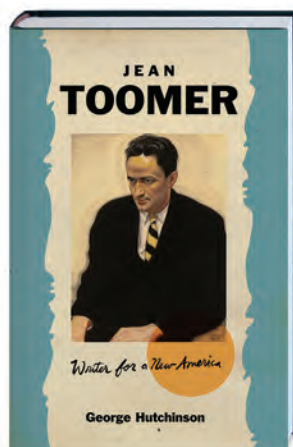
Aristotle stands among the most brilliant and influential figures in history, the inventor of almost every subject studied in universities today, from biology to political science to literary criticism to logic. Yet until now his life has remained a mystery.

In this book, Philip Freeman brings Aristotle (384–322 BCE) vividly to life, from his orphan childhood to his years as Plato's student in Athens and his role as tutor to Alexander the Great in Macedonia. Drawing on ancient sources and modern scholarship, Freeman traces Aristotle's journey through a world of political upheaval and intellectual revolution, revealing Aristotle not only as a philosopher but as a scientist, literary critic, and seeker of happiness — a man who dissected sea creatures, mapped the stars, and invented logic to make sense of life's complexities.

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The untold story of Albert Sabin, who developed the oral polio vaccine

Albert Sabin

The Life of a Polio Vaccine Pioneer

Karen Torghele; Foreword by Roger Glass

Jonas Salk may be the name most associated with the polio vaccine, but it was Albert Sabin's oral vaccine that made the goal of global eradication of poliomyelitis a possibility. Karen Torghele draws on interviews, archival research and the scientist's lab notebooks to deliver the first definitive biography of Sabin. She reveals a man driven by compulsion, whom Yale virologist John R. Paul described as 'a fierce joy' when he was making new discoveries. But though his work reshaped virology and vaccine development, he was burdened by ego and an abrasive personality that would haunt his legacy.

Sabin's journey spanned continents and conflicts, from World War II hero to facilitating Cold War diplomacy, culminating in a risky experiment to test his vaccine in the USSR near the peak of the McCarthy era. Torghele combines biography and science to establish Sabin's place in medical history, illuminating the research, politics, and private issues behind one of the twentieth century's most controversial personalities – and offering insight into what we can learn from Sabin's experiences as we encounter vaccine-preventable diseases, address vaccine safety questions and deal with deadly new viruses.

Karen Torghele is an epidemiologist and Global Health Chronicles oral historian who worked for more than thirty years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Task Force for Global Health.

A critical biography of Harlem Renaissance writer Jean Toomer and his lifelong struggle to transcend race

Jean Toomer

Writer for a New America

George Hutchinson

The poet and novelist Jean Toomer (1894–1967) was among the most influential figures of the Harlem Renaissance, inspiring generations of Black writers with his 1923 modernist masterpiece *Cane*. Yet his mission was to awaken Americans to the formation of a new 'American' race that would supersede the 'old' racial categories.

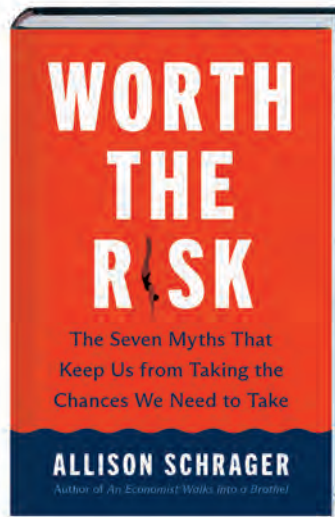
Born into the Black elite in Washington, D.C., Toomer was highly sensitive to the colour line and able to move across it. Toomer engaged in a lifelong struggle to be released from this system, reinventing himself racially, spiritually and artistically not as a Black man but as a 'superman'. From his early attraction to physical culture through his search for Cosmic Consciousness, Toomer aspired to shape a new modern sensibility alongside his bohemian contemporaries Georgia O'Keeffe, Alfred Stieglitz, Langston Hughes and Nella Larsen. Yet his refusal to identify as Black, in tandem with his messianic calling, came at the cost of his literary career and the women who loved him.

Hutchinson shows how the tortures of American racism shaped Toomer's life – and how the struggle to birth a new 'American' identity marks his art.

George Hutchinson is the Newton C. Farr Professor of American Culture and the George Reed Professor of Writing and Rhetoric at Cornell University.

Why fear of risk is holding us back, and how we can reclaim the confidence to thrive in unpredictable times

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Worth the Risk

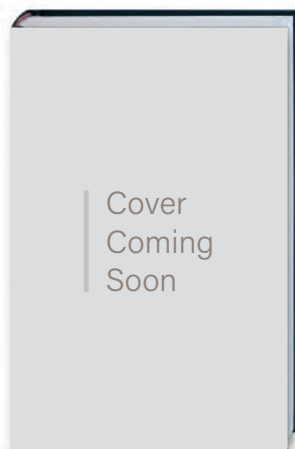
The Seven Myths That Keep Us from Taking the Chances We Need to Take

Allison Schrager

Something is out of sync in today's economy. People feel insecure and unable to reach their potential. We worry that the world has become too risky, that investing is only for rich, that our nest egg might not last, that it's all or nothing. We retreat into lives of minimal uncertainty. Economist Allison Schrager argues that the fears surrounding risk are unfounded – and that these myths are exactly why so many are falling behind. In the meantime, the very wealthy are still taking risks that generate outsized rewards and widen economic divides.

Blending economic history and behavioural science, Schrager traces how our understanding and tolerance of risk have changed – how we have become less willing to open a business, start a family, or even drive a car. Along the way, she reveals the secrets of unconventional risk-takers, from a mob hit man to America's last frontiersman to a high-wire walker.

In this reassuring book, Schrager explains how to assess uncertainty, make better choices, and reclaim the upside of risk, allowing each of us to contribute to a more dynamic economy – and to live a more fulfilling life.



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A sweeping meditation on the human search for home, drawing on the works of philosophers, poets, novelists, scientists, anthropologists and theologians

To Arrive Where We Started

Belonging in the Modern World

Ian Marcus Corbin

Why do so many people in modern societies feel not at home in their worlds? How have they become so alienated from one another, the natural environment and even themselves? In this ambitious book, Ian Marcus Corbin engages the fundamental questions surrounding friendship with oneself, one's family, friends, community, nation and species.

Corbin begins with a deep humanistic and scientific dive into how humans inherit and refine their picture of the world in community, including what makes this process more or less successful. He goes on to examine some human cultures – Native American, African and early American – that seem to have excelled at making their people feel at home. He contrasts these cultures with contemporary America in particular, a society characterised by a facsimile of belonging that substitutes a paranoid, self-protective culture of ownership for the self-opening practice of friendship. The book's coda is a call to abandon the illusion of ownership and to reopen ourselves to friendship with each other, nature and even the deepest sources of existence.

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A passionate and illuminating account of soul, the hard-won wisdom shepherded by Black people throughout generations

Soul

A Brief History of Black Cultural Life

Christopher Freeburg

How did enslaved Africans turn America's infamous failure into the greatest moral occasion of modern Western life? In this book, Christopher Freeburg answers that question with one word: soul. It was soul, he argues, that drove Black individuals and communities, grappling with horrific strife, to reimagine American life and equality in earnest.

Black cultural life contains a central and significant theme – a soul, or form of life – expressed in a variety of musical, religious and political forms. Through the work and words of figures ranging from the poet Phyllis Wheatley to President Barack Obama and musician Nina Simone to disco owner Jewel Thais-Williams, Freeburg shows how Black communities leaned time and again on soul and its four pillars: resonance, revelation, resilience and transcendence. It is soul, what Freeburg calls a beautiful transaction between individual and community across time and place, that has allowed for feelings of defeat and alienation to yield to moral courage and the humanistic expansion of shared belonging.

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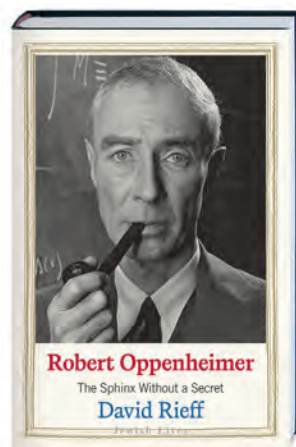
Finding Zion

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Edmond de Rothschild (1845–1934) was born into one of the wealthiest families in history, but his legacy lies beyond banking, art and aristocratic privilege. In this compelling biography, award-winning historian and journalist James McAuley tells the story of a man who defied his elite world to support a radical cause: the creation of a Jewish homeland.

Drawing on rare access to archives — including Rothschild's own long-lost memoir — McAuley reveals how and why this reserved French aesthete became a driving force in the early Zionist settlement of Palestine. Rothschild's journey from the salons of Paris to the fields of Eretz Israel is a tale of emotional awakening, political conviction and personal transformation — of a man's search for a cause and discovery of himself.

James McAuley is the author of *The House of Fragile Things: Jewish Collectors and the Fall of France*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award in history. He is a former Paris correspondent for the *Washington Post*, as well as a contributor to the *New York Review of Books* and other publications.



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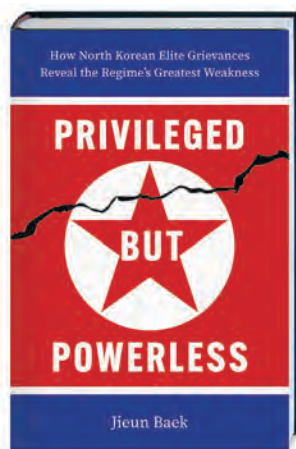
The Sphinx Without a Secret

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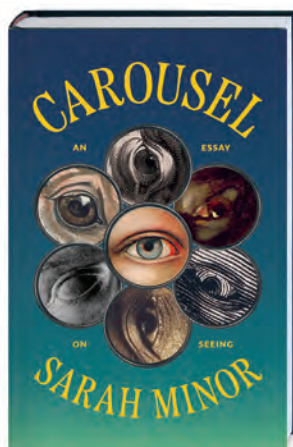
J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904–1967) is nothing short of a world historical figure. He was one of the creators of theoretical physics, and during World War II he famously directed the Los Alamos Laboratory, where the first nuclear weapons were designed. After the war he advised the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and, when his security clearances were revoked during the Second Red Scare, became a martyr to McCarthyism, a victim of government power.

