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#### **YVONNICK DENOËL**

### Vatican Spies From the Second World War to Pope Francis

#### Translated by ALAN McKAY

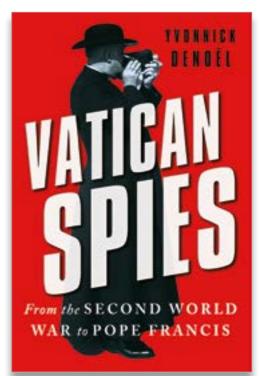
#### 'Impressive and rigorous.' - Le Figaro

'Officially' the Vatican has no espionage service; but does that mean that no one carries out intelligence operations on its behalf? During the Second World War and Cold War, Rome was awash with spies. In response, under the cover of the Secretariat of State, a band of monsignors and priests hunted for 'moles' spying on the Vatican, carried out clandestine diplomacy, investigated the assassination of priests and other scandals threatening the Church, and conducted high-risk missions across the Iron Curtain.

Drawing on the freshly released archives of foreign services that worked against or with the Holy See, *Vatican Spies* reveals eighty years of secret wars and dirty tricks. These include infiltrating Russian-speaking priests into the Soviet Union; secret negotiations between John XXIII and Khrushchev; the close relationship between Cardinal Montini—the future Paul VI—and the CIA; infiltration of the Vatican by the Eastern Bloc's intelligence services; and the secret Vatican bank funds that were channelled first to fight communism in South America, then to support Solidarity in Poland.

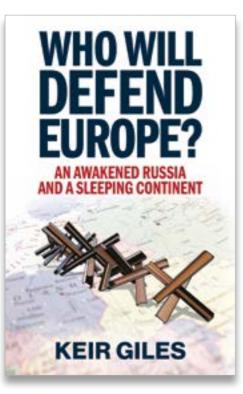
Denoël also investigates the internecine struggles between the Jesuits and Opus Dei; and deciphers the machinations that marked the pontificate of Benedict XVI, which are still ongoing under Pope Francis today.

**Yvonnick Denoël** is a French historian, publisher and intelligence specialist who has written on the CIA, Mossad, and espionage in the twentieth century. *Vatican Spies* has appeared in German and Italian translations.



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A revelatory history of the priests, nuncios and missionaries whose 'special operations' have served the Holy See and the 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide.



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Europe is sleepwalking into disaster. Who will rouse it to face the Russian threat?

#### **KEIR GILES**

### Who Will Defend Europe? An Awakened Russia and a Sleeping Continent

Who will defend Europe? The answer should be obvious: Europe should be able to defend itself. Yet, for decades, most of the continent enjoyed a defence holiday, outsourcing protection to the United States while banking an increasingly illusory 'peace dividend'. Now, after three decades of reducing armed forces and drawing down defence industries, Europe finds itself close to unprotected—while Russia is intent on continuing its war of expansion, and the US is distracted and divided.

In this urgent, vital book, Keir Giles lays out the stark choices facing leaders and societies as they confront the return of war in Europe. He explains how the West's unwillingness to confront Russia has nurtured the threat, and that Putin's ambition puts the whole continent at risk. He assesses the role and deficiencies of NATO as a guarantor of hard security, and whether the EU or coalitions of the willing can fill the gap. Above all, Giles emphasises the need for new leadership in defence of the free world after the US has stepped aside and warns that the UK's brief moment of setting the pace for Europe has already been squandered.



Keir Giles has advised governments worldwide on the Russian threat. A senior fellow with Chatham House's Russia and Eurasia Programme, and Director of the Conflict Studies Research Centre, he is a regular commentator for the BBC and

international media. His prescient books include *What Deters Russia* and *Moscow Rules*.

#### MARK LILLA

### Ignorance and Bliss On Wanting Not to Know

Aristotle claimed that 'all human beings want to know'. Yet our own experience proves that all human beings also want not to know. Today, centuries after the Enlightenment, mesmerised crowds still follow preposterous prophets; irrational rumours trigger fanatical acts; and magical thinking crowds out common sense and expertise. Why is this? Where does this will to ignorance come from, and how does it continue to shape our lives?

In this dazzling exploration of our wish for innocence and ignorance—and its consequences acclaimed essayist and historian of ideas Mark Lilla offers an absorbing psychological diagnosis of the human will not to know. With erudition and brio, Lilla ranges from the Book of Genesis and Plato's *Dialogues* to Sufi parables and Sigmund Freud, revealing the paradoxes of hiding truth from ourselves. He also exposes the illusions that this impulse can lead us to entertain: the belief that the ecstasies of prophets, mystics and holy fools will offer access to esoteric truths; the mythology of children's lamb-like innocence; and nostalgic fantasies of recapturing the glories of vanished, allegedly purer civilisations.

*Ignorance and Bliss* is a highly original meditation that invites readers to consider their own deep-seated impulses and taboos.



Mark Lilla is Professor of Humanities at Columbia University; a frequent contributor to *The New York Review* of Books and *The New York Times*; and author, most recently, of *The Once and Future Liberal* (also published

by Hurst). His books have been translated into more than a dozen languages.

# Ignorance and Bliss

On Wanting Not to Know

# Mark Lilla

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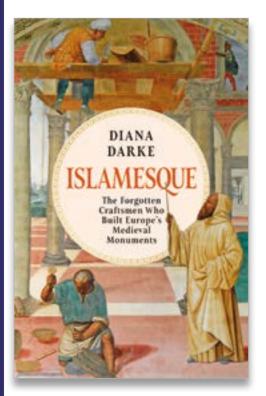
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A reflection on the dilemmas of coping with our rival desires to know the truth and to resist it.

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A fascinating exploration of Europe's medieval architectural wonders and the Muslim masterbuilders behind them.

#### **DIANA DARKE**

### Islamesque The Forgotten Craftsmen Who Built Europe's Medieval Monuments

Who really built Europe's finest Romanesque monuments? Abbots and bishops presiding over holy sites receive mentions aplenty throughout history, while their highly skilled creators remain anonymous. But the buildings speak for themselves.

In this groundbreaking book, Middle East cultural historian Diana Darke explores the evidence embedded in medieval monasteries, churches and castles across Europe, from Mont Saint-Michel and the Leaning Tower of Pisa to Durham Cathedral and the Basilica of Santiago de Compostela. Tracing the origins of key decorative and architectural innovations during this pre-Gothic period—acknowledged as the essential foundation of all future European construction styles—she sheds new light on the mystery masons, carpenters and sculptors behind these masterpieces.

Her discoveries are dramatic. At a time when Christendom lacked such expertise, Muslim craftsmen, with their advanced understanding of geometry and complex ornamentation styles, dominated the high-end construction industry in Islamic Spain, Sicily and North Africa, spreading their knowledge and techniques across Western Europe. Challenging Euro-centric assumptions about the continent's built heritage, Darke uncovers the profound influence of the Islamic world in 'Christian' Europe, and argues that 'Romanesque' architecture, a fiction first invented by nineteenthcentury French art historians, should be recognised as what it truly is: Islamesque.

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'Another brilliant challenge to Islamophobes everywhere, showing how much Gothic architecture drew on the forms and innovations of Arab architects and mathematicians.' — William Dalrymple, *The Spectator* 

'Persuasive ... argues that northern Europe's greatest gothic buildings are deeply indebted to the Arab world ... a useful reminder of the interconnectedness of civilisation.' — *The Observer* 

'Fascinating ... Revelatory [and] eye-opening.' — Los Angeles Times

'Extraordinarily ambitious ... part cri de coeur and part textbook on Islamic architecture and its influence on the West.' — *The Times Literary Supplement* 

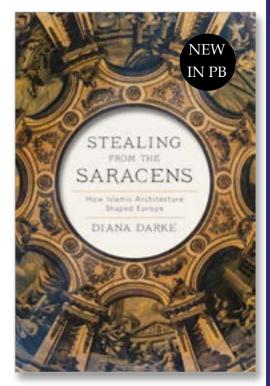
'Intriguing and eye-opening.' — Asian Review of Books

'Original and enlightening.' — Venetia Porter, The British Museum



Diana Darke has spent four decades in the Middle East. Her books include *Islamesque* (forthcoming from Hurst), *My House in Damascus* and *The Ottomans*. A non-resident scholar at Washington DC's Middle East

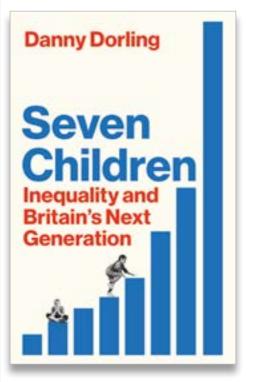
Institute, she holds degrees in Arabic and in Islamic Art and Architecture.



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A revealing history of Islamic architectural influence on Europe's cathedrals, palaces and monuments.

'Darke writes ... with love, clarity and authority.'— Michael Palin



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We are all getting poorer. What does that reality look like for British children, and for their future life chances?

