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A thrilling history of MI9 – the WWII organisation that engineered the escape of Allied forces from behind enemy lines.

MI9
A History of The Secret Service for Escape and Evasion in World War Two
Helen Fry

When Allied fighters were trapped behind enemy lines, one branch of military intelligence helped them escape: MI9. The organisation set up clandestine routes that zig-zagged across Nazi-occupied Europe, enabling soldiers and airmen to make their way home. Secret agents and resistance fighters risked their lives and those of their families to hide the men.

Drawing on declassified files and eye witness testimonies from across Europe and the United States, Helen Fry provides a significant reassessment of MI9’s wartime role. Central to its success were figures such as Airey Neave, Jimmy Langley, Sam Derry and Beatrice Thompson – the only woman parachuted into Holland. This astonishing account combines escape and evasion tales with the previously untold stories behind the establishment of MI9 – and reveals how the organisation saved thousands of lives.

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September
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The first authoritative biography in English of Ivan Morozov and his astonishing art collection, seized in the Russian Revolution

Natalya Semenova is a Russian art historian. She is the author of The Collector and coeditor of Selling Russia's Treasures. Arch Tait is an award-winning translator and has translated over 30 books by leading Russian authors.

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Morozov
The Story of a Family and a Lost Collection
Natalya Semenova

A stupendously wealthy Moscow textile merchant, Ivan Morozov started buying art in a modest way in 1900 until, on a trip to Paris, he developed a taste for the avant-garde. Methodical and highly discerning, he acquired works by the likes of Monet and Pissarro, Renoir and Bonnard. Unlike his friend Sergei Shchukin, he collected Russian as well as European art. Altogether he spent 1.5 million francs on a total of 278 paintings and 23 sculptures – more than any other collector of the age.

Natalya Semenova traces Morozov’s life, family and achievements, and sheds light on the interrelated worlds of European and Russian art at the turn of the century. Morozov always intended to leave his art to the state – but with the Revolution in 1917 he found himself appointed ‘assistant curator’ to his own collection. He fled Russia with his family, and his collection was later divided between Moscow and St Petersburg, only to languish in storage for decades.

A tremendously powerful and wide-ranging account – told through individual stories – of how coerced migration built the British Empire

Condemned
The Transported Men, Women and Children Who Built Britain’s Empire
Graham Seal

In the early seventeenth century, Britain took ruthless steps to deal with its unwanted citizens, forcibly removing men, women and children from their homelands and sending them to far-flung corners of the empire to be sold off to colonial masters. This oppressive regime grew into a brutal system of human bondage which would continue into the twentieth century.

Drawing on first-hand accounts, letters and official documents, Graham Seal uncovers the traumatic struggles of those shipped around the empire. He shows how the earliest large-scale kidnapping and transportation of children to the American colonies were quickly bolstered with shipments of the poor, criminal and rebellious to different continents, including Australia. From Asia to Africa, this global trade in forced labour allowed Britain to build its colonies while turning a considerable profit. Incisive and moving, this account brings to light the true extent of a cruel strand in the history of the British Empire.

Graham Seal is Professor of Folklore at Curtin University and a leading expert on Australian cultural history. He is author of numerous books including These Few Lines, which won a National Biography Award, and The Savage Shore.

By the same author

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A provocative account showing that ‘China’ – and its 5000-years of unified history – is a national myth, created only a century ago with a political agenda that persists to this day.

The Invention of China
Bill Hayton
China’s current leadership lays claim to a 5000 year-old civilisation, but ‘China’ as a unified country and people, Bill Hayton argues, was created far more recently by a small group of intellectuals.

In this compelling account, Hayton shows how China’s present-day geopolitical problems – the fates of Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tibet, Xinjiang and the South China Sea – were born in the struggle to create a modern nation-state. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries reformers and revolutionaries adopted foreign ideas to ‘invent’ a new vision of China. By asserting a particular, politicised version of the past the government bolstered its claim to a vast territory stretching from the Pacific to Central Asia. Ranging across history, nationhood, language and territory, Hayton shows how the Republic’s reworking of its past not only helped it to justify its right to rule a century ago – but continues to motivate and direct policy today.

