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The Stranger in the Woods Jun 19 2022 A National Geographic Best Book of the Year National Bestseller Many people dream of escaping modern life. Most will never act on it—but in 1986, twenty-year-old Christopher Knight did just that when he left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the woods. He would not have a conversation with another person for the next twenty-seven years. Drawing on extensive interviews with Knight himself, journalist Michael Finkel shows how Knight lived in a tent in a secluded encampment, developing ingenious ways to store provisions and stave off frostbite during the winters. A former alarm technician, he stealthily broke into nearby cottages for food, books, and supplies, taking only what he needed but sowing unease in a community plagued by his mysterious burglaries. Since returning to the world, he has faced unique challenges—and compelled us to reexamine our assumptions about what makes a good life. By turns riveting and thought-provoking, *The Stranger in the Woods* gives us a deeply moving portrait of a man determined to live his own way.

Until Proven Safe Jan 26 2023 Geoff Manaugh and Nicola Twilley have been researching quarantine since long before the COVID-19 pandemic. With *Until Proven Safe*, they bring us a book as compelling as it is definitive, not only urgent reading for social-distanced times but also an up-to-the-minute investigation of the interplay of forces—biological, political, technological—that shape our modern world. Quarantine is our most powerful response to uncertainty: it means waiting to see if something hidden inside us will be revealed. It is also one of our most dangerous, operating through an assumption of guilt. In quarantine, we are considered infectious until proven safe. *Until Proven Safe* tracks the history and future of quarantine around the globe, chasing the story of emergency isolation through time and space—from the crumbling lazarettos of the Mediterranean, built to contain the Black Death, to an experimental Ebola unit in London, and from the hallways of the CDC to closed-door

simulations where pharmaceutical execs and epidemiologists prepare for the outbreak of a novel coronavirus. But the story of quarantine ranges far beyond the history of medical isolation. In *Until Proven Safe*, the authors tour a nuclear-waste isolation facility beneath the New Mexican desert, see plants stricken with a disease that threatens the world's wheat supply, and meet NASA's Planetary Protection Officer, tasked with saving Earth from extraterrestrial infections. They also introduce us to the corporate tech giants hoping to revolutionize quarantine through surveillance and algorithmic prediction. We live in a disorienting historical moment that can feel both unprecedented and inevitable; *Until Proven Safe* helps us make sense of our new reality through a thrillingly reported, thought-provoking exploration of the meaning of freedom, governance, and mutual responsibility.

The Great Wall Mar 24 2020 John Man travels the entire length of the Great Wall and across two millennia to find the truth behind the legends. Along the way, he delves into the remarkable and complex history of China--from the country's tribal past, through the war with the Mongols, right up to the modern day when the Great Wall is once more a commanding emblem of China, the resurgent superpower.

Fighting Irish Jul 28 2020 For hundreds of years, Irish soldiers have sought their destiny abroad. Stepping aboard ships bound for England, America, or Europe, young Irishmen have been hungry for adventure, a self-made fortune or the means to carry on a cause back home. Wherever he has travelled, whichever side of the battlefield he has stood, the tales of his exploits have never been forgotten. The Irish soldier has always been in the thick of the fight. Leaving his birthplace, he travelled with hope, sometimes wanting to bring a liberating revolution to his fellow countrymen. Often seeking adventure, the Fighting Irish have been found in all corners of the British Empire, winning new territories, gaining a reputation as fearless soldiers. Some sailed

to America and joined in frontier fighting or demonstrated their loyalty to their new homeland in the bloody combats of the American Civil War. Others took the opportunity to carry on their home-borne disputes with campaigns against the British Empire in Canada and South Africa. The Irish soldier has been in the thick of war during the twentieth century-facing slaughter at the Somme, surviving prison camps in Korea, desperate last-stands in the Congo-and continuing sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan. In *Fighting Irish*, acclaimed historian Tim Newark tells their tales in the dramatic words of the soldiers themselves, gathered from diaries, letters and journals from archives-and interviews with veterans-in Ireland and across the world. Praise for *Highlander*: "Tim Newark is a remarkably gifted storyteller." *The Scotsman* "At last, the Highland soldier has the history he richly deserves. Tim Newark tells the dramatic tale with some startling new stories and superbly researched detail." Andrew Roberts. "Highlanders have long been among the most feared soldiers in the world and Tim Newark's book admirably tells their stirring tale. A great read!" Bernard Cornwell.