Oppenheimer's scientific accomplishments and instrumental role in American politics have been widely discussed in literature and, most dramatically, in the 2023 film *Oppenheimer*. In this biography, David Rieff takes a fresh perspective, focusing on the scientist's personality and psychology and the events that explain his 'closed down' nature. He explores Oppenheimer's Jewish identity, tracing his affluent yet sometimes traumatic childhood, the antisemitism he experienced while at Harvard and in the scientific community, and his affinity for the universalism offered by science.

David Rieff is a journalist and author. His books include *Slaughterhouse: Bosnia and the Failure of the West*, *A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis*, *The Reproach of Hunger: Food, Justice, and Money in the 21st Century*, *In Praise of Forgetting: Historical Memory and Its Ironies*, and *Desire and Fate*.



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An examination of North Korea's elites, their discontent, and the role they may play in shaping the regime's future

Privileged but Powerless

How North Korean Elite Grievances Reveal the Regime's Greatest Weakness

Jieun Baek

Jieun Baek's second book on North Korea is a sharply analytical account of the grievances harboured by the country's elite. Drawing on hundreds of hours of in-depth interviews with escapees from Pyongyang, Baek examines how members of this privileged class, granted access to forbidden information and superior material benefits, publicly uphold the regime despite their underlying discontent. She argues that this performative loyalty, born of fear and a desire to survive, masks a critical vulnerability within the regime's core.

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Jieun Baek is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government and a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council. She is the author of *North Korea's Hidden Revolution*.

From an award-winning writer, a personal and critical reflection on the human desire to see and be seen

Carousel

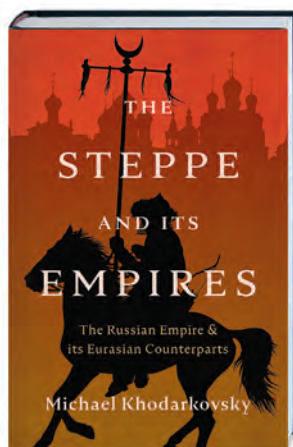
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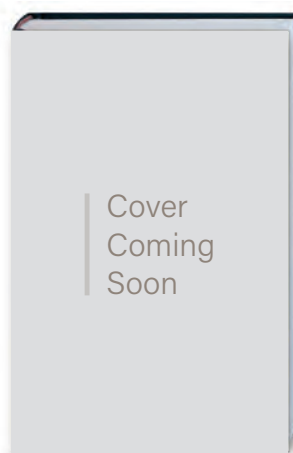
Carousel opens as a professor begins delivering a slide lecture in a darkened room. Her students are visible on Zoom, internet in their pockets, screens on their wrists, seeing more than students ever could before. But what, in fact, do they see?

In the spirit of John Berger's *Ways of Seeing*, Sarah Minor's *Carousel* considers how the pursuit of panoramic vision frames power, distorts reality, and implicates both viewer and subject. Across short, immersive sections blending history and memoir, close looking and confession, educator and writer Minor masterfully fuses the slide carousel with the lyric essay. As professor-narrator she invites us to see across time, guiding us from the Bayeux Tapestry to surrealist paintings and Instagram reels, from hot-air balloons to drone warfare and the surveillance state. In language that captures the disorientation of that other carousel, the whirling carnival ride, Minor shows how the more we strive to see, the more we ultimately reveal ourselves.

Sarah Minor is assistant professor of English and faculty member in the Nonfiction Writing Program at the University of Iowa. She is the award-winning author of *Slim Confessions: The Universe as a Spider or Spit*, *Bright Archive*, and *The Persistence of the Bonyleg: Annotated*.



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A broad comparative study that highlights the importance of the Eurasian steppe and its impact on the arc of Russian history

The Steppe and Its Empires

The Russian Empire and Its Eurasian Counterparts

Michael Khodarkovsky

Throughout its existence, Russia has been a hybrid empire shaped by both Europe and Asia. Focusing on the formation of the Russian state between the sixteenth and the mid-nineteenth centuries, renowned historian Michael Khodarkovsky examines Russia's structural similarities with its neighbours in Asia – the Ottoman, Persian, Mughal and Chinese empires. While most historians have noted the transformations that brought Russia closer to modern European societies, the Russian empire's shared characteristics with its non-European counterparts remain poorly understood.

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Michael Khodarkovsky is a professor of history at Loyola University Chicago. He is the author, most recently, of *Russia's 20th Century: A Journey in 100 Histories* and *Russia's Steppe Frontier: The Making of a Colonial Empire, 1500–1800*.

The story of Artemisia, queen of the Greek city-state of Halicarnassus, that reveals a version of antiquity in which women played a crucial role

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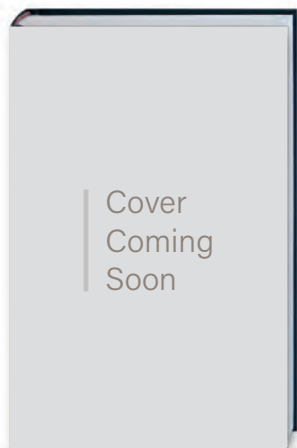
The Story of Artemisia of Caria

Violaine Sebillotte Cuchet; Translated by Jody Gladding

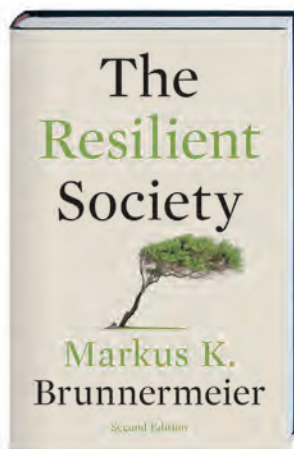
Herodotus' listeners never doubted that Artemisia I of Caria had commanded a fleet in the naval Battle of Salamis. After all, she was the queen of the Greek city-state of Halicarnassus and a military ally of Persia, despite her Greek origins. But for later historians, Artemisia's exploits are almost inconceivable: How could the citizens of Halicarnassus have accepted a woman ruler and naval commander?

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Violaine Sebillotte Cuchet is professor of ancient Greek history at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and a specialist in the history of women and gender. Jody Gladding is an award-winning poet and translator.



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How We Discover the Sacred Past

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The Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest biblical manuscripts ever found, were discovered in a cave by a shepherd and his goat. This story is *mostly* true, and it is not the first such tale about long-lost books. Legend has it that the Zohar—the foundational text of Jewish Kabbalah—was lost for centuries before being discovered in a cave by a farmer, who sold it to spice merchants as packing material. It was only when a scholar picked through a trash heap and joined the fragments together that the world recovered its mystical secrets. These are just two of many tales recounting the discovery of ancient religious manuscripts.

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Eva Mroczek is the Simon and Riva Spatz Chair in Jewish studies and associate professor of religious studies at Dalhousie University in Canada.

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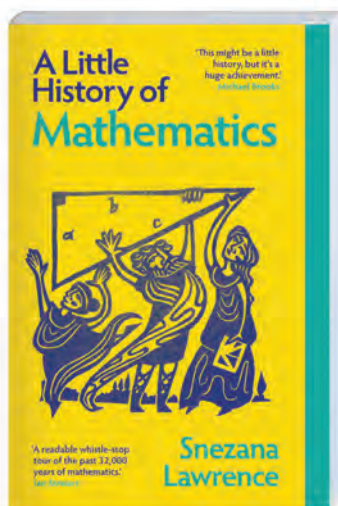
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Kate Vigurs is an independent historian, author, lecturer and academic advisor. She is the author of *Mission France* and is a frequent contributor for TV, radio and the press.

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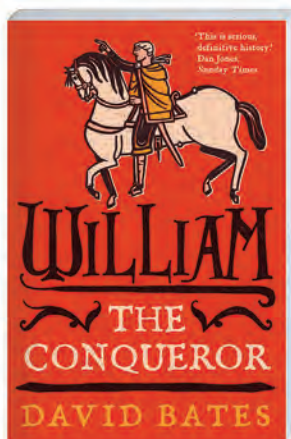
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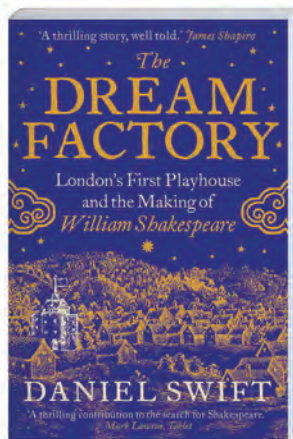
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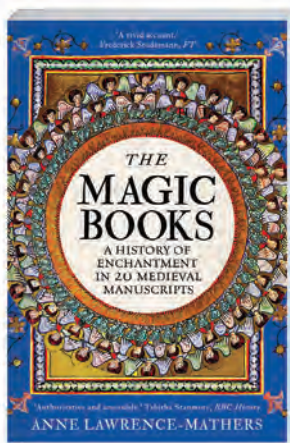
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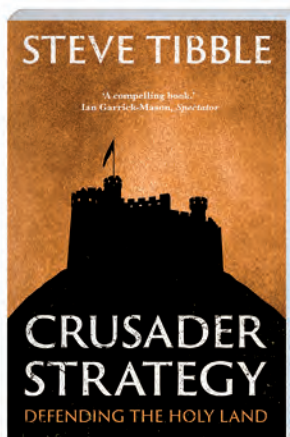
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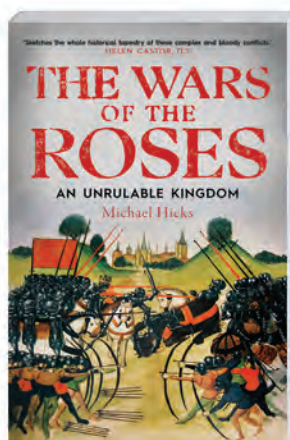


