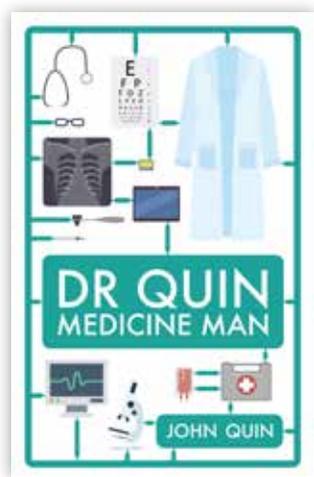


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DR QUIN, MEDICINE MAN

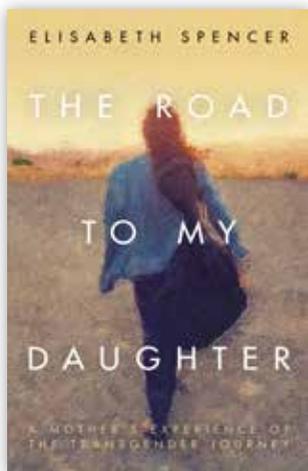
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John Quin worked for thirty-three years as a physician for the NHS in both Scotland and England, specialising in endocrinology. He was told the subject was easy because 'hormones – well, they just go up and down'. This, it turned out, was something of an over-simplification.

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THE ROAD TO MY DAUGHTER A MOTHER'S EXPERIENCE OF THE TRANSGENDER JOURNEY

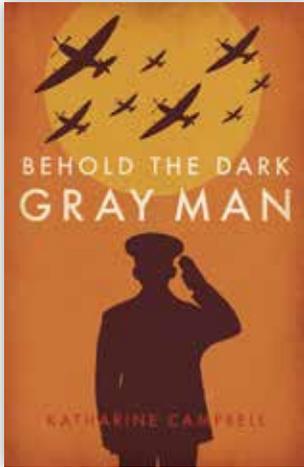
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DR KATHARINE CAMPBELL was a neuroscientist before becoming a writer, working for many years on the development of pain processing in infants. She collaborates with historians across Europe and in the UK, and with leading experts in Australia and the Netherlands on post-traumatic stress disorder, an illness that affected her father, especially in his old age. She also campaigns for the charity Combat Stress.

BEHOLD THE DARK GRAY MAN

KATHARINE CAMPBELL

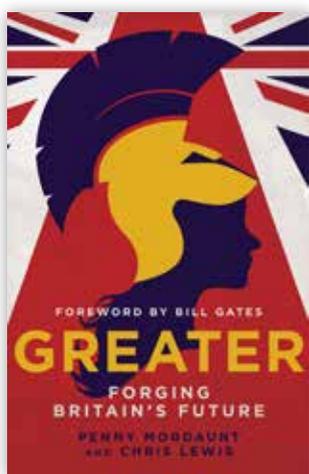
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Katharine Campbell’s father Sholto Douglas was the hero of her childhood, an unconventional senior commander in the Royal Air Force, described as ‘a gloriously contentious character’. Following childhood abandonment and poverty, Sholto rose through the ranks of the fledgling RAF in the First World War before taking on a crucial role in the Second as head of Fighter Command and going on to serve as military governor in Germany in the war’s devastating aftermath.

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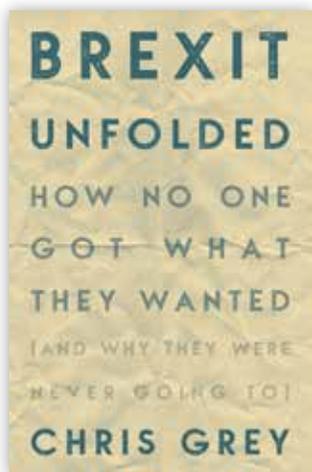
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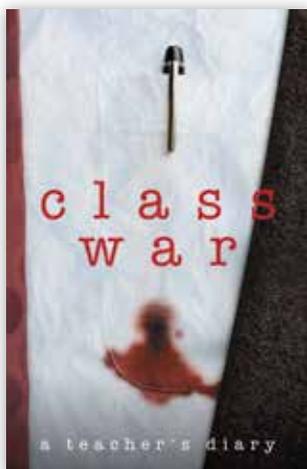
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As we lived through the confusing and occasionally dramatic swirl of events following the 2016 referendum vote to leave the EU, it was often hard to make sense of what was happening.