Defining the World Apr 24 2020 By the early eighteenth century, France and Italy had impressive lexicons, but there was no authoritative dictionary of English. Sensing the deficit, and impelled by a mixture of national pride and commercial expedience, the prodigious polymath Samuel Johnson embraced the task, turning over the garret of his London home to the creation of his own giant dictionary. Johnson imagined that he could complete the job in three years. But the complexity of English meant that his estimate was wildly inadequate. Only after he had expended nearly a decade of his prime on the task did the dictionary finally appear - magisterial yet quirky, dogmatic but generous of spirit, and steeped in the richness of English literature. It would come to be seen as the most important British cultural monument of the eighteenth century, and its influence fanned out across Europe and throughout Britain's colonies -

including, crucially, America. Brilliantly entertaining and enlightening, *Defining the World* is the story of Johnson's heroic endeavor, 250 years after the first publication of the Dictionary. In alphabetically sequenced chapters, Henry Hitchings describes Johnson's adventure - his ambition and vision, his moments of despair, the mistakes he made along the way, and his ultimate triumph.

Platypus Sep 29 2020 Eloquent and concise, *Platypus* uncovers the earliest theories and latest discoveries about this delightfully odd member of the animal kingdom.

The Arcanum Aug 21 2022 An extraordinary episode in cultural & scientific history comes to life in the fascinating story of a genius, greed, & exquisite beauty revealed by the obsessive pursuit of the secret formula for one of the most precious commodities of eighteenth century European royalty-fine porcelain.

Countdown 1945 Feb 03 2021 The #1 national bestselling “riveting” (The New York Times), “propulsive” (Time) behind-the-scenes account “that reads like a tense thriller” (The Washington Post) of the 116 days leading up to the American attack on Hiroshima by veteran journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday, Chris Wallace. April 12, 1945: After years of bloody conflict in Europe and the Pacific, America is stunned by news of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s death. In an instant, Vice President Harry Truman, who has been kept out of war planning and knows nothing of the top-secret Manhattan Project to develop the world’s first atomic bomb, must assume command of a nation at war on multiple continents—and confront one of the most consequential decisions in history. *Countdown 1945* tells the gripping true story of the turbulent days, weeks, and months to follow, leading up to August 6, 1945, when Truman gives the order to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. In *Countdown 1945*, Chris Wallace, the veteran journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday, takes readers inside the minds of the iconic and elusive figures who join the quest for the bomb, each for different reasons: the

legendary Albert Einstein, who eventually calls his vocal support for the atomic bomb “the one great mistake in my life”; lead researcher J. Robert “Oppie” Oppenheimer and the Soviet spies who secretly infiltrate his team; the fiercely competitive pilots of the plane selected to drop the bomb; and many more. Perhaps most of all, *Countdown 1945* is the story of an untested new president confronting a decision that he knows will change the world forever. But more than a book about the atomic bomb, *Countdown 1945* is also an unforgettable account of the lives of ordinary American and Japanese civilians in wartime—from “Calutron Girls” like Ruth Sisson in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to ten-year-old Hiroshima resident Hideko Tamura, who survives the blast at ground zero but loses her mother and later immigrates to the United States, where she lives to this day—as well as American soldiers fighting in the Pacific, waiting in fear for the order to launch a possible invasion of Japan. Told with vigor, intelligence, and humanity, *Countdown 1945* is the definitive account of one of the most significant moments in history.