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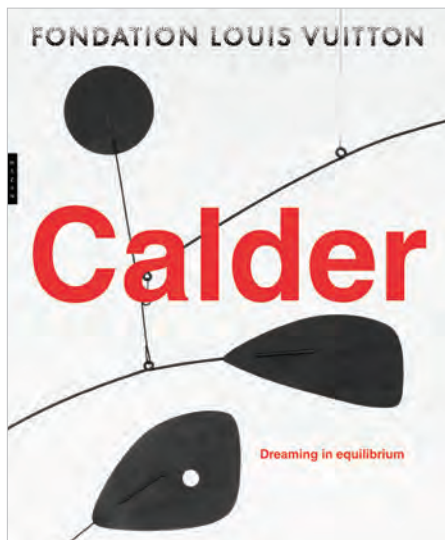
Edited by Jade Halbert and Veronica Isaac

Divided into two parts—the first is a series of chapters about histories of costume making in Britain, ranging from the earliest known recorded costume maker to 1980s Liverpool and the costume construction course established at Mabel Fletcher Technical College. A costume-making manifesto from the School of Historical Dress introduces the second part of the book, which comprises twenty-three contributions from costume makers. They take many forms including detailed accounts of costume-making practice and process for classical opera and ballet, reflections on rich and rewarding careers in the sector, and creative meditations on the craft of costume making and its wider significance.

The first major publication on costume *making*. This book invites readers backstage and into the hidden world of the workroom to witness the craft and illusions involved in the production of costume for performance.

A richly illustrated exploration of Calder's deep ties to France and the evolution of his work

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Anna Karina Hofbauer is an independent curator and art critic. Dieter Buchhart is an art theorist and curator of numerous international exhibitions, including solo exhibitions of the work of Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Calder

Edited by Anna Karina Hofbauer and Dieter Buchhart

This book brings together more than three hundred works, testament to Alexander Calder's profound connection to France and the way he developed a radically modern body of work. It focuses on the evolution of Calder's work over his career, at times in harmony with the masterpieces of his contemporaries, such as Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky, as well as his close circle, including Hans Arp, Joan Miró and Fernand Léger. This dialogue between Calder and the international scene contextualises his work's significance.

This richly illustrated book is edited by the exhibition's curators, Anna Karina Hofbauer and Dieter Buchhart. It features contributions from Elisabeth Hutton Turner, Chuz Martinez, Olivier Michelon, and Arnaud Pierre, as well as an interview between Sandy Rower and Jordana Mendelson.

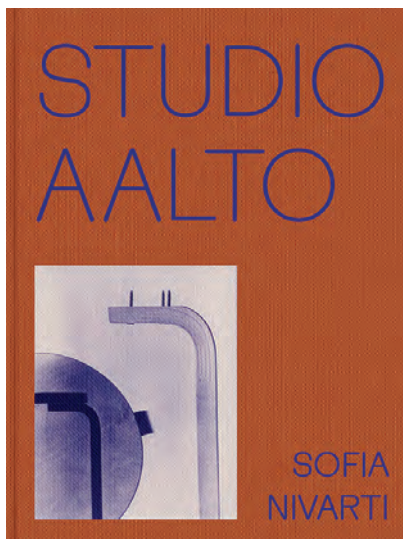
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Exhibition:

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
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This book appraises the legacy, significance and relevance of one of the most widely admired 20th-century design practices today

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Studio Aalto

The Modern Legacy of Alvar, Aino and Elissa Aalto

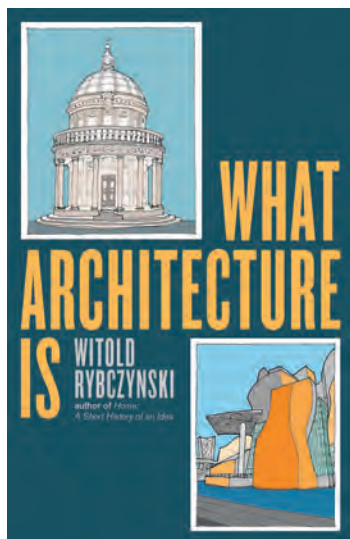
Sofia Nivarti

Three decades after the closure of Alvar Aalto Architects Ltd., and half a century after the death of its founder, what is the verdict? How does the Aalto portfolio measure up to critical reflections on its value and meaning today? What has been, and is, the *afterlife* of Aalto?

With access to previously unpublished archival material, Sofia Nivarti interrogates the significance of the portfolio of Alvar, Aino and Elissa Aalto and their associates in the twenty-first century. The critical reappraisal of an ostensibly subversive modernism is pertinent as modern architecture increasingly becomes heritage, and its legacy is simultaneously both vilified and subjected to various forms of revival. This book seeks to answer: What do Aalto projects tell us about twentieth-century modernism, and how do they impact our decisions to conserve, restore or protect them in the twenty-first century?

This *cri de coeur* from an esteemed critic takes on the age-old question of what elevates a mere building into an art form

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Witold Rybczynski is an architect and emeritus professor of urbanism at the University of Pennsylvania. His books include *Home: A Short History of an Idea* and *The Story of Architecture*.

What Architecture Is

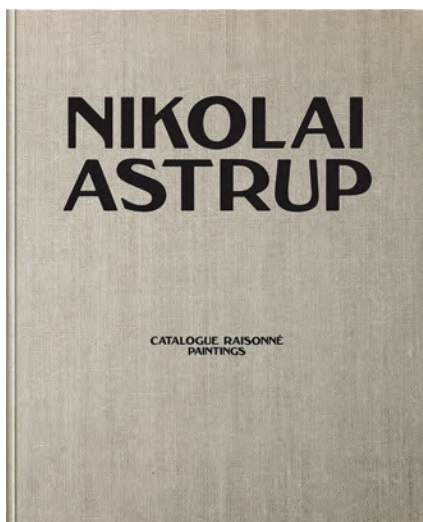
Witold Rybczynski

What is it about architecture that distinguishes it from ordinary building? Frustrated with the many cookie-cutter buildings going up around his home in downtown Philadelphia, eminent architectural historian and critic Witold Rybczynski offers an immersive meditation on the question in this extended essay, an insightful and opinionated reflection on the essential qualities of architecture both historical and modern.

The book's structure pays homage to John Ruskin's treatise *The Seven Lamps of Architecture*; here, Rybczynski identifies his own guideposts: *past*, an awareness of ancient and modern architectural heritage; *order*, what emerges out of a careful plan; *ornament*, the addition of decorative elements; *meaning*, how buildings speak; *beauty*, or aesthetics; *drawing*, as a means to the end; and *place*, in the sense of both how *place* influences a structure and how architects create a sense of place. Rybczynski addresses the complicated question of what architecture is through compelling compositions on renowned buildings and designs—Hadrian's Arch, the Eiffel Tower, the Barcelona Pavilion—alongside examinations of lesser-known structures and charming anecdotes. The book is enlivened by fifty of the author's black-and-white drawings, adding another personal touch to this captivating book.

A milestone in Nordic art history, the forthcoming *Catalogue Raisonné* of Nikolai Astrup's oil paintings presents the first comprehensive, critically annotated account of the artist's oeuvre

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Tove Haugsbø is recognised as one of the leading authorities on Nikolai Astrup and the principal scholar behind the *Catalogue Raisonné* of Astrup's oil paintings. A researcher and senior curator at Kode Art Museum and Composer Homes, Bergen, her work is grounded in the sustained first-hand study of the artist's oeuvre. Astrup was the focus of her PhD in Art History at the University of Bergen (2015), which initiated a new critical reading of his work. For the past decade, Haugsbø has led the Astrup Research Centre at Kode, providing the scholarly foundation for this definitive catalogue.

Nikolai Astrup

Catalogue Raisonné of the Paintings

Tove Haugsbø

The result of fifteen years of research undertaken in collaboration with an international team of scholars, this catalogue raisonné by Dr. Tove Haugsbø presents the entire body of paintings made by the Norwegian artist Nikolai Astrup (1880–1928).

Tracing Astrup's visionary engagement with his rural home village, the garden and mystical folklore, the volume interweaves rigorous provenance, exhibition history and archival sources with sustained visual analysis. It documents 329 paintings, many reproduced in colour and accompanied by complete provenance, exhibition history and bibliography. Revealing previously overlooked works and refining attribution, the catalogue repositions Astrup as a pivotal figure in early twentieth-century art. Essential for collectors, historians and curators alike, it transforms our understanding of one of Scandinavia's most original painters.

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The ambitious experimentation of one of the most influential artists during her prime years

Mary Cassatt

After Impressionism

Annelise K. Madsen

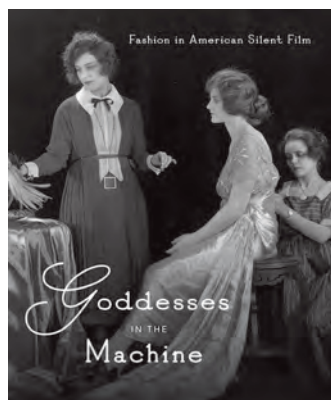
Mary Cassatt was a trailblazing artist who worked across media, manipulated materials, and transformed subjects through series and scale. Primarily recognised as a key figure of Impressionism, she produced some of her most innovative work in the years after the eighth and final Impressionist group show in 1886.

Focusing on Cassatt's iconic compositions from this period, this volume situates her perceptive experiments across an array of modernist aesthetics, from Impressionism to Synthetism and Symbolism; closely examines numerous impressions of *The Fitting* (1890–91), one of Cassatt's spectacular set of ten prints made in collaboration with the printer Modeste Leroy; and takes an in-depth look at *Modern Woman*, an immense mural painting commissioned for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. These essays highlight Cassatt's daring, ingenuity and ceaselessly independent vision and consider the lasting impact of her aesthetic breakthroughs and significant legacy.

