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Basic Books

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Brian Fagan

Fish on Friday

“Fagan’s book is a wonderful treatise, combining social and economic history, maritime archaeology, and marine biology. When he talks of the challenges of navigating the Maine coast or the North Sea or elsewhere, he clearly knows what he is talking about, for he has navigated some of these very waters in small boats... *Fish on Friday* is an enormously erudite, enjoyable, and well-written pioneering journey into a world that all too few histories touch upon... Brian Fagan is justly renowned for his immensely readable books on the human past. *Fish on Friday* is by far his best.” —*Times (UK) Higher Education Supplement*

“A fast-paced, edge-of-the-seat tale... Fagan’s rich prose creates a lively social history that will captivate readers of Mark Kurlansky and Jared Diamond.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

“An eminent archaeologist, Fagan traces history through long-term trends, not one-off actions, finding the residue of nameless lives as informative and exciting as the official record. Hence his instinctual readiness to displace the heroic narrative of Columbus and Cabot with an account of the medieval fishing industry and its place in the European economy and Catholic culture. Fagan gives us a real flavour of life at the time (literally - there are recipes here). Over generations, he argues persuasively, fishermen pushed ever further westward across the Atlantic, the unassuming ‘advance guard’ of European exploration in North America.” —*The Scotsman*

“[Fagan] paints a finely drawn picture, embellished with eye-catching nuggets of fact and shrewd adventures in speculation... There is a winning quality in Fagan’s writing...” —*Los Angeles Times*

“This superbly written and illustrated history of fishing is also a cook book. Try the Roman fish stew recipe that survived the empire’s collapse.” —*New Scientist*

March 2006 • History • 288 pages

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David Rosenberg

Abraham: The First Historical Biography

[This book is] “...thrilling...What Rosenberg does best is to show not only the distance between the biblical authors and the events they describe, but also the closeness. He looks at why they needed to create these tales in the way they did, and why we still need them now.” —*Daily Telegraph (UK)*

“[O]ne of the most thrilling and perceptive triumphs of imagination and scholarship I have ever had the pleasure to read.” —*New York Sun*

“[A] compelling and moving interpretation that ponders the significance, for Abraham and his descendants, of his journey from Ur to Canaan, fraught with uncertainty for a man—expatriate, aging, childless—hanging between a lost past and a still unmapped future.” —*Publishers Weekly*

May 2006 • Religion/History • 350 pages

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Tim Snyder

The Red Prince

In the tradition of Tom Reiss's *The Orientalist*, Tim Snyder, a professor at Yale and one of the foremost historians of Eastern Europe, tells the irrepressibly fascinating and hitherto unknown story of Archduke William of Habsburg. Von Habsburg wore the uniform of the Austrian officer, the court regalia of a Habsburg archduke, the simple suit of a Parisian exile, the garter of the Order of the Golden Fleece, and, every so often, a dress. Born in 1895, as the age of mass politics was beginning, William identified with the peoples of Europe who resisted their own empires, which is to say, the rule of his own Habsburg family. While living a decadent life in Paris and Vienna, throughout his life, William worked towards establishing an independent Ukrainian socialist state, only to be thwarted by two bloody world wars and eventually undone by the rise of murderous state ideologies in Germany and Russia. Born an aristocrat, he died a prisoner in Stalin's Soviet Union. This is an indelible portrait of a fascinating man, whose his colorful, transnational life serves as a symbol for all the ineffable ambitions of twentieth century Europe in its darkest hours: a decorous world of dynasty co-existing with the age of mass political terror, the elites of the old order falling together in a mutual embrace with the emerging mass nation. • Timothy Snyder is Professor of History at Yale University. He received his doctorate from the University of Oxford in 1997 and has held fellowships in Paris, Vienna, Warsaw, Prague, and at Harvard. He is the author of several books including *Sketches from a Secret War* (Yale University Press, 2005). He has written for the *New Republic*, *New York Review of Books*, and *Times Literary Supplement*. The *Times Literary Supplement* described his style as "a welcome reminder that history writing can be—indeed, ought to be—a literary pursuit."

Fall 2008 • Biography/History • 272 pages

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Tim Snyder

Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin

In the groundbreaking long-view style of Tony Judt and Niall Ferguson, Tim Snyder one of America's foremost historians of Eastern Europe, draws up a new history of Europe that focuses on the Eastern front, which suffered the worst crimes of Hitler and Stalin. For the West, World War II was a victory, but the Eastern European countries of Poland Hungary, Ukraine, and Belarus were first mowed down by Hitler then crushed in the grip of Stalin. The worst actions of both dictators were often directed at the same regions and populations of Europe and the result was multiple waves of destruction. The scale of damage in the lands between Germany and Russia has eluded historians and baffles the cynicism of our new century; but it is imperative that we understand the bitter cost of the war to these countries if we are to understand modern Europe. The culmination of Tim Snyder's research to date, this magnum opus will significantly redefine our understanding of the defining period of the twentieth century. • Timothy Snyder is Professor of History at Yale University. He received his doctorate from the University of Oxford in 1997, where he was a Marshall Scholar and has held fellowships in Paris, Vienna, Warsaw, Prague, and at Harvard. He is the author of *Nationalism, Marxism, and Modern Central Europe* (Harvard University Press, 1998); *The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus 1569–1999* (Yale University Press, 2003); and *Sketches from a Secret War* (Yale University Press, 2005). He has written for the *New Republic*, *New York Review of Books*, and *Times Literary Supplement*.