Bill Hayton is an Associate Fellow with the Asia-Pacific Programme at Chatham House and a journalist with BBC World News. He is the author of The South China Sea and Vietnam.
A major new investigation into the Bhutto family, examining their influence in Pakistan from the colonial era to the present day

The Bhutto Dynasty
The Struggle for Power in Pakistan
Owen Bennett-Jones

The Bhutto family has long been one of the most ambitious and powerful in Pakistan. But politics has cost the Bhuttos dear.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, widely regarded as the most talented politician in the country, was deposed as President in 1977 and executed two years later, at the age of 51. Of his four children, three met unnatural deaths: Shahnawaz was poisoned in 1985 at the age of 27; Murtaza was shot by the police outside his home in 1996, aged 42; and Benazir Bhutto, who led the Pakistan Peoples Party and became Prime Minister twice, was killed by a suicide bomber in Rawalpindi in 2007, aged 54.

Drawing on original research and unpublished documents gathered over twenty years, Owen Bennett-Jones explores the turbulent existence of this extraordinary family, including their volatile relationship with British colonialists, the armed forces and the United States.
A new history of the Irish Revolution – told through the first comprehensive record of those who died in the struggle for independence

Eunan O’Halpin & Daithí Ó Corráin

The Dead of the Irish Revolution

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The Dead of the Irish Revolution
Eunan O’Halpin and Daithí Ó Corráin

Between 1916 and 1921, Ireland was wracked with civil unrest as it struggled for independence from Britain. This turbulent period witnessed the Easter Rising, the Irish War for Independence, transition to self-government and a bitter civil war.

Eunan O’Halpin and Daithí Ó Corráin catalogue the fatalities of the 2,344 men, women and children who died during the years of state formation, revealing the consequences of political violence from the Rising to the end of 1921. Collating deaths by county and by category of people killed – including civilian and military – O’Halpin and Ó Corráin chart for the first time individual casualties within a broader context. They show how different forms of violence affected different groups, the nature of the insurgents’ relationship with the people and the operations of security forces. This account provides a unique and comprehensive picture of the people who died and, through them, of the revolution itself.
Great British Reboot
How the UK Can Thrive in a Turbulent World
Alex Brummer

Britain is a global powerhouse in creative industries and professional services, and is host to entrepreneurs and corporations on the cutting-edge of technological progress. Why then, is the economic rhetoric surrounding Britain dominated by trepidation and doubt? In *The Great British Reboot*, Alex Brummer plots an ambitious course for Britain’s future after Brexit – drawing upon first-hand interviews with the leading minds in business and his own expertise as a seasoned economic journalist.

Refreshingly realistic and yet undaunted, Brummer outlines how our current moment can be reshaped into an unprecedented opportunity for economic prosperity – a chance for Britain to reconsider its budgetary model, along with its concessions to corporate governance. He emphasises the need for a new long-term approach, which would allow Britain to capitalise upon the ever-changing global market and new technological developments. This is an inspiring investigation into how careful planning and innovative reform can lead to a flourishing economy.
Mussolini and the Eclipse of Italian Fascism

From Dictatorship to Populism

R. J. B. Bosworth

On the tenth anniversary of his rise to power, Mussolini seemed to many the ‘good dictator’. He was the first totalitarian and the first fascist in modern Europe. But in 1933 Hitler’s entrance onto the political stage signalled a German take-over of the fascist ideology. As Italy lost territories in the Anschluss, the country became Germany’s ‘ignoble second’ in the global war.

In this definitive account, eminent historian R. J. B. Bosworth charts Mussolini’s leadership in reaction to Hitler. Bosworth shows how Italy’s decline on the world stage led Mussolini to pursue a more populist approach: angry and bellicose words at home, violent aggression abroad, and a more extreme emphasis on charisma. In his embittered efforts to bolster an increasingly hollow and ruthless regime, it was Mussolini, rather than Hitler, who offered the model for all subsequent dictators.
Told for the first time from their own point of view, this is the story of children who survived the Holocaust – and their experiences of living with a past marked by chaos, trauma and war.

Survivors
Children's Lives after the Holocaust
Rebecca Clifford

How can we make sense of our lives when we do not know where we come from? This question has never been more apt than for the youngest survivors of the Holocaust, whose pre-war memories were vague and even non-existent. In this beautifully-written account, Rebecca Clifford follows the lives of one hundred Jewish children out of the ruins of conflict through their adulthood and on into old age.