The meaning of Brexit wasn't agreed by the referendum and in consequence was defined through the process of doing it. As that happened, many of the false claims made for Brexit foundered on the realities of international trade and international relations. Brexit was successful as a campaign movement but was exposed when it had to be turned into practical policy.

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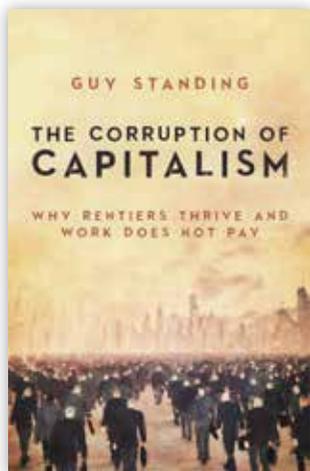
CLASS WAR A TEACHER'S DIARY

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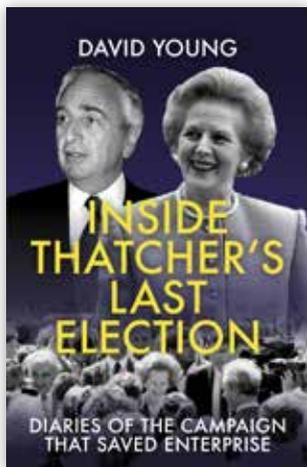
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When it was originally published in 2016, *The Corruption of Capitalism* introduced the concept of rentier capitalism, whereby a small, rich cadre controls access to property and profit without actually contributing to society. In this third edition of his bestselling polemic, celebrated labour economist Guy Standing brings his tale of corruption up to date to encompass debates around the pandemic slump and Brexit.

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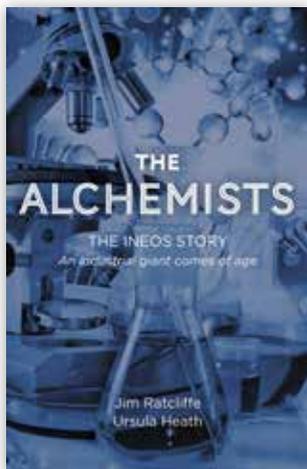
'They say that distance lends enchantment, yet after many decades I can still feel the sheer horror of those last weeks of that election and what would have happened to all we had done over the previous eight years if we had lost.'

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THE FATHER: A REVENGE A SON'S JUDGEMENT ON HIS NAZI WAR CRIMINAL FATHER

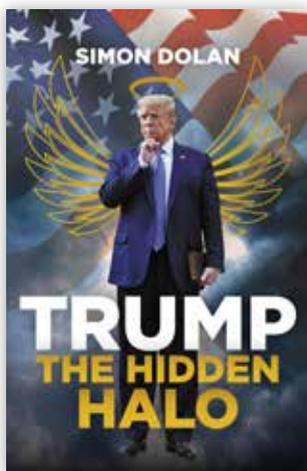
NIKLAS FRANK

With a foreword by Philippe Sands

Niklas Frank was seven years old when his father, Hans Frank, Hitler's lawyer and governor-general of occupied Poland, was executed at Nuremberg as a Nazi war criminal. After years of research, Niklas reconstructed his father's life and realised the enormity of his crimes.

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TRUMP THE HIDDEN HALO

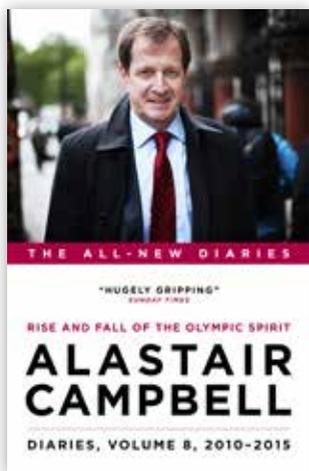
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'Trump was stupid. Trump was racist. Trump was sexist. Trump was dangerous. Trump debased the office of US President, embarrassed his country and brought America to the brink of civil war.'

Such is the orthodoxy about the 45th President of the United States: billionaire businessman, TV personality and the most controversial American leader in history. Throughout his administration, the contempt in which he was held by the establishment and political left across the Western world near enough silenced any alternative view. And yet he came within inches of re-election and would almost certainly have won a second term if not for the global coronavirus pandemic.

