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Heroes or Villains?
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Tony Blair was the political colossus in Britain for thirteen years, winning three elections in a row for New Labour, two of them by huge majorities. But since leaving office he has been disowned by many in his own party, and the term ‘Blairite’ has become widely used as an insult.

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Introduction to Heroes or Villains?

About the Authors

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Introduction to Orphans of Empire

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“A crucial and perceptive guide to understanding modern terrorism and how it affects our lives.”
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This is the first ever sustained enquiry into one of the fundamental questions of our time: does terrorism work? Written by one of the world’s foremost experts on the subject, and using a wealth of interview material, it focuses on four of the most significant terrorist organizations of the last fifty years: al-Quaida, the Provisional IRA, Hamas, and ETA.

Ancient Syria
A Three Thousand Year History
TREVOR BRYCE, University of Queensland

• The 3000-year history of ancient Syria, from Bronze Age to the Roman era—and beyond
• The essential back-story to one of the world’s most trouble-prone and volatile regions
• Includes a vast array of historical characters, from the Egyptian pharoahs, through Biblical villains such as Nebuchadnezzar, to Alexander the Great and Diocletian

In this three-thousand year tale of Ancient Syria, Trevor Bryce reveals the peoples, cities, and kingdoms that arose, flourished, declined, and disappeared in the lands that now constitute Syria. From the time of it’s earliest written records in the third millennium BC until the turn of the fourth century AD, this book is an essential back-story to one of the world’s most trouble-prone, volatile, but also culturally and politically important regions.
The Rules of Security
Staying Safe in a Risky World

PAUL MARTIN

Ten rules of thumb, distilled by one of the world’s leading security experts

Nations, organizations, and individuals face increasingly complex and sometimes worrying risks to their security from cyber-attacks, crime, terrorism, and other sources. In this environment, protective security has become an intrinsic feature of contemporary social life, as risks continually evolve, new types of threat emerge, and new ways of countering them are developed.

In his essential new book, world-leading security expert Paul Martin sets out the ten most important guiding principles of protective security and resilience. Clearly expressed in the form of simple rules of thumb, they help to solve complicated problems for which there are no textbook solutions. The rules offer a powerful toolkit, designed to work in many different situations, including the cyber domain. When we are faced with novel problems requiring complex decisions, it is easy to focus on the wrong things. These rules remind us what really matters. If you read only one book about security, it should be this one.

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From the Foreword by Jonathan Evans (Lord Evans of Weardale), Director General of MI5, 2007-2013

About the Author

PAUL MARTIN CBE is a leading security practitioner. During a career in UK government service from 1986 to 2013 he held a variety of senior positions, including leading national security preparations for the London 2012 Olympics. He was awarded the CBE in 2013 for his services to defence. From 2013 to 2016 he was the Director of Security for the UK Parliament, with responsibility for its physical, personnel, and cyber security.

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Human
Solving the Global Workforce Crisis in Healthcare

MARK BRITNELL

Securing the future of the world’s health

Progress in healthcare across the globe is imperilled by a worldwide shortage of doctors and nurses. By 2030 this shortfall will reach 15 million – a fifth of the workforce needed to keep healthcare systems going.

As a global healthcare leader with unique insights gained from advising governments, executives, and clinicians in more than 75 countries, Mark Britnell believes this crisis can be solved – but only if politicians, policymakers, professionals and the public change their ways. He argues that investment in our health workforce is an investment in economic growth, population wellbeing, and global stability. Reviewing a number of countries in depth, he considers different models for training, developing, and empowering the workforce, explores the challenges faced, and provides examples of radical initiatives these countries are implementing that others can learn from.

Britnell’s proposed solutions challenge everything from the role of healthcare in the world economy to the training and leadership of the medical profession, and the role of women in the workforce. From harnessing disruptive technology through to the workforce requirements for delivering universal healthcare, he offers a global perspective on one of the most important challenges facing us today.