Drawing on a remarkable range of archival material and interviews, Clifford charts the experiences of these child survivors and those who cared for and studied them – including Anna Freud. She explores the long-term aftermath of the Holocaust, revealing that the children – often branded ‘the lucky ones’ – were negotiators, manipulators and free agents in their own right.

Challenging our most fundamental assumptions about trauma, Clifford’s powerful narrative helps us understand what it was like living after, and living with, childhoods marked by rupture and loss.

Published to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the arrival of young concentration camp survivors in the UK.
Fake Heritage
*Why We Rebuild Monuments*
John Darlington

What happens when the past – or, more specifically, a piece of cultural heritage – is fabricated? From 50 replica Eiffel Towers located around the world to Saddam Hussein’s reconstructions of ancient cities, examples of forged heritage are widespread. Some are easy to dismiss as blatant frauds (the Piltdown Man), while others adhere to honest copying or respectful homage (the Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee). This compelling book examines copies of historic buildings, faux archaeological sites and other false artefacts, using them to explore the ethics and consequences of reconstructing the past; it also tackles the issues involved with faithful, ‘above-board’ recreations of ancient landmarks.

John Darlington probes questions of historical authenticity, seeking the lessons that lurk when history is twisted to tell an untrue story. Amplified by stunning images, the narrative underscores how the issue of duplicating heritage is both intriguing and incredibly complex, especially in the twenty-first century – as communication and technology flourish, so too do our opportunities to be deceived.
The Craft of Poetry

A Primer in Verse

Lucy Newlyn

How does poetry work? What should readers notice and look out for? Poet Lucy Newlyn demystifies the principles of the form, effortlessly illustrating key approaches and terms – all through her own original verse. Each poem exemplifies an aspect of poetic craft – but read together they suggest how poetry can evoke a whole community and its way of life in myriad ways.

In a series of beautiful meditations, Newlyn guides the reader through key aspects of poetry, from sonnets and haiku to volta and synecdoche. Avoiding glosses and notes, her poems are allowed to speak for themselves, and show that there are no limits to what poetry can communicate. Newlyn’s timeless verse will appeal to lovers of poetry as well as to practitioners, teachers and students of all ages.

Onomatopoeia

You’d play here all day if you had your way –
near the stepping-stones, in the clearest
of rock-pools, where water slaps and slips;
where minnows dart, and a baby trout flop-flips.

Lucy Newlyn is a poet and Emeritus Fellow in English, St Edmund Hall, Oxford. In addition to studies of the Romantic poets and Edward Thomas, she is the author of three collections of poetry, Ginnel, Earth’s Almanac and Vital Stream.
A new look at tragedy and its fundamental position in Western culture

Terry Eagleton is Distinguished Visiting Professor of English Literature at Lancaster University, and the author of more than fifty books in the fields of literary theory, postmodernism, politics, ideology and religion.

Tragedy
Terry Eagleton

In this compelling account, eminent literary critic Terry Eagleton explores the nuances of tragedy in western culture – from literature and politics to philosophy and theatre. Eagleton covers a vast array of thinkers and practitioners, including Nietzsche, Walter Benjamin and Slavoj Žižek, as well as key figures in theatre – from Sophocles and Aeschylus to Shakespeare and Ibsen.

Eagleton examines the political nature of tragedy, looking closely at its connection with periods of historical transition. The dramatic form originated not as a meditation on the human condition, but in moments of political engagement, when civilisations struggled with the conflicts that beset them.

Tragedy, Eagleton demonstrates, is fundamental to human experience and culture.
The Cost of Free Money
How Unfettered Capital Threatens Our Economic Future
Paola Subacchi

When it comes to the afflictions of the global economy, almost everyone—and especially Donald Trump—is quick to point the finger of blame at the state of international trade. But what about unconstrained capital flows? Unfettered capital has resulted in a string of financial and economic crises that have left our political systems strained and dialogue corroded. The once perceived benefits of openness have been cast to the wayside and the cracks in the global order can no longer be ignored.