#### DANNY DORLING

### Seven Children Inequality and Britain's Next Generation

Suppose you chose seven typical children to represent today's UK. Who would they be? What would they reveal?

Seven Children is about hidden realities of injustice and hope. In his highly original, thoughtprovoking new book, inequality writer Danny Dorling constructs seven 'average' children from millions of statistics—each child symbolising the very middle of a parental income bracket. From the poorest to the wealthiest, Dorling's seven children were born in 2018, when the UK faced its worst inequality since the Great Depression and became Europe's most socially divided nation. They turned 5 in 2023, amid a devastating costof-living crisis. Their country has Europe's fastestrising child poverty rates, and even the best-off of the seven is disadvantaged. Yet aspirations prevail, and change is possible.

Immersive and intimate, this book gets to the heart of post-pandemic Britain's most pressing economic, social and political issues. What do we miss when we focus only on the superrich and the most deprived? What kinds of lives are British children living, between those two extremes? Who are today's real middle class? And what if tomorrow's challenge isn't spiralling inequality, but how to reverse the new trend that leaves *all* children worse off than their parents?



Danny Dorling is a social scientist whose books include *Inequality and the 1%* and *All That Is Solid*. He is the Halford Mackinder Professor of Geography at the University of Oxford,

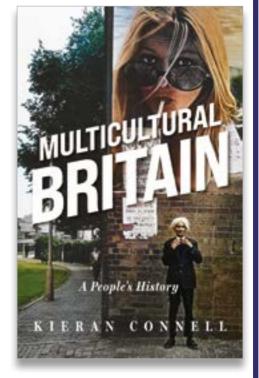
and a patron of RoadPeace, Comprehensive Future and Heeley City Farm. In his spare time, he makes sandcastles.

### KIERAN CONNELL Multicultural Britain A People's History

Between the end of the Second World War and the first decades of the twenty-first century, Britain became multicultural. This book tells the remarkable story of how that came about. Kieran Connell, an historian of Irish and German heritage who grew up in Balsall Heath, innercity Birmingham, takes readers into multicultural communities across Britain at key moments in their development. He also shines a light on the shifting nature of British racism, revealing the day-to-day effects it had—and still has—on ethnic minority groups.

Journeying far beyond London, *Multicultural Britain* delves into the messy contradictions at the heart of a country's transition into the diverse society we know today. It highlights the vital role of ordinary people in the making of multicultural Britain, and takes aim at public leaders, from Enoch Powell to Harold Wilson to Margaret Thatcher, who have too often legitimised racism for their own political ends.

In post-Brexit Britain, between Black Lives Matter and anxieties around immigration, how communities and individuals live together remains one of the most urgent issues of our time. Connell offers a fresh perspective on British multiculturalism as a rich and complex lived reality—not simply as a problematic idea.

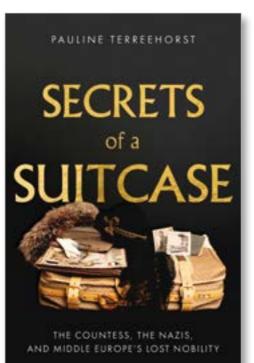


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A new history of how we became multicultural, revealing the personal and community relationships that underpin Britain's post-imperial transition.



Kieran Connell is a writer and historian based at Queen's University Belfast. His first book, *Black Handsworth: Race in 1980s Britain*, was shortlisted for the Whitfield Book Prize.



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An engrossing portrait of old cosmopolitan Central Europe, and a remarkable woman enduring as evil rises—all through the family belongings hidden in a suitcase.

> 'Impressive.' — NRC Handelsblad

#### PAULINE TERREEHORST

## Secrets of a Suitcase

### The Countess, the Nazis, and Middle Europe's Lost Nobility

Translated by BRENT ANNABLE

When Pauline Terreehorst bid for a vintage Gucci suitcase at Sotheby's Amsterdam, she had no idea what was inside. After picking up her prize, she found that the case was filled with dresses, fur collars and lace voiles, and accompanied by two brown boxes of postcard albums showing churches and castles in Austria, France, England and Scotland. This curious correspondence was addressed to an Austrian countess, businesswoman and philanthropist called Margarethe Szapáry, and her daughter.

These unexpected family treasures open a window onto a lost world. The Szapárys' social, cultural and political landscape disappeared in the upheavals that seized Europe during the first half of the twentieth century—a time when borders were redrawn, old cities received new names, communities changed loyalties, and the transnational, monarchist aristocrats of Middle Europe had to decide whether to become Germans under Nazi rule.

What did Margarethe choose, when her neighbour Hermann Göring came knocking? What were the consequences for her and her children? And how did her family's suitcase cross war-torn Europe and survive decades of rupture to end up in Terreehorst's hands?



Pauline Terreehorst is an essayist and former director of the Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Utrecht's Centraal Museum, and Eindhoven's Natlab film theatre. Known for her fashion articles and film and photography

columns in *de Volkskrant*, she has helped develop scenarios for the future of living and working for government and business.

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#### SEAN MCMEEKIN

### To Overthrow the World The Rise and Fall and Rise of Communism

It is now three decades since the collapse of the Soviet Union, which prompted Francis Fukuyama to proclaim the 'End of History' and confident post-mortems of Communism to fill the airwaves. At the height of American triumphalism in 2001, Richard Pipes opened his short history of Communism by calling the book not only 'an introduction' but, 'at the same time, [an] obituary.'

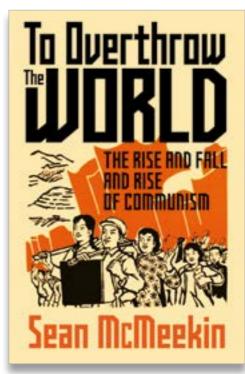
Twenty years later, things look different. Russia may no longer be Communist, but Stalin is more admired there than at any time since his death in 1953. Thrown off its perch by the 9/11 attacks, ineffectual military interventions, deindustrialisation and spiralling debts, the United States has bled power and prestige in uncanny parallel with Communist China's rise in economic power and global influence—not least in the US itself, whose institutions have become beholden to the Chinese market and Chinese interests.

With the Covid-19 lockdowns of 2020–1, the Chinese model has spread globally, with onceinviolable freedoms—of movement, travel and association, of speech and robust debate over controversial public policies—all but abandoned. Liberal democratic capitalism seems moribund, while Chinese Communism assimilates the world. How did this happen, and why did no one see it coming?



Sean McMeekin PhD was educated at Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. Having visited American and European battlefields, libraries and archives, venturing as far east as Russia and Turkey, he now teaches at Bard

College. His eight award-winning books include *Stalin's War: A New History of World War.* 



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A history of an ideology and its tyrannical adherents who stubbornly refuse to go away. ACCIDENTAL TYRANT

THE LIFE of KIM IL-SUNG

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A masterful new biography of North Korea's despotic founding father and his enduring impact on his country today.

### FYODOR TERTITSKIY Accidental Tyrant The Life of Kim Il-sung

Kim Il-sung was the enigmatic architect of North Korea. His life is an extraordinary tale of improbable success: once a barely educated guerrilla fighter, he rose to lead the nation at the young age of 33. Against all odds, he established a horrifyingly stable dictatorial regime, one that still struggles to provide for its people, yet could obliterate Hollywood, Silicon Valley and much of East Asia in nuclear strikes.

Based on extensive new sources in Korean, Russian, Chinese and Japanese, Fyodor Tertitskiy tells the unlikely story of one of the twentieth century's most brutal but little-known dictators, from his early life in Japanese Korea to the lasting repercussions of his autocratic rule today. Tertitskiy showcases Kim's political prowess in gaining autonomy from the USSR; explores how his inept economic policy led to catastrophic famine; and highlights how he implemented a system of hereditary rule, paving the way for today's 'Supreme Leader', Kim Jong-un, to assume power and continue his grandfather's vision.

Accidental Tyrant serves as a stark cautionary tale, underscoring that the triumph of liberty is never guaranteed. Met with insufficient resistance, even the most unlikely leader can build a regime of repression and privation that long outlives its founder.



Fyodor Tertitskiy has been living in South Korea for more than a decade, where he researches North Korean political, social and military history. He has authored several books

in English and Korean, including Soviet–North Korean Relations During the Cold War and The North Korean Army: History, Structure, Daily Life.

### JOHN LLOYD Their Iron Indignation Dispatches from Europe's Far-Right Revolution

Europe's advancing new Far Right is among the most consequential movements of our time. Its leaders have long been labelled, perhaps dismissed, as populist—but parties with programmes of radical social, cultural and economic change have now formed governments or coalitions; more still are tipped to win their country's next election; all have national followings; and their combined force could destabilise the EU. How far might they go?