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ALASTAIR CAMPBELL was born in Keighley, Yorkshire in 1957, the son of a vet. When Tony Blair became leader of the Labour Party, Campbell worked for him first as press secretary, then as official spokesman and director of communications and strategy from 1994 to 2003. He continued to act as an adviser to Blair and the Labour Party, including during the 2005 and subsequent election campaigns. He is now engaged mainly in writing, public speaking and consultancy and is an ambassador for a number of mental health charities.

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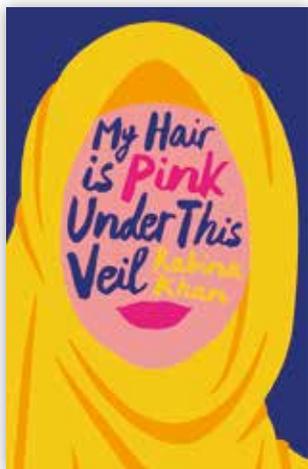
ALASTAIR CAMPBELL

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‘Hadn’t seen much of the Cameron stuff last night so caught up with it this morning. I felt he did OK, but no better. Paddy Ashdown called; said that he was really sad we had not been able to pull off a Lib–Lab deal, but Clegg had decided early on. The Adam Boulton row had cut through big time, people asking me about it everywhere I went. I watched a bit of the Cameron–Clegg press conference in the No. 10 garden, but once the Beeb started saying there was birdsong in the garden I had had enough. I was worrying depression was going to set in pretty soon. It almost certainly would.’

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MY HAIR IS PINK UNDER THIS VEIL

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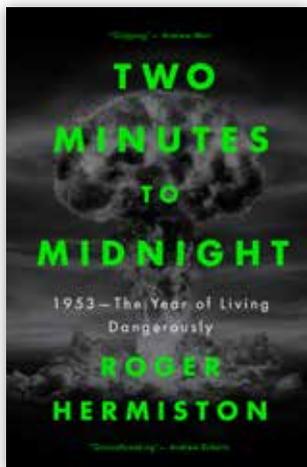
“A funny, engaging and moving memoir. Rabina captures nuances and shatters stereotypes.”

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It was in 2015, when Rabina Khan was standing as an independent candidate in the Tower Hamlets mayoral elections, that a male voter asked her what colour her hair was under her veil. She said it was pink. He smiled, so she smiled back adding, ‘Not really, it’s green.’ This interaction sparked the writing of an article, which developed into a talk at the University of Cambridge and grew into her first book.

My Hair Is Pink Under This Veil reveals how a Muslim woman reconciles her faith with British culture to construct a successful political career against a backdrop of blame, bias, ignorance and misogyny – including from her own community. It shows how the hijab has become a symbol of the modern Muslim woman’s personal style and strength.

Khan’s book challenges outdated views about Muslim women and shows that Muslims often identify more strongly with Britain and British values than most other British citizens. It explores misconceptions regarding Islam, inequality and integration, at a time when Britain faces its own issues with radicalisation, extremism and political divisions.



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TWO MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT 1953 – THE YEAR OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY

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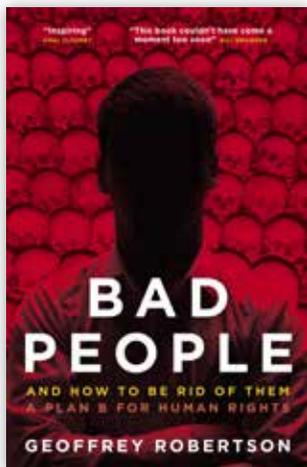
“A page-turning account of an epoch-changing year, with unexpected portraits and gripping narrative details. Popular history at its best.”

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January 1953. It is eight years on from the most destructive conflict in human history, and the Cold War has entered its most deadly phase. An Iron Curtain has descended across Europe, and hostilities between the United States and the Soviet Union have turned hot on the Korean peninsula as the two powers clash in an intractable and bloody proxy war.

Meanwhile, the pace of the nuclear arms race has become frenetic. The Soviet Union has finally tested its own atom bomb, as has Britain. And now, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the United States has detonated its first thermonuclear device, dwarfing the destruction unleashed on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of the Second World War.