Paola Subacchi argues that international cooperation and interdependence have become crippled. Regional restrictions will soon strengthen and a multipolar order will take shape, leading to a distinctly transformed economic landscape in which China challenges the dominance of the US dollar. Combining history, analysis, and prediction, this book provides penetrating insight into the challenges facing the international economic order.
A dramatic account which shows how, contrary to expectation, the crusaders were highly strategic

The Crusader Strategy

Defending The Holy Land

Steve Tibble

How far did crusader societies – often seen as backward, brutish and culturally isolated – develop ‘strategy’? Planning and strategic implementation were difficult to put into practice in the medieval world: the Franks in particular faced a chronic lack of manpower and money as well as difficulties in obtaining reinforcements from Europe. There was no ‘grand strategy’ – pragmatism and opportunism largely ruled.

In this lively account, Steve Tibble draws on a rich array of primary sources to show how, contrary to expectation, the crusaders were highly strategic and their decision-making rarely random. Tibble assesses the actions of major participants in crusader warfare, events on the ground and patterns of behaviour over time. He reveals how – from aggressive castle-building aimed at cutting off Muslim strongholds to implementing a series of invasions into eastern Egypt to exert pressure – crusader leaders successfully pursued long-term objectives and displayed formidable single-minded attention to strategic goals.
Edward the Confessor
Tom Licence

One of the last kings of Anglo-Saxon England, Edward the Confessor regained the throne for the House of Wessex and is the only English monarch to be canonised. He has often been characterised as an unwilling ruler, easily able to be manipulated by his in-laws, and criticised for causing the invasion of 1066 – the last successful conquest of England by a foreign power.

Tom Licence navigates the contemporary webs of political deceit to present a strikingly different Edward. He was a compassionate man and conscientious ruler, whose reign marked an interval of peace and prosperity between periods of strife. Probably more than any monarch before, he exploited the mystique of royalty to capture the hearts of his subjects. This compelling biography provides a much-needed reassessment of Edward’s reign – calling into doubt the legitimacy of his successors and shedding new light on the last days of Anglo-Saxon England.
The untold story of a group of Irish cities and their remarkable development before the age of industrialisation

The First Irish Cities
An Eighteenth-century Transformation
David Dickson

A backward island on the periphery of Europe in 1600, Ireland underwent profound changes in the following centuries, most evident in the rise of a series of port cities. Dublin became Europe’s 14th largest city by 1750, on a par with Berlin, and Cork was among the top 25. The remarkable development of these centres has been overlooked and their wider significance unnoticed.

David Dickson looks at ten of the largest Irish urban centres between the mid-seventeenth and early nineteenth centuries – including Waterford, Galway and Belfast – and traces their emergence during this period of exceptional growth. He explores patterns in their physical, social and cultural evolution, relating these to the complex legacies of a violent past, and reflects on their partial eclipse in the nineteenth century. Beautifully illustrated, this account reveals how the country’s cities were both distinctive and – through the Irish diaspora – influential far beyond Ireland’s shores.

38 colour + 28 b/w illus. & 2 maps.
320 pp. 234x156mm.

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Sebastian Strangio is a fellow at the International Reporting Project and author of Hun Sen’s Cambodia. He is a former editor at the Phnom Penh Post (Cambodia’s oldest English-language newspaper), and a leading commentator on politics in Cambodia and Myanmar.

Today, Southeast Asia stands uniquely exposed to China’s expanding power. Three of the Southeast Asian nations border China and five are directly impacted by its claims over the South China Sea. All dwell in the lengthening shadow of its influence: economic, political, military and cultural. As Beijing aggressively seeks to reassert its authority over its former tributary states, the countries of Southeast Asia are faced with increasingly stark options: accept Chinese control and much-needed aid, or resist and try to find support elsewhere.

Drawing on his considerable on-the-ground expertise, Sebastian Strangio explores the varied ways in which the people and governments of these countries are experiencing and responding to China’s ascent. With rival powers including the United States and Japan moving to curb Chinese ambitions, Southeast Asia has emerged as a strategic pivot in the Pacific – and in China’s future trajectory.
Smallpox was the scourge of the eighteenth century: it showed no mercy, almost wiping out whole societies. Young and old, poor and royalty were equally at risk – unless they had survived a previous attack. Daniel Sutton, a young surgeon from Suffolk, used this knowledge to pioneer a simple and effective inoculation method to counter the disease. His technique paved the way for Edward Jenner’s discovery of vaccination – but, while Jenner is revered, Sutton has been vilified for not widely revealing his methods until later in life.