A German Pompadour Being the Extraordinary History of Wilhelmine van Gr_venitz, Landhofmeisterin of Wirtemberg May 06 2021

Everyday Life Feb 21 2020 Most of the stories we tell are about great feats, dangerous journeys, or daring confrontations—exceptional moments in our existence. But what about how we live every single day? In *Everyday Life*, Joseph A. Amato offers an account of daily existence that reminds us how important the quotidian is. Ranging across social, economic, and cultural history—as well as anthropology, folklore, and technology—he explores how and why the pattern of our lives has changed and developed over time. Amato examines the common facts and occurrences in lives from all spheres, whether of a pauper or a noble, a criminal or state official, or a lunatic or a philosopher. Such facts include basic aspects of human existence, such as play, work, conflict, and healing, as well the logistics of

survival, such as housing, clothing, cleaning, cooking, animals, plants, and machines. Tracing core historical developments like efficiency of production and greater mobility, Amato shows how we became modern in everyday ways. He explores how, paradoxically, commerce, technology, design, industrialization, nationalism, and democratization—which have so undercut traditional culture and have homogenized, centralized, and secularized masses of people—have also profoundly transformed daily life, affording citizens with materially improved lives, individual rights, and productive and rewarding expectations. A wide-ranging account of lives throughout history, this book gives us new insights into our own condition, showing us how extraordinary the ordinary can be.

A Brief History of Japan Sep 22 2022 This fascinating history tells the story of the people of Japan, from ancient teenage priest-queens to teeming hordes of salarymen, a nation that once sought to conquer China, yet also shut itself away for two centuries in self-imposed seclusion. First revealed to Westerners in the chronicles of Marco Polo, Japan was a legendary faraway land defended by a fearsome Kamikaze storm and ruled by a divine sovereign. It was the terminus of the Silk Road, the furthest end of the known world, a fertile source of inspiration for European artists, and an enduring symbol of the mysterious East. In recent times, it has become a powerhouse of global industry, a nexus of popular culture, and a harbinger of post-industrial decline. With intelligence and wit, author Jonathan Clements blends documentary and storytelling styles to connect the past, present and future of Japan, and in broad yet detailed strokes reveals a country of paradoxes: a modern nation steeped in ancient traditions; a democracy with an emperor as head of state; a famously safe society built on 108 volcanoes resting on the world's most active earthquake zone; a fast-paced urban and technologically advanced country whose land consists predominantly of mountains and forests. Among the chapters in

this Japanese history book are: *The Way of the Gods: Prehistoric and Mythical Japan* *A Game of Thrones: Minamoto vs. Taira* *Time Warp: 200 Years of Isolation* *The Stench of Butter: Restoration and Modernization* *The New Breed: The Japanese Miracle* *Much Depends on Dinner* Dec 25 2022 A delightful and intelligent history of the food we eat. For food lovers of all kinds, this unexpectedly funny and serious book is a treasure of information, shedding light on one of our most favorite pastimes. Line drawings.

The Story Behind Apr 29 2023 Surprising history of ordinary things Learn the fascinating history and trivia you never knew about things we use daily from the host of *The Story Behind* podcast. Everyday objects and major events in history: Every single thing that surrounds us has a story behind it. Many of us learn the history of humans and the major inventions that shaped our world. But what you may not have learned is the history of objects we surround ourselves with every day. You might not even know how the major events in history (World Wars, ancient civilizations, revolutions, etc.) influenced the inventions of things we use today. The history and science behind the ordinary: From the creator of *The Story Behind* podcast comes this revelatory new book. *The Story Behind* will give insight into everyday objects we don't think much about when we use them. Topics covered in the podcast will be examined in more detail along with many new fascinating topics. Learn how lollipops got started in Ancient Egypt, how podcasts were invented, and why Comic Sans was created. Learn the torture device origins of certain exercise equipment and the espionage beginnings of certain musical instruments. Ordinary things from science to art, food to sports, customs to fashion, and more are explored. Readers will:

- Understand the wonders behind everyday objects
- Learn truly obscure history and fun facts that will change the way they see the world
- Learn how major historic events still affect us today through seemingly mundane things
- Become formidable trivia