Exhibition: Art Institute of Chicago, 6 Sep 2026–3 Jan 2027

Annelise K. Madsen is the Gilda and Henry Buchbinder Curator, Arts of the Americas, at the Art Institute of Chicago.

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An engaging exploration of fashion in silent film and the innovation and artistry behind Hollywood costume design

Goddesses in the Machine

Fashion in American Silent Film

Edited by Michelle Finamore and Emma Cormack

In the first decades of the twentieth century, enterprising designers recognised the importance of dress as a powerful tool for expression within the new silent medium of film. As the definitive exploration of fashion and costume in early Hollywood, this book reveals an untold story that begins in a period when actors wore their own clothes on-screen and concludes with the birth of the professional movie costume designer—bringing to light a dazzling range of cinematic innovations and reconstructing a nearly vanished world.

Featuring pioneers of film like Billie Burke, Irene Castle and Valeska Suratt, and of design like Lucile, Madame Frances and Clare West, this book highlights the actors and designers—many of whom were women—whose work established a blueprint for modern movie glamour. It reconstructs their legacies through garments, accessories, film stills, sketches and ephemera. Essays by fashion historians, film scholars, curators and Hollywood costume designers trace the political, commercial and social contexts behind fashion on the silver screen.

Exhibition: Bard Graduate Center, New York, 18 Sep 2026–3 Jan 2027

Michelle Tolini Finamore is a fashion and design historian, curator and author. Emma Cormack is associate curator at Bard Graduate Center.

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A celebration of Renoir's imagery of love in all its guises, from seduction and courtship to friendship, camaraderie and parenthood

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Paul Perrin is Chief Curator and Director of Conservation and Collections at the Musée d'Orsay, Paris. Chiara Di Stefano is Associate Curator of Post-1800 Paintings at the National Gallery, London. Katie Hanson is William and Ann Elfers Curator of Paintings, Art of Europe, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Christopher Riopelle is former Neil Westreich Curator of Post-1800 Paintings at the National Gallery, London.

Exhibition:

Musée d'Orsay, Paris
17 March–19 July 2026

The National Gallery, London
3 October 2026–31 January 2027

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
20 February–13 June 2027

Renoir & Love

Paul Perrin, with contributions by Chiara Di Stefano, Katie Hanson and Christopher Riopelle et al.

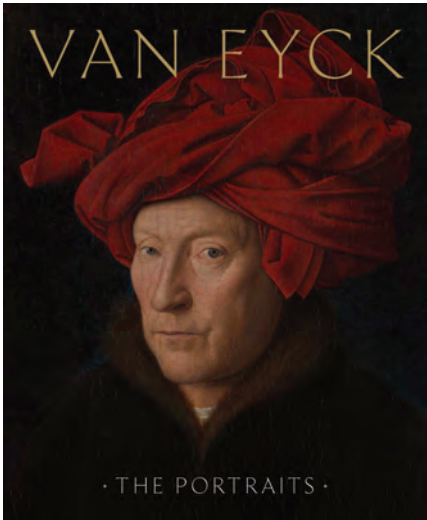
More than any of his contemporaries, Renoir was committed to chronicling love and friendship. Whether painting Parisian streetcorners or sun-dappled woodlands, he understood that emotion could be as fleeting and blinding as his other great and transitory subject, sunlight itself.

Focusing on the crucial period of the artist's career from the mid-1860s to the mid-1880s, this catalogue traces the evolution of Renoir's imagery of love, from affection, flirtation and seduction to camaraderie and parenthood. Such themes are explored in tender and personal works as well as ambitious multi-figure compositions, including *Dance at the Moulin de la Galette* and *The Umbrellas*.

Accompanying the most significant exhibition of the French Impressionist's work in the UK for 20 years, this publication addresses the broad theme of Renoir and love through a series of thematic essays, interspersed with focused entries on key artworks.

The first book in English devoted to Jan van Eyck's pioneering contribution to the birth of modern portraiture

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Emma Capron is Curator of Early Netherlandish and German Paintings at the National Gallery, London. Nicholas Flory is the David Scrase Project Curator at the National Gallery, London.

Exhibition:

The National Gallery, London
21 November 2026–11 April 2027

Van Eyck: The Portraits

Emma Capron, Nicholas Flory et al.

Some stories do not have a beginning. Portraiture is one of them. It seems to burst onto the scene fully formed in the 1430s under the brush of Flemish artist Jan van Eyck. Pushing the possibilities of oil painting to convey a convincing illusion of reality, his portraits present us with individuals pulsating with life, every detail of their appearance captured.

Van Eyck not only transformed the style of contemporary portraiture but also challenged the definition of who should be portrayed. The men and women in his paintings are not royalty or aristocrats but the artist's relatives, affluent merchants and successful craftsmen. Rendering their likeness in meticulous detail, van Eyck immortalised these figures through vivid depictions and allowed them to speak to us through enigmatic inscriptions.

This book will be the first ever published in English on the artist's powerful portraits, accompanying a groundbreaking exhibition at London's National Gallery.

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Angels

Siobhán Jolley

From agents of divine will to serene celestial presences, this book celebrates the spirituality and symbolism of angels. These winged figures – encompassing messengers and musicians, cherubim and seraphim, archangels and heavenly hosts – are found not only in biblical depictions but also in allegorical scenes in the Gallery's collection. Immortal beings that bridge the gap between heaven and earth, they conjure an air of mystery that has captivated viewers over the centuries.

Siobhán Jolley is a specialist in the reception of the Bible in art and popular culture. She is Lecturer in Christian Studies at the University of Manchester.



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Flowers

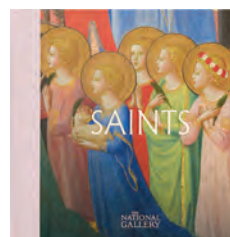
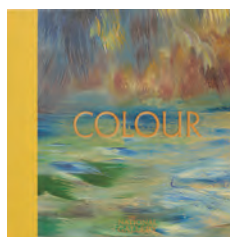
Lea Viehweger

Many artists choose the subject of flowers in order to showcase their technical skills, or simply to celebrate the beauty of nature. But the history of flower painting is far older and richer than the depiction of still lifes: from the twelfth century, flowers such as lilies and irises appeared in devotional paintings as symbols of the Virgin Mary's purity, and over time they have developed their own allegorical language. This book explores flowers in painting across centuries and genres through the lens of the National Gallery collection.

Lea Viehweger is a doctoral candidate with the University of Cambridge and a doctoral fellow at the Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz, Max-Planck-Institute.

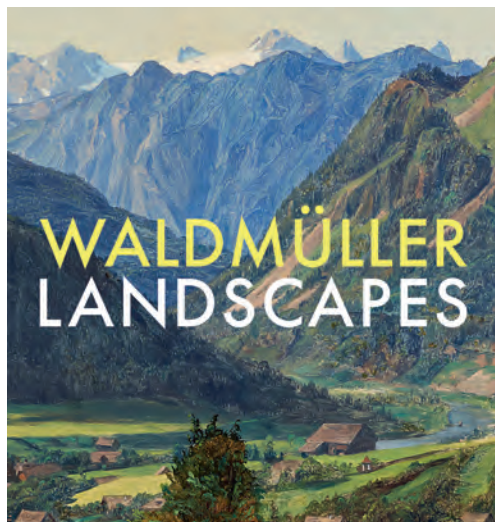


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One of the most important figures in Austrian nineteenth-century art, Waldmüller aspired to capture the truth of nature in his landscape paintings

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Sarah Herring is Associate Curator of Post-1800 Paintings at the National Gallery, London. Arnika Groenewald-Schmidt is Curator of the 19th-Century Collection at the Belvedere, Vienna.

Waldmüller: Landscapes

Sarah Herring with Arnika Groenewald-Schmidt

Significant for his work both as an artist and influential teacher, Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller was one of the most important figures in Austrian nineteenth-century art. He was dedicated to capturing a true and unidealised impression of nature through his landscapes. From the great trees in Vienna's Prater Park to the forests and peaks of the Salzkammergut region, and the hills and ruins of Sicily, Waldmüller's breathtaking paintings are rendered with a photographic clarity, limpid light and intense colour.

An introductory essay considers the artist's work and career as an influential teacher, during which he championed study from nature. A second text focuses on the painter's landscapes, exploring how Waldmüller's engagement with nature forged his signature approach to art.

Exhibition:

The National Gallery, London
2 July–20 September 2026



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Asserting the central role of the dressed body in art throughout history, this catalogue presents fashion as an essential expression of creativity and identity

Costume Art

Andrew Bolton

Fashion transforms our bodies. Exploring this concept through idealised and actual body types across time, cultures, media and contexts, this catalogue demonstrates how the clothed body is central to artistic expression and representation. Featuring contemporary and historic fashions that draw on a range of artistic inspirations – from Greek moulded cuirass armour and carved Roman sculptures to manuscripts, enamelled decorative figures and grand painted canvases – this book explores symbolic and personal perspectives on the body through works by designers such as Madame Grès, Alexander McQueen, Rick Owens and Madeleine Vionnet. The publication reevaluates Western European representations of the body through the lens of age, size, gender and disability. Stunning new imagery by artist Julie Wolfe, photographer Paul Westlake, and stylist, editor and designer Nathalie Agussol shows the connection between art and fashion through collage, overlay and juxtaposition. Thoughtful texts by scholars, models and essayists establish fashion's role in art history alongside painting, sculpture and photography by reflecting on how the dressed body impacts the way we understand ourselves and others.