Gavin Weightman reclaims Sutton’s importance, showing how the clinician’s practical and observational discoveries advanced understanding of the nature of disease. Weightman explores Sutton’s personal and professional development, and the wider world of eighteenth-century health in which he practised inoculation. Sutton’s brilliant and exacting mind had a significant impact on medicine – the effects of which can still be seen today.
Janet M. Hartley is Emeritus Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science and author of *Siberia: A History of the People*.

The Volga
*A History*
Janet M. Hartley

The longest river in Europe, the Volga stretches over two thousand miles from the Caspian Sea into the heart of Russia, separating west from east. The river has played a crucial role in the history of the peoples who are now a part of the Russian Federation – and has united and divided the land through which it flows.

Janet Hartley explores the history of Russia through the Volga from the seventh century to the present day. She looks at how it has long served as an artery for trade; how it has been a testing ground for the Russian Empire’s control of the borderlands, and, how in the twentieth century it has formed an important part of wartime strategy, not least at the Battle of Stalingrad. This vibrant account unearths what life on the river was really like, telling the story of its diverse people and its vital place in Russian history.

A rich and fascinating exploration of the Volga – the first to fully reveal its vital place in Russian history.
Accursed Tower
*The Crusaders’ Last Battle for the Holy Land*
Roger Crowley

The city of Acre, powerfully fortified and richly provisioned, was the last crusader stronghold. When it fell in 1291, two hundred years of Christian crusading in the Holy Land came to a bloody end. With his customary narrative brilliance, Roger Crowley chronicles the tumultuous and violent attack on Acre, the heaviest bombardment before the age of gunpowder. Drawing on little known first hand sources, both Christian and Arabic, Crowley provides a gripping account of a pivotal moment in world history.

‘Crowley provides a fast-paced narrative, woven with dexterity, building to a crescendo that describes the siege in all its harrowing detail.’ – Sophie Therese Ambler, *BBC History Magazine*

‘This is an excellent all-encompassing account of the fall of the last Crusader stronghold in the Holy Land.’ – Alexander Stilwell, *Catholic Herald*

‘Gripping and brilliantly researched . . . This is history red in tooth and claw.’—Justin Marozzi, author of *Islamic Empires*

Roger Crowley is a British historian and author. His four highly-acclaimed previous books include *Constantinople* and *New York Times* bestseller, *Empires of the Sea.*

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The Collector
*The Story of Sergei Shchukin and His Lost Masterpieces*
Natalya Semenova and André-Marc Delocque-Fourcaud

The first biography of the great Russian art collector, Sergei Shchukin, who was a highly successful textiles merchant in the latter half of the nineteenth century, but also one of the first to appreciate the qualities of the Impressionists and Post-Impressionists and to acquire works by Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso. A trailblazer in the Russian art world, Shchukin opened his controversial collection to the public, inspiring a future generation of artists and changing the face of the Russian art world.


‘This fast-paced and painstakingly researched book provides unique testimony of a supremely agile and intellectually curious patron, who from the edges of Europe injected precious energy into the vanguard of modern art.’ – Rosalind P Blakesley, *Literary Review*

‘Ms. Semenova and Mr. Delocque trace the intricate story of how Shchukin built his collection and carefully arranged its presentation in the Trubetskoy Palace.’ – E.A. Carmean Jr., *Wall Street Journal*

Natalya Semenova is a Russian art historian. She is coauthor of *Matisse Et La Russie* and coeditor of *Selling Russia’s Treasures: The Soviet Trade In Nationalized Art, 1917–1938.* André Delocque is Sergei Shchukin’s grandson.
The Walls Have Ears
*The Greatest Intelligence Operation of World War II*
Helen Fry

At the outbreak of World War II, MI6 spymaster Thomas Kendrick trialed a top secret operation: German prisoners’ cells were to be bugged and their private conversations transcribed. This operation would go on to provide the Allies with crucial insight into new technology being developed by the Nazis. In this astonishing history, Helen Fry uncovers the inner workings of the bugging operation and reveals how the Allies gained access to some of Hitler’s most closely guarded secrets.