For the first time, the Doomsday Clock is set at two minutes to midnight, with the chances of a man-made global apocalypse becoming increasingly likely. As the Cold War powers square up in political and military battles around the globe, every city has become a potential battleground and every citizen a target. 1953 is set to be a year of living dangerously.



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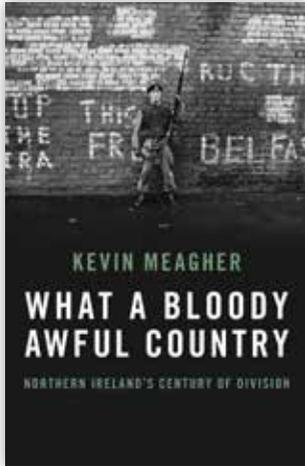
AMAL CLOONEY

At a time when international criminal law is faltering, the global justice movement must look to local Magnitsky laws as a means of naming, blaming and shaming human rights violators.

Sergei Magnitsky was a Moscow tax lawyer who was tortured and killed for exposing Russian state corruption. In 2012, President Obama ratified the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act, but this applied only to Russian officials. Although several countries have extended the law to include all listed human rights abusers, no initiatives currently go far enough.

In this powerful book, Geoffrey Robertson tells Magnitsky's story and examines the connection between human rights abuses and corruption, and how both thrive on links with Western financial institutions, casinos and even private schools. He argues for a comprehensive system of sanctions against individuals and corporations, rather than against states.

Crucially, he points out the advantages of investigating and exposing tainted wealth, and the moral force that democracies can acquire if they take a stand against ‘bad people’ and their progeny who benefit from ill-gotten gains.



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WHAT A BLOODY AWFUL COUNTRY NORTHERN IRELAND'S CENTURY OF DIVISION

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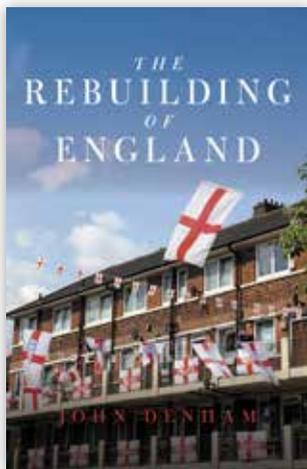
'What a bloody awful country.' Conservative Home Secretary Reginald Maudling's description of Northern Ireland after he was sent to close down Stormont following the Bloody Sunday massacre in 1972.

In May 2021, Northern Ireland celebrates its centenary. This book makes the case that there is little to celebrate. Northern Ireland has never worked – politically, socially or economically – and stands as a masterclass in failed statecraft.

Kevin Meagher highlights the landmark events, particularly through the Troubles, and the catalogue of mistakes that have been made by successive British governments over that time.

This is a tough but reasoned critique. First, of partition itself, which has been a running sore, triggering not one but two civil wars on the island of Ireland. Secondly, of fifty years of Unionist misrule, where Northern Ireland was largely left to its own devices in what remains the biggest experiment in devolution that the British state has yet seen. Meagher explains how Northern Ireland curdled into a sectarian state and why this set the backdrop for the emergence of the Troubles.

This extraordinary book explores the missed signals, the turning points and the principled decisions that, at various stages, should have been taken, as well as the raw realpolitik of how Northern Ireland has been governed over the past 100 years.



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THE REBUILDING OF ENGLAND

JOHN DENHAM

England is broken and the United Kingdom is bitterly divided. The rupture of Brexit is a symptom rather than a cause of divisions, and the tensions we now face threaten political and social stability and the foundations of the union itself.

In this book, former Labour Cabinet minister John Denham makes a new and urgent argument exploring how the roots of many of these British divisions lie in the exclusion of England and the English from our structures of governance – divisions exacerbated by those who have sought to impose their own cosmopolitan ideals on people who value nation, people and place, dismissing English nationalism as a right-wing nostalgia trip.

'Englishness' and 'Britishness' have increasingly come to reflect different values. The response must be the establishment of a parliament for England; a radical and entrenched devolution of power within England; and the re-founding of the union as a voluntary collaboration of nations.

In short, England must be allowed to determine its own democratic institutions free from the impositions of the UK state. Unhealed, a divided England will foster more political disruption in the future.



