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Istanbul Intrigues Jun 22 2022

Improvement Jan 10 2024 The national bestseller and New York Times Notable Book about a young single mother living in New York, her eccentric aunt, and the decisions they ma

that have unexpected implications for the world around them. From one of America's most gifted writers of fiction, "our country's Alice Munro" (The Washington Post). Reyna knows her relationship with Boyd isn't perfect, yet as she visits him throughout his three-month stint at Rikers Island, their bond grows tighter. Kiki, now settled in the East Village after a journey that took her to Turkey and around the world, admires her niece's spirit but worries that she always picks the wrong man. Little does she know that the otherwise honorable Boyd is pulling Reyna into a cigarette smuggling scheme, across state lines, where he could risk violating probation. When Reyna ultimately decides to remove herself for the sake of her four-year-old child, her small act of resistance sets into motion a tapestry of events that affect the lives of loved ones and strangers around them. A novel that examines conviction, connection, and the possibility of generosity in the face of loss, *Improvement* is as intricately woven together as Kiki's beloved Turkish rugs, as colorful as the tattoos decorating Reyna's body, with narrative twists and turns as surprising and unexpected as the lives all around us. The Boston Globe says of Joan Silber: "No other writer can make a few small decisions ripple across the globe, and across time, with more subtlety and power." *Improvement* is Silber's most shining achievement yet. "Without fuss or flourishes, Joan Silber weaves a remarkably patterned tapestry connecting strangers from around the world to a central tragic car accident. The writing here is funny and down-to-earth, the characters are recognizably fallible, and the message is quietly profound: We are not ever really alone."

however lonely we feel." —The Wall Street Journal

Apr 20 2022 'A delightful book ... the perfect companion as you wait for the 8.10 from Hove' Observer After the Beeching cuts of the 1960s, many railways were gradually shut down. Rural communities were isolated and steam trains slowly gave way to diesel and electric traction. But some people were not prepared to let the romance of train travel die. Thanks to their efforts, many lines passed into community ownership and are now booming with new armies of dedicated volunteers. Andrew Martin meets these volunteer enthusiasts, finding out just what it is about preserved railways that makes people so devoted. From the inspiration for Thomas the Tank Engine to John Betjeman's battle against encroaching modernity, *Steam Trains Today* will take you on a heart-warming journey across Britain from Aviemore to Epping.

Aug 25 2022 Why is the Victoria Line so hot? What is an Electrical Multiple Unit? Is it really possible to ride from King's Cross to King's Cross on the Circle line? The London Underground is the oldest, most sprawling and illogical metropolitan transport system in the world, the result of a series of botch-jobs and improvisations. Yet it transports over one billion passengers every year - and this figure is rising. It is iconic, recognised the world over, and loved and despised by Londoners in equal measure. Blending reportage, humour and personal encounters, Andrew Martin embarks on a wonderfully engaging social history of London's underground railway system (which despite its name, is in fact fifty-five per cent

overground). Underground, Overground is a highly enjoyable, witty and informative history of everything you need to know about the Tube.

Neuroimmunity Mar 20 2022 Pathbreaking research offers new hope for treating brain diseases and injuries and for maintaining brain health even into old age In the past, the brain was considered an autonomous organ, self-contained and completely separate from the body's immune system. E over the past twenty years, neuroimmunologist Michal Schwartz, together with her research team, not only has overturned this misconception but has brought to light revolutionary new understandings of brain health and repair In this book Schwartz describes her research journey, her experiments, and the triumphs and setbacks that led to the discovery of connections between immune system and brain Michal Schwartz, with Anat London, also explains the significance of the findings for future treatments of brain disorders and injuries, spinal cord injuries, glaucoma, depression, and other conditions such as brain aging and Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Scientists, physicians, medical students, and all readers with an interest in brain function and its relationship to the immune system in health and disease will find this book a valuable resource. With general readers in mind, the authors provide a useful primer to explain scientific terms and concepts discussed in the book

The Glass Kingdom Oct 07 2023 A tense, stunningly well-observed heist novel from 'the bastard child of Graham Greene and Patrica Highsmith' (Metro) Sarah Talbot Jennings, a young American living in New York, has fled to

Bangkok to disappear. Armed with a suitcase full of cash, she takes up residence at the Kingdom, a glittering complex slowly sinking into its own twilight. There, against a backdrop of shadowy gossip and intrigue, she is soon drawn into the orbit of the Kingdom's glamorous ex-pat women. But when political chaos and a frenzied uprising wrack the streets below, and Sarah witnesses something unspeakable, her safe haven begins to feel like a trap. From a master of atmosphere and suspense comes a brilliantly unsettling story of cruelty and psychological unrest, and an enthralling glimpse into the shadowy crossroads of karma and human greed.