‘Interesting, informative, enlightening.’ – *All About History*


Helen Fry is the author of *The London Cage* and over twenty books focusing on intelligence and POWs in World War II. She consulted on the docudrama *Spying on Hitler’s Army* and appeared in BBC’s *Home Front Heroes*.

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Bletchley Park and D-Day
*The Untold Story of How the Battle for Normandy Was Won*
David Kenyon

Since the secret of Bletchley Park was revealed in the 1970s, the work of its codebreakers has become one of the most famous stories of the Second World War. But cracking the Nazis’ codes was only the start of the intelligence process. Using previously classified documents, David Kenyon casts the work of Bletchley in a new light and reveals its vital contribution to success in Normandy, and ultimately, Allied victory.

‘ Gives an illuminating examination of the intelligence operations that helped to secure the Allied victory at Normandy.’ – Melody Foreman, *Britain at War*

‘Adds substantially to our understanding of the vast operational-intelligence machine that the Allies assembled.’ – Helen Fry, *Wall Street Journal*

‘David Kenyon and Bletchley Park is the dream ticket. A wonderful scholar and communicator writing about one of the world’s most fascinating historical sites.’ – Dan Snow, historian, documentary filmmaker and television presenter

David Kenyon is the research historian at Bletchley Park. He is coauthor of *Digging the Trenches* and author of *Horsemen in No Man’s Land*. 
**Emporer**

*A New Life of Charles V*

Geoffrey Parker

Historian Geoffrey Parker unearthed an archive unseen for a century which included documentation on the defects of Charles V’s ministers and the problems that faced his monarchy, written entirely in his own hand in 1543. This is the first modern biography to present this and other new material, offering the definitive account of the ruler of the first transatlantic empire, his achievements, capabilities and flaws.

‘An extraordinary man who achieves extraordinary things requires an extraordinary biographer. In Parker, he has one. Seldom does one find a work of such profound scholarship delivered in such elegant and engaging prose. Drawing deftly on an astonishing volume of documentary evidence, Parker has produced a masterpiece: an epic, detailed and vivid life of this complex man and his impossibly large empire’ – Susannah Lipscomb, *Financial Times*

‘This biography is as majestic as its subject’ – Daniel Johnson, *The Sunday Times*


Geoffrey Parker is Andreas Dorpalen Professor of History and associate of the Mershon Center at Ohio State University, and Profesor Afiliado, División de Historia, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City. His previous books include *Global Crisis: War, Climate Change and Catastrophe in the Seventeenth Century.*

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**Domina**

*The Women Who Made Imperial Rome*

Guy de la Bédoyère

Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius and Nero – these are the names history associates with the early Roman Empire. Yet, not one of these emperors was the blood son of his predecessor. In his fascinating work, Guy de la Bédoyère asserts that the women behind the scenes were the true backbone of the dynasty. Historians and general readers alike will want to learn about Livia, Octavia and the other women whose bloodline, ambition and daring ensured the emperors’ line would continue.

‘de la Bedoyere demonstrates convincingly that women’s importance was intrinsic to the power structures created by the principate, not just a peculiarity of the Julio-Claudians. It is a valuable perspective, conveyed with a vivacity that will keep readers riveted to the last.’ – Penelope Goodman, *History Today*

‘Featuring tales of bravery, wit and cunning, this is a fascinating look at the characters who maintained a dynasty.’ – *History Revealed*

Guy de la Bédoyère is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and well known from television appearances.
**The War for the Seas**

*A Maritime History of World War II*

Evan Mawdsley

Command of the oceans was crucial to winning World War II. By the start of 1942 Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan had conquered vast territories. How could Britain and distant America prevail in what had become a ‘war of continents’? In this definitive account, Evan Mawdsley traces events from the first U-boat operations in 1939 through to Japan’s surrender. He covers all the wartime theatres and interweaves for the first time the endeavours of eight maritime powers.