Exhibition: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York,
10 May 2026–10 January 2027

Andrew Bolton is Curator in Charge of The Costume Institute at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

A study of the design drawings for Louis Comfort Tiffany's stained-glass windows, lamps, mosaics and interiors

Designing the Gilded Age

Drawings from the Studios of Louis C. Tiffany

Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Designing the Gilded Age goes behind the scenes of some of the era's most iconic designs, presenting 150 rarely seen drawings by the artists who worked in the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany. While recognising Tiffany's own artistry, it highlights the contributions of other designers, including women and immigrants, whose identities have been subsumed under the Tiffany name. Many of these design drawings – for stained-glass windows, mosaics and lighting, as well as domestic, religious and public interiors – were damaged over time and have been painstakingly restored to their full beauty. Some of the drawings are the only remaining evidence of works that were destroyed or never realised. In addition to photography of the recently conserved works on paper, the book includes images of extant works, providing a unique opportunity to view the drawings and finished products side-by-side. Also discussed are discoveries made through technical analysis about the artistic process of individual designers; the influence of artistic patronage and religion in the design process; and the cultural priorities of the Gilded Age.

Exhibition: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York,
22 Oct 2026–7 Feb 2027

Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen is Anthony W. and Lulu C. Wang Curator of American Decorative Arts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

A survey of two icons of Abstract Expressionism that examines their distinct but connected careers and artistic legacies

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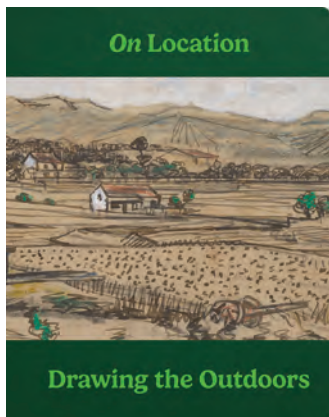
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Krasner and Pollock

Past Continuous

David Breslin and Brinda Kumar

Krasner and Pollock: Past Continuous examines the connected lives and distinct practices of Lee Krasner (1908–1984) and Jackson Pollock (1912–1956), two trailblazing artists of the twentieth century. Spanning the full arc of their careers – including before they met, their married years and Krasner’s life after Pollock’s death – this book illustrates more than one hundred paintings and works on paper. The publication highlights the range and art historical importance of Krasner’s work, evaluates Pollock’s significance anew, and considers the pair as artistic interlocutors against the backdrop of the postwar United States. Essays explore key periods in their creative trajectories, from their parallel emergence in the 1940s New York art scene to their later move to Springs, Long Island. The authors situate the artists within their historical context and trace important breakthroughs in their careers, such as Pollock’s deployment of the ‘drip’ technique and Krasner’s turn to collage. Personal reflections from twenty-first-century artists attest to Krasner’s and Pollock’s ongoing legacy.



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A journey through drawings by nineteenth-century artists who looked outside for inspiration

On Location

Drawing the Outdoors

Edited by Joachim Homann

Featuring over 150 drawings and watercolours by some of the nineteenth century's most celebrated artists, *On Location* investigates a monumental shift in artistic practice: the moment artists stepped outside the studio for inspiration and understanding. From Manet and Blake to Cézanne and Friedrich, this publication includes works by artists spanning schools across Europe.

This publication charts ten trails or thematic pathways through the collection, replicating the thrill of outdoor exploration and encompassing the rich variety of nature's subjects. By tracing patterns of artistic experience, the obstacles and opportunities encountered outside and the materiality and techniques of nineteenth-century works, the book asks critical questions – what constitutes a landscape and what does it mean to draw the outdoors rather than to draw *while* outdoors? – and invites readers to consider these works in the context of contemporary issues of environmentalism and the relationship between art and technology.

Exhibition: Harvard Art Museums, 18 Sep 2026–17 Jan 2027

Joachim Homann is Maida and George Abrams Curator of Drawings at the Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA.

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The writer and poet Anthony Rudolf was Paula Rego's *compagnon* from 1996 until her death in 2022

Office Hours at the Studio of Paula Rego

Anthony Rudolf

The writer and poet Anthony Rudolf was Paula Rego's *compagnon* from 1996 until her death in 2022. This moving book is a meditation on love, art and the relationship between one of the world's greatest contemporary artists and her principal male model of 25 years. At its centre is a fascinating account of Rego's unique studio practice and Rudolf's role in it.

Anthony Rudolf is a writer, poet and translator of French and Russian poetry. He is the author of *Silent Conversations*, a long meditation on the meaning of books in his life and of *European Hours*, collected poems. His book translations include works by Yves Bonnefoy, Edmond Jabès and Claude Vigée.

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A magnificent look at the storied life and career of the influential handbag designer

Brilliant by Design

The Handbags of Judith Leiber

Bridget Kerr

Judith Leiber (1921–2018) was a Hungarian American designer born to a Jewish family in Budapest. Following the outbreak of World War II, she joined the handbag guild as its first and only female member and worked her way up from apprentice to master. After moving to the United States, Leiber worked for several handbag manufacturers before establishing her own storefront in New York where she experimented with leather and metal and began producing her iconic and highly collectable minaudières. Her handbags have accessorised high-profile women from Diana Ross to Hillary Clinton, and continue to remain popular with celebrities such as Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, Madonna, Sarah Jessica Parker and Rihanna.

Offering a serious look at Leiber's innovative designs, inspirations and success in a male-dominated industry, this volume features more than one hundred purses and accessories plus archival photography. With a biography by Bridget Kerr, and contributions by Hilary Davidson, Annie Carlano and Olympia Le-Tan, *Brilliant by Design* examines Leiber's contributions to design history and her ongoing cultural legacy.

Exhibition: The Mint Museum, 24 Oct 2026–Jul 2027

Bridget Kerr is fashion fellow at the Mint Museum.

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A revelatory look the architecture-inspired paintings of an iconic twentieth-century artist

Georgia O'Keeffe

Architecture

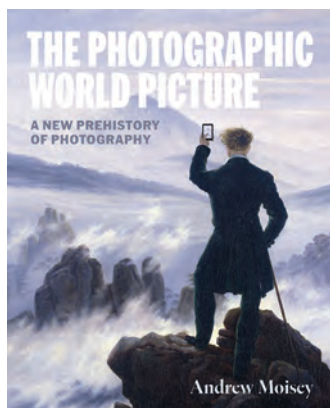
Benjamin Colman

Best-known for her paintings of flowers and landscapes, Georgia O'Keeffe was also deeply engaged in portraying the built environment. From New York City skyscrapers to adobe homes in New Mexico, O'Keeffe transformed everyday structures into powerful expressions of place, identity and modern life. Shining new light on a bold and original dimension of O'Keeffe's practice, this book includes essays by leading scholars that trace the evolution of the artist's architectural works from the 1920s through the 1960s and draws on O'Keeffe's correspondence with luminaries such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Alexander Girard. Whether focusing on the soaring verticality of Manhattan, the vernacular charm of barns in upstate New York, or the contemplative spaces of the Southwest, O'Keeffe mined the geometry, form and colour of buildings to create works that are at once personal and universal, inviting viewers to reconsider how modern eyes can perceive and understand the structures that surround us.

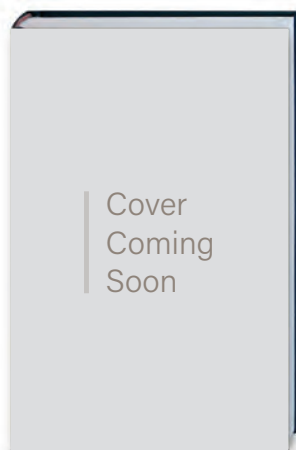
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A dynamic prehistory of photography tracing the medium through more than four centuries of Western art

The Photographic World Picture

A New Prehistory of Photography

Andrew Moisey

The prehistory of photography is often told as a story of science, of a magic arising from the camera obscura and advances in chemistry, but not as a history of art. Andrew Moisey uses a practicing photographer's perspective to show how a sense of 'being there'—the immediacy, takenness and embodiment inherent in a photograph—originates in the Western art of everyday life before photography. Moisey argues that photography's spirit appears in art before its invention—and that its invention sets the standard of first-person subjectivity on which Impressionism and Modernism were raised.

Spanning over four centuries from the Renaissance to today, the book shows how pictorial models of the present shift from 'world pictures' to embodied, situated encounters before photography's invention, giving paintings and prints a crucial role in photography's ancestry for the first time. Moisey then reverses the book's perspective to reveal how photographic artists in the twentieth century used graphic abstraction to resurrect the early modern 'world picture' of life. Drawing on his experiences as both a scholar and a photographer, Moisey grounds his book in art history and his own first-hand experience.

Andrew Moisey is assistant professor in the Department of History of Art & Visual Studies at Cornell University.

A celebrated scholar's profound examination of sculpture, making and the nature of humanity

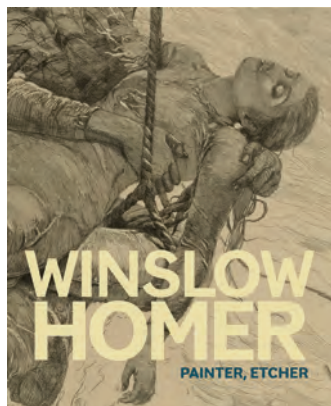
Sculpture and the Making of the Human

Anne Middleton Wagner

What is sculpture? In this elegant volume, Anne Middleton Wagner delves into that essential question, juxtaposing carvings and ceramics from prehistory to contemporary works by Martin Puryear, Charles Ray, Rachel Whiteread and others. In the process, Wagner argues that sculpture is a central means by which human beings have come to terms with the material world and their place within it.

The book is organised into chapters devoted to a single, foundational material—clay, wood, metal, stone and plaster—tracing their use through millennia. Beautifully illustrated with works such as the Venus of Willendorf, Michelangelo's *David*, and Donatello's *Penitent Magdalene*, it explores sculpture's special blending of physical presence and imaginary perfection. Revealing the different ways in which sculpture embodies and transforms human beings, *Sculpture and the Making of the Human* will be essential reading in the history of art.

Anne Middleton Wagner is professor emerita at the University of California, Berkeley.