The Manhattan Puzzle Apr 13 2024 A global puzzle. A secret symbol. A conspiracy that ends in death. Perfect for fans of Dan Brown's *Inferno*. An international cover-up that could change the course of history... Sean has been tracking a symbol from another age. It provides a clue to a barbaric conspiracy. A puzzle with an answer feared for millenia. When Isabel wakes to find Sean hasn't come home she does worry. At first. But when the police turn up on her doorstep wanting to interview him, she has to make a decision. Does she keep faith in him or does she believe the evidence? The symbol Sean and Isabel have been chasing will finally be revealed in Manhattan as one of the greatest banks in the world totters. Can Isabel uncover the truth before time runs out...or will she too be murdered? A thrilling, high-octane race to save civilisation that will engross fans of Dan Brown, David Baldacci and James Patterson.

International Encyclopedia of Unified Science Mar 08 2021
Travel Detective Flight Crew Confidential Jan 30 2023 The

author of the New York Times bestseller *The Travel Detective* brings you insider travel secrets only pilots and flight attendants know. Pilots are notoriously frugal, and flight attendants are underpaid and on a budget. They may hit one city four to six times a month, but they are there for only twenty-four hours (or even less) each time, so they always know where to go to get the best value for their money. In *Travel Detective Flight Crew Confidential* you'll find:

- great shopping (furniture in Atlanta, silk in Bangkok, leather in São Paulo)
- great services (medical care in Paris and inexpensive manicures in Tokyo)
- great food and drink (hidden ethnic restaurants in London, and the bars with the best attitude and cheapest drinks in Key West)
- secrets to navigating the world's airports during layovers
- what to do and what not to do, what to seek and what to avoid

You get tips in crew members' own words—good, bad, or ugly—that you won't find anywhere else. Opinionated, often controversial, but always helpful, *The Travel Detective Flight Crew Confidential* is a resource no one who flies can afford to be without.

Hunters in the Dark
Dec 29 2022

From the novelist the New York Times compares to Paul Bowles, Evelyn Waugh and Ian McEwan, an evocative new work of literary suspense *Adrift* Cambodia and eager to side-step a life of quiet desperation a small-town teacher, 28-year-old Englishman Robert Grievous decides to go missing. As he crosses the border from Thailand he tests the threshold of a new future. And on that first night a small windfall precipitates a chain of events-- involving a bag of "jinxed" money, a suave American, a trunk full of heroin, a hustler taxi driver, and a rich doctor's daughter--

that changes Robert's life forever. *Hunters in the Dark* is a sophisticated game of cat and mouse redolent of the nightmares of Patricia Highsmith, where identities are blurred, greed trumps kindness, and karma is ruthless. Filled with Hitchcockian twists and turns, suffused with the steaming heat and pervasive superstition of the Cambodian jungle, and unafraid to confront difficult questions about the machinations of fate, this is a masterful novel that confirms Lawrence Osborne's reputation as one of our finest contemporary writers.

Taking Sudoku Seriously Aug 05 2023 Packed with more than a hundred color illustrations and a wide variety of puzzles and brainteasers, *Taking Sudoku Seriously* uses this popular craze as the starting point for a fun-filled introduction to higher mathematics. How many Sudoku solution squares are there? What shapes other than three-by-three blocks can serve as acceptable Sudoku regions? What is the fewest number of starting clues a sound Sudoku puzzle can have? Does solving Sudoku require mathematics? Jason Rosenhouse and Laura Taalman show that answering these questions opens the door to a wealth of interesting mathematics. In doing so, they show that Sudoku puzzles and their variants are a gateway into mathematical thinking generally. Among many topics, the authors look at the notion of a Latin square--an object of long-standing interest to mathematicians--of which Sudoku squares are a special case; discuss how one finds interesting Sudoku puzzles; explore the connections between Sudoku, graph theory, and polynomials; and consider Sudoku extremes, including puzzles with the maximal number of