About the Author

MARK BRITNELL is Chairman and Senior Partner of the Global Health Practice of KPMG. He was previously Director-General for Commissioning and System Management for the UK National Health Service. His book In Search of the Perfect Health System won the Health and Social Care prize in the BMA Medical Book Awards 2016.
Kidnap
Inside the Ransom Business
ANJA SHORTLAND

Making kidnapping insurable

Millions of people work, live, and travel in high-risk countries; very few are kidnapped and, of those that are, almost all come home safely - how can this be?

Anja Shortland begins her economic analysis of the ransom business by looking at it from the kidnapper’s point of view. Abducting people is relatively easy but how much is your hostage worth; how do you negotiate a significant ransom; and, most of all, how do you conclude the deal without being caught? Kidnap is not the violent, chaotic, and ungovernable crime that it might appear. Shortland reveals for the first time the powerful private governance system created by Lloyd’s special risk insurers that takes control in transnational hostage situations to safely and cheaply retrieve kidnap victims. Sadly, some hostage situations end tragically – especially where governments try to strike surreptitious deals with terrorists. The author analyses why professionally conducted private negotiations result in lower ransoms and a much higher chance of a safe return than those handled by governments. This raises important questions about the (widely flouted) UN ban on paying ransoms to terrorists.

Based on extensive interviews with those who deal with kidnapping worldwide – insurers, security consultants, victims’ employers and families, and professional negotiators on both sides - plus a full transcript of a pirate ransom negotiation, this is a compelling account of a hidden world.

“This book will take you on a journey into a strange and fascinating world, where brokers and insurers in smart Savile Row suits, charismatic former special forces officers, intrepid adventurers, venerable sheikhs, and brutal warlords have learnt to cooperate.”

Introduction to Kidnap

About the Author

ANJA SHORTLAND is a Reader in Political Economy at King’s College London.
Spending Time
The Most Valuable Resource

DANIEL S. HAMERMESH, University of Texas at Austin

• Comprehensive description of how people in rich countries spend time
• Shows how different America is from other countries
• Clear discussion of how the rich behave differently from the rest of us

Time is the ultimate scarce resource and thus quintessentially a topic for economics, the study of scarcity. Starting with the observation that time is increasingly valuable given competing demands as we have more things we can buy and do, Spending Time provides engaging insights into how people use their time and what determines their decisions about spending their time.

We sleep, eat, have fun, watch TV, and not least we work. How much we dedicate to each, and why we do so, is intriguing and no one is better placed to shed light on similarities and differences than Daniel S. Hamermesh.

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How You Can Lead your Team to Peak Performance

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• Synthesizes the latest research from management and behavioral science to provide the best plan for managers who lead meetings
• Explains how to get the most out of meetings while reducing wasted time
• Makes the case that simple changes, such as tweaking the length of meetings, can have real impact

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The Crisis of Market Liberalism in Rich Democracies

JONATHAN HOPKIN, London School of Economics

• Provides a powerful, broad-ranging analysis of arguably the most important political phenomenon in the world at present
• Argues that they are the long-term fallout from decisions made in the 1970s and 1980s, in which mainstream parties of both the left and right ceded power and control to market forces
• Connects the long-run shifts in the economy, and in particular rising inequality, to changes in the electoral and party politics in Western democracies

This book examines the electoral successes of anti-system forces in the rich democracies. It explains the rise of anti-system politicians and parties in terms of two separate but closely related developments: the rise of economic inequality and insecurity over the last four decades, and the failure of technocratic elites to address them.

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From the Ancien Régime to the Present Day

SHERI BERMAN, Columbia University

• Provides a new understanding of the development of democracy and dictatorship in Europe
• Draws lessons from European political development that illuminate problems democracy is facing in Europe and elsewhere today
• Offers a new perspective on the relationship between the development of states, nations, and democracy

Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe examines the development of various political regimes in Europe from the ancien régime up through the present day. It analyses why democracy flourishes at some times and in some places but not others and draws lessons from European history that can help us better understand the political situation the world finds itself in today.
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- Written by a pioneering epidemiologist who developed the connection between epidemiology and global environmental change
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- Provides historical context and a thoughtful analysis of possible futures

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- Examines that singularly peaceful quarter century after the end of the Cold War in 1989
- Explains how conditions for peace faded away due to the autocratic policies of individual countries
- Explores prospects for the revival of peace in the future

In *The Rise and Fall of Peace on Earth*, Michael Mandelbaum examines the peaceful quarter century after the end of the Cold War. He describes how the period came about and why it ended, arguing that individual countries overturned peaceful, political, and military arrangements in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, thereby affecting the rest of the world. He also probes prospects for the revival of peace in the future and stresses the importance of democracy and civil liberties across borders.