Fall 2009 • History • 400 pages

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Madhusree Mukerjee

Churchill's Choice: Empire, War, and the Great Bengal Famine

In 1943 it is estimated that over three million people died in Bengal (now Bangladesh and the Indian state of West Bengal) from starvation, malnutrition, and related illnesses in what is now called The Great Bengal Famine. This event in British colonial history is known, but it has never been explored fully in a trade book. Indian scientist and journalist Madhusree Mukerjee compellingly explains how the famine that killed so many innocent subjects of the British Empire was the inevitable result of two centuries of a racist and exploitive colonial policy culminating in Churchill's mobilization of India's resources for the war, with disastrous results for India. She puts this oft-overlooked historical episode into the larger context of the Second World War, Indian history, and Churchill's legacy. In the vein of Samantha Power and Iris Chang, Mukerjee reveals harsh truths about our shared history that, while easily ignored, inform the human condition more than any tales of our nobler deeds. • Madhusree Mukerjee is the author of *The Land of Naked People* and was previously an editor at *Scientific American*. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and has written extensively on a variety of other issues involving science and society.

Spring 2008 • History • 336 pages
UK and Translation Rights: Basic Books

Claire Berlinski

Why Thatcher Matters

If Ronald Reagan is the person who brought conservative ideas to the fore in American politics, Margaret Thatcher is the one who proved that those ideas were not limited to the peculiarities of American political culture but could be applied around the world. As Britain's Prime Minister from 1979 to 1990, Thatcher championed a full range of conservative initiatives: she privatized state-owned industries, curbed the power of labor unions, reduced the welfare, and instituted monetarist economic policies. Her victories brought bitter costs in human misery and social discord—suicides, decimated communities, broken families—and her legacy is mixed and in some ways disturbing. Berlinski's aim is to convey a full, textured portrait of the woman and her legacy, her flaws and missteps as well as her triumphs. But ultimately, Claire Berlinski argues, Thatcher matters because socialism is again on the rise and only those societies willing to do what Thatcher did will prevail. The struggles of Great Britain in the 1980s remain vitally relevant to Britain and Europe, and to the world. *Why Thatcher Matters* is an account of the epic and ongoing conflict between free enterprise and its enemies. • Since receiving her Ph.D. in international relations from Balliol College at Oxford University, Claire Berlinski has lived and worked in Britain, Thailand, Laos, France, and Turkey as a journalist and freelance consultant. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Sun*, *The Oxford International Review*, *Asia Times*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The National Review*, *Policy Review*, and elsewhere. She is the author of the novel *Loose Lips* (Random House, 2003) and the nonfiction *Menace in Europe* (Crown Forum, 2006).

Spring 2008 • History • 336 pages
UK and Translation Rights: Basic Books

Zbigniew Brzezinski

Second Chance: Three Presidents and the Crisis of American Superpower

One of the most distinguished commentators on foreign policy today, former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, offers a reasoned but unsparing assessment of the last three presidential administrations' foreign policy. Though they cover less than two decades, these three administrations span a vitally important turning point in world history: the period in which the U.S., having emerged from the Cold War with an unprecedented degree of power and prestige, managed to squander both in a remarkably short time. The tale of these three administrations is a tale of depressing and relentless decline: from the competent but conventional thinking of the first Bush Administration, to the good intentions hobbled by self-indulgence of the Clinton Administration, to the mortgaging of America's future by the "suicidal statecraft" of the second Bush Administration. This scholarly yet highly opinionated book is sure to be both controversial and influential. • Zbigniew Brzezinski, formerly the National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter, is a counselor and trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a professor of American foreign policy at the School of Advanced International Studies, the Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. His many books include *The Choice: Global Domination or Global Leadership* (2004) and *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives* (1997).

March 2007 • Current Affairs • 240 pages

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Heraldo Muñoz

The Dictator's Shadow

Augusto Pinochet was the most important third-world dictator of the Cold War. Put in place with the help and blessing of the U.S., the Pinochet regime was the main testing ground for monetarist economic theories; at one point a group of Milton Friedman disciples, known as "The Chicago Boys," was effectively running Chilean economic policy. For Western conservatives, the state terror was simply the price that had to be paid to fight off communist influence while building a modern industrial state. But the questions raised by Pinochet's rule still remain: are such dictators somehow *necessary*? Whose interests do they ultimately serve? In *The Dictator's Shadow*, Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz, the Permanent Representative of Chile to the U.N., takes advantage of his unmatched set of perspectives—as a former revolutionary and witness to Pinochet's coup, as a respected scholar of international relations, and as a working diplomat—to explore what this extraordinary figure and his terrible regime meant to the people of Chile and to the world. • Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz was Deputy Foreign Minister of Chile from 2000 to 2002, before assuming his present at the U.N. Previously, Dr. Muñoz was National Supervisor of the People's Stores under the government of Salvador Allende. After the coup that put Pinochet in power, Dr. Muñoz earned a Ph.D. in international relations at the University of Denver. He has published scholarly books in both English and Spanish, and his articles and opinion pieces have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Journal of Democracy*, *Folha de Sao Paulo*, *Le Monde Diplomatique* and other newspapers. He is frequently quoted on international issues by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Financial Times* and other journals.

Spring 2008 • History • 240 pages

UK and Translation Rights: Basic Books

Randall Robinson

Haiti: An Unbroken Agony

In the late eighteenth century, an army of slaves overwhelmed the French, Spanish, and British forces and threw them out of Haiti, winning both their personal freedom and their independence as a nation. Since its inception, Haiti has had a singularly curious relationship with the United States, much to its detriment. After its defeat, France made the outrageous claim that Haiti owed it for the revenue lost by the French from no longer being able to sell to the Haitian people in the slave trade. In the 1920s the U.S. supported the French in imposing this payment on them, and in the 1950s Haiti actually paid the demanded sum, thereby bankrupting itself for the foreseeable future. Robinson, a close personal friend of President Aristide, tells that sordid history and bring us right up through the violent coup that ousted the democratically elected Aristide, right through to the troubled present. • Randall Robinson is the founder and former president of TransAfrica, the African-American advocacy organization he established to promote constructive and enlightened U.S. Policies toward Africa and the Caribbean. He is the author of *The Debt*, *The Reckoning*, and *Defending the Spirit*.