vacant regions, with the minimal number of starting clues, and numerous others. The book concludes with a gallery of novel Sudoku variations--just pure solving fun! Most of the puzzles are original to this volume, and all solutions to the puzzles appear in the back of the book or in the text itself. math book and a puzzle book, Taking Sudoku Seriously will change the way readers look at Sudoku and mathematics, serving both as an introduction to mathematics for puzzle fans and as an exploration of the intricacies of Sudoku for mathematics buffs.

Murder on the Orient Express: The Graphic Novel (Poirot)
May 10 2021 Agatha Christie's most famous murder mystery reissued with a striking new cover designed to appeal to the latest generation of Agatha Christie fans and book lovers.

League of Dragons Feb 28 2023 From the New York Times bestselling author of A Deadly Education comes the ninth and final volume of the Temeraire series, as the Napoleonic Wars draw to a close and the final battles play out. "An extremely satisfying resolution." —Booklist (starred review) The deadly campaign in Russia has cost both Napoleon and those allied against him. Napoleon has been denied his victory . . . but at a terrible price. Laurence and the dragon Temeraire pursue the fleeing French army west but are demoralized when Napoleon makes it back to Paris unscathed. Worse, they soon learn that the French have stolen Temeraire and Iskierka's egg. Now it is do or die, as our heroes need not only to save Temeraire's offspring but also to stop Napoleon for good. Don't miss any of Naomi Novik's magical Temeraire series HIS MAJESTY'S DRAGON • THRONE OF JADE • BLACK

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EAGLES • TONGUES OF SERPENTS • CRUCIBLE OF
GOLD • BLOOD OF TYRANTS • LEAGUE OF DRAGONS

Treacherous Estate Feb 04 2021 While enjoying his usual Friday night after dinner beer at a local restaurant, Jacques (Jack) Ludefance's evening is suddenly shattered when a beautiful young woman sits down next to him, whispers, "Mister, can you help me?" then falls dead. After her death ruled 'natural causes,' Jack digs in to unravel the reasons she came to him desperately asking for his help and to investigate her mysterious death. To complicate matters further, her husband is a prominent, highly respected local business man. As Jack begins to unravel the pieces to the unsolved puzzle, the more heinous the crimes of the dead woman's husband become and Jack finds his own life is in danger.

Dark at the Crossing Sep 06 2023 In a love story set on the Turkish border of Syria, an Arab American with a conflicted past attempts to join the fight against Bashar al-Assad's regime before the plight of his host family reshapes his loyalties.

10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World Sep 25 2022 Shortlisted for the 2019 Booker Prize Named a Best Book of the Year by Bookpage, NPR, Washington Post, and The Economist A moving novel on the power of friendship in our darkest times, from internationally renowned writer and speaker Elif Shafak. In the pulsating moments after she has been murdered and left in a dumpster outside Istanbul, Tequila Leila enters a state of heightened awareness. Her heart has stopped beating but her brain is still active-for 1

minutes 38 seconds. While the Turkish sun rises and her friends sleep soundly nearby, she remembers her life-and the lives of others, outcasts like her. Tequila Leila's memories bring us back to her childhood in the provinces, a highly oppressive milieu with religion and traditions, shaped by a polygamous family with two mothers and an increasingly authoritarian father. Escaping to Istanbul, Leila makes her way into the sordid industry of sex trafficking, finding a home in the city's historic Street of Brothels. This is a dark, violent world, but Leila is tough and open to beauty, light, and the essential bonds of friendship. In Tequila Leila's death, the secrets and wonders of modern Istanbul come to life, painted vividly by the captivating tales of how Leila came to know and be loved by her friends. As her epic journey to the afterlife comes to an end, it is her chosen family who brings her story to a buoyant and breathtaking conclusion.