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The first comprehensive exploration of Homer's etchings in the context of his paintings and as fully realised artworks in their own right

Winslow Homer

Painter, Etcher

Ramey Mize; With essays by Michael Leja and Judith C. Walsh

American artist Winslow Homer (1836–1910) is renowned for his masterful depictions of American life that offer sensitive portrayals of the complexity of the U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction periods, dazzling watercolours from extensive travels across the Atlantic, Adirondacks and Caribbean, as well as monumental marines from his studio home in Prouts Neck, Maine. His early work in the 1850s and 1860s as a commercial illustrator for magazines such as *Harper's Weekly* and *Ballou's Pictorial* is well documented; less well known is the series of etchings Homer completed later in his career, between 1884 and 1889, which he counted among his finest artistic achievements.

The first book to foreground the role of Homer's understudied etchings, this book will enthrall readers as it reorients the importance of the artist's etching practice within his prolific oeuvre and against the backdrop of late nineteenth-century American art.

Exhibition: Portland Museum of Art, 3 Jul –18 Oct 2026

Ramey Mize is associate curator of American art at the Portland Museum of Art, Maine.

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Critical interpretation meets personal essay in this groundbreaking assessment of Donald Judd's sculptural work

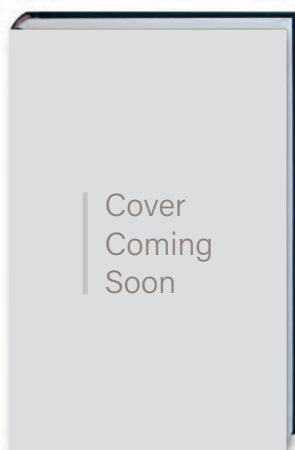
The Sculpture of Donald Judd

Neil Levine

The Sculpture of Donald Judd is the first chronological study of the artist's pathbreaking and enormously influential work beginning with his turn from painting to sculpture in 1961–62 until his death in 1994. The analyses of the work, often considered the foundation of Minimalism, are based on close readings, highly attentive to detail and informed by a friendship with the artist. Despite Judd's refusal to call his work sculpture, this examination deliberately situates it within the history of the medium as a way both to explain its originality and to reveal the evolution of its spatial inventions from a closed, object-oriented model to an open, often polychrome pictorialism.

With its personal insights into the artist's thinking, its attention to the logic of the work's development, and its more than 150 illustrations, almost all in colour, *The Sculpture of Donald Judd* provides a provocative, eye-opening account by an esteemed art historian that challenges the conventional view, mostly based on the artist's own writings, of Judd's celebrated body of work.

Neil Levine is Emmet Blakeney Gleason Professor Emeritus of the History of Art and Architecture at Harvard University.



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Andrew Wyeth's expressive watercolour practice and his unique artistic vision

Spectacular Freedom

Andrew Wyeth and the Modern American Watercolor

Britany Salsbury

Beginning in the 1930s, Andrew Wyeth built a monumental reputation for his watercolours – described by one critic at the time as having a ‘spectacular freedom’. In the medium, Wyeth depicted people and places in rural Pennsylvania and Maine in evocative compositions. Though he later became known for his tempera paintings, he never ceased to work in watercolour, using the medium throughout his storied career.

Exploring Wyeth's use of watercolours, this richly illustrated volume features rarely seen works from the artist's estate and considers the role of the medium within Wyeth's larger oeuvre. It illuminates new aspects of the artist's formative period by situating Wyeth's early experiments in the context of an explosion of interest in watercolour as distinctively American, and it includes essays that reveal how Wyeth – an artist who embraced precise realism when many of his peers favoured abstraction – used watercolour to engage with the question of what it means to be both modern and American.

Exhibition: The Cleveland Museum of Art, 20 Sep 2026–18 Jan 2027

Britany Salsbury is curator of prints and drawings at the Cleveland Museum of Art.



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A storied exploration of a preeminent belief in the East
Asian imagination of the afterlife: the Ten Kings of Hell

Ten Kings of Hell

The Afterlife in Medieval Korea

Sooa Im McCormick and Yukio Lippit

Journey into the world of medieval Korean Buddhist belief, where the Ten Kings of Hell judged the souls of the deceased on their path toward atonement and salvation. This lavishly illustrated catalogue explores one of East Asia's most enduring visions of the afterlife through rare Goryeo dynasty (918–1392) masterpieces, considered alongside Chinese and Japanese counterparts, the Southern Song dynasty (1127–1279) and the Nanboku-cho period (1333–1392).

Discover how Buddhist belief in afterlife transformed Korean mortuary practices as reflected in luxurious burial and commemorative objects such as celadons, metalwork and stone sarcophagi. Essays by leading scholars illuminate the complex interplay of piety, wealth and the pursuit of salvation in times of profound crisis. Featuring several Korean national treasures and recently discovered and reattributed Goryeo-period Buddhist paintings published here for the first time, this interdisciplinary volume illuminates a crucial aspect of East Asian religious art.

Exhibition: The Cleveland Museum of Art, 11 Oct 2026–3 Jan 2027

Sooa Im McCormick is Korea Foundation Curator of Korean Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Yukio Lippit is Jeffrey T. Chambers and Andrea Okamura Professor of the History of Art and Architecture at Harvard University.



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This insightful publication reveals the artistic process and theoretical underpinnings of Beuys' practice through a rigorous study of his drawings

Lifeforce

The Drawings of Joseph Beuys

Björn Egging and Edouard Kopp

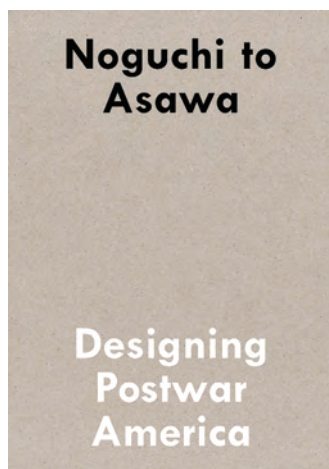
For German sculpture and performance artist Joseph Beuys, drawing was a practiced form of thought with an experimental character on par with verbal and written modes of communication. *Lifeforce* explores the centrality of drawing to Beuys' artistic practice and stands as a testament to the growing influence of his legacy.

Featuring 110 drawings from a collection assembled by art historian, poet and Beuys' confidant Heiner Bastian, this book offers a synoptic cross-section of the artist's oeuvre through an intimate study of the origins of his practice. By illustrating Beuys' motivating concern—activating forces of nature to set in motion a process of transformation that would break new artistic and social ground—this collection powerfully delineates the wholeness of Beuys' thinking and design.

Exhibitions: Kupferstich-Kabinett, Staatliche Kunstsammlung Museum, Dresden, 23 Oct 2026–17 Jan 2027; The Menil Collection, Houston, 26 Mar–11 Jul 2027

Björn Egging is Director of the Staatliches Museum Schwerin, Schwerin, Germany. Edouard Kopp is John R. Eckel, Jr. Foundation Chief Curator of the Menil Drawing Institute, Houston.

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The powerful Japanese American artists and designers who shaped American design in the postwar era

Noguchi to Asawa

Designing Postwar America

Edited by Cindy Kang

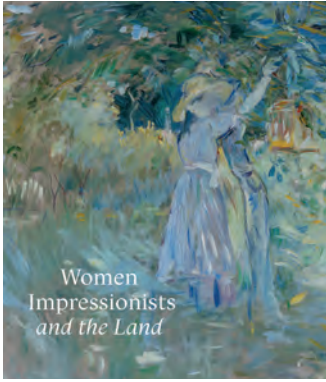
Beauty and craftsmanship are hallmarks of midcentury Japanese American art and design, which transformed the aesthetic landscape of postwar America. Yet beneath this artistry lies a shared history marked by forced relocation and incarceration during World War II. Confronting this difficult past, *Noguchi to Asawa* offers a recontextualisation of the work of influential twentieth-century artists and designers through the lens of 1940s Japanese American incarceration.

The six artists highlighted include both those who established their practice before incarceration—sculptor and designer Isamu Noguchi, architect and furniture designer George Nakashima and sculptor Leo Amino—and those who received early artistic training in the camps—graphic designer S. Neil Fujita, fiber artist and weaver Kay Sekimachi and sculptor Ruth Asawa. Interviews with the artists' children and grandchildren offer intimate insights into the artists' lives and practices. Collectively, these texts address the broader histories of Asian labour in the US, the racialisation of Japanese Americans and critical themes of visibility versus invisibility.

Exhibition: Barnes Foundation, 20 Sep 2026–10 Jan 2027

Cindy Kang is curator of exhibitions and collections at the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia.

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Salman Toor, *Bar Boy*, 2019. Oil on wood, 48 x 60 in. (121.9 x 152.4 cm). Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. Accession no. 2020.119. Purchase, with funds from John Auerbach and Ed Tang.
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This exciting catalogue offers the first serious investigation of the landscape production of the women Impressionists

Women Impressionists and the Land

Simon Kelly

This is the first book to focus on landscape and nature imagery in the work of the women Impressionists. Rather than concentrating on the domestic subject matter of these artists, which has been widely discussed, this book, which accompanies a Saint Louis Art Museum exhibition, explores the less documented outdoor spaces that were painted by the key women in the group, particularly Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, Marie Bracquemond and Blanche Hoschedé-Monet.

The book explores the way in which landscape imagery contributed to the rise in status of women artists in France during the years 1860–1910. It examines a range of works, focusing especially on the work of Morisot, who trained as a landscape painter and saw landscape imagery as a central part of her practice. The book examines favoured iconographical themes, such as the painting of marine and agricultural scenes, and parks and gardens. Central is imagery of a domesticated nature, such as Morisot's paintings of the Bois de Boulogne, Bracquemond's pictures at Sèvres, and Cassatt's views at the Château de Beaufresne after 1894.