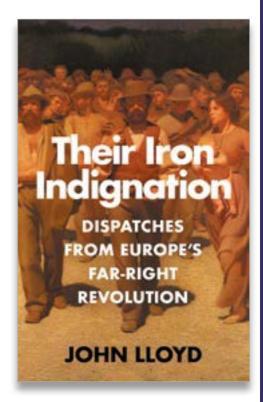
From Poland, Hungary and Italy to Sweden, France and Germany, *Their Iron Indignation* uncovers the road to power among politicians revered and reviled for their opposition to immigration, globalisation and the European project, their appeal to working people, and their warnings of perceived threats to traditional family life. It traces New Right parties' successes and failures in government, probes their claims to have severed ties with any fascist or Nazi roots, and explores their links to Russia and the MAGA/Trump movement.

Reporting from illegal migrant camps and political rallies, interviewing leaders, followers and opponents, veteran journalist John Lloyd brings to life the complexity and influence of these parties, whose programmes are potentially revolutionary. Understanding their attraction, and what they do with power once they have it, has become urgently important.



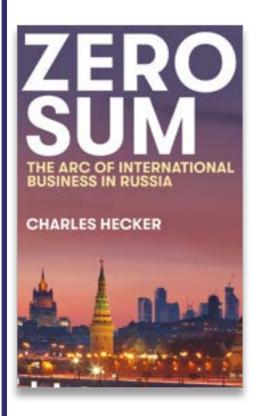
John Lloyd is a British journalist, co-founder of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, a former editor of *The New Statesman* and a former Moscow bureau chief for the *Financial Times*. He has published books on the JW minore' strike and

Russia, the global media, the UK miners' strike and Scottish independence.



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From Meloni's Italy to the Sweden Democrats, Lloyd's on-the-ground reporting reveals the radical right's plans for power across Europe, as popular support rises higher than ever.



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An insider's account of the rise and fall of Western business ventures in post-Soviet Russia.

#### **CHARLES HECKER**

### Zero Sum The Arc of International Business in Russia

When the hammer and sickle flag came down at the Kremlin at the end of 1991, a feverish new market opened for business: Russia. In 2022, as soon as Putin's troops invaded Ukraine, that market started to collapse, as Western firms fled the skyscrapers of Moscow and beyond.

No other country of this scale has transformed itself so dramatically, so quickly—not just once, but twice. Over three turbulent decades, a wild, proto-capitalist free-for-all came seductively close to becoming a predictable place to do business. And then it all unravelled. Russia's post-Soviet years have seen phenomenal successes, crushing failures, and the creation and destruction of enormous fortunes. How did it all happen?

Charles Hecker tells the gripping, three-act story of international business in Russia since the fall of the USSR. What have global companies learnt—or failed to learn—about Russia over the course of this adventure? And beyond Russia, what do we now understand about the way countries and companies interact in the face of relentless change? *Zero Sum* brings to life the complexity, the nuance and the vivid colour of one of the greatest experiments in the history of global commerce.



Charles Hecker has spent forty years travelling and working in the Soviet Union and Russia. He has worked as a journalist and a geopolitical risk consultant, and has lived in Miami, Moscow and London.

A fluent Russian speaker, he holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University.

#### GABRIEL GAVIN

## Ashes of Our Fathers Inside the Fall of Nagorno-Karabakh

On 19 September 2023, war broke out once again in Nagorno-Karabakh, a tiny breakaway state nestled in the mountains at the very edge of Europe.

For three decades since the fall of the Soviet Union, this battle-scarred geopolitical hotspot had been fought over in a bloody standoff that left tens of thousands dead and as many as a million people homeless. This time, though, things were different. Within 24 hours, Armenian forces surrendered in the face of an overwhelming Azerbaijani offensive, as Russian peacekeepers abandoned their positions—and the entire local population packed their bags to flee.

Through the eyes of ordinary Armenians and Azerbaijanis, Gabriel Gavin chronicles how Nagorno-Karabakh went from an ancient home shared by both peoples to a land of empty houses and untended graves, as the world looked on.

Ashes of Our Fathers offers unprecedented insight not only into a simmering ethnic conflict inside the Kremlin's self-declared sphere of influence, but into the lives, loyalties and national ideas of the people caught up in the chaos; and into the decisions, from Yerevan and Baku to Moscow and Washington to Tel Aviv and Tehran, that led directly to one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of the 2020s.



Gabriel Gavin is a journalist and writer from Oxford, England. He has covered the politics and foreign affairs of the former Soviet Union and Turkey as a reporter for *Politico*, as well as for outlets including *Time*, *Foreign Policy* and *The Spectator*. This is his first book.

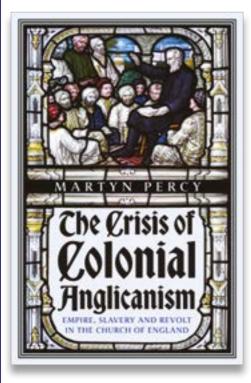
# ASHES OF OUR FATHERS

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Vivid reportage from a war at the edge of Europe, between two ancient peoples caught up in great power interests and clashing narratives of home.



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#### MARTYN PERCY

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This book offers a fresh, bold and unsettling truth: the British Empire and Great Britain are primarily English constructions; and the Church of England has presumed to act for and benefit from English enterprise and exploitation, serving as the spiritual arm of the imperial project. English Anglicanism has developed itself as the lead character within its own 'serious fiction'-the main religious player in a drama of Church and Empire. Yet, in collusion with colonialism, it is now a prisoner of its own historical amnesia.

Martyn Percy examines the English interests concealed in appeals to Britishness, and shows how slavery, exploitation, classism and racism played their part in the elitist and hierarchical worldviews propagated by the English to bolster both Empire and Church. Yet, by regarding the rest of the world as lesser, both institutions have slowly degenerated in global standing. Now, 'Britain' and the Church of England are no more than minor national players on the world stage.

Religious, social and political imperialism are founded on the deprecation of others. Yet those peoples who were once looked down upon have fought for equality and independence. Today, the worldwide Anglican Communion faces a new era of moral reckoning.



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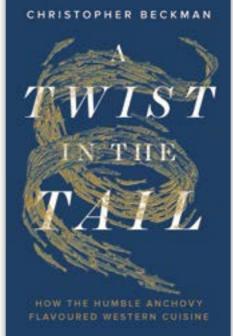
Times, and is the only living theologian featured in The Da Vinci Code.

### CHRISTOPHER BECKMAN A Twist in the Tail How the Humble Anchovy Flavoured Western Cuisine

A Twist in the Tail takes readers on a tantalising voyage through European and American gastronomic history, following the trail of a small but mighty fish: the anchovy.

Whether in ubiquitous Roman garum, massproduced British condiments, elaborate French haute cuisine or modern Spanish tapas, anchovies have been enhancing the flavour of many dishes for thousands of years. Yet, depending upon the time and place—and who was eating them—they have also been disdained as worthless little fish, deemed too small, bony and inconsequential for popular or elite consumption. From Western Europe to the USA, Christopher Beckman shows how the evolving and ambiguous status of anchovies provides surprising insights into the relationship between food, class and status throughout history.

Drawing on cookbooks, literature and art, this is the hidden story of the diminutive anchovy, and its outsized role in shaping the West's cuisine.



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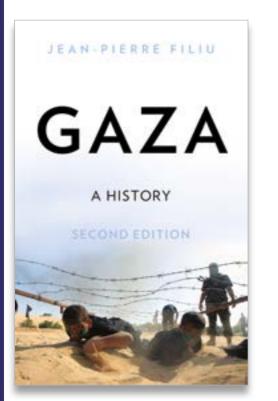
A captivating culinary journey through the West's love-hate relationship with anchovies.



### Christopher Beckman

was born in San Francisco and has a doctorate in Archaeology. Based in Geneva, his research focuses on the links between material culture and subsistence patterns. He has lived in the Middle East and Africa,

with a stint in Hollywood producing horror films. This is his first book.



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'A magnificent piece of historical writing ... difficult to see how it will ever be rivalled.' — Roger Owen

Through its millennium-long existence, Gaza has often been bitterly disputed, yet enduringly neglected. Squeezed between the Negev and Sinai deserts and the Mediterranean Sea, Gaza was contested by everyone from the Pharaohs, Persians, Greeks and Romans to the Arabs, Crusaders, Ottomans and British. And, since 1948, Gaza has been at the heart of Palestinian nationalism and history.

Filiu's book was the first comprehensive history of Gaza to be published in any language. This new, updated edition covers events since 2011, including Gaza's renewed tragic centrality to world politics and security since the events of October 2023: history's worst attack on Israel, provoking history's worst war against the Palestinians.



Jean-Pierre Filiu is Professor of Middle East Studies at Sciences Po in Paris, and has held visiting professorships at Columbia University and Georgetown University. He is the

author of From Deep State to Islamic State and The Arab Revolution, both published by Hurst, and The Middle East: A Political History.