The World Book Encyclopedia Nov 27 2022 An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

The Dark Labyrinth Nov 15 2021 DIVDIV Who will survive the Labyrinth of Crete? /divDIV /divDIV A group of English cruise-ship tourists debark to visit the isle of Crete's famed labyrinth, the City in the Rock. The motley gathering includes a painter, a poet, a soldier, an elderly married couple, a medium, a convalescent girl, and the mysterious Lord Gracean. The group is prepared for a trifling day of sightseeing and maybe even a glimpse of the legendary Minotaur, but instead is suddenly stuck in a nightmare when a rockslide traps them deep within the labyrinth. Who among

the passengers will make it out alive? And for those who emerge, will anything ever be the same?/div/div

Black Cherry Blues Aug 13 2021 In this Edgar Award-winning thriller, former Louisiana homicide cop Dave Robicheaux is trying to start a new life after the murder of his wife — but he can't escape his past forever. Dave Robicheaux was once a Louisiana homicide cop. Now he's trying to start a new life, opening up a fishing business and caring for his adopted girl, Alafair. Compared to Louisiana, Robicheaux thought Montana would be safe — until two Native American activists suddenly go missing. When Robicheaux begins investigating, he is led into the dark world of the Mafia and oil companies. At the same time, someone from his past comes back to haunt him. Someone who was responsible for Robicheaux's flight from New Orleans — someone who brutally murdered his wife — and now is after young Alafair. Winner of the Edgar Award for Best Novel, *Black Cherry Blues* spans from the mystical streets of New Orleans to the endless mountains of Montana, and ranks among James Lee Burke's finest work — an enduring classic, darkly beautiful and thrilling.

Mr Five Per Cent Apr 01 2023 Winner of the BAC Wadsworth Prize for Business History 2020 When Calouste Gulbenkian died in 1955 at the age of 86, he was the richest man in the world, known as 'Mr Five Per Cent' for his personal share of Middle East oil. The son of a wealthy Armenian merchant in Istanbul, for half a century he brokered top-level oil deals, concealing his mysterious web of business interests and contacts within a labyrinth of Asian

and European cartels, and convincing governments and oil barons alike of his impartiality as an 'honest broker'. Today his name is known principally through the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, to which his spectacular art collection and most of his vast wealth were bequeathed. Gulbenkian's private life was as labyrinthine as his business dealings. He insisted on the highest 'moral values', yet ruthlessly used his wife's charm as a hostess to further his career, and demanded complete obedience from his family, whom he monitored obsessively. As a young man he lived a champagne lifestyle, escorting actresses and showgirls, and in later life - on doctor's orders - he slept with a succession of discreetly provided young women. Meanwhile he built up a superb art collection which included Rembrandts and other treasures sold to him by Stalin from the Hermitage Museum. Published to mark the 150th anniversary of his birth, *Mr Five Per Cent* reveals Gulbenkian's complex and many-sided existence. Written with full access to the Gulbenkian Foundation's archives, this is the fascinating story of the man who more than anyone else helped shape the modern oil industry.

Cities of Salt Oct 15 2021 Spell-binding evocation of Bedouin life in the 1930s when oil is discovered by Americans in an unnamed Persian Gulf kingdom.

Oracle Of Stamboul Jun 03 2023 Late in the summer of 187 as the tsar's royal cavalry descends on the defenseless Ottoman outpost of Constanta, and a flock of purple and white hoopoes suddenly appears over the town, Eleonora Cohen is brought into the world by a mysterious pair of Tartar midwives who arrive only minutes before the birth.

Eleonora, whose mother dies during labour, is raised by her father, Yakob, a carpet merchant, and her stern and resentful stepmother. From the moment Eleonora learns to read, her father recognizes that she is an extraordinarily gifted child, a prodigy. When Yakob sets off by boat for Stamboul on business, his eight-year-old daughter, unable to bear the separation, stows away in one of his trunks crammed with carpets. On the shores of the Bosphorus, in the house of her father's business partner, Moncef Bey, a new life awaits Eleonora. Books, backgammon, sumptuous new dresses, markets, cafés and some mysterious events she cannot yet decipher. For in Stamboul in 1886, people are not always what they seem. Marvellously evocative and magical, Michael Chabon's bestselling historical novel will transport readers to another time and place—romantic, exotic, yet perhaps not so different from our own.