May 2007 • History • 352 pages
UK & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Timothy J. Colton

Not in One Leap: A Biography of Boris Yeltsin

This is the first major political biography to examine this deeply conflicted yet brilliant politician and his extraordinary times. Kennedy School Professor Timothy J. Colton traces Yeltsin's development from peasant lad in the Urals to Communist party apparatchik, and then to nemesis of the Soviet order and radical reformer. Making use of unprecedented interviews with Yeltsin himself, as well as with key participants in the story and newly declassified documents, Colton shows why and how Yeltsin broke with single-party rule and launched his drive to replace it with democracy. Colton departs from most historians by showing Boris Yeltsin not as the unwilling subject of world history's mercurial moods, but rather as the key agent in post-Soviet Russia, whose colossal attempt at bringing democracy to Russia remains one of the great, unfinished stories of our time. • Timothy J. Colton is a professor of Government and Russian Studies and Director of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. He is the author of *Moscow: Governing the Socialist Metropolis* (1995). He is a member of the Joint Committee on Soviet Studies of Social Science Research Council and vice-chairman of the National Council for East European, Russian, and Eurasian Research.

Fall 2007 • Biography • 375 pages
UK & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Brian Fagan

The World That Never Was

From a recognized authority comes a look at the impact of dramatic weather change on civilizations—both of the past and our own. How might the world have been different if our weather had been different from what it was? And what lessons can we apply to our own rapidly changing climate? Applying historic weather trends to human history is what archeologist Brian Fagan does best, and he does so with a strong narrative style. In this book, he turns his unique lens to the global changes wrought by a single event worldwide climate event—the end of the Medieval Warm Period and the beginning of the Little Ice Age. He examines its effects on the relative fortunes of civilizations throughout the world and by extension reveals what major climate change may well hold for our future. If the Little Ice Age never occurred would the Norse have settled North America before the Conquistadors? Would Polynesians have reached the California coast? Would China have been balkanized by repeated Mongol invasions? Ahead of the curve as always, Fagan examines how different societies, the Norse, the Maya, and the Chinese among them, responded to abundance and shortage through centuries of both stable and unstable climate, with a special look at how much more vulnerable we are in our modern world than we think we are. • Brian Fagan is Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the author of several leading textbooks in North American and world archaeology. His popular books include *Floods, Famines and Emperors; The Little Ice Age; The Long Summer; and Fish on Friday*.

Fall 2008 • Science • 288 pages
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Mathew Goodman

The Moon and the Sun: Nineteenth-Century New York, Newspapers, and the Greatest Hoax of the Age

In the sultry summer of 1835, New York City, still reeling from the effects of a horrific cholera epidemic, was coaxed into a mood of mass hysteria by a series of articles in the *New York Sun*, the first of the city's penny papers. Seven articles, purporting to be the first report of the lunar discoveries made by the world-famous British astronomer Sir John Herschel, described in astonishing detail the existence of life on the moon. Most of New York believed what they read and the story spread. In an era famed for its fantastic hoaxes, the Moon Hoax was the most notorious. And the *New York Sun*, less than two years old, became the most widely read newspaper in the world, giving birth to the tabloid newspaper industry that we know all too well today. With a terrific cast of characters including Richard Adams Locke, an enigmatic Englishman with a reputation as one of the brightest journalists in the business who created the hoax, Edgar Allen Poe, P.T. Barnum, and other vivid types who inhabited the world of newspapers in nineteenth-century New York, Goodman teases out not only the drama, but also the political and social dimensions of this marvelous story. • Mathew Goodman is the author of *Jewish Food: The World at Table*. His nonfiction pieces have appeared in *The Forward*, *The American Scholar*, *Harvard Review*, *Brill's Content*, and *The Utne Reader*.

Spring 2008 • History • 300 Pages
UK & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Dean Falk

Finding Our Tongues

How did humans evolve language? The standard theory says that abstract thinking evolved to help humans negotiate such male activities as hunting and warfare, and only later developed into language. The role of women in the evolution of language has hardly been addressed. *Finding Our Tongues* fills that void with a daring and intriguing new theory that springs from a simple observation: parents all over the world, in all cultures, talk to infants in a special way, sometimes called “motherese.” Motherese is unique to humans and Falk suggests that it developed as a means of reassurance when mothers put their babies down in order to gather food and do other tasks. Falk argues that the motherese is the basis from which the first words and, later, protolanguage grew; these ultimately led not only to spoken language but also to music and art. Combining cutting-edge neuroscience with classic anthropology in a new theory that will overturn many settled ideas of how and when language emerged, *Finding Our Tongues* is a fascinating and eye-opening work of popular science. • Dean Falk is Professor and Chair of Anthropology at Florida State University and the author of *Braindance* and *Primate Diversity*. Her “putting the baby down” theory, originally published in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* in 2004, has been reported in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Science*, *Scientific American*, *The New Scientist*, *National Geographic*, *The Guardian* and other publications.