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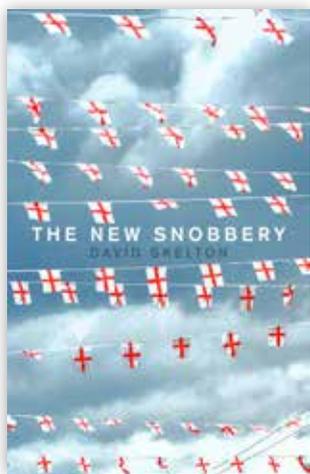
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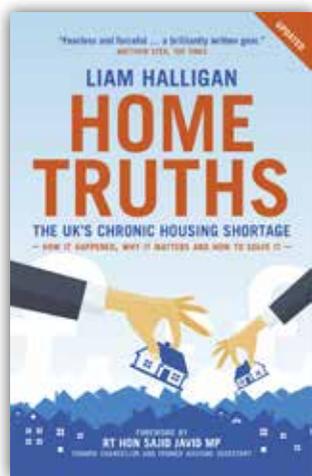
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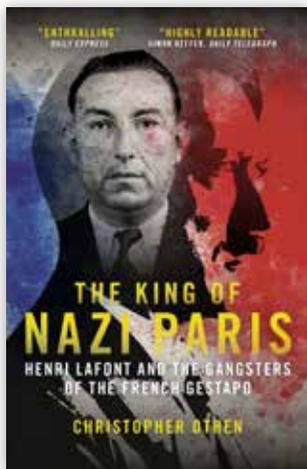
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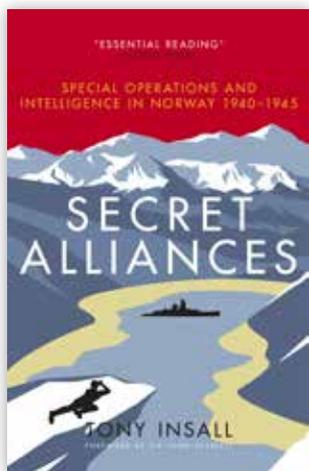
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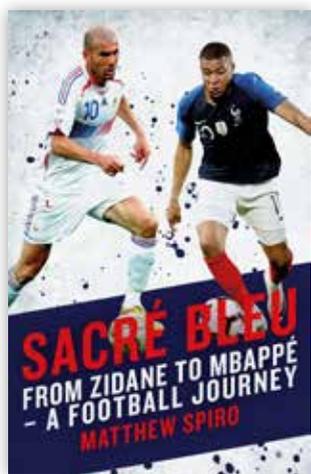
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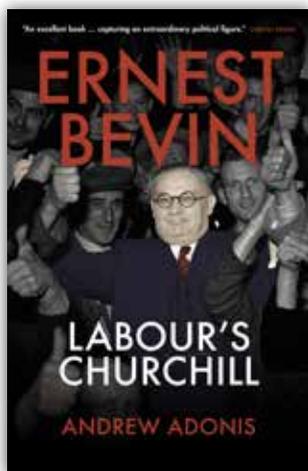
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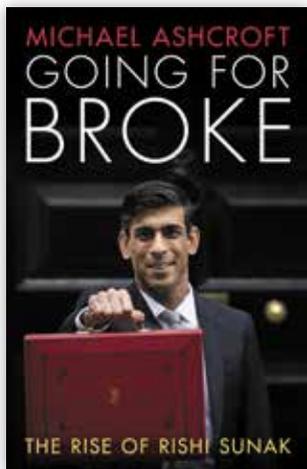
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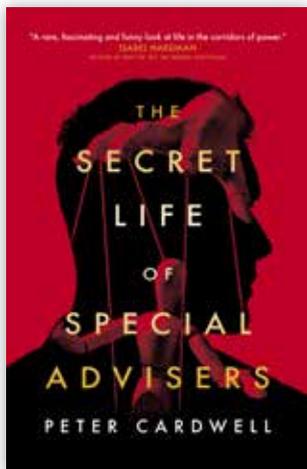
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In the middle of 2019, Rishi Sunak was an unknown junior minister in the local government department. Seven months later, at the age of thirty-nine, he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, grappling with the gravest economic crisis in modern history.