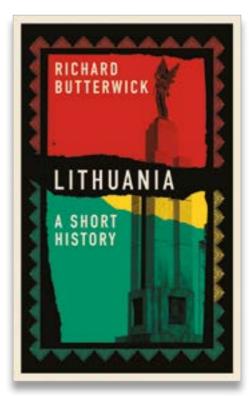
### RICHARD BUTTERWICK Lithuania A Short History

Lithuania is often portrayed as a small nationstate that has survived against the odds of history: together with Estonia and Latvia, it won independence at the end of the First World War, lost it to the Soviet Union in 1939–40, regained it in 1990–1, and joined NATO and the EU in 2004, angering the Kremlin. But Lithuania's rich and complex history stretches back much further than these events, and much further than many realise.

In the fourteenth century, Europe's last pagan dynasty ruled a vast empire stretching from forests on the Baltic shores to the steppes north of the Black Sea. Forging a remarkable, liberty-based union with the Kingdom of Poland, for 400 years the Grand Duchy of Lithuania blocked Moscow's pretensions to rule all of Rus', particularly Belarus and Ukraine. Yet it was in competition with Poles, and under Russian imperial rule, that the modern ethnic Lithuanian nation emerged in the nineteenth century.

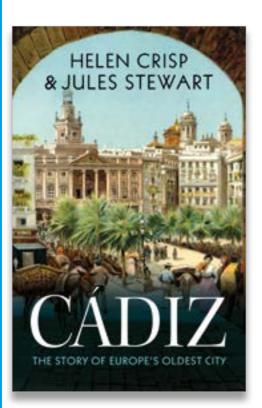
This is a lively and accessible history of a fascinating country that was once much larger than it is today; a land where, for centuries, peoples and communities—including Belarusians, Ukrainians, Germans, Poles, Russians, Jews, Karaites and Tatars—lived together in concord and discord.

**Richard Butterwick** is Professor of Polish-Lithuanian History at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London; Principal Historian of the Polish History Museum; and Chairholder of the European Civilization Chair in the College of Europe in Natolin, Warsaw. His books include the awardwinning *The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth*, 1733–1795.



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### Cádiz The Story of Europe's Oldest City

This is the tale of Western Europe's oldest continuously inhabited city, a 3,000-year history of war and seafaring, culture and commerce, liberalism and resistance.

Helen Crisp and Jules Stewart offer a vibrant account of Cádiz past and present, from its ancient founding myths to its reinvention as a trendy tourist destination. They illuminate Cádiz's experiences under Roman and Moorish rule; explore its centuries of maritime warfare, from Francis Drake to the Battle of Trafalgar; and probe its role in Spain's 'Golden Age' of empire, when it dominated trade with the New World. As Spain's de facto capital during the Peninsular War, Cádiz also produced Europe's first liberal constitution in 1812. And in 1936, it was the port of entry for Franco's troops, mustered to overthrow the Republic.

Cádiz has excited the passions of travellers for centuries. Lord Byron was enchanted by the ladies of the city, whom he described as 'form'd for all the witching arts of love'. Benjamin Disraeli fell in love with Cádiz in 1830, seeing 'Figaro in every street and Rosita in every balcony'. This beautifully illustrated book, the first to tell the full story of this intriguing and extraordinary city, brings its past to life.

Helen Crisp is fascinated by Spain's history, landscapes and lesser-known museums. She is coauthor, with Jules Stewart, of *Madrid: Midnight City* and *Strike Up the Band: New York City in the Roaring Twenties.* Jules Stewart is a journalist and author, whose thirteen book topics include the NYPD and Prince Albert.

#### ANNA BETH KEIM

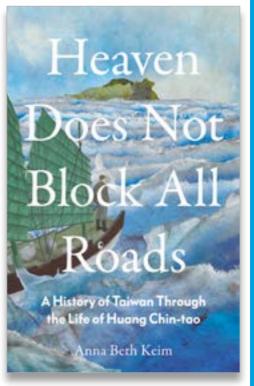
### Heaven Does Not Block All Roads A History of Taiwan Through the Life of Huang Chin-tao

Huang Chin-tao was born in 1926, when Taiwan was still part of the Japanese Empire. By the time he died in 2019, Taiwan was a bustling, hightech democracy—and Huang had lived through every twist and turn along the way. He served as a Japanese soldier in China during World War II; joined an armed uprising against Taiwan's Chinese Nationalist post-war government; spent twentyfour years imprisoned during the island's decades of martial law; and finally emerged to help lead the pro-democracy movement of the 1980s in his hometown, Nantun.

Drawing upon archives, memoirs, interviews and more, Anna Beth Keim tells the story of Taiwan through the journey of one extraordinary individual. From his childhood scuffling with Japanese children to his transformation into a 'democracy farmer', Huang's life vividly reflects contemporary Taiwanese history, and continues to inspire young Taiwanese today who are fighting to keep their home independent.

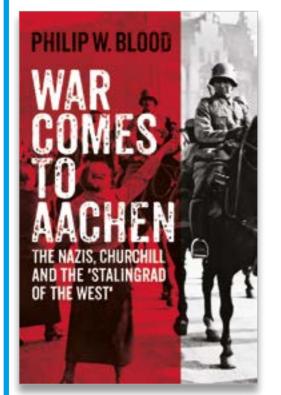
Over roughly a century, the island transitioned from an imperial outpost to an authoritarian state to a democracy—one still at risk of being snuffed out by China. This story is uniquely Taiwanese, yet illuminates experiences shared by countries everywhere: of colonisation and its aftermath, and the ongoing struggle to be free.

Anna Beth Keim is a freelance writer and translator, who has been reporting on Taiwan since 2015. Her work has appeared in *ChinaFile*, *Foreign Policy*, *YaleGlobal* and *The Foreign Service Journal*. This is her first book.



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#### PHILIP W. BLOOD

### War Comes to Aachen The Nazis, Churchill and the 'Stalingrad of the West'

This book narrates the tumultuous era of total war through the fate of Aachen—Imperial Germany's seat of power for 600 years, site of Charlemagne's coronation as Holy Roman Emperor, and a place with greater geopolitical significance for Adolf Hitler in 1944 than Stalingrad in 1943.

This was a stark contrast with the events of the Great War: in 1918, the Imperial German Army had abandoned Aachen in a rout-like flight. In the Nazi period, however, Aachen became a major symbol of Germany's defiance against the Allies. For Hitler—his mind warped after surviving the Stauffenberg bomb plot—Germany's westernmost city became pivotal in his last-ditch defence of the 'thousand-year Reich'.

War Comes to Aachen weaves together the city's story from 1900, tracing its entrenched Catholic orthodoxy, its growth as an industrial urban centre, the demise of democracy, the rise of Nazism, the two world wars, and the Holocaust. The book surveys Churchill's wartime leadership and the destruction of pre-war Aachen through the lenses of military history and the anthropology of aerial bombing. Philip W. Blood's absorbing history concludes with Allied efforts to reshape German society after 1945, and with the use of remembrance as a means of socio-political control.

Philip W. Blood is a British military historian who lives in Aachen. His books include *Birds of Prey: Hitler's Luftwaffe*, Ordinary Soldiers, and the Holocaust in Poland.

#### **GREGORY CARLETON**

### Crimean Quagmire Tolstoy, Russell and the Birth of Modern Warfare

The Crimean War was the greatest international crisis of the Victorian era. And during this conflict, two embedded writers—the young Russian officer Lev Tolstoy, and William Howard Russell, an Irish correspondent for *The Times*—brought the horrors of modern combat home to the public for the first time.

Long recognised for introducing new technologies like the rifle, railroad and telegraph, the Crimean War also irrevocably changed how we understand warfare. Stripping away the romanticism of the Napoleonic era, Tolstoy and Russell exposed how their governments were using lies and coverups to propel their nations into the first quagmire of our age. Their writing shocked readers, demonstrating that their loved ones were dying needlessly-a revelation confirmed by soldiers' letters and diaries. Never before had the world witnessed such a showdown between the voices of private individuals and those of their governments. Tolstoy and Russell confronted the politically powerful and paid dearly for their honesty, but their legacy remains almost unparalleled.

*Crimean Quagmire* is the first book to tell the full story of both writers and their impact on modern warfare and reporting. As quagmires have increasingly come to define contemporary conflict, the Crimean War has never been more relevant.

**Gregory Carleton** is Professor of Russian Studies at Tufts University. He has devoted his career to engaging students and readers with the challenges and mysteries of Russia's culture, history, literature and people, publishing extensively on these topics. *Crimean Quagmire* is his fourth book.

# CRIMEAN QUAGMIRE

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LGBTQ+ South Asians and Cultural Belonging in Britain

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#### CHURNJEET MAHN, ROHIT K. DASGUPTA & DJ RITU

### Desi Queers LGBTQ+ South Asians and Cultural Belonging in Britain

Desi Queers reveals how diasporic South Asians have shaped LGBTQ+ movements and communities in Britain, from the 1970s to the present day. Weaving the history of 1980s antiracism with the emergence of Black LGBTQ+ and feminist coalitions, this book highlights landmark moments in British queer life and culture through South Asian lives, and illuminates British histories of colour through queer politics and creativity.