Fall 2007 • Science • 256 pages

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Devra Davis

The Secret History of the War on Cancer

We have been waging a war on cancer aimed at detecting, treating, and curing the disease. But the campaign has hardly addressed the root causes of the disease, such as tobacco, the workplace, or the general environment; proof that the world in which we live and work has a lot to do with whether we get cancer was either overlooked or suppressed, often by people who have a major economic interest in making this happen. Devra Davis is a globally renowned epidemiologist who does not shy away from exposing uncomfortable political truths. In this controversial book, she brings the focus on the leaders and the industries who, for their own profit, deliberately turned the spotlight of attention away from environmental and industrial causes. Filled with compelling personalities and new revelations, this is the story of a major public health effort diverted and distorted for private gain. • Devra Davis, PhD, MPH, is the director of the Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh. She was appointed by President Clinton to the Chemical Safety and Hazard investigation Board in 1994 and has been a Scholar in Residence at the National Academy of Science. She has held visiting professorships at The London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Carnegie-Mellon University, and Rockefeller University, among others. Her previous book, *When Smoke Ran Like Water* (2002) was a finalist for the National Book Award in nonfiction.

Fall 2007 • History/Science • 300 pages

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Frances Kuffel

Just This Once

This smart, compelling twist on the diet book speaks to those struggling to deal with the shame and grief of relapse from someone who knows. Frances Kuffel's 2004 *Passing for Thin*, an intimate memoir on losing weight and gaining a self, received stellar reviews. But life isn't a fairytale, and after gaining every pound back, she now shares her painful journey into relapse and recovery in this frank and moving memoir. *Just This Once* is a study of why weight loss is so difficult to maintain, and focuses on the female perspective of weight, diet, gain, and diet again. Both a practical guide and literary delight, Kuffel shares the highly articulate stories of other dieters struggling to re-lose their weight, and the lessons involved in each painful process. It also offers a psychological approach to the idea that it isn't just about the weight, but is also about "what food does to the totality of our selves," often leaving weight-losers struggling with their own identity. This is a brutally honest, sharp, and witty memoir with an insider's knowledge and advice on facing a life on the merry-go-round of weight loss. • Frances Kuffel is a literary agent who has published poems and short stories in literary journals, including *Triquarterly*, the *Georgia Review*, and the *Massachusetts Review*. She is the author of *Passing for Thin: Losing Half My Weight and Finding Myself*. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

February 2008 • Memoir/Self-Help/Health and Fitness • 256 Pages
UK & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Edward J. Renehan

Biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt

If anyone deserves to be called the Founding Father of American business, it's Cornelius Vanderbilt. The founder of the world's first great technology fortune, Vanderbilt consistently took cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technologies—steamboats, railroads, and finally the telegraph—and used them to alter the financial and social landscape of America. Controlling capital worth nearly \$100 billion in today's dollars, Vanderbilt was the chief financier of Manhattan's financial district. At the time of his death in 1877, his railways formed the cornerstone of the American economy. Vanderbilt was also an intriguing and colorful character: an egotist and a lout, devoid of manners or charity, who never lost his youthful taste for dockside prostitutes. Edward J. Renehan's biography of Vanderbilt, the first in over 60 years, takes advantage of several new archives to shed new light on Vanderbilt's business dealings and private life, ranging from his dealings with the Nicaraguan government to the fact that his later years were marred by an advanced case of syphilis. This major work by an acclaimed popular historian and biographer will likely be the definitive life of Vanderbilt for our generation. • Edward J. Renehan's books include *Dark Genius of Wall Street: The Misunderstood Life of Jay Gould* (Basic, 2005), *The Kennedys at War*, and *The Lion's Pride: Theodore Roosevelt and His Family in Peace and War* (Oxford, 1998), among others.

Fall 2008 • Biography • 304 pages
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Lee Harris

The Suicide of Reason

Whether by choice or not the West finds itself in a low-grade yet bitter war with Islamic fanaticism. It is a war, argues Lee Harris, that the West is singularly ill-equipped to fight and a foe that is resistant to any of our normal methods of conflict resolution such as negotiation, economic sanctions, or conventional armed confrontation. We are loathe to attribute mass fanaticism to another culture since we don't like to believe that intolerance may be a virtue to them just as tolerance is a virtue to us. Radical Islam, writes Harris, has already seized the historical momentum from the West, while the West's position has become increasingly reactive and defensive. This extraordinarily original and thought-provoking book explains the logic of fanatical movements through history, from the Crusades through Nazism to radical Islam; describes how the Enlightenment overcame fanatical thinking in the West; shows why most Western attempts to address the problem of fanaticism are doomed to fail; and offers strategies by which liberal internationalism can defend itself without becoming a mirror of the tribal forces it is trying to defeat • Lee Harris is the author of *Civilization and Its Enemies: The Next Stage of History* (Free Press, 2004) and a frequent contributor to *Policy Review*, *The Wall Street Journal's* "Opinion Journal," and other publications, both in print and online.

Fall 2007 • Current Affairs • 240 pages
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Elliot Jaspin

Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Elliot Jaspin offers explosive evidence that ethnic cleansing has taken place in America. While we have long known about horrific episodes of lynching in the American South, the story of widespread ethnic cleansing of communities has remained almost entirely unknown. Through painstaking research using historical census data, Jaspin found counties where the black populations had inexplicably declined dramatically very quickly. He tracked down that evidence and uncovered many examples of places where the black populations had been murdered, stripped of their lands and homes, and forced to leave entire counties—sometimes overnight. This story has never been fully told and has truly been buried. We anticipate tremendous media attention as this tale comes to light and that the political and economic ramifications will be major. • Elliot Jaspin is a journalist specializing in computer-assisted reporting. In his four-decade career as a journalist, he has won numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1979 for a series on Jimmy Hoffa's influence.