The Cairo Puzzle Feb 11 2024 From the award winning bestselling author of The Istanbul Puzzle. For those who want to understand where the latest, real headline-grabbing revelations from the Great Pyramid of Giza will lead us. Read as a stand alone or start the series with The Istanbul Puzzle. Henry warned her. "If you go to Cairo, you'll get yourself killed." But what choice does Isabel have? She has to find Sean, her missing husband, and she's discovered that a hospital in Cairo treated an American patient recently, flown to Cairo from Germany for some unexplained reason. But she's arrived at the wrong moment. A mass uprising is being crushed in Tahrir Square. The next day, an Egyptian billionaire announces a discovery at the Great Pyramid of

Giza. Isabel decides to talk to him. He might help her find Sean. She ends up deep in the desert, at a camp run by the Muslim Brotherhood. They murder her driver in front of her then ask her to carry one simple task. They will lead her to Sean if she agrees. But what they are asking goes against everything she believes in. And time is running out. The Great Pyramid of Giza provides the final piece of the puzzle, which Isabel and Sean first encountered in Istanbul. In a fabled ha assumed by most to be an ancient myth, Isabel finds out what happened to her husband. She also discovers what lies beneath the Great Pyramid, based on real, ground penetrating archaeology, which will undermine what millions cherish as the truth. Reviews for other novels in the Puzzle series: "5.0 out out 5 stars for this guy's stories and plots." Kindle CustomerFormat: Kindle Edition Verified Purchase "Love this guy's stories. I have read all volumes of this series and was not disappointed with any of them. Looking forward to the next one." 5.0 out of 5 stars Kindle CustomerFormat: Kindle Edition Verified Purchase "Could not put this book away, held my attention from the first page to the last one. Can't wait to read more from this author." Kindle CustomerFormat: Kindle Edition Verified Purchase

The Orientalist Apr 08 2021 An extraordinary and hugely topical story of a Jewish man's passion for the Arab world. The Orientalist is the extraordinary story of a Jewish man's passion for the Arab world as political extremism swept Europe. Part Quest for Corvo, part Seven Pillars of Wisdom, it unravels the mysterious life of Lev Nussimbaum, a man born on the border of Europe and Persia, just as Revolution

began to redraw the map. To read this book is to wander in a fabulous and forgotten civilisation, buried for ever by the forces of Naziism and Bolshevism. Tom Reiss first came across Nussimbaum when he went to the ex-USSR to research Russia's oil reserves, and discovered a novel instead. Ali and Nino is a captivating love story set in the glamorous city of Baku, Azerbaijan's capital, and a turn-of-the-century monument to cosmopolitanism and the huge wealth generated by Russia's black gold. The novel changed the way Reiss looked at East-West relations, but who was Kurban Said, its supposed author? And why had he and his book faded into obscurity? A chance encounter suggested to Reiss that Said was a pseudonym for Nussimbaum, but finding Lev was not so easy. For five years, Reiss tracked Nussimbaum's protean identity from a wealthy Jewish childhood in Baku, to a romantic adolescence in Persia on the run from the Bolsheviks, and an exile in Berlin as bestselling author and self-proclaimed Muslim prince. The fascinating story he tells is one of self-aggrandisement and willing deception, but also of political and religious tolerance, and the romantic dream of a universal brotherhood. Author Bio: - Tom Reiss is a journalist and writer whose work has appeared in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the New Yorker. He is the co-author of *Fuhrer-Ex: Memoirs of a Former Neo-Nazi*. He lives in New York.

Book Arts of Isfahan Dec 17 2021 In the seventeenth century the Persian city of Isfahan was a crossroads of international trade and diplomacy. Manuscript paintings produced within the city's various cultural, religious, and ethnic groups revealed

the vibrant artistic legacy of the Safavid Empire. Published coincide with an exhibition at the Getty Museum, Book Arts of Isfahan offers a fascinating account of the ways in which the artists of Isfahan used their art to record the life around them and at the same time define their own identities within a complex society.

Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches: Pearson New International Edition 18 2022
MemoRandom Oct 27 2022 "David Sarac is a handler at the Intelligence Unit of the Stockholm Police Force, identifying, recruiting, and wrangling anyone who can support the police in their battle against organized crime. And David is very good at what he does: manipulation, bribes, and threats--anything goes, so long as he delivers. Other agents can do nothing but watch jealously as his top-secret, high-level informant, Janus, rockets David to success. But after David suffers a stroke during a high-speed car chase, crash violently into the wall of a tunnel, he wakes up in a hospital with no memory at all of Janus or the past two years of his life. David only knows that he has to reconnect with Janus, protect himself and his informants before outside forces bring the whole network crashing down. Fortunately, he has his supportive friends and colleagues to help him rebuild his life... or does he?"--

The Vikings Secret Yoga Jan 10 2021 Are you a fan of the Truth? If you enjoyed the writings of Eckhart Tolle, the mythology of Joseph Campbell, Deepak Chopra's eastern teachings, or Graham Hancock's books on prehistoric civilizations, you are sure to love The Vikings Secret Yoga;

The Supreme Adventure. This is the first time in history that this Viking lore has been revealed. With their secretive poetic lore and mysterious pantheon of gods led by Odin the All-Father; Thor, the great Hammer-Striker; and Loki, the Evil One, it is almost impossible not to love the Vikings. But there are even more fans of the multi-faceted yoga systems devised by the ancient Hindustani in India more than five thousand years ago. Steven A. Key makes the case that transcendent yoga has not only endured over the millennia, but that it has traveled in different forms of spiritual or religious expression. Drawing on the writings of Joseph Campbell, the famous mythologist who hinted at a link between the cultures of the Eastern Hindus and the Northern Vikings, as well as other great thinkers, the author shows that yoga has influenced Buddhism, Christianity, and yes - even the tenth-century Vikings. Steven A. Key had a career taming Mainframes, the largest computer systems in the world. As a researcher and technocrat, he combines proven investigative skills with his deep personal interests in all things pertaining to body-mind and spirit, to create the provocative New Muse Book Series.

The Truth Project Sep 13 2021 "A heart-wrenching quest for identity every YA reader will relate to, and a deep dive into the meaning of family." —Ellen Hopkins, #1 New York Times bestselling author Debut author Dante Medema explores the emotional fallout after a teenage girl discovers she is the product of an affair. Told through a series of poems, text messages, and emails, this contemporary YA is perfect for fans of Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin. Seventeen-year-old Cordelia Koenig intended to breeze through her senior

project. While her peers stressed, Cordelia planned to use the same trace-your-roots genealogy idea her older sister used years prior. And getting partnered with her longtime crush, Kodiak Jones, is icing on the cake. All she needs to do is mail in her DNA sample, write about her ancestry results, and get that easy A. But when Cordelia's GeneQuest results reveal that her father is not the person she thought he was, but a stranger who lives thousands of miles away, her entire world shatters. Now she isn't sure of anything—not the mother who lied, the man she calls Dad, or the girl staring back at her in the mirror. If your life began with a lie, how can you ever be sure of what's true?

The Russian Origins of the First World War Mar 16 2022 The catastrophe of the First World War, and the destruction, revolution, and enduring hostilities it wrought, make the issue of its origins a perennial puzzle. Since World War II, Germany has been viewed as the primary culprit. Now, in a major reinterpretation of the conflict, Sean McMeekin rejects the standard notions of the war's beginning as either a Germano-Austrian preemptive strike or a "tragedy of miscalculation." Instead, he proposes that the key to the outbreak of violence lies in St. Petersburg. It was Russian statesmen who unleashed the war through conscious policy decisions based on imperial ambitions in the Near East. Unlike their civilian counterparts in Berlin, who would have preferred to localize the Austro-Serbian conflict, Russian leaders desired a more general war so long as British participation was assured. The war of 1914 was launched at a propitious moment for harnessing the might of Britain and

France to neutralize the German threat to Russia's goal: partitioning the Ottoman Empire to ensure control of the Straits between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. Nearly a century has passed since the guns fell silent on the western front. But in the lands of the former Ottoman Empire, World War I smolders still. Sunnis and Shiites, Arabs and Jews, and other regional antagonists continue fighting over the last scraps of the Ottoman inheritance. As we seek to make sense of these conflicts, McMeeke's powerful exposé of Russia's aims in the First World War will illuminate our understanding of the twentieth century.