From the Gay Black Group to Haringey Council's pioneering Lesbian and Gay Unit, desi queers were at the centre of anti-homophobic direct action in the 1980s, including the historic 'Smash the Backlash' demo against bigotry. This activism birthed key grassroots groups of the 1980s and 1990s, such as Shakti and Naz, whose founders and early members opened a path of creative resistance to the intersecting violence of racism and homophobia—a path of solidarity echoing through the twenty-first century.

These spaces and networks have been a refuge for people doubly marginalised in Britain—by experiences of homophobia within South Asian communities, and by the whiteness of mainstream queer scenes. Drawing on artistic creations, archives and oral history, *Desi Queers* celebrates rich traditions of social and cultural activism alongside stories of everyday life among Britain's LGBTQ+ South Asians.

Churnjeet Mahn is Professor of English Literature, University of Strathclyde, researching racism, travel writing and queer displacement. Rohit K. Dasgupta is Senior Lecturer in Cultural Industries, University of Glasgow, researching South Asian queer cultures, media and nation. DJ Ritu MBE is an EDI activist, international turntablist and BBC Radio presenter.

#### GÉRARD PRUNIER

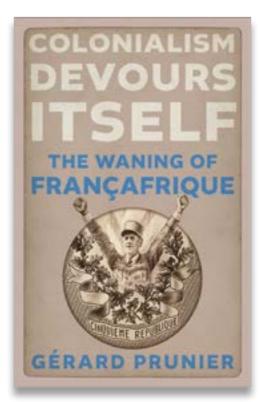
## Colonialism Devours Itself The Waning of Françafrique

France is the only country that never decolonised its colonies, emotionally, financially or strategically. In the aftermath of losing the Second World War, notwithstanding de Gaulle's attempts to convince his people otherwise, the French knew the game was up. (The Resistance fighters were heroes; but heroes are lonely.) For France, after 1945, the Second World War blended into the early Cold War, which Paris jumped into the day before it began. It fought in Indochina, and lost again. The independence war dragged on in Algeria. Then France lost there, too—painfully, with millions of its ordinary citizens expelled to a homeland that many of them hardly knew.

But Sub-Saharan Africa was still there. France produced a postcolonial antidote: *Françafrique*, France's sphere of influence (or 'backyard') over its former West and Central African colonies. France loved Africa. Some Frenchmen died for *Françafrique*; others made millions from it.

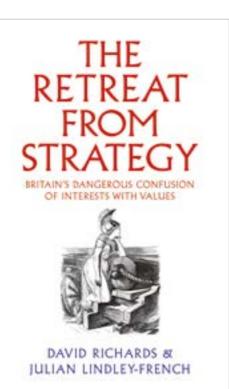
The entire toxic edifice is now crumbling away. Young Africans are happy about this—but not so many of their parents, who often live in France. In his inimitable style, Gérard Prunier recounts a tragic transcultural saga, with one leg in the past and one in the future: the end of *Françafrique*.

**Gérard Prunier** is a renowned historian of contemporary Africa, author of, *inter alia*, the acclaimed *The Rwanda Crisis: History of a Genocide* and of *The Country That Does Not Exist: A History of Somaliland*, both published by Hurst.



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A frank assessment of what kind of strategic power Britain aspires to be, given its dwindling armed forces and growing threats from Russia and other actors.

#### DAVID RICHARDS & JULIAN LINDLEY-FRENCH

## The Retreat from Strategy

### Britain's Dangerous Confusion of Interests with Values

Britain is sleepwalking to disaster, because London has abandoned all forms of proper strategy. That is the sobering message of this powerful analysis exposing the great failings of British security and defence policy.

Britain long ago abandoned the art and science of grand strategy, even though this is crucial for establishing the country's direction of travel. Without grand strategy, national strategy has been reduced to little more than a political game of how much threat Britain can afford, and who gets what from an ever-shrinking resource pot. However, it is Britain's defence policy where the contradictions and self-delusion of abandoned strategy are most apparent, and which explains why the balance between ends, ways and means as sound strategy would demand—has become not just elusive, but nigh on impossible.

This essential, incisive book offers Britain a pathway back to strategic realism, by ending the profound confusion of interests with values that has done so much damage to Britain and its vital place in the world of the twenty-first century.

General David Richards (Baron Richards of Herstmonceux) commanded British troops in East Timor, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan, then served as Chief of the Defence Staff and a National Security Council member. Professor Julian Lindley-French is Chairman of The Alphen Group, and author of *Future War and the* Defence of Europe.

#### **BERTIL LINTNER**

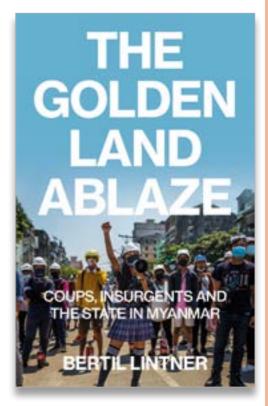
### The Golden Land Ablaze Coups, Insurgents and the State in Myanmar

Myanmar's generals didn't expect the nation to rise up against the coup they staged in February 2021. But after decades of stifling, direct military rule, the Burmese people had become used to another way of life during the relative openness of 2011–21. The army has been unable to suppress anti-coup protests as it did in 1962 and 1988; and, three years after sending tanks into Yangon, Naypyitaw and other cities, the army has yet to establish a functioning administration.

For the first time since the 1970s, armed resistance is not confined to traditionally strife-torn frontier areas, where ethnic insurgents like the Karen National Union and Kachin Independence Army have been active for decades—it has spread to the majority-Burmese heartland, in the shape of the People's Defence Forces. But the anti-junta forces are insufficiently well-equipped to defeat the much more heavily armed Myanmar army, which itself is stretched too thin, on several fronts, to crush the resistance. And, despite foreign observers' assurances, there is no unity, common command or synchronised strategy among the various ethnicminority and ethnic-Burmese resistance groups.

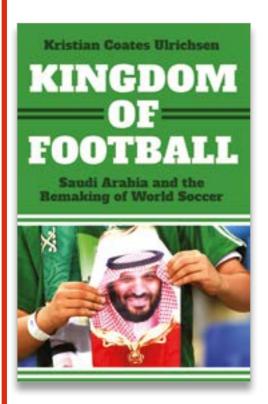
This is a war that neither side can win. Caught in the middle, and bound to suffer most, are civilians.

Bertil Lintner is an acclaimed journalist and expert on contemporary South-East Asia, especially Myanmar. Formerly the *Far Eastern Economic Review*'s Burma correspondent, and Asia correspondent for the Swedish daily *Svenska Dagbladet*, he is the author of, among others, *The Costliest Pearl: China's Struggle for India's Ocean* (also published by Hurst).



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#### KRISTIAN COATES ULRICHSEN

## Kingdom of Football

### Saudi Arabia and the Remaking of World Soccer

*Kingdom of Football* explores how and why Saudi Arabia burst onto the landscape of world football in 2023, and examines what the speed and scale of Saudi engagement—as investor, owner, sponsor, host and competitor—might mean for the Kingdom and for football.

Writing as both a football fan and a Gulf specialist, Kristian Coates Ulrichsen offers historical and comparative contexts for Saudi Arabia's startling emergence as a world football hub in the 2020s, exploring both previous Saudi investment in the game, in the 1970s, and national attempts elsewhere to kickstart the sport, as in the United States, Japan and China.

Going beyond popular media labels such as 'sportswashing', this fascinating book examines what drives Saudi policymaking, connecting the move into football with domestic economic and social developments, as well as external and foreign policy considerations. It also examines how Riyadh's foray into world football both builds upon and yet differs from the approaches taken by other Gulf States, such as Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Finally, Coates Ulrichsen assesses the sustainability and durability of the Kingdom's engagement with the sport in the decade-long countdown to the 2034 FIFA World Cup, which Saudi Arabia is set to host.

Kristian Coates Ulrichsen is Fellow for the Middle East at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, and an associate fellow of Chatham House's Middle East and North Africa Programme. His books with Hurst include Insecure Gulf and Centers of Power in the Arab Gulf States. He supports West Ham.

#### PETER SUTORIS & UMA PRADHAN

### Development Reimagined Bold Directions Towards a Thriving World

Imagining a better future is at the heart of development. But mainstream development models are driven by a very narrow, Westerncentric set of ideas about what it means to be human. What could be possible if we let ourselves imagine differently?

As our world continues to evolve at breakneck speed and faces unprecedented crises-from the decaying environment to cascading inequalitythe need for bold new directions for development has never been greater. Peter Sutoris and Uma Pradhan put a spotlight on the thoughtprovoking visions of leading theorists, activists and practitioners for rethinking development as a political project towards more equitable futures. Questioning top-down economic frameworks, they explore transformative ideas-from degrowth to indigenous knowledge-that may enable us to address the complexities of our rapidly changing global landscape. They consider how the world can chart a path towards reconciling the moral case for eradicating poverty with these critical perspectives to advance a more ethical approach, one that is sensitive to history, diversity, and the challenges and opportunities of this moment.