masters

All the Knowledge in the World Feb 27 2023 From the “deliriously clever” (Boston Globe) Simon Garfield, New York Times bestselling author of *Just My Type*, comes the wild and fascinating story of the encyclopedia, from Ancient Greece to the present day. “A brilliant book about knowledge itself.” —Deirdre Mask, author of *The Address Book* “Magnificent. ... A perfectly styled work of literature - at times sad, at times funny, but always full of life.” —Engineering & Technology Magazine The encyclopedia once shaped our understanding of the world. Created by thousands of scholars and the most obsessive of editors, a good set conveyed a sense of absolute wisdom on its reader. Contributions from Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Orville Wright, Alfred Hitchcock, Marie Curie and Indira Gandhi helped millions of children with their homework. Adults cleared their shelves in the belief that everything that was explainable was now effortlessly accessible in their living rooms. Now these huge books gather dust and sell for almost nothing on eBay. Instead, we get our information from our phones and computers, apparently for free. What have we lost in this transition? And how did we tell the progress of our lives in the past? All the *Knowledge in the World* is a history and celebration of those who created the most ground-breaking and remarkable publishing phenomenon of any age. Simon Garfield, who “has a genius for being sparked to life by esoteric enthusiasm and charming readers with his delight” (The Times), guides us on an utterly delightful journey, from Ancient Greece to Wikipedia, from modest single-volumes to the 11,000-volume Chinese manuscript that was too big to print. He looks at how *Encyclopedia Britannica* came to dominate the industry, how it spawned hundreds of competitors, and how an army of ingenious door-to-door salesmen sold their wares to guilt-ridden parents. He reveals how encyclopedias have reflected our changing attitudes towards sexuality, race, and technology, and exposes how these ultimate

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bastions of trust were often riddled with errors and prejudice. With his characteristic ability to tackle the broadest of subjects in an illuminating and highly entertaining way, Simon Garfield uncovers a fascinating and important part of our shared past and wonders whether the promise of complete knowledge—that most human of ambitions—will forever be beyond our grasp.

A Time to Dance, a Time to Die Jan 02 2021 "In July 1518 a terrifying and mysterious plague struck the medieval city of Strasbourg. Hundreds of men and women danced wildly, day after day, in the punishing summer heat. Their feet blistered and bled, and their limbs ached with fatigue, but they simply could not stop. Throughout August and early September more and more were seized by the same terrible compulsion." "By the time the epidemic subsided, heat and exhaustion had claimed an untold number of lives, leaving thousands bewildered and bereaved, and an enduring enigma for future generations." "This book explains why Strasbourg's dancing plague took place. In doing so, it leads us into a largely vanished world, evoking the sights, sounds, aromas, diseases and hardships, the fervent supernaturalism and the desperate hedonism of the late-medieval world." "At the same time, it offers insights into how people behave when driven beyond the limits of endurance. Not only a historical detective story, *A Time to Dance, A Time to Die* is also an exploration of the strangest capabilities of the human mind and the extremes to which fear and irrationality can lead us."--BOOK JACKET.

The Life Project Dec 01 2020 In March 1946, scientists began to track thousands of children born in one cold week. No one imagined that this would become the longest-running study of human development in the world, growing to encompass five generations of children. Today, they are some of the best-studied people on the planet, and the simple act of observing human life has changed the way we are born, schooled, parent and die. This is the tale of these studies and the remarkable discoveries that have come from them. Touching people across the globe, they are

one of the world's best-kept secrets.

One Day Jun 07 2021 A journalist pulls a random day in history from a hat to see if he can make a worthwhile news story from what happened. The result is *One Day*, a deeply illuminating and affecting exploration of the quiet dramas and human interaction that make a seemingly insignificant day - December 28th, 1986 - into an important, poignant part of American history.

The Extraordinary Book That Eats Itself Nov 12 2021 Each page from this book turns into a project that can help you save the planet, from plastic-free diaries, bug hotel 'rooms' and apple seed planters to upcycling papers, organic recipe cards, and litter pickup invitations.

The Book of Extraordinary Facts Aug 09 2021 This gargantuan, 704-page hardcover book is chock-full of that information and more, covering pop culture, nature, technology, food, sports, art, history, religion, crime, and tales of the just plain weird. Prepared to get lost perusing page after page of unusual facts, enthralling stories, and amusing anecdotes because *The Book of Extraordinary Facts* will keep you busy for hours Learn about the strange collaboration between surrealist painter Salvador Dal and comedy icon Harpo Marx. Read about what it was like to live during the London Blitz, and debunk popular urban legends. Get lassoed into facts about fascinating wedding customs around the world, and discover the reason behind one of the deadliest fires in American history. What Hollywood star used her twin sister as her body double in a film? How do card sharks mark a deck? Where in California can you find the world's oldest living tree? Which U.S. president spent some pre-politics time as a male model?