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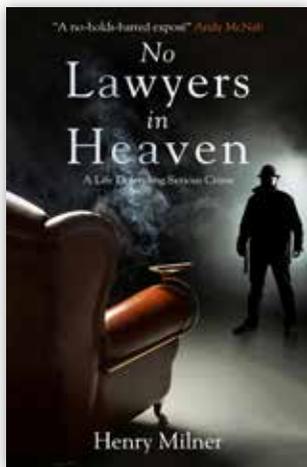
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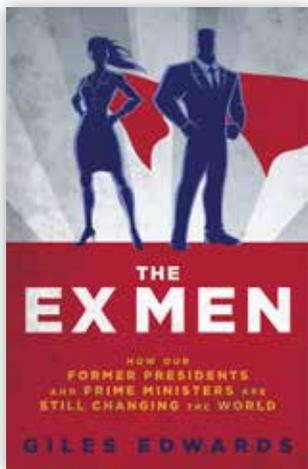
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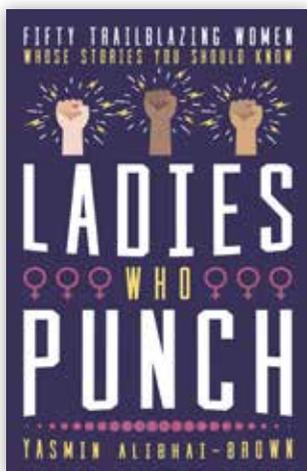
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On the night Margaret Thatcher secured a third consecutive general election victory in June 1987, history was made by a daughter of Jamaican immigrants as she became the first black woman to be elected to Parliament. Diane Abbott entered the House of Commons at a time when there were no black MPs in Parliament and when fewer than 5 per cent of MPs were women. Three decades on and she is one of the best-known figures in Westminster.

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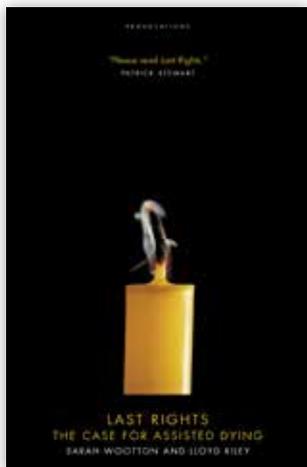
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LAST RIGHTS THE CASE FOR ASSISTED DYING

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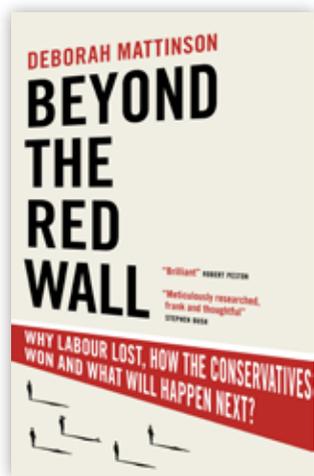
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The coronavirus pandemic has made society's relationship with death and dying everybody's business. We have had to confront new challenges around the way we care for dying people, yet the old problems have not gone away.

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BEYOND THE RED WALL WHY LABOUR LOST, HOW THE CONSERVATIVES WON AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

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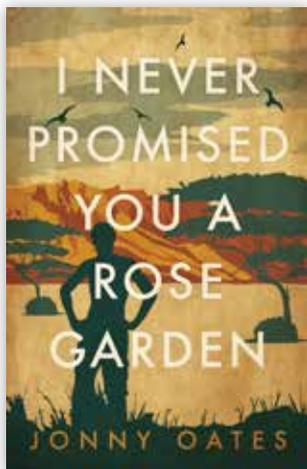
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How do you start an electoral earthquake? Head to the Red Wall and you might just find out. Covering some sixty seats stretching from the Midlands up to the north of England and across to Wales, the wall is constructed of the old coal, steel and manufacturing constituencies that were the bedrock of Labour victories for years. Assumed to be a stuck-in-their-ways, loyal-to-a-fault foundation for Labour, the Red Wallers changed all that on 12 December 2019 when they elected Boris Johnson, turning their constituencies blue.

Here, renowned pollster and commentator Deborah Mattinson takes the issue by the horns, asking why these proudly working-class voters were tempted by the ‘posh party’ and questioning if they will ever again make their way back to the Labour fold.

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I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN

JONNY OATES

Aged fifteen and armed with a credit card stolen from his father, Jonny Oates ran away from home and boarded a plane to Addis Ababa. His plan? To single-handedly save the Ethiopian people from the devastating 1985 famine. Discovering on arrival that the demand for the assistance of unskilled fifteen-year-old English boys was limited, he learned the hard lesson that you can't change the world just by pure force of will.