January 2007 • History • 288 pages
British Commonwealth & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Ian Stewart

Why Beauty Is Truth: The History of Symmetry

On May 13, 1832, two young Frenchmen dueled at dawn over a young woman, and one of the men died two weeks later from his wounds. That man was young French mathematician Evariste Galois whose legacy would revolutionize mathematics. In this absorbing work, acclaimed mathematician Ian Stewart explores one of the most influential ideas in the history of mathematics and science: the concept of symmetry, along with the symbolic language used to describe and understand its implications. His journey leads us from Galois's invention of this language used to describe symmetry in mathematical structures, to the concepts at the forefront of today's physics—quantum mechanics and superstrings, which could not have been discovered without an in-depth understanding of symmetry. Indeed, the historical development of the mathematical theory of symmetry shows that extraordinarily useful ideas can arise from purely abstract considerations. • Ian Stewart is currently Professor of Mathematics at Warwick University, and he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2001. He is the author of more than 140 published papers, and numerous books, including *Does God Play Dice?*, *The Annotated Flatland*, and *Letters to a Young Mathematician*. In 1995 he was awarded the Royal Society's Michael Faraday Medal for furthering the public understanding of science.

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Michael Heller

Dealbreakers: When More Property Means Less Prosperity

Garrett Hardin's famous "tragedy of the commons" is a classic idea in economics. When no one has a significant stake in some common resource—such as a grazing meadow, a stream, or clean air—the resource is inevitably overused and eventually degraded. But what about the reverse situation—when property rights in a resource are divided up too finely, and those rights are too closely held? How can you build on a plot of land where every square inch has a different owner? This is the "tragedy of the anticommons," the problem of excessive property rights creating under-use of resources. Until Michael Heller first proposed the idea in a *Harvard Law Review* article in 1998, the anti-commons was an unknown concept and its effects were hardly noticed. But now we see that the anticommons are everywhere: in excessive patent grants that prevent the development of lifesaving drugs; in real estate practices that ultimately lead to the loss of family estates; in regulations that divide up the broadcast spectrum in irrational ways; and in copyright laws that keep important works inaccessible to the public. Like Hernando de Soto and Richard Florida, Heller offers a tremendously original idea that shifts our way of thinking about property and that unifies many areas of economics, law, business, and the social sciences. • Michael Heller is a dean and professor of real estate law at Columbia University Law School. He has advised the governments of Russia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Albania, and Armenia on property rights, and has written on property conflicts in Israel, China, Honduras, and other countries.

Fall 2008 • Economics • 256 pages

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Steve Fraser

America in the Gilded Age

The Gilded Age, the period from 1878–1889 in American history, was the heyday of the Robber Barons, when men like Andrew Carnegie developed staggering industrial empires and displayed great wealth in their ballrooms and salons. But while these elites grew in power, the life of the farmers, miners, and workers grew harder, or, rather, their willingness to fight against their lot grew. And this period became one marked by a growing sense of unease, foreboding, and that another civil war was inevitable. In another brilliant work of narrative history, Steven Fraser immerses us in this colorful period of high passions and extreme decadence, of tremendous cultural and social upheaval, and captures, as no one else has, a portrait of a country on the cusp of economic chaos. • Steve Fraser is a historian and book editor of repute. He has edited Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners and is an acclaimed historian in his own right, having been nominated for a National Book Circle Critics Award. His previous book, *Every Man a Speculator*, received wide praise and was called “an ambitious, fascinating tale peopled with infamous confidence men, cold-hearted fraudsters, and ruined speculators, through whose eyes Fraser tells virtually an alternative history of America.”

Fall 2008 • History • 298 pages
British Commonwealth & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Paul Starr

The Liberal Project: The First Principles, Historic Strengths, Present Troubles, and Future Prospects of Liberalism

This powerful new manifesto from Pulitzer Prize–winner Paul Starr offers a compelling look at the origins, principles, and benefits of liberalism in a global context. *The Liberal Project* investigates the reasons behind the durability and success of liberal government, the intricacies of its power distribution, and how its principles apply to the modern-day war on terror. Starr argues that liberalism is uniquely designed to both create and control power through a system of “enabling constraints”—broader social protections that ultimately lead to an increase in civil liberties without sacrificing individual freedom. Written for a wide range of readers, Starr’s newest book is an intriguing, forceful, and thorough exploration of the roots and vitality of liberalism. • Paul Starr is Professor of Sociology at Princeton University. His book, *The Social Transformation of American Medicine*, won the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction, as well as the Bancroft Prize for history and the C. Wright Mills Award in sociology.

April 2007 • Current Affairs & Politics • 256 pages
UK & Translation Rights: Basic Books

Paul Bracken

The Nuclear Ages

Paul Bracken is a professor of both management and political science at Yale, where he teaches a course called “Strategy, Technology, and War.” He is the author of two books on nuclear strategy and regularly consults on strategy issues at high levels of the government. In this book, Bracken argues that we are living in a second nuclear age, and rather than holding out hope for the eradication or control of nuclear arms we need to address in strategic, political, and military terms the realities of this age—including the proliferation of arms to rogue states and non-state actors—and address the fact that we have failed to keep pace, either technologically or intellectually, with the challenges that confront us today. Professor Bracken has taught all over the world and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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Stefan Halper and Jonathan Clarke

The Silence of the Rational Center: Why American Foreign Policy Is Failing

What has happened to American foreign policy? Stefan Halper and Jonathan Clarke argue that the members of what used to be called the foreign policy establishment—the academics, government officials, and journalists—are advancing simplistic, glib mythologies rather than careful analyses. The result is that on a variety of issues, we are too often presented with a fantasy world of nightmare scenarios rather than with explanations that lead to rational choices. Taking to task such well-known figures as Samuel Huntington and John Lewis Gaddis, Halper and Clarke argue for a revival of the centrist, realist tradition that dominated the thinking of both parties throughout the Cold War. • Stefan Halper is a Fellow of Magdalene College at the University of Cambridge and a Senior Fellow of the Centre of International Studies. An American educated at Stanford, Oxford, and Cambridge universities, he served as a White House and State Department official in the Nixon, Ford, and Reagan administrations. Jonathan Clarke is a research fellow in foreign policy at the Cato Institute in Washington. A former diplomat with the rank of counselor in the British Diplomatic Service, his assignments included Germany, Zimbabwe, and the United States. He has been widely published in *Foreign Affairs*, *The London Daily Telegraph*, and *Paris Monde Diplomatique* among others.