Black Wave Jul 24 2022 A New York Times Notable Book of 2020 "[A] sweeping and authoritative history" (The New York Times Book Review), *Black Wave* is an unprecedented and ambitious examination of how the modern Middle East unraveled and why it started with the pivotal year of 1979. Kim Ghattas seamlessly weaves together history, geopolitics, and culture to deliver a gripping read of the largely unexplored story of the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, born from the sparks of the 1979 Iranian revolution and fueled by American policy. With vivid story-telling, extensive historical research and on-the-ground reporting, Ghattas dispels accepted truths about a region she calls home. She explores how Sunni Saudi Arabia and Shia Iran, once allies and twin pillars of US strategy in the region, became mortal enemies after 1979. She shows how they used and distorted religion in a competition that went well beyond geopolitics. Feeding intolerance, suppressing cultural expression, and encouraging sectarian violence from Egypt

Pakistan, the war for cultural supremacy led to Iran's fatwa against author Salman Rushdie, the assassination of countless intellectuals, the birth of groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and the rise of ISIS. Ghattas introduces us to a riveting cast of characters whose lives were upended by the geopolitical drama over four decades: from the Pakistani television anchor who defied his country's dictator, to the Egyptian novelist thrown in jail for indecent writings all the way to the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018. *Black Wave* is both an intimate and sweeping history of the region and will significantly alter perceptions of the Middle East.

The Sign of The Blood Mar 12 2024 "Exciting and original," SJA Turney, author of *Caligula*. It is 306 A.D., long before Constantine the Great converted to Christianity and became the first Christian emperor. A gripping historical novel about Constantine's bloody rise to power and the woman who helped him.

Istanbul Jul 04 2023 Istanbul has long been a place where stories and histories collide, where perception is as potent as fact. From the Koran to Shakespeare, this city with three names--Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul -- resonates as an idea and a place, real and imagined. Standing as the gateway between East and West, North and South, it has been the capital city of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires. For much of its history it was the very center of the world, known simply as "The City," but, as Bettany Hughes reveals, Istanbul is not just a city, but a global story. In this

epic new biography, Hughes takes us on a dazzling historical journey from the Neolithic to the present, through the many incarnations of one of the world's greatest cities--exploring the ways that Istanbul's influence has spun out to shape the wider world. Hughes investigates what it takes to make a city and tells the story not just of emperors, viziers, caliphs, and sultans, but of the poor and the voiceless, of the women and men whose aspirations and dreams have continuously reinvented Istanbul. Written with energy and animation, award-winning historian Bettany Hughes deftly guides readers through Istanbul's rich layers of history. Based on meticulous research and new archaeological evidence, this captivating portrait of the momentous life of Istanbul is visceral, immediate, and authoritative -- narrative history at its finest.

Murder Most Puzzling Nov 08 2023 Murder Most Puzzling is a gorgeous and witty book that invites readers to play detective and solve a series of absorbing, murder-mystery-themed puzzles. Readers are cast as the faithful sidekick to amateur sleuth Medea Thorne in order to solve 20 puzzling cases. Meet a cast of colorful characters—from ghost hunter extraordinaire Augustin Artaud, to Leonard Fanshawe, a competitor in the Annual Perfect Pickled Foods Festival. • A witty riff on the classic whodunit that brings out everyone's inner detective • Each mystery is sumptuously illustrated. • The mysteries require different deductive tactics, making them a good brain exercise A body in the topiary garden, a death at a clairvoyants' convention, and the mysterious accident of the boating lake—prepare for a whirlwind

adventure, laced with humor and a dash of the macabre. This book will delight fans of Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Edward Gorey. • This is a collection of darkly humorous puzzles. • Features illustrations in a gorgeous gothic style by Stephanie von Reiswitz • Perfect for Edward Gorey fans, mystery buffs, puzzle addicts, and fans of true crime podcasts and TV shows • You'll love this book if you love books like *The Gashlycrumb* by Edward Gorey, *File Under: 13 Suspicious Incidents* by Lemony Snicket, and *The Composer Is Dead* by Lemony Snicket.