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What Superheroes Can Tell Us About Economics

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- All the basic concepts of economics, introduced through a tongue-in-cheek look at the dilemmas superheroes face
- An entertaining and imaginative way in to understanding the fundamentals

Why do some superheroes have day jobs? Why do villains keep trying even though they almost never win? Why don’t heroes simply take over the world?

With brilliant deadpan humour, comic aficionado professor J. Brian O’Roark uses the tools of his day job – economics – to explain the angst of superheroes, and the world of superheroes to explain economics. Thanks to this unlikely alliance we discover that Spiderman’s existential doubts are all about opportunity cost; that game theory sheds light on the battle between Captain America and Iron Man; the Peltzmann effect makes sense of why heroes can go to the bad; sunk cost fallacy explains The Flash’s tragic dilemmas; and the utility curve helps us decide who is the greatest superhero of all.

India Connected
How the Smartphone is Transforming the World’s Largest Democracy

RAVI AGRAWAL, CNN

- Uses vivid characters and up-to-date interviews to capture the latest digital snapshot of a country being changed by the internet
- Explores the full range of changes – positive and negative – brought about by smartphones
- Provides insights into India’s growing role in the global sphere as accessibility to technology becomes more widespread

Ravi Agrawal takes readers on a journey across the Subcontinent, through its remote rural villages and its massive metropolises, seeking out the nexuses of change created by smartphones, and with them connection to the internet. With the rise of low-cost smartphones and cheap data plans, millions of Indians are now discovering the internet for the first time, and the implications are as vast as the country itself.

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Armies of Sand
The Past, Present, and Future of Arab Military Effectiveness

KENNETH M. POLLACK, Brookings Institution

• Explains the inefficacy of Arab military action over the last half-century
• Explores the way in which Soviet doctrine prevented Arab military success
• Reveals changes which may come to military action by Middle East states in the near future

Armies of Sand seeks to answer the question, ‘why have Arab armed forces fared so poorly in battle since the Second World War?’ It explores four different explanations that scholars, soldiers, and military experts have suggested: Soviet doctrine, politicization, underdevelopment, and culture. To do so, it looks at the performance of over two-dozen Arab militaries from 1948 to 2017, and compares them to a half-dozen non-Arab militaries, to conclude that politics, economics, and culture all contribute to the past weakness of Arab armies. It concludes by addressing circumstances in which Arab military fortunes may shift as both warfare and their societies change.

How Population Change Will Transform Our World

SARAH HARPER, University of Oxford

• Highlights the very different demographic trends in various regions of the world
• Explains the implications of demographic changes for societies across the globe
• Part of the 21st Century Challenges series, published in association with the Oxford Martin School

Sarah Harper, Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, presents the sometimes surprising data about changing population age structures in different regions of the world. Against the backdrop of urbanization and climate change, she draws out the profound implications and challenges for societies, economies, and the environment in the decades to come.
A University Education

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Harry Yorke, Sunday Telegraph

Former Universities and Science Minister, David Willetts combines a passionate advocacy of the value of a university education with a serious in-depth knowledge of the higher education sector to present his vision of what our universities can offer us — both now and in the future.

The Death of Expertise

The Campaign against Established Knowledge and Why It Matters

TOM NICHOLS, US Naval War College

“Timely... useful... in providing an overview of just how we arrived at this distressing state of affairs.”

New York Times

“Tom Nichols does a breathtakingly detailed job in scrutinizing the American consumer’s refutation of traditional expertise. In the era of escapism and denial, he offers a refreshing and timely book on how we balance our skepticism with trust going forward.”