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Ralph D. Sawyer

The Tao of Deception: Unorthodox Warfare in China

This is the definitive book on a set of ancient military principles used in Chinese warfare, which are strikingly relevant to wars today. The history of China is a history of warfare, but Chinese warfare has been guided by rather different principles than those that governed military tactics in Europe. In China, strategists have followed the concept, first articulated by Sun Tzu in *The Art of War*, of *ch'i* or unorthodox warfare. “Unorthodox” here does not mean merely different: the concept of *ch'i* involves creating and exploiting tactical imbalances in order to achieve victory against even vastly superior and better-equipped forces. Ralph Sawyer offers a comprehensive guide to the ancient practice of unorthodox warfare, at a time when it is becoming the dominant way of thinking about military strategy. If warfare in the twentieth century relied on attacking the enemy’s armies and cities, in this century it will increasingly rely on attacking the enemy’s view of the world. • Ralph D. Sawyer is one of America’s leading scholars in Chinese warfare, and has worked extensively with major intelligence agencies as well as with the Pentagon. Sawyer has spent the past thirty years doing international consulting work throughout Asia.

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Keith Sawyer

Group Genius: The New Science of Supercreativity

We live in a creative culture. More than one third of our workforce engages in creative activity and that segment is growing all the time. Now, for the first time, a psychologist explains the truth, and the science, behind creativity, and gives us the tools to put that science to work. In this fascinating guide to innovation Keith Sawyer, a protégé of Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, sets out to prove that there is a very real way to make everyone more creative, indeed that there is a science of creativity and innovation, which helps us understand how individual creativity actually works. For those organizations that retain rigid structure and hierarchy this provides a wake-up call, showing that structure actually diminishes creativity, and there is a need to strike the right balance between order and innovation. Improvisation is the key to good results. Who knows, with the right approach, the next Michelangelo could be anyone. • Keith Sawyer teaches psychology at Washington University in St. Louis. He has published several academic books on the subject of creativity and innovation and he designed the video game Atari. June 2007 • Science/Psychology • 256 pages
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Samuel Gosling

The Secret Language of Things: How We Explain and Betray Personality in Everyday Life

This fascinating study explores the ways in which we express our personalities—purposely and inadvertently—through the spaces we inhabit. In reader-friendly prose, Samuel Gosling examines how different elements of personal spaces, from coffee mug rings on someone’s desk to a meticulously organized DVD collection in a dorm room, can reveal information about an occupant’s personality, values, goals, and activities. He details the three kinds of mechanisms that link people to the spaces they inhabit, explores how stereotypes and their kernels of truth affect the impression of information, and asks whether observers of these environments can be fooled by people who try to manage others’ perceptions of them. *The Secret Language of Things* is an intriguing look at the ways we communicate the self to others; in addition, as Gosling points out, it’s a great tool in the “science of snooping” that anyone can use to discover more about friends, family, and colleagues. • Samuel Gosling is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, and has spent the last ten years conducting research on how personality is expressed through everyday contexts. He holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley. January 2008 • Psychology • 288 pages
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Lisa Guernsey

Screen Time: A Thinking Parent’s Guide to What We Know, What We Don’t, and What We Should Do about Electronic Media and Our Kids 0 to 4.

Every parent is faced with the same dilemma—how much television and computer time is healthy for our young children and what kind of programming, if any, should they be watching? Can even just having a television on in the background of a home be harmful to a child? Lisa Guernsey offers a savvy book that brings together all of the best, most recent research on this subject, examining why children are so mesmerized by television, how viewing affects small children, when and if it can be a learning tool, and when it gets in the way of our children’s development. • Lisa Guernsey is a journalist who has written about the impact of technology and digital media, electronic toys, and educational software for many years. She has been a reporter for *The New York Times* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and has also written for *The Washington Post* Fall 2007 • Parenting • 288 pages
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Leonard Sax, M.D., Ph.D.

Boys at Risk: Why So Many Boys Are Failing at School and Life

From an experienced family physician comes an extremely important book for parents of boys. Doctors and parents around the world have noticed it—there is something bad happening to boys. In his own practice Leonard Sax has seen how boys today are less resilient and less ambitious than boys were 20 years ago. He is seeing more physical breakage of bones, less enthusiasm and engagement, and a decline in the number of young men who complete their studies and go on to successful jobs and lives. What are the causes of this disease without a name? Dr. Sax brings together the social, cultural, and biological pieces to the puzzle—first of all, the *nucleus accumbens*, a region of the brain connected to our motivation, is being damaged in boys by the types of drugs used to treat ADD and also by video and electronic games. Second, phthalates, which are used in the production of flexible plastics, leach out and cause a reaction in boys similar to the hormone estrogen with harmful results. And last, boys are not being engaged educationally the way they need to be. Doctor Sax brings these elements together and offers solutions that should fundamentally change the way we raise our boys. • Leonard Sax is a family physician outside of Washington, D.C. His most recent book, which was very well received, was *Why Gender Matters* (Doubleday, 2005). He lectures extensively throughout the world.