Antarctica Mar 28 2023 True-life accounts of adventure and the exploration of the frozen world of Antarctica are accompanied by a study of the continent's wildlife, climate, geology, meteorology, and other facets of this hostile environment

Tulipomania Jan 22 2020 A vivid narration of the history of the

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tulip, from its origins on the barren, windswept steppes of central Asia to its place of honor in the lush imperial gardens of Constantinople, to its starring moment as the most coveted—and beautiful—commodity in Europe. In the 1630s, visitors to the prosperous trading cities of the Netherlands couldn't help but notice that thousands of normally sober, hardworking Dutch citizens were caught up in an extraordinary frenzy of buying and selling. The object of this unprecedented speculation was the tulip, a delicate and exotic Eastern import that had bewitched horticulturists, noblemen, and tavern owners alike. For almost a year rare bulbs changed hands for incredible and ever-increasing sums, until single flowers were being sold for more than the cost of a house. Historians would come to call it tulipomania. It was the first futures market in history, and like so many of the ones that would follow, it crashed spectacularly, plunging speculators and investors into economic ruin and despair. This colorful cast of characters includes Turkish sultans, Yugoslav soldiers, French botanists, and Dutch tavern keepers—all centuries apart historically and worlds apart culturally, but with one thing in common: tulipomania.

[Losing the Signal](#) Sep 10 2021 In 2009, BlackBerry controlled half of the smartphone market. Today that number is one percent. What went so wrong? *Losing the Signal* is a riveting story of a company that toppled global giants before succumbing to the ruthlessly competitive forces of Silicon Valley. This is not a conventional tale of modern business failure by fraud and greed. The rise and fall of BlackBerry reveals the dangerous speed at which innovators race along the information superhighway. With unprecedented access to key players, senior executives, directors and competitors, *Losing the Signal* unveils the remarkable rise of a company that started above a bagel store in Ontario. At the heart of the story is an unlikely partnership between a visionary engineer, Mike Lazaridis, and an abrasive Harvard Business school grad, Jim Balsillie. Together, they engineered a pioneering

pocket email device that became the tool of choice for presidents and CEOs. The partnership enjoyed only a brief moment on top of the world, however. At the very moment BlackBerry was ranked the world's fastest growing company internal feuds and chaotic growth crippled the company as it faced its gravest test: Apple and Google's entry in to mobile phones. Expertly told by acclaimed journalists, Jacquie McNish and Sean Silcoff, this is an entertaining, whirlwind narrative that goes behind the scenes to reveal one of the most compelling business stories of the new century.

The Geography Coloring Book Dec 13 2021 This unique educational tool introduces the countries of the world and the states of the United States to students. Each section begins with a plate containing a political map, a physical map, and regional maps. Through active participation, coloring the maps, students gain a broader understanding of the material and retain more information.

Extraordinary Women In History Apr 17 2022 Discover these remarkable women throughout history with their amazing contributions. Be inspired by their courage, tenacity, dedication, and unwavering resolve to make a difference in big and small ways. We've all heard stories about women who made history from all walks of life, but rarely have we heard about the female daredevils, pioneering innovators, radical reformers, dedicated activists, leaders, wordsmiths, artists, veterans, and others like the women highlighted in this book. Barriers aren't there to stop progress but are meant to be broken. Extraordinary Women in History: 70 Remarkable Women who Made a Difference, Inspired, & Broke Barriers showcases some of the greatest women in history, paying homage to these trailblazers and will encourage everyone from all walks of life to dream big, never give up, and believe that barriers aren't there to stop progress but are meant to be broken. Inside this book, you'll learn about these female role models including some of the following: Junko Tabei the first

female to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Lily Parr the unstoppable English star of women's football. Mary Eliza Mahoney the first licensed African American Nurse. Marie Curie the pioneer of Radioactivity. Harriet Tubman an icon for anti-slavery. Empress Suiko the first female regnant in Japan's recorded history. Hattie McDaniel the first African American to win an Oscar. Irena Sendler rescued 2,500 Jewish children in World War II. Gudrid Thorbjarnardóttir was the most travelled woman of the Middle Ages. So what are you waiting for? Grab a copy now, scroll up, click "Buy Now" and be inspired, be encouraged by these women who made a difference.