Exhibition: Saint Louis Art Museum, 17 Oct 2026–10 Jan 2027

Simon Kelly is curator of modern and contemporary art at the Saint Louis Art Museum. He has published extensively on 19th and early-20th century French art. He received a doctorate from Oxford University, where he also taught art history.

Provides new insight into Salman Toor's iconic, thought-provoking yet humorous paintings

Salman Toor

Someone Like You

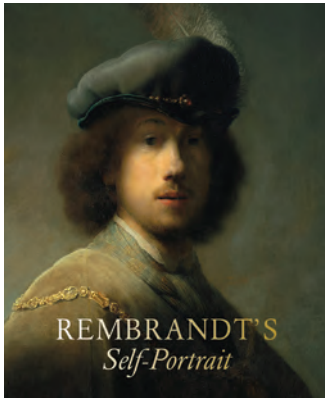
Edited by Elena Crippa; Contributions by Richard Meyer, Aziz Sohail and Elena Crippa

Salman Toor (b. 1983) is well-known for his vibrant paintings that represent people in shared moments of friendship and love, as well as experiencing solitude and alienation. Toor says that his paintings 'depict queer and immigrant lives that straddle different cultures and inhabit the tension between intimacy and exposure, belonging and estrangement. What it means to find a community, but also the daily costs associated with visibility'. This book provides new insight and also addresses the artist's manifold references and illuminates the crucial role that drawing plays in his practice as a painter.

Born in Lahore, Pakistan, in 1983, Toor trained in the United States. He has had major exhibitions internationally, including his acclaimed first institutional solo exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. The Courtauld's exhibition will be Toor's first solo museum show in Europe.

Exhibition: Courtauld Gallery, 2 Oct 2026–10 Jan 2027

Richard Meyer is the Robert and Ruth Halperin Professor in Art History, Department of Art and Art History, Stanford University. Aziz Sohail is a curator, writer and PhD Candidate in Curatorial Practice and Teaching Fellow with the Department of Fine Art, Monash University. Elena Crippa is Senior Curator of Contemporary Art at The Courtauld.



An in-depth exploration of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's *Self-Portrait, Age 23* (1629) by Rembrandt

Rembrandt's Self-Portrait

Nathaniel Silver and Lucia Bay

This book will be an in-depth examination of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Rembrandt *Self-Portrait, Age 23* (1629). It will highlight one of the most important paintings in the Museum's collection during its moment at the centre of a major season exhibition. It will accompany the exhibition *The Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt* (co-organised by The Jewish Museum and the North Carolina Museum of Art) at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (6 August 2026 – 18 January 2027), which includes the *Self-Portrait*, the only work by Rembrandt not stolen from the Museum in 1990.

Nathaniel Silver will explore Isabella Stewart Gardner's taste for Rembrandt and the acquisition of this painting as a turning point in her collecting. He will also contribute an extended catalogue entry, placing it within Rembrandt's practice of self-portraiture throughout his career. Conservator Lucia Bay will address Rembrandt's technique, focusing on select details.

Nathaniel Silver is Associate Director and Chief Curator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Lucia Bay is the Associate Painting Conservator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

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The earliest known treatise dedicated to portraiture in its first English translation, with commentaries and essays

On Portraiture

(*Do Tirar polo Natural*)

By Francisco de Holanda; Edited by John Bury, Annemarie Jordan Gschwend and Fernando António Baptista Pereira; With Alberto Claudio Rodrigues Faria and Erik Verroken; Translations by Jeremy Roe

Francisco de Holanda's *Do Tirar polo Natural* (*On Portraiture*) is pioneering as the earliest known treatise dedicated solely to portraiture. Yet, it has remained scarcely studied outside Portugal due to its limited manuscript circulation and a 1563 Spanish translation only published in 1921. Its first appearance in English is therefore important: it not only makes Holanda's ideas accessible to a broader scholarly audience but also challenges the Italy-centred canon of Renaissance art theory by highlighting a Portuguese perspective. Holanda's dialogues demonstrate both his admiration for Italian models – especially Michelangelo – and his desire to affirm the sophistication of Lisbon's court, positioning portraiture as the noblest form of painting for its capacity to capture likeness and memory. This edition thus redefines the cultural geography of Renaissance theory, revealing tensions between imitation and independence, and raising new, sometimes contentious, questions about portraiture's role in shaping identity and power.

Francisco de Holanda (1517–1585) was a Portuguese painter, architect and humanist, widely recognised as one of the leading artistic theorists of the Iberian Renaissance.

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The first complete catalogue of the paintings of David Wilkie

David Wilkie

A Complete Catalogue of his Paintings

Hamish Miles; Edited by Alex Kidson

This book catalogues every painting by Scottish painter Sir David Wilkie (1785–1841). Trained at the Trustees' Academy in Edinburgh, Wilkie moved to London at the age of twenty and created a sensation at the Royal Academy with his *Village Politicians*, a scene set in a Scottish inn during the French Revolution. Wilkie created paintings that demanded to be read like novels, with characters based on an extraordinary skill in painting expressions and honed by intense study of costume and settings. Even as his style changed, Wilkie enjoyed celebrity and the patronage of royalty, aristocracy and collectors. Engravings spread his work to Europe and the USA. In his lifetime, among British painters his fame exceeded that of Constable, and Turner, whose deep respect for the Scotsman was enshrined in his famous *Peace, Burial at Sea*. Fifty years in the making, this catalogue brings together the fullest-ever corpus of research on Wilkie's paintings, the prints after them, cultural influences on them, and people that commissioned and bought them.

Hamish Miles (1926–2017) was an art historian and world-renowned expert on the work of David Wilkie. Alex Kidson is a former curator of British painting at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, and author of the catalogue raisonné of the paintings of George Romney, published by the Paul Mellon Centre in 2015.

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'I have waited 30 yrs to see Greece', Barbara Hepworth wrote while travelling through the Peloponnese and the Aegean and Cycladic islands in August 1954. At a turning point in Hepworth's life and career, it would have a profound impact, leading her to reflect in 1964: 'a whole decade later ... It is deeply part of my work'

Barbara Hepworth and Greece

Simon Martin

Shaping her thinking and expanding her artistic language, the memory of this transformative journey nourished Hepworth's practice until the end of her life. Hepworth's visceral encounter renewed her lifelong exploration of the relationship between the human figure and landscape. The colours, light, elemental forces and sense of space of Greece inspired some of her best-known works, including her extraordinary Guarea wood carvings and her Aegean Suite of lithographs.

Published to accompany the exhibition of the same title at Pallant House Gallery, *Barbara Hepworth and Greece* offers new insight into the work of Britain's best-known modern artist. This is the first publication dedicated to Hepworth's deep affinity for Greece – from her early fascination for classical culture, to the revelation she experienced after encountering its landscape, people and ancient art and architecture in 1954, through to the works of Greek inspiration she created in her last two decades.

Exhibition: Pallant House Gallery, 21 Nov 2026–April 2027

Simon Martin is a curator and writer and director of Pallant House Gallery, Chichester

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Mary Cassatt, *Girl Arranging Her Hair*, 1886. Oil on canvas, 75.1 x 62.5 cm (29-9/16 x 24-5/8 in.). Washington, DC, National Gallery of Art, Chester Dale Collection, 1963.10.97

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This compelling reappraisal of Mary Cassatt shatters prevailing myths about her work to reveal a visionary who challenged convention to create radical art on her own terms

Cassatt Reconsidered

Mary G Morton; Foreword by Lauren Elkin

Mary Cassatt defied expectations to become one of the most radical artists of the Impressionist movement, though she was—and remains—the least understood. Cassatt commanded and manipulated strains of old master and contemporary painting to express her female subjectivity through a modern oeuvre on par with those of the most revered Impressionists. However, mishandled by the Parisian art establishment, art historians and curators, she became known almost exclusively as a sentimentalising painter of mothers and children.

How did this happen to the most aspiring, revolutionary female artist of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? Author Mary G. Morton probes this central question and more, demonstrating how Cassatt disturbed conventional ideals of femininity, childhood, and maternity, a feat for which she paid dearly.

Vibrantly illustrated, *Cassatt Reconsidered* rewards readers with a fuller understanding of an artist who stands apart for daring to express the unique, intimate experiences of modern women.

Mary G Morton is curator and head of the French paintings department at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

A compelling re-examination of Joseph Wright's captivating 'candlelight' paintings, featuring the recently rediscovered *Two Boys with a Bladder*

A Light in the Dark

Joseph Wright of Derby

Julia Siemon

The dramatic 'candlelight' paintings of Joseph Wright of Derby (1734–1797) enthrall viewers with striking scenes that portray human curiosity, the quiet intensity of domestic life, and the excitement of scientific discovery. With a variety of brushstrokes Wright pushed boundaries with the transformative power of light. This catalogue focuses on his earliest candlelights, highlighting the recently rediscovered painting *Two Boys with a Bladder* (1767) which challenged established assumptions about Wright and sparked renewed interest in his experiments with light.

A Light in the Dark presents new research to uncover the origins of *Two Boys*, tracing the invention and initial development of Wright's distinctive style. Whereas recent scholarship has maintained an outward approach that ties the artist's oeuvre to places that he visited, this volume returns the focus to Wright himself—his biography, technique and hometown of Derby. Complete with fresh historical and technical evidence, this is a fascinating look into the inspirations, aspirations, and experiments behind some of the most remarkable paintings in the history of British art.

Julia Siemon is Director of Exhibitions and Chief Curator at Bard Graduate Center.