Fall 2007 • Health/Psychology • 288 pages
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Douglas Hofstadter

I Am a Strange Loop

This new book is the first one in which Hofstadter comes back to a book-length consideration of consciousness and artificial intelligence, examining whether consciousness can be achieved artificially. In this provocative essay, he contrasts sharply with such thinkers as John Searle and Thomas Nagel in saying that yes, consciousness will be seen in any information-processing system of any complexity. In other words, machine consciousness is fully possible—and all the ethical and religious questions this possibility raises will one day confront us in the real world. He does so in an elegant essay that combines his experience as a professor of cognitive science and the wonderful language play that marks Hofstadter's writing. • Douglas Hofstadter is a professor of cognitive and computer science at the University of Indiana, Bloomington. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1980 for *Godel, Escher, Bach*, which also won the American Book Award. He was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1980.

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Lawrence M. Krauss

Fear of Physics: A Guide for the Perplexed, revised and updated

“A splendid book for those who . . . want to tour the forefront of theoretical physics with a lively and inventive mind.” –*Washington Post Book World*

Fear of Physics is a lively, irreverent and informative look at everything from the physics of boiling water to cutting-edge research at the observable limits of the universe. Rich with anecdotes and accessible examples it nimbly ranges over the tools and thought behind the world of modern physics, taking the mystery out of what is essentially a very human intellectual endeavor. Krauss has updated this “cult classic” to keep pace with this rapidly changing field. Since it was written in 1992, our basic picture of cosmology has changed, as has our understanding of quarks, and our ability to measure gravity on different scales. Our understanding of black holes has been wildly altered and our notion of symmetry and its role in String Theory has been altered. Krauss updates these points while still providing us with a basic set of rules that we can use to simplify nature. • Lawrence M. Krauss is a professor of physics astronomy as well as chairman of the physics department at Case Western Reserve University. He is the author of several acclaimed books including *The Fifth Essence* and *Beyond Star Trek* as well as numerous scientific articles. He has won many international awards and lectures extensively.

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Lawrence Krauss

The Physics of Star Trek, revised and expanded

How does the holodeck work? What warps when you are traveling at warp speed? What happens when you get beamed up? Anyone who has ever wondered “could this really happen?” will enjoy Lawrence Krauss’s insights into the *Star Trek* universe and, incidentally the real world of physics, in this charming and accessible guide. Krauss uses the *Star Trek* future as a launching pad to discuss the forefront of modern physics today. From Newton to Hawking, from Einstein to Feynman, from Kirk to Picard, Krauss leads you on a voyage to the world of physics as we now know it and as it might one day be. With a foreword by the most renowned Trekker of all, one time *Next Generation* bit player Stephen Hawker, and a featuring section on the top ten physics blunders in *Star Trek*, this is a volume that will add a whole new dimension to our enjoyment of the series and our understanding of the universe we live in • Lawrence M. Krauss is a professor of physics astronomy as well as chairman of the physics department at Case Western Reserve University. He is the author of several acclaimed books including *The Fifth Essence* and *Fear of Physics* as well as numerous scientific articles. He has won many international awards and lectures extensively.

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Bruce Perry and Maia Szalavitz

The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog: What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us about Life, Loss, and Healing

This remarkable book, by a respected neuroscientist/psychiatrist and expert on childhood trauma, shows how extreme trauma can show us things about “normal” trauma in children. Dr. Perry uses cases of extreme childhood trauma and neglect to shed light on the cutting-edge news about how normal children develop and how they respond to stress, adversity, and other lifelong developmental challenges. In addition to helping children overcome trauma, his goal is to correct what he sees as “developmentally uninformed” child-rearing and “overparenting.” Dr. Perry also addresses the current trend towards fostering cognitive achievement at the expense of emotional development. This will be an important work in the best tradition of Basic Books. • Maia Szalavitz is an author and journalist who has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Newsday*, *Newsweek*, *New Scientist*, *Salon*, *Redbook* and other major publications.

January 2007 • Psychology/Child Psychology • 288 pages

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James L. Gould and Carol G. Gould

Building Minds: Animal Architecture and the Evolution of Consciousness

The engineering skill that goes into a beaver dam rivals the elegant calculations that built the pyramids and the Panama Canal. In this fresh approach to animal behavior Gould and Gould focus on the structures animals build to determine the workings of their minds and explore the intriguing idea that animal architecture is not wholly a product of instinct, but also to do with experience and practice. So to the beaver, who will calculate the water level, cut trees to size, and build roads and canals, each dam is tailored for its very specific needs. *Building Minds* examines structures across a range of species, from those whose blueprints are largely innate to those whose challenging architecture or locations require intellectual insight, planning, and even aesthetics. For readers of Stephen J. Gould, E.O. Wilson, and Richard Dawkins this book offers a remarkable new look at animal intelligence. • James L. Gould is Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University and is one of the world’s leading experts in animal behavior. With Carol G. Gould he has written *The Animal Mind* and *The Honey Bee*, classic books on animal behavior.

March 2007 • Science • 256 pages

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The Art of Mentoring Series

Perri Klass

Letters to a Young Doctor

New York Times contributor and beloved author Dr. Perri Klass offers a glimpse inside the doctor's office for aspiring physicians, curious medical buffs, and anyone who's ever been a patient. Perri Klass is a practicing pediatrician and a writer of fiction and nonfiction. Her books include *The Mystery of Breathing* and *A Not Entirely Benign Procedure*. Klass gives a fascinating overview to the life of a doctor, particularly a host of issues one might not consider at first—secrecy, ethics, fear, grief, and competition. Using actual cases as a jumping off point, she addresses such issues as examining a patient, end-of-life decisions, making mistakes and apologizing to patients, asking questions and making assumptions, pain, common sense in practice versus expertise, research, epidemics, and empathizing with patients, among many others. Klass warmly and brilliantly addresses the primary issues in the life of any doctor—and by extension, the lives of those for whom they care.