Salena Zito, The Washington Examiner

A cult of anti-expertise sentiment has coincided with anti-intellectualism, resulting in massively viral yet poorly informed debates ranging from the anti-vaccination movement to attacks on GMOs. As Tom Nichols shows in The Death of Expertise, there are a number of reasons why this has occurred-ranging from easy access to Internet search engines to a customer satisfaction model within higher education.
False Dawn
Protest, Democracy, and Violence in the New Middle East

STEVEN A. COOK, Council on Foreign Relations

- Offers a sweeping narrative account of the past five years, covering a range of Middle Eastern countries
- Timely argument of how and why the Arab uprisings were failed revolutions that have instead produced violence and renewed state repression
- Considers the role of the U.S. in the Middle East and argues that the U.S. cannot shape the situation going forward

In False Dawn, noted Middle East regional expert Steven A. Cook offers a sweeping narrative account of the tumultuous past half decade, moving from Turkey to Tunisia to Egypt to Libya and beyond. The result is a powerful explanation of why the Arab Spring failed.

Down Girl
The Logic of Misogyny

KATE MANNE, Cornell University

- Original, incisive, and timely treatment of a perennial but under-discussed social problem
- Deeply relevant to the #MeToo movement
- Explains and makes concrete predictions about common triggers and symptoms of misogyny in allegedly post-patriarchal settings

Down Girl is a broad, original, and far ranging analysis of what misogyny really is, how it works, its purpose, and how to fight it. The philosopher Kate Manne argues that modern society’s failure to recognize women’s full humanity and autonomy is not actually the problem. She argues instead that it is women’s manifestations of human capacities – autonomy, agency, political engagement – is what engenders misogynist hostility.

Assembly

MICHAEL HARDT, Duke University, and ANTONIO NEGRI, University of Padua and University of Paris VIII

- Proposes how contemporary social movements can better harness power to effect lasting change
- Challenges the assumption that social movements must return to traditional, centralized forms of political leadership
- Provides a new analysis of the dominance of finance and money

Each year an eruption of “leaderless” social movements leaves external observers and activists perplexed. Why have the movements, which address the needs and desires of so many, not been able to achieve lasting change? In Assembly, Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri analyse potential paths for creating a more democratic and just society.
The Cosmic Mystery Tour
A High-Speed Journey Through Space and Time

NICHOLAS MEE

Explore the universe and understand its wonders

Dark matter, supermassive black holes, exoplanets – understanding the science of our universe can seem hopelessly out of reach to most of us. *The Cosmic Mystery Tour* changes all that. It is a brilliant and entertaining introduction to the discoveries of physics and astronomy with stories, explanations, and illustrations that open up the exciting frontiers of science.

In 26 bite-size chapters, Nicholas Mee takes us on a lightning tour of the mysteries of the cosmos with entertaining stories about the colourful characters who have made discoveries about it. It explores cosmology’s hottest topics and weighs up the possibilities that life might exist elsewhere in the universe.

Wonderfully illustrated in full colour and with chapter titles like *Animated Atom Boy, Most of the Universe is Missing!, The Ultimate Heavy Metal Space Rock*, and *Life, But Not as We Know It!,* this is the ultimate fun guide to the cosmos that presents all the latest information in a way that is genuinely accessible and fun for all.

*That the seemingly endless mysteries of the cosmos are gradually being not merely revealed but also understood is an exciting voyage in science: that excitement is captured by this lucid and accessible account of almost everything there is.*

Peter Atkins, University of Oxford

About the Author

NICHOLAS MEE is a theoretical physicist and the creator of numerous software and game resources for school maths and science education. He is author of the award-winning popular science book *Higgs Force: Cosmic Symmetry Shattered.*
Making Eden
How Plants Transformed a Barren Planet

DAVID BEERLING

Over seven billion people depend on plants for healthy, productive, secure lives, but few of us stop to consider the origin of the plant kingdom that turned the world green and made life on earth possible. As the human population continues to escalate, our survival depends on how we treat the plant kingdom and the soils that sustain it. Understanding the evolutionary history of our land floras, the story of how plant life emerged from water and conquered the continents to dominate the planet, is fundamental to our own existence.