Assume Nothing, Believe Nobody, Challenge Everything May 22 2022 Betrayals of trust, poker cheats, ambitious barristers, cyber bullies, lost diplomats and revenge are just some of the themes explored in this collection of short stories. As Mike Craven introduces Detective Inspector Avison Fluke and the rest of his characters from Cumbria's Force Major Incident Team, in tales where little is at stake, the only thing you can do is *Assume Nothing, Believe No One, Challenge Everything*. In *F.I.I.*, Fluke is called to the bedside of a malnourished child. Why is she so thin? Why is her mother keen to help? Is she ill or is something sinister happening? Fluke gradually exposes a mother's shocking secret, his belief in human nature is tested to the absolute limit. But even with a full admission the case might still have one last sting in the tail... In *Under the Gun*, Fluke finds himself playing poker at the FMIT monthly get together. These social events are supposed to be fun, a way for the team to relax and enjoy others company outside the pressures of work. So why is Fluke cheating? Will anyone find out, and more importantly,

what will happen if they do? Because this isn't about money it's about bragging rights and bragging rights are priceless...Mot Juste sees Fluke giving evidence at court. Part and parcel of the job, Carlisle Crown Court is like a second home. The crimes FMIT investigate result in huge prison sentences so it's no surprise they attract their fair share of guilty pleas. Called to give evidence, Fluke is questioned by an ambitious barrister who will ask anything, and go anywhere to get his client off. Nothing unusual in that, if you're facing fifteen years, why not throw the dice? But Fluke's antenna is up. Because this time he's been called as a witness for the defence. And he has no idea why...Skuttlebutt is the new social media site kids are dying to immerse themselves in. Sometimes literally. A farmer, desperate for answers as to why his son killed himself, asks Fluke to investigate. Although he's convinced the coroner's verdict was correct, Fluke asks Jiao-long, the team's resident computer genius, to give the boy's laptop a cursory examination. But Jiao-long doesn't do cursory examinations. He takes computers seriously and he finds something. On the other side of the Atlantic, in the middle of America's bible belt, lives an evil so abhorrent Fluke has no choice but to do something, even if it costs him his job. But how do you stop someone who lives thousands of miles away, who can't be extradited and hasn't even committed a crime? In the Sudan, flown in to assist the search effort for a missing diplomat, in Lost and Found Fluke finds himself stranded in the middle of a civil war. The embassy has given him a map, a mobile phone, an old Land Rover and not much else. So far he's driven over two hundred miles witho

picking up the scent of Olivia Stone and just wants to get to the hotel for bath and a beer before starting again the next day. But this is Africa and nothing is ever straightforward. Fifty miles from the hotel, his Land Rover develops a mechanical fault and Fluke is about to find out there are things far worse than breaking down in the African bush at night...With Fluke in hospital, Detective Sergeant Matt Towler investigates the brutal murder of Eleanor Hobbs. She has been kicked to death in the street. With all evidence pointing to two brothers from the notorious Bunney family, Towler moves quickly to arrest them. But he is too late and the family have escaped justice. They were last seen in the Port of Whitehaven getting on a fishing vessel bound for Ireland. But Towler isn't convinced. He used to be a Para and he's heard the name Hobbs before. Towler doesn't think the Bunney family have fled at all. Because Eleanor's husband, Stan Hobbs, is A Different Kind of Animal...

The Road To The Bridge Dec 09 2023 Torn between love and duty Constantine faces disaster. Juliana, his mistress, has been kidnapped by a raiding party and taken to northern Germania, out of reach of his legions. Ignoring his mother's demands for him to marry quickly, Constantine assembles a Roman cavalry cohort and heads into the endless forest. Somewhere far ahead is the meeting place of the tribes where Juliana is facing a fight to the death among a people who collect skulls as ornaments and are ruled by a queen with a strong blood lust. Constantine then finds out that his young son has been taken to Rome as a hostage. His only hope of rescuing him is to march on the city. Battered and in disarray

he and his legions finally reach the city walls. His Saxon allies have defected. He is seriously injured, and every key battle his army has won, was because of his personal intervention. The death of his closest friend, the leader of the Christians in Rome, also defects to the enemy. Is this the end for Constantine? The Battle of the Milvian Bridge was one of the most important in history. This story tells us what could have happened that stormy day in 312 A.D. and who the women were who changed the course of the battle.

The Istanbul Puzzle Jun 15 2024 Buried deep under Istanbul a secret is about to resurface with explosive consequences.

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step by Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland who sought to benefit - politically and economically - from the changes overtaking the country. To make sense of Russia's careening path the essential question is not Lenin's "who, whom?", but who benefits?

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