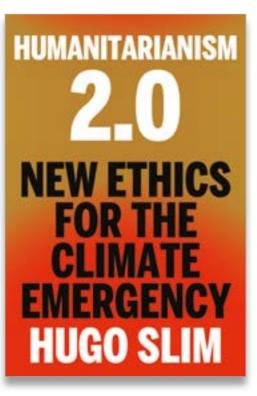
If development is to remain relevant today, it must reinvent itself—and finally listen to voices on the ground.

Peter Sutoris is Lecturer in Climate and Development at the University of Leeds, and the author of Visions of Development and Educating for the Anthropocene. Uma Pradhan is Lecturer in Education and International Development at University College London, and the author of Simultaneous Identities: Language, Education and the Nepali Nation.

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#### **HUGO SLIM**

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Humanitarianism 2.0 offers a series of practical ethical pathways for aid workers and organisations to reimagine and redesign their purpose in the increasing number of climate-related disasters around the world. Slim expands the fundamental principle of humanity to include the protection of nature in humanitarian ethics, and also faces up to the hard challenge of impartiality and prioritisation in a universal emergency. He then recognises anticipation, adaptation, mitigation and locally led aid as humanitarian obligations in climate-related disasters.

Like everything else in the climate and nature crisis, humanitarian ethics need adaptation. Slim's bold, smart and much-needed proposals show the way.

Hugo Slim is a senior research fellow at the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford, and at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict at the Blavatnik School of Government.

#### **STEPHEN COAN**

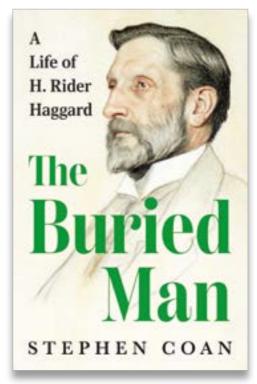
### The Buried Man A Life of H. Rider Haggard

H. Rider Haggard (1856–1925), author of *King Solomon's Mines*, *Allan Quatermain* and *She*, was no stranger to the continent where his bestsellers were set. He lived in southern Africa from 1875 to 1881, a period that witnessed Britain's attempted confederation of the sub-continent, the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879, and the final subjugation of its indigenous peoples. In this new biography, the South African aspect of Haggard's life is explored in hitherto unrecorded detail. The success of *King Solomon's Mines* saw him relinquish a legal career to write full-time; he also became a respected agricultural expert and social commentator, receiving a knighthood for his public service.

Haggard wrote over seventy books, fiction and non-fiction. His African adventure stories feature strong black characters, and the majority of his novels assertive female ones, not least She. Haggard's unwitting expression of the Victorian sub-conscious attracted the interest of both Freud and Jung. Haunted by a lost love, the tragic death of his only son and frequent bouts of depression, he endlessly probed the conundrums of life and death.

Containing much new material, this biography explores Haggard's personal and public life to resurrect the writer whom Graham Greene, an admirer, called 'the buried man'.

Stephen Coan is a newspaper editor; a theatre and film writer-director; author of poetry collection *Chant of the Doves*; and editor of two volumes of previously unpublished work by H. Rider Haggard: *Diary of An African Journey* (1914) and (with Alfred Tella) *Mameena and Other Plays*. He lives in Johannesburg.



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An incisive study of one of the world's most important, and rapidly complexifying, international partnerships.

#### PETER SPARDING

### No Better Friend? The United States and Germany Since 1945

The German-American relationship is the decisive transatlantic dynamic of our time. Long seen as one of the most stable connections between Europe and America thanks to its well-defined Cold War structure and hierarchy, relations between Washington and Berlin have become much more volatile in the twenty-first century and are playing an increasingly pivotal role in determining the degree to which Europe and the United States will be able to shape a rapidly changing world order.

Stabilising this uniquely complicated relationship will be no easy feat. At times more closely aligned politically, and more intertwined economically, than any other transatlantic pair, since the end of the Cold War these republics have seen their relations characterised by frequent diplomatic, cultural and philosophical clashes and misunderstandings, and a trail of disappointed expectations.

Peter Sparding examines the long history between the two countries and their peoples; the narratives and perceptions harboured by each nation concerning the other; and the evolution of diplomatic, economic and security ties. Appraising the complicated interplay between Germany and the United States vis-à-vis a rising China, and the domestic challenges facing both countries, his book offers an outlook on how this all-important relationship might function going forward.

Peter Sparding has written about and analysed U.S.-Germany relations and transatlantic economic and foreign policy ties for two decades. He has been a fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States and has lived, worked and studied in Washington D.C., Berlin, Copenhagen and Kansas City.

#### SAMUEL RAMANI

## Rudderless Superpower The United States in Africa

When President George H.W. Bush and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev convened in Malta in December 1989, superpower contestation gave way to a new era of US unipolarity. In Africa, the Cold War had already ended. The Soviet Union had abandoned its Marxist-Leninist client states, and Cuban forces were leaving Angola. Yet, just five years later, Washington's hegemonic aspirations in Africa seemed quixotic at best and delusional at worst.

US military defeat in Somalia and the 1994 Rwandan Genocide both highlighted the absence of American grand strategy. Over the next quarter-century, the US ceded its economic primacy in Africa to China and was relegated to a spectator role in key security crises. Could the US have forestalled the continent's embrace of multipolarity through consistent engagement and a firm break from Cold War thinking? And is the crumbling of US power there reversible?

*Rudderless Superpower* addresses these questions through a meticulous chronological examination of US policy in Africa since the 1990s. In a break from traditional accounts revolving around crisis moments and leadership at the White House, Ramani contends that the perpetuation of Cold War–era mistakes and diplomatic failures placed US influence in Africa on a path of inexorable decline.

Samuel Ramani is Associate Fellow at London's Royal United Services Institute. The author of *Putin's War on Ukraine* and *Russia in Africa* (both published by Hurst), Samuel regularly advises the US and UK governments on security issues relating to Africa, and contributes to *Foreign Policy*, CNN and the BBC.

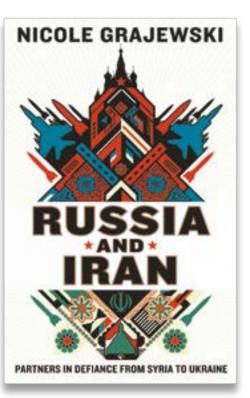
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#### NICOLE GRAJEWSKI

## Russia and Iran

### Partners in Defiance from Syria to Ukraine

Vladimir Putin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 has cast a spotlight on Russia's newly sturdy partnership with Iran. Moscow looked to Tehran for drones and ammunition to fuel its so-called 'special military operation', and Iran's support for Russia's war reflects a decade-long strengthening of Russo-Iranian ties, beginning with the 2011 outbreak of the Syrian Civil War.

Despite a relationship historically marred by mistrust and unmet expectations, the two regimes have worked together to promote their common interests in Syria, where battlefield coordination soon developed into much deeper political alignment. Drawing on extensive Russian and Persian primary sources, and interviews with elites from both countries, Nicole Grajewski uncovers the drivers of ever-closer cooperation between the Kremlin and the Islamic Republic. Detailing the internal structures, shared anxieties and broader ambitions underpinning this alignment, she explores the genesis of Russia and Iran's mutual antagonism towards the Western-led global order; the impact of deep-seated leadership concerns over regime security and domestic protests; and the future trajectory of the partnership within the larger world order.

Examining both military dynamics and economic endeavours, as well as elaborate sanctions evasion schemes and collaboration within international organisations, this is the definitive account of contemporary Russia–Iran relations.

Nicole Grajewski is Fellow in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Associate Researcher with the Belfer Center's Project on Managing the Atom, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She received her PhD and MPhil from the University of Oxford. She speaks Russian, Persian and French.

#### **TOM THEUNS**

# Protecting Democracy in Europe

### Pluralism, Autocracy and the Future of the EU

The future of Europe as a community of democratic states is deeply uncertain. The European Union, founded to promote 'ever closer' integration, aims nominally for peaceful, prosperous cooperation. But this ideal has been battered by a series of bruising crises, and now by war.

Protecting Democracy in Europe examines how, in this brave new world, the EU can and must safeguard democratic governance within its member states. Reviewing the Union's past responses, Tom Theuns demonstrates that its existing laws and policies are normatively and expressively incoherent. Its failure to defend democratic values is unsurprising: the EU's existing toolbox is based on an impoverished conception of democracy, and runs counter to its fundamental principles. Close attention to speeches by European Commissioners shows that they see democracy in a technical and legalistic way. This perspective— 'democracy without politics'—is easy for wouldbe autocrats to exploit.

To protect democracy in Europe, Theuns argues, the EU must urgently correct policies that make it complicit in democratic backsliding. It must contain autocratic influences (within the strict limits of its political authority). And it must cultivate pluralist democracy within its constituent countries. But where this fails, he concludes, autocratic members should be expelled.