In Making Eden David Beerling reveals the hidden history of Earth’s sun-shot greenery, and considers its future prospects as we farm the planet to feed the world. Describing the early plant pioneers and their close, symbiotic relationship with fungi, he examines the central role plants play in both ecosystems and the regulation of climate. As threats to plant biodiversity mount today, Beerling discusses the resulting implications for food security and climate change, and how these can be avoided. Drawing on the latest scientific findings, this is an exciting new take on how plants greened the continents.

“This book lifts the lid on the evolutionary story of how plants won the land. How the Earth went from being a dull, rocky, naked planet to today’s world cloaked in a wonderful diversity of plant life on which we all depend for our very existence.”

Introduction to Making Eden

About the Author

DAVID BEERLING is the Sorby Professor of Natural Sciences, and Director of the Leverhulme Centre for Climate Change Mitigation at the University of Sheffield.
Who We Are and How We Got Here
Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past

DAVID REICH

David Reich, the head of a world-leading lab, tells the story of the breakthroughs in our ability to sequence ancient DNA, and as a result, how we can now identify population flows and interminglings throughout human history, and across the globe. These discoveries are truly revolutionising our understanding of who we are, and how we got here.

“A thrilling account of mapping humans through time and place. . . Reich gives us a window into what ancient DNA can tell us about human evolution, the peopling of the world, continent by continent, and the population mixing that makes us who we are today.” Nature

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“Its importance cannot be overstated.” Bryan Appleyard, Sunday Times

“Thrilling and thought provoking... Astonishing and important.” Siddhartha Mukherjee, author of The Emperor of All Maladies

“Reich documents an extraordinary moment in the history of science... A potential political bombshell.” The Wall Street Journal

“The work in [Reich’s] lab has reshaped our understanding of human prehistory.” Carl Zimmer, The New York Times

“Remarkable... Spectacular... [The book is] thrilling in its clarity and its scope... In making constant new discoveries about humanity, Reich and his Harvard team are now plunging us into uncharted academic waters... Reich’s influence in this field has been immense and the output of his department monumental...” The Guardian

About the Author

DAVID REICH is a Professor of Genetics at Harvard University and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. In 2015 he was highlighted by Nature magazine as one of “10 people who matter” in all of science for his role in transforming the field of ancient DNA “from niche pursuit to industrial process.” In 2017 he was awarded the Dan David Prize in the Archaeological and Natural Sciences for the computational discovery of intermixing between Neanderthals and modern humans.

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The Smart Neanderthal
Cave Art, Bird Catching, and the Cognitive Revolution

CLIVE FINLAYSON, University of Gibraltar

- Overturns current thinking about Neanderthals using new evidence of their intellectual abilities
- Argues that aspects of Neanderthal behaviour indicate that they were not cognitively inferior to modern humans but had their own rituals and art forms

Evidence that Neanderthals caught birds and used their feathers for decoration, and recent discoveries of Neanderthal cave art are challenging our preconceptions of the cognitive gap between Neanderthals and modern humans. Clive Finlayson draws on exciting new evidence to overturn the old image of the Neanderthal, and of our relationship with them.

The Cradle of Humanity
How the Changing Landscape of Africa Made us so Smart

MARK MASLIN, University College London

Foreword by RICHARD LEAKEY

“Understanding the emergence of our species from the unique landscapes of East Africa is one of the great scientific challenges. Mark Maslin takes us on an exhilarating intellectual journey, encompassing geology, astronomy, climate science and evolutionary biology.”

Professor Brian Cox

What drove the evolution of humans, with our uniquely big brains? The Cradle of Humanity presents fascinating and controversial new research which suggests that the geological and climatic history of East Africa’s Rift Valley are at the heart of the answer.