‘An essential contribution to understanding how command of the sea was won and with what consequences. Rich detail on the tactics and technology that mattered, and on the roller-coaster campaigns in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, Mawdsley provides the first full, integrated account of a truly global dimension to the war.’ – Richard Overy, author of *The Bombing War: Europe, 1939–1941*

‘An impeccable, myth-busting study.’ – Max Hastings, *The Sunday Times*

‘The beautifully crafted and deeply research maritime history of WWII that we have always needed. Few books deserve to be called ‘definitive’ – this is one of them.’ – Joseph Maiolo, author of *Cry Havoc: How the Arms Race Drove the World to War 1931–1941*

Evan Mawdsley is a historian and was formerly professor of international history at Glasgow University. He is the author of *World War II: A New History* and a *Sunday Telegraph* Book of the Year, December 1941.

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**Vietnam**

*Rising Dragon*

Bill Hayton

Based on vivid eyewitness accounts and pertinent case studies, this much-needed behind-the-scenes survey reveals an emerging Asian power in a period of breathtaking social and economic change.

‘Hayton has a keen eye for the detail of everyday life as well as larger cultural, economic, social and political currents. This book leaves one with the feeling of having been in the hands of an expert craftsman, and illuminates some of the major issues confronting contemporary Vietnam.’ – Carlyle A. Thayer, author of *Vietnam People’s Army*

‘Examining nearly every aspect of Vietnamese politics and society, from the economy and family life, to religion and the plight of indigenous minorities, Hayton gives a balanced, intelligent account of a country whose history so differs from our own.’ – Justin Wintle, *Financial Times*

Bill Hayton is a reporter and producer with BBC News who covered Vietnam as the BBC’s correspondent during 2006–7. While there, he also wrote for *The Times, The Financial Times* and the *Bangkok Post*. 
The Classical Music Lover’s Companion to Orchestral Music
Robert Philip

An invaluable resource designed to enhance the listening experience for every classical music aficionado, this insightful guide identifies the key musical elements, subtleties, and surprises in four hundred frequently performed symphonies, concertos, overtures, suites and other musical works composed between 1700 and 1950.

‘Other guides to the orchestral repertoire offer neat thumbnail sketches, but Philip delves deeper as he surveys the history and analysis of 400 concert works from Corelli to Shostakovich.’ – Richard Fairman, The Financial Times (Books of the Year 2018)

‘If readers want to understand or expand their knowledge of orchestral music, this is the book most needed. This is the one to buy.’ – Ian Lipke, Queensland Reviewers Collective

‘An ambitious project and elegantly published.’ – Gavin Plumley, Gramophone

Robert Philip was a senior lecturer in music at the Open University, and is a well-known presenter on BBC Radio. He is the award-winning author of Performing Music in the Age of Recording and lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

968 pp. 254x178mm.

Cursed Britain
A History of Witchcraft and Black Magic in Modern Times
Thomas Waters

In our technological era, it is easy to imagine that black magic in Britain is dead. Yet, over recent centuries this dark idea has persisted, changed, and returned. In this book, Thomas Waters tells the extraordinary story of modern witchcraft and reveals why the occult is reviving.

‘The amount of material Waters has unearthed is impressive, especially given the deliberate invisibility of witchcraft’s practitioners. His book is a salutary reminder that the modern world is not immune to superstition.’ – Robert Leigh-Pemberton, Daily Telegraph

‘A timely account of the ebb and flow of belief in the black arts in modern times. It’s fascinating, well-researched and utterly compelling.’ – Michelle Paver, author of Wakenhyrst

‘Broad, adventurous, subtle, painstaking and in places perhaps controversial: at once a glittering debut and a monument of scholarship.’ – Ronald Hutton, author of The Witch

Thomas Waters is lecturer in history at Imperial College London and a specialist in the modern history of witchcraft and magic.

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The Vampire
A New History
Nick Groom

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Edited by Amy de la Haye

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Wendy Hitchmough

The Bloomsbury Group was a loose collective of forward-thinking writers, artists and intellectuals in London, with Virginia Woolf, John Maynard Keynes and E. M. Forster among its esteemed members. The group’s works and radical beliefs, spanning literature, economics, politics and non-normative relationships, changed the course of twentieth-century culture and society – and, though its members resisted definition, their art and dress imparted a coherent, distinctive group identity.

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