In Harm's Way May 26 2020 Chronicles the worst disaster in U.S. naval history, describing heroism in the face of persistent shark attacks and hypothermia after the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis in the South Pacific in the final days of World War II. *The Extraordinary Story of the Apple* Mar 16 2022 "This is a new edition of the book published under the title Story of the apple, 2006"--Title page verso.

Sun Valley Nov 24 2022 The best history of the Sun Valley area to hit the shelves in 20 years, this gorgeous coffee-table book captures the glamour of the West's premier ski resort and places its story within the context of the history of the larger American West. As author Wendolyn Holland notes in her introduction, Sun Valley is an American fantasy, "of skiers flashing through deep powder ..., of nights in front of a crackling fire-of a world apart". This thoroughly researched history looks behind the fantasy to reveal a remarkable place and the people who helped make it extraordinary. Sumptuously produced, Sun Valley features vintage maps and more than 300 historic photos.

Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie Jan 14 2022 A group biography of four beloved women who fought sexism, covered decades of American news, and whose voices defined NPR. In the years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, women in the workplace still found themselves relegated to secretarial positions or locked out of jobs

entirely. This was especially true in the news business, a backwater of male chauvinism where a woman might be lucky to get a foothold on the “women’s pages.” But when a pioneering nonprofit called National Public Radio came along in the 1970s, and the door to serious journalism opened a crack, four remarkable women came along and blew it off the hinges. Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie is journalist Lisa Napoli’s captivating account of these four women, their deep and enduring friendships, and the trail they blazed to becoming icons. They had radically different stories. Cokie Roberts was born into a political dynasty, roamed the halls of Congress as a child, and felt a tug toward public service. Susan Stamberg, who had lived in India with her husband who worked for the State Department, was the first woman to anchor a nightly news program and pressed for accommodations to balance work and home life. Linda Wertheimer, the daughter of shopkeepers in New Mexico, fought her way to a scholarship and a spot on-air. And Nina Totenberg, the network’s legal affairs correspondent, invented a new way to cover the Supreme Court. Based on extensive interviews and calling on the author’s deep connections in news and public radio, Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie will be as beguiling and sharp as its formidable subjects.

Natural Histories May 18 2022 Highlights 40 masterworks of illustrated scientific art from the Rare Book Collection of the American Museum of Natural History.

The Illustrated History of the Incas Oct 11 2021 History.

Disease Mar 04 2021 The compelling and sometimes frightening stories of 30 deadly diseases - and of humanity's efforts to combat them.

One Day Oct 23 2022 “One of the 50 Best Nonfiction Books of the Last 25 Years”—Slate On New Year’s Day 2013, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Gene Weingarten asked three strangers to, literally, pluck a day, month, and year from a hat. That day—chosen completely at random—turned out to be Sunday, December 28,

1986, by any conventional measure a most ordinary day. Weingarten spent the next six years proving that there is no such thing. That Sunday between Christmas and New Year's turned out to be filled with comedy, tragedy, implausible irony, cosmic comeuppances, kindness, cruelty, heroism, cowardice, genius, idiocy, prejudice, selflessness, coincidence, and startling moments of human connection, along with evocative foreshadowing of momentous events yet to come. Lives were lost. Lives were saved. Lives were altered in overwhelming ways. Many of these events never made it into the news; they were private dramas in the lives of private people. They were utterly compelling. One Day asks and answers the question of whether there is even such a thing as "ordinary" when we are talking about how we all lurch and stumble our way through the daily, daunting challenge of being human.

Charlie Wilson's War Jun 26 2020 Describes how, after the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, maverick Texas congressman Charlie Wilson persuaded his colleagues to fund the CIA's efforts to arm the mujahideen and recounts the repercussions of that covert operation.