May 2007 • Medicine • 224 pages

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Tony Campolo

Letters to a Young Evangelical

Tony Campolo is an immensely popular evangelical leader who has been writing and proselytizing for decades. His mission focuses on the social responsibilities of Christians, and his ministries nurture and support programs for inner-city children and help establish schools in developing countries. He has been an outspoken critic of the Religious Right and he has recently said, "...Evangelical Christianity has been hijacked. When did it become anti-feminist? When did it become anti-gay? When did it become supportive of capital punishment? Pro-war? When did it become so negative towards other religious groups?" In this book, Campolo tackles many of the complex issues facing young evangelicals as they try to live their faith in a largely secular, modern world. He addresses topics such as: social responsibility and its scriptural basis; the responsibility of all Christians to address world poverty and hunger; the proper role of faith in the political sphere, and much more. This is truly a guide for living a genuinely Christian life in a complicated world. • Dr. Tony Campolo is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. He holds a Ph.D. and has served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. He is an ordained minister.

November 2006 • Religion • 224 pages

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Ian Stewart

Letters to a Young Mathematician

In the tradition of our series, mathematician, Fellow of the Royal Society, and author Ian Stewart offers advice in the field of his expertise. He examines such questions as what is mathematics and why is it worth doing, common misconceptions, mathematical research, logic and proof, mathematics and computers, truth and beauty, chance and chaos. Stewart is a beautiful writer and this book is more than just a career guide, it is an essay on the pleasures of mathematics. • Ian Stewart is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Warwick, where he is director of the Mathematics Awareness Center. He has published more than sixty books, including *Does God Play Dice?*, *Nature's Numbers*, and *The Annotated Flatland*.

April 2006 • Essays/Mathematics • 224 pages

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Jeff Chang

Total Chaos: The Art and Aesthetics of Hip Hop

This is a stunning and incisive examination of the hip-hop movement in the words of those most intimately involved in it. Jeff Chang, the author of *Can't Stop Won't Stop: A History of the Hip Hop Generation*, offers a collection of essays that contextualize the hip-hop movement, as it influences a broad spectrum of arts, including painting, photography, dance, literature, and film. Those who offer their analysis on the complexities of the hip-hop movement include acclaimed actor and performance artist Danny Hoch, who explains how hip hop defined the aesthetics of a generation, as well as hit-making rapper Talib Kweli on the dilemma of the “politically conscious rapper.” Jeff Chang manages to break vital new ground as he voices the subtleties and enigmas of the hip-hop movement. • Jeff Chang is the author of *Can't Stop Won't Stop: A History of the Hip Hop Generation*, for which he was awarded the 2005 American Book Award.

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Adin Steinsaltz

The Essential Talmud

The classic text on Jewish theology has provided an invaluable introduction to the beliefs, attitudes, and methods of the sacred text by which the Jewish people have lived through the ages. It was also the first book to capture the flavor and spirit of the Talmud as a human document and to summarize its main principles as an expression of divine law. Now this expanded Thirtieth Anniversary Edition demonstrates the contemporary relevance of this proud legacy of the Jewish people, with a new forward by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. It also includes two important new chapters, examining the content and appearance of the original Talmudic page, and fascinating insight into life in the Talmudic period, as well as a new chapter explaining the importance of this book in the lives of modern Jews. • Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz is internationally regarded as one of the leading scholars and rabbis of this century. He founded the Israel Institute for Talmudic Publications, and has published many books, which have been translated into Russian, English, French, Portuguese, Swedish, Japanese, and Dutch.

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Adin Steinsaltz

The Thirteen Petalled Rose: A Discourse on the Essence of Jewish Existence and Belief

In this classic of Jewish mysticism, Adin Steinsaltz seeks to answer the major questions asked by modern Jews about the nature of their existence in God's universe. This expanded edition with two new chapters provides the most succinct and up-to-date accounts of different key aspects of Jewish mysticism or Kabala, as it is now widely known, thanks in large part to high profile followers like Madonna and Demi Moore. A new preface chronicles the dramatic way that this text has affected the lives of readers over the years.

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Jean Bethke Elshtain
God, State, and Self

In what promises to be a seminal work in the field of political history and political theory, Jean Bethke Elshtain takes on the powerful notion of sovereignty—complete independence and self-government—an idea that has irrevocably sculpted contemporary notions of God, state, and self. Examining the early modern ideas of God that formed the basis for the concept of the sovereign state, Elshtain carries her research one step further, making the unprecedented claim that political theories of state sovereignty give birth to contemporary understandings of sovereignty of the self—in other words, when we understand why we have the politics we have, we will understand what makes humans tick. In thoughtful, provocative prose, Elshtain explores the connections between our political and ethical convictions, changing forever the way we understand the notion of “sovereignty.” • Jean Bethke Elshtain is Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. She is the author of numerous essays, reviews, and was a contributing editor at the *New Republic*. Among her books are *Jane Addams and the Dream of American Democracy*, *Just War Against Terror*, and *Democracy on Trial*.

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Martha Nussbaum
Liberty of Conscience: Religion and Equality in American Life

Is Nussbaum the only person who has noticed the hypocrisy in the U.S.’s decision to declare war on religious extremists around the world while the country itself inches closer to its own form of fundamentalist Christianity? In *Liberty of Conscience*, Nussbaum argues that the current efforts to amalgamate religion into national politics is not only unprecedented and dangerous, it goes against the original intentions of the Founding Fathers and the American Revolution. • A leading ethical philosopher and award-winning author, Martha Nussbaum holds appointments in the Law School, Divinity School, and Philosophy Department at the University of Chicago, is author of twelve previous books on philosophy and ethics, and holds twenty-two honorary degrees from universities around the world.

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