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The Poetry and Music of Science
Comparing Creativity in Science and Art

TOM McLEISH, University of York

- Challenges the obvious assumption science is less creative than art and illustrates the contrary
- Draws on historical and contemporary examples to provide a broader understanding

The Poetry and Music of Science breaks the silence on the deep creativity and imagination required in science, as necessary as its formal logic. The book eavesdrops on conversations between scientists on how new theories arise, and listens to artists’ and composers’ witness of their own creative processes. Medieval philosophy, neuroscience, musical analysis, the physics of light and theology are all brought to bear on the question of how minds imagine and create the new, and how art and science both contribute to what makes us human.

A World Beyond Physics
The Emergence and Evolution of Life

STUART A. KAUFFMAN, The Institute for Systems Biology

- Poses fundamental questions about the evolution of life on earth, with answers that take the reader beyond what physics can explain
- Highly interdisciplinary and will appeal to biochemists, theoretical biologists, and physicists, drawing on all disciplines to answer the most pressing questions about how life began

How did life start? Is the evolution of life describable by any physics-like laws? Stuart Kauffman’s latest book offers an explanation – beyond what the laws of physics can explain – of the progression from a complex chemical environment to molecular reproduction, metabolism and to early protocells, and further evolution to what we recognize as life. Among the estimated one hundred billion solar systems in the known universe, evolving life is surely abundant.

Universal Life
An Inside Look Behind the Race to Discover Life Beyond Earth

ALAN BOSS, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution

- Written by the Chair of NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group
- Focuses on an exciting and timely topic, with upcoming launches of the NASA Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite in 2018 and the James Webb Space Telescope in 2019

The Kepler space telescope spent four years looking for Earth-like planets in our galaxy. A revolution in thinking about our place in the universe resulted. Are Earths commonplace, or rare? Are we likely to be alone in the universe? Only Kepler could answer these questions. Author Alan Boss, the Chair of NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group, presents what the Kepler mission found.
Priest of Nature
The Religious Worlds of Isaac Newton

ROB ILIFFE, University of Oxford

“Groundbreaking... Scholars have long known that Newton combined his work in mathematics, astronomy and physics with a passionate interest in theology. Few have explained the connections more convincingly than Iliffe.”
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A.N. Wilson, The Spectator

“The Newton Papers
The Strange and True Odyssey of Isaac Newton’s Manuscripts

SARAH DRY, London School of Economics and the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex

• The story of Newton’s lost archive and its tangled path through history has never been told before
• Fast-paced and narrative-driven, this book brings together both famous and obscure characters in the hunt for the real Newton
• Today, Newton’s papers are being transcribed and digitized for online viewing, and can be accessed by readers

The untold story of Newton’s private papers, hidden for centuries, sold for a pittance and then painstakingly reconstructed to reveal a man altogether stranger and more complicated than the genius of legend.

Marconi
The Man Who Networked the World

MARC RABOY, McGill University

“Masterly, incisive, richly detailed... [Marc Raboy] has achieved something rare, a consummate work of scholarship that is also compulsively readable.”
John Carey, Sunday Times

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GEOFFREY HILL

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- The last work of one of Britain’s most celebrated and extraordinary poets
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At his death in 2016, Geoffrey Hill left behind a sequence of more than 270 poems to be published posthumously as his final statement. Among the many themes of this collection are autobiographical ones, including Hill’s childhood, the bombing of London, his late trip to Germany, his alarm and anger at Brexit, and his sense of decline and of death close at hand. It is a great work, and in Hill’s oeuvre it is a uniquely welcoming one, open to all comers.

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H. G. Adler
A Life in Many Worlds

H. G. ADLER, Bard College

Translated by PETER FILKINS

- The story of one of the first and most important writers on the Holocaust
- Adler’s is the story of a generation and of a world now lost to one of history’s darkest chapters
- Adler’s is also the story of a mind that saw how history was shaped by social forces that are still threats

After surviving Theresienstadt and Auschwitz, H.G. Adler (1910-88), vividly captured the experience in over two dozen books. And yet he remained almost entirely unknown. A writer of modernist novels, pioneering works on the Holocaust, and a last representative of Kafka’s Prague, Adler was a man whose times lived through him.
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