**Tom Theuns** is Senior Assistant Professor of Political Theory and European Politics at Leiden University's Institute of Political Science, and Associate Researcher at Sciences Po in Paris. He has published widely, including in *American Political Science Review*, the *Journal of Common Market Studies* and the *Journal of European Integration*.

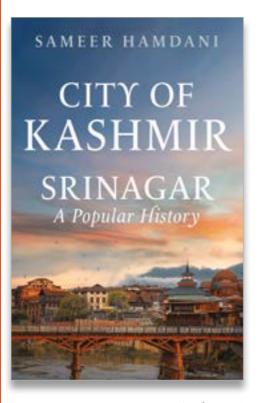
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Sameer Hamdani is an architectural historian and conservation specialist for the Aga Khan Foundation, Srinagar. His previous books include Shi'ism in Kashmir: A History of Sunni–Shia Rivalry and Reconciliation and The Syncretic Traditions of Islamic Religious Architecture of Kashmir.

# MALEEHA LODHI (ed.) Pakistan The Search for Stability

Pakistan is facing a multitude of critical challenges, a 'Polycrisis' arising in many areas at once political, constitutional, economic, securityrelated, geo-political, demographic and ecological. These systemic predicaments are the cumulative consequence of decades of poor governance and squandered opportunities, whose convergence now creates a formidable existential threat.

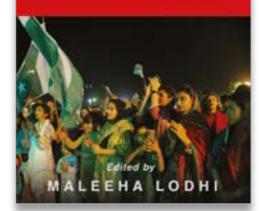
Maleeha Lodhi holds that Pakistan's governmental leaders, both civilian and military, have failed to take a long view and to outline a vision for the country. They have spent much of their time in power operating in crisis management or power preservation modes, postponing meaningful reform and looking for expedient short-term 'solutions'. The consequences of those sins of omission and commission are now coming together.

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Maleeha Lodhi PhD is a political scientist and former diplomat, who has served as high commissioner to the United Kingdom and twice as ambassador to the United States. For four years, she served as Pakistan's permanent representative to the United Nations. She was the first woman to hold the position.

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# Gunpoint Capitalism

# Enforcing Industrial Order in Karachi

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Laurent Gayer is CNRS Senior Research Professor at CERI-Sciences Po. He is the author of *Karachi* and co-editor of *Muslims in Indian Cities* and *Armed Militias of South Asia* (all published by Hurst); and co-author with Gilles Favarel-Garrigues of *Proud to Punish: The Global Landscapes of Rough Justice*.

BUSINESS

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# The Innovation Paradox

# Venture Capital, Global Partnerships and the Struggle for Technological Sovereignty

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**Dominique Mégret** is Head of Swisscom Ventures and a board member of Ecorobotix, having spent over a decade as a venture capitalist. He is the author of *Deeptech Nation*. James Mawson was editor of *Private Equity News*, before launching Global Corporate Venturing in 2010 and Global University Venturing in 2012.

# THE INNOVATION PARADOX



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#### ALEMSEGED TESFAI

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Like its African neighbours, Eritrea attained colonial statehood under a European power, in this case Italy. Yet, during decolonisation, its people were singularly excluded from the right to selfdetermination, for external reasons: superpower rivalry over the country's strategic position on the Red Sea; a mistaken notion of irreconcilable sectarian differences within Eritrea's population, invoked in order to brand it a society unfit for statehood; and Ethiopia's imperial claim, based on mythical historical connections.

The Ethiopian call for Eritrea's return, supported by the UK and the US, sealed its fate at the international level. First, in the early 1950s, the UN General Assembly federated Eritrea as an autonomous unit under Ethiopian sovereignty; a decade later, Addis Ababa annexed it as a province—in neither case was the population consulted, sparking a liberation war.

This vital book traces the genesis of the Eritrean independence struggle through hitherto unexplored local sources, both written and oral, analysed against the rather scanty existing literature on this period. Alemseged Tesfai refocuses the narrative on the actions, reactions and expectations of a relatively small nation, in both size and population, as it set out to right an international wrong, imposed by the Great Powers of the day.

Alemseged Tesfai is a lawyer and historian. Born in 1944 in the southern Eritrean town of Adi Quala, he is also the country's premier playwright. His drama *The Other War* was the first Eritrean play ever published, and the first to be translated into English.

#### **STEPHANIE WILLIAMS**

# Libya Since Qaddafi Crisis and Recovery on the Ground

Drawing on her experience as a United Nations mediator and a senior American diplomat, Williams provides first-hand Stephanie а examination of post-Qaddafi Libya. Using concrete examples from her experience in the country, Williams analyses the underlying drivers of the Libyan conflict, as well as the motivations of the international actors and the various Libyan protagonists. She bears witness to the horrific effect of General Haftar's attack on Tripoli in 2019, how it tore apart a UN peace process, and how she worked alongside UN envoy Ghassan Salamé to reassemble some semblance of an international consensus under the Berlin Process and accompanying intra-Libyan tracks: military, economic and political.

Williams recounts her leadership of the UN mediation during the Covid pandemic, adopting new technologies and blending hybrid and physical meetings to produce the October 2020 ceasefire agreement, as well as progress on the economic track and an inclusive political agreement. She also lays out the pernicious effect of new media on peacemaking, and how disinformation and hate speech have exacerbated Libya's fragmentation. Finally, Williams offers ideas on how to break Libya's cycle of division and dysfunction to meet the longstanding aspirations of the people to live in peace and dignity.

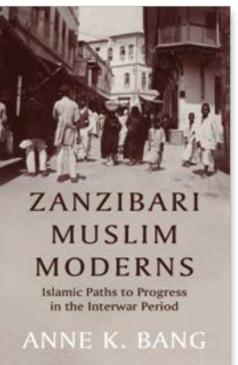
Stephanie Williams is an experienced international mediator serving with the UN in Libya, where she produced a nation-wide ceasefire agreement and a political agreement, using hybrid technologies to build a more inclusive process. A former US diplomat, Williams has an extensive background in the Middle East and North Africa region.

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# Zanzibari Muslim Moderns

# Islamic Paths to Progress in the Interwar Period

Zanzibari Muslim Moderns is a historical study of Zanzibar during the interwar years. This was a period marked by rapid intellectual and social change in the Muslim world, when ideas of Islamic progress and development were hotly debated. How did this process play out in Zanzibar?

Based on a wide range of sources-Islamic and colonial, private and public-Anne K. Bang examines how these concepts were received and promoted on the island, arguing that a new ideal emerged in its intellectual arena: the Muslim modern. Tracing the influences that shaped the outlook of this new figure, Bang draws lines to Islamic modernists in the Middle East, to local Sufi teachings, and to the recently founded state of Saudi Arabia. She presents the activities of the Muslim modern in the colonial employment system, as a contributor to international debates, as an activist in the community, and more. She also explores the formation of numerous faithbased associations during this period, as well as the views of the Muslim modern on everything from funerary practices and Mawlid celebrations to reading habits. A recurring theme throughout is the question with which many Muslim moderns were confronted: who should implement development? And for whom?

Anne K. Bang is Professor of African Islamic History at the University of Bergen. She has published widely on Islamic intellectual exchanges in the Indian Ocean, and particularly on East Africa. She has also led several projects to bring the scriptural sources of this history to wider attention.

#### DAVID S. TONGE

# The Enduring Hold of Islam in Turkey

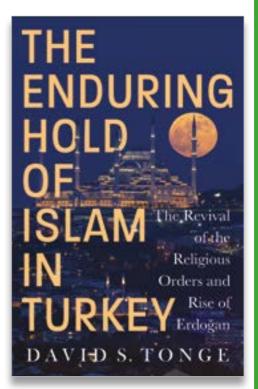
# The Revival of the Religious Orders and Rise of Erdoğan

This is the first account in English of how Islamic religious orders dating back to Ottoman times have risen to dominate and define the future of Turkey, Europe's awkward neighbour and the major power in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Given its determined programme of secularising the people both under and after the Attatürk regime, Turkey is often projected as a model for the compatibility of Islam with parliamentary democracy. In this absorbing book, journalist and writer David S. Tonge reveals the limitations of that secularisation, and its progressive reversal, in what continues to be a profoundly religious country. He describes how Muslim Turks' religious identity has been taken over by branches of one of Islam's great religious orders, the Naqshbandis, whose profoundly anti-Western ethos was honed by British and French colonial incursions into the heartland of their faith.

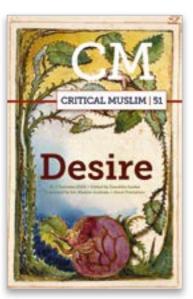
Tonge's history offers a salutary alternative to the wishful narrative developed by Western chancelleries during the Cold War, one which viewed Turkey as a westernising democracy. The revival of both Turkish nationalism and Islam helped President Erdoğan's rise to power, and will shape the regime that succeeds him—illuminating and understanding Turkey's realities of faith and religious politics has never been more important.