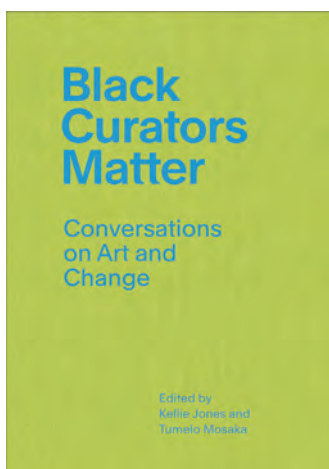
Joseph Wright of Derby (English, 1734 - 1797) *Two Boys with a Bladder*, 1767. Oil on canvas. Unframed: 92.7 x 73 cm (36 1/2 x 28 3/4 in.). Framed [Outer Dim]: 111.1 x 91.8 x 7.9 cm (43 3/4 x 36 1/8 x 3 1/8 in.). The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, 2020.20

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This fascinating book reveals the history of how prehepatic artifacts were smuggled into the United States and reconceptualised as works of art

Artifacts to Art

Collecting Ancient America in Mid-century L.A.

Andrew D. Turner, Mary E. Miller and Khristaan Villela

At the centre of this shift was Earl Stendahl, a savvy Los Angeles art dealer who repositioned these artifacts, selling them to an elite clientele that included movie stars, wealthy collectors and museum curators. In doing so, he helped define a new canon of 'ancient American art'.

Beneath this glamorous facade, however, lies a darker narrative of the looting, smuggling and forgery, exposing how the desire for authenticity and prestige often came at the expense of ethical collecting and cultural heritage. This book brings together art history, museum studies, and the politics of the antiquities trade, offering both a social history and a critical examination of how ancient Mexico's past was sold in twentieth-century America.

Andrew D. Turner is an assistant professor in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mary E. Miller served as director of the Getty Research Institute from 2019 to 2025. Khristaan Villela is associate director of Dissemination and External Affairs at the Getty Research Institute.

The relationship between Black Americans and U.S. art museums has historically been fraught and hard-won

Black Curators Matter

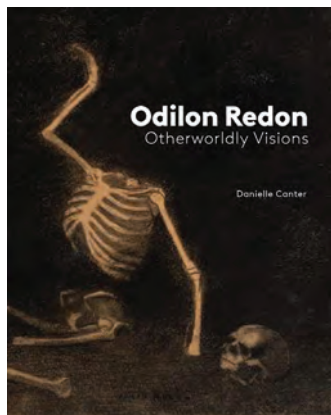
Conversations on Art and Change

Edited by Kellie Jones and Tumelo Mosaka

In the late 1960s, the Black Emergency Cultural Coalition and other groups organised protests at major art museums, calling for the inclusion of Black artists and curators. Such advocacy led to acquisitions and exhibitions by Black artists at important institutions and spurred the establishment of museums and cultural organisations promoting Black art and culture. Today, Black curators hold significant positions at institutions nationwide. *Black Curators Matter* illuminates this critical history by spotlighting figures who have transformed the art world since the 1970s.

This book presents illuminating conversations between six pioneering curators and a new generation of professionals. These discussions highlight the achievements of Black curators and provide guidance for future generations. This volume reexamines the curatorial field to reveal the transformative strategies, critical interventions, and boundary-breaking exhibitions that reshaped American art museums toward greater inclusivity and experimentation.

Kellie Jones is the Hans Hofmann Professor of Modern Art in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. Tumelo Mosaka is the Mellon Arts project director for the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies at Columbia University.



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This visually striking book provides an introduction to the mysterious and dreamlike work of the artist Odilon Redon

Odilon Redon

Otherworldly Visions

By Danielle Canter, with contributions by Natalia Lauricella

Enigmatic and haunting, the work of the French Symbolist Odilon Redon (1840–1916) intrigues and entrances all who encounter it. During the first half of his career, Redon created dramatically monochromatic charcoal drawings and lithographs, dreamily dark images that plumbed the depths of his wild imagination. Eventually, however, he also turned to pastels, adopting a bold colorful palette in fantastical explorations of the natural world.

Featuring more than seventy illustrations, this publication offers an overview of Redon's career. The informative, accessible essays examine his disparate influences from the worlds of religion, mythology, literature, and music, and demonstrate why Redon's mysterious work is an important precursor to Surrealism.

Danielle Canter is assistant curator of drawings at the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.



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Presenting more than 150 pictures made between 1920 and 2017, the bilingual Spanish-English *Instante/revelación* highlights the work of thirteen renowned photographers who feature prominently in the history of the medium in Mexico, including Lola and Manuel Álvarez Bravo, Graciela Iturbide and Pablo Ortiz Monasterio

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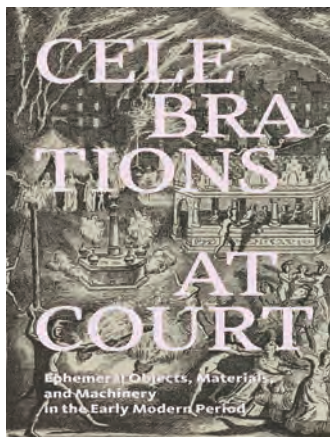
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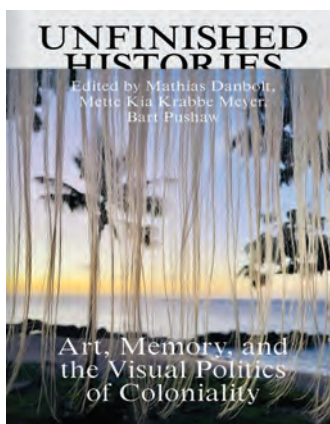
Through a dynamic selection of images, the publication explores some of the intertwined sociocultural forces that shape life in Mexico. Among the photographs are depictions of urban and rural workers; images of landscapes, architecture, and flora and fauna from across the country; depictions of daily life; and portraits of prominent Mexican artists and writers. An illuminating essay highlights several key magazines and books that published the photographs, thereby recording significant 'instants' and 'revelations' from these remarkably productive decades.

The featured photographers are linked by friendship, influence and collaboration. By examining the works together as one collective narrative rather than on individual production, the volume reveals a shared learning community in which the artists fruitfully exchanged their knowledge and experience. This rich cultural dialogue helped form Mexico's photographic history over the last century.

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The book consists of thirteen chapters that collectively explore the elaborate, ephemeral structures designed for these spectacles while unveiling their aesthetic, symbolic and political significance. Special emphasis is placed on the material culture and technological foundations of these celebrations, drawing on a diverse range of written sources – from cookery books to pyrotechnics manuals. In this way, *Celebrations at Court* addresses the need to situate local European material culture within broader, transcultural contexts and offers new insights into the history of ideas and mentalities of the period.

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An exploration of how art and visual culture shape and challenge the unfinished legacies of Nordic colonialism

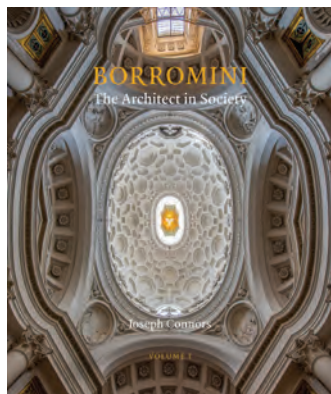
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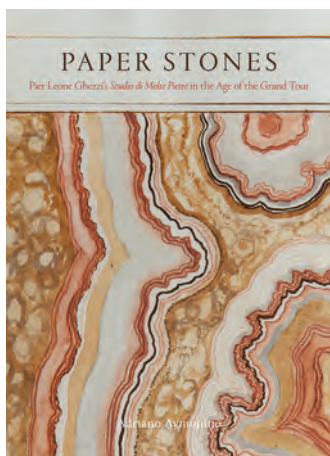
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Joseph Connors has the unique distinction of being the only person to have served as director of both the American Academy in Rome and Villa I Tatti, The Harvard Centre for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence. Connors has also been Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford and president of the Renaissance Society of America.



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Bengt Jangfeldt is an associate professor of Slavonic languages and the author of a number of acclaimed and award-winning books.

A vivid biography unveiling Sergel's artistic rebirth in Rome – and why Sweden's greatest sculptor remained Europe's forgotten genius

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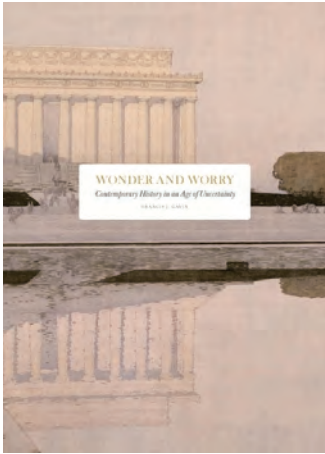
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Not only is Johan Tobias Sergel (1740–1814) Sweden's greatest sculptor of all time, but he was also a pioneer of international neo-Classicism and one of Europe's most prominent sculptors in his day. Sergel considered his encounter with Rome to be an artistic rebirth: there he decided to leave most of the French Baroque behind him. The sculptor's new guiding principles were 'antiquity during the day and nature studies at night'. However, in interpreting the classic forms of antiquity, he retained the sensuousness of the Rococo.

In this biography, we follow the dramatic developments in Sergel's life, including his close relationship with Sweden's King Gustav III and numerous artistic friends, his yearning for Rome and his final years, which were marked by illness. Based on new source material, the book describes why Sergel became famous in his own country but was unknown internationally.

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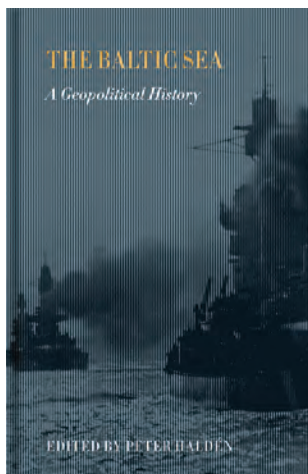
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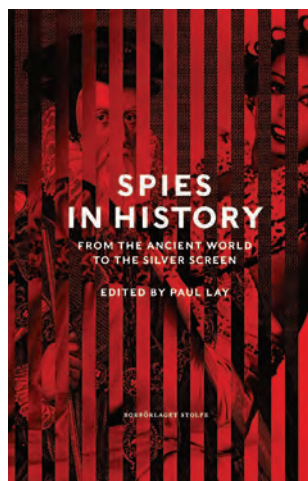
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The Baltic Sea

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