Under the Cover of Light Apr 05 2021 In 1965, Col. Thomas "Jerry" Curtis's helicopter was shot down over North Vietnam. He was immediately captured and spent 7 1/2 years confined in a filthy 5' x 7' cell at the notorious Hanoi prison camp. Thousands of miles from home and unable to communicate with his wife and children, Jerry endured months of solitary confinement, suffocating heat, freezing cold, grueling physical and psychological torture, constant hunger, and unimaginable mental duress. And yet, time and again, the Light that darkness cannot overcome became his beacon of hope. Now, for the first time in print, Jerry shares the full story of his 2,703 days in captivity and what he learned about faith, hope, and the indomitable power of the human spirit.

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Monarchs of the Sea Jul 08 2021 Before mammals, there were dinosaurs. And before dinosaurs, there were cephalopods. Publisher's Note: Monarchs of the Sea was previously published in hardcover as Squid Empire. Cephalopods, Earth's first truly substantial animals, are still among us: Their fascinating family tree features squid, octopuses, nautiluses, and more. The inventors of swimming, cephs presided over the sea for millions of years. But when fish evolved jaws, cephs had to step up their game (or end up on the menu). Some evolved defensive spines. Others abandoned their shells entirely, opening the floodgates for a tidal wave of innovation: masterful camouflage, fin-supplemented jet propulsion, and intelligence we've yet to fully measure. In Monarchs of the Sea, marine biologist Danna Staaf unspools how these otherworldly creatures once ruled the deep—and why they still captivate us today.

White Gold Oct 31 2020 The true story of white European slaves in eighteenth century Algiers, Tunis, and Morocco In the summer of 1716, a Cornish cabin boy named Thomas Pellow and fifty-one of his comrades were captured at sea by the Barbary corsairs. Their captors--Ali Hakem and his network of Islamic slave traders--had declared war on the whole of Christendom. France, Spain, England and Italy had suffered a series of devastating attacks. Thousands of Europeans had been snatched from their homes and taken in chains to the great slave markets of Algiers, Tunis and Salé in Morocco. Pellow and his shipmates were bought by the tyrannical sultan of Morocco, Moulay Ismail, who was constructing an imperial palace of such scale and grandeur that it would surpass every other building in the world, a palace built entirely by Christian slave labor. Resourceful, resilient, and quick-thinking, Pellow was selected by Moulay Ismail for special treatment, and was one of the fortunate few who survived to tell his tale. An extraordinary and shocking story, drawn from unpublished letters and manuscripts written by slaves and by the padres and ambassadors sent to free them, White Gold reveals a

disturbing and long forgotten chapter of history.

My Husband Jul 20 2022 Inspired by real bloodstains and from detailed research comes a refreshingly different historical romance between a god-fearing woman and a known murderer *My Husband: The Extraordinary History of Nicholas Brome* combines fifteenth century imagery with themes of morality and forgiveness in a historical novel that takes inspiration from a true story of love and murder. It explores the life of Nicholas Brome, a Warwickshire lord with a violent, blood-soaked past, through the soul-searching of his third wife and widow, Lettice Catesby. Their residence, Baddesley Clinton, features prominently in the novel, and still stands as a historical property people can tour today - including Nicholas' grave where he demands to be buried standing up. An enduring punishment - but is it a just one? When Lettice married Nicholas, 25 years her senior, she believed she knew all there was about his violent past and the murders he committed. He had pleaded to the King and the Pope for pardon and both Lettice and God had long ago forgiven him. But on his deathbed, Nicholas confesses once more and this time there can be no forgiveness. Shocked, desperate, Lettice examines all she knows of his life for an explanation: his childhood torn apart by the power struggles between Yorkists and Lancastrians, the promise and pain of his marriages, his love of family and his amends for his violent behaviour. An inspiring story of love and loyalty in the face of a very real fear of Hell.

Sybil Exposed Dec 21 2019 Journalist Debbie Nathan reveals the true story behind the famous case of Sybil, the woman with sixteen different personalities.

The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson Aug 29 2020 In 1969 history was made when the first humans stepped on the moon. Back on earth, one woman was running the numbers that ensured they got there and back in one piece. As a child, Katherine Johnson loved maths. She went on to be one of the most important people in the history of space travel. Discover her

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incredible life story in this beautifully illustrated book complete with narrative biography, timelines and facts.