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ELITISM A PROGRESSIVE DEFENCE

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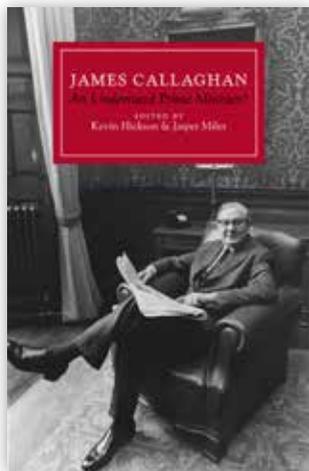
“A seriously smart and audacious examination of what exactly we mean by ‘elites’, and whether the rhetoric of the populist right has encouraged the wrong ones to be demonised.”

MATTHEW D’ANCONA

Anti-elitism has become a common staple of media commentary and political rhetoric. But we are taking aim at the wrong enemy. The populist right have diverted public anger away from the real corporate and financial elites and onto those who treat us when we are sick, champion our rights in court, represent our interests in Parliament and create and curate the best literature, art and ideas.

This important book argues that the real elites escape scrutiny, while everything that makes our lives worth living becomes ‘worthy’ and dumbed down. Culture and education have been made to function as merely symbolic arenas of democratisation, but gross inequality remains intact.

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It has been forty years since James Callaghan – the only person to hold all four of the great offices of state – resigned as Leader of the Opposition, bringing to an end over three decades of service on the front bench.

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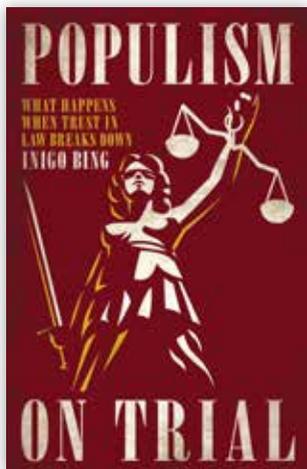
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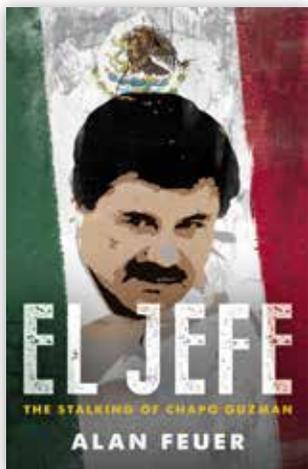
POPULISM ON TRIAL WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TRUST IN LAW BREAKS DOWN

INIGO BING

In recent years a new form of populism has taken hold of our politics, turning Britain into an increasingly intolerant and fractious country. As our society grapples with the threat posed by terrorism and the uncertainty that has followed the Brexit referendum and the coronavirus pandemic, cracks have begun to appear in the very foundations of our liberal democracy; the values that we once regarded as sacred are being called into question.

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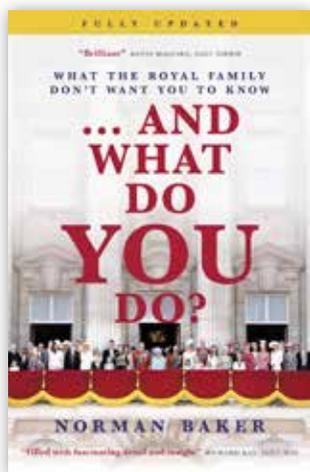
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EL JEFE THE STALKING OF CHAPO GUZMÁN

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... AND WHAT DO YOU DO? WHAT THE ROYAL FAMILY DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

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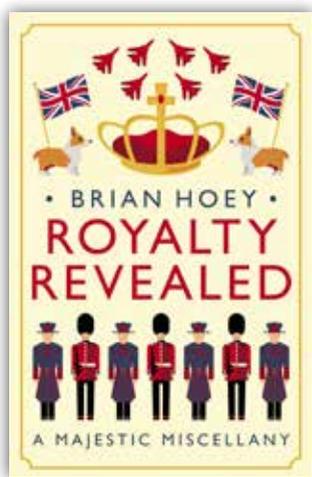
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The royal family: the quintessential British institution or an antiquated, overindulged drain on the taxpayer?

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