David S. Tonge has lived half of his life in Turkey. A scholar of Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, he reported from Ankara and Athens for the BBC, *Guardian* and *Observer*, then from London as the *Financial Times*' diplomatic correspondent. The author of *The Kremlin's Confidant*, he grows citrus and olives.



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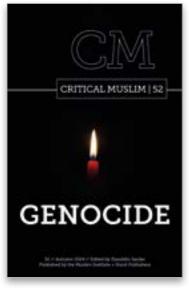


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# Critical Muslim 51: Desire

To be human is to desire. But often desire finds itself in opposition to values and virtues. Giving in to one's desires denies one moral righteousness; in the Islamic tradition, humanity, tested by selfish wants, must temper and tame our earthly desires through faith. In this issue of *Critical Muslim*, desire will be given an updated analysis for our contemporary world. Being a good person must consist of a life devoted to more than subduing desire. And why must desire be the bogeyman? Is it any of our business? Postmodernism says to let people choose what they desire and pursue. Yet temperance has value in a neoliberal world of opulent consumption. There must be a way to find not only the beauty in our desires, but also the ethical alternatives available for our own and our planet's wellbeing. Or is this having our cake and eating it too?



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# Critical Muslim 52: Genocide

Today, genocide has almost entirely lost its meaning. Either its occurrence is denied into oblivion, or its frequency allows it to fall on stone-deaf ears in a world on fire. As our newsfeeds inundate us with the agony of the Palestinians, the Rohingyas, the Uighurs and a seemingly endless list of minority, marginalised communities, where does one draw the line? Even the UN Convention on Genocide has its own murky past. While endless committees and talking heads get lost in the technicalities, we experience global numbness in the face of others' suffering, and genocide becomes no more than a word whose definition can be negotiated. This issue of *Critical Muslim* asks: can we learn the lessons demanded by our past; and can we find a new, open approach to this destructive devastation, for the sake of all our futures?

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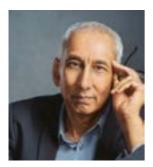
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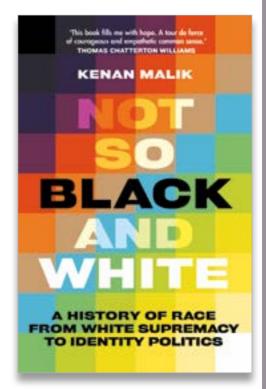
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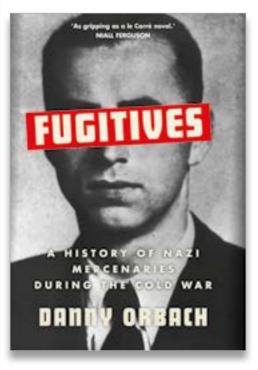
Kenan Malik is a writer, lecturer, broadcaster and Observer columnist. A former Moral Maze panellist, he has presented BBC Radio 3's Nightwaves and Radio 4's Analysis. His previous books include The Quest for a Moral Compass; and

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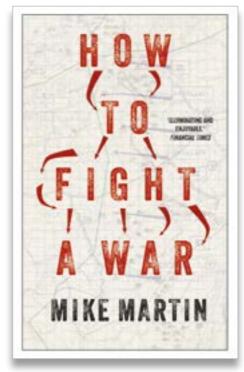
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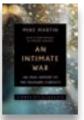
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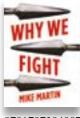
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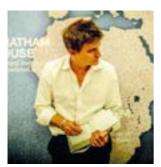




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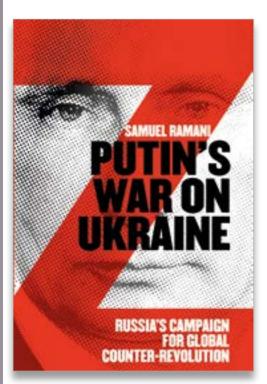
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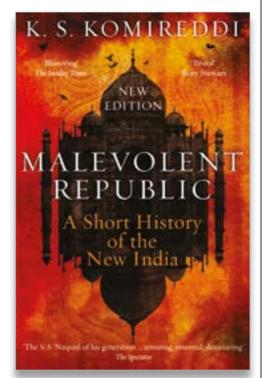
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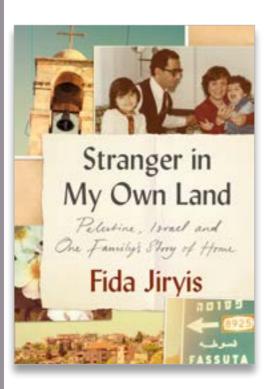
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Fida Jiryis is a Palestinian writer and editor who has written on life as a Palestinian in Israel and the West Bank. She contributed to *Kingdom of Olives and Ash*, a *Washington Post* bestseller on fifty years of Israeli occupation, and

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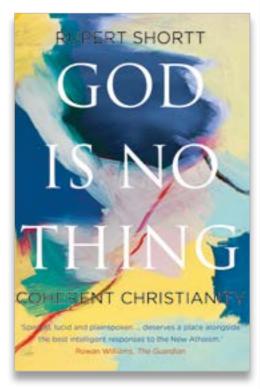
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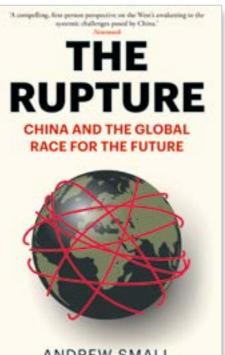
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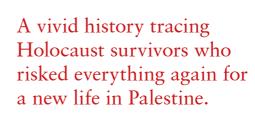
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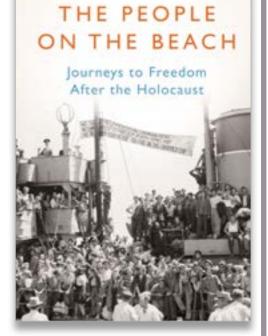
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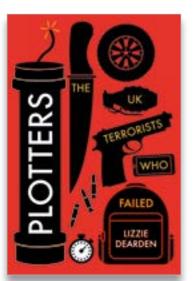
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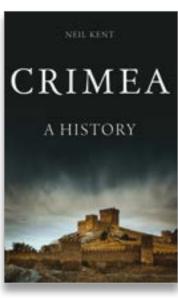
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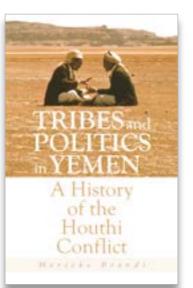
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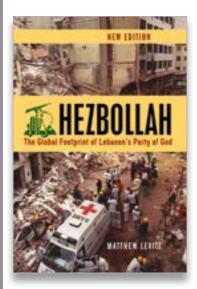
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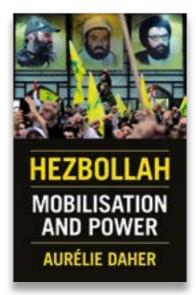
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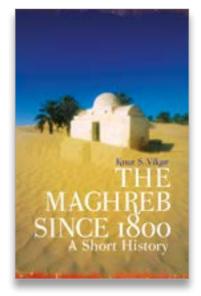
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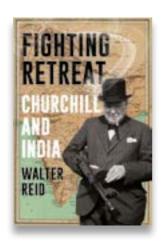
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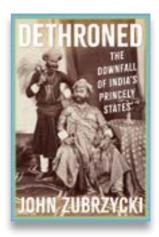


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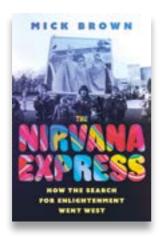
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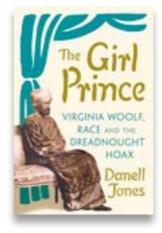
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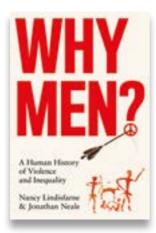
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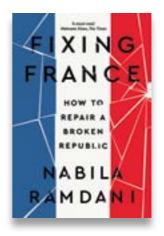
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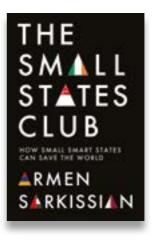
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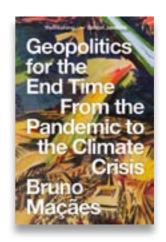
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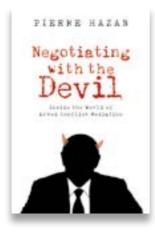
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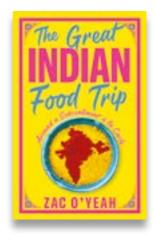
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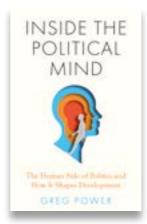
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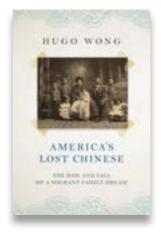
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