NEW RELEASES
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Make sure you check out *Treasures from the Map Room* on the back of the trade kit. A must have book for Christmas. “A superb achievement... both playful and profound, this book captures the humanity of maps to tell us not just where we are, but also who we are.” – Jerry Brotton

The End of the Asian Century: War, Stagnation, and the Risks to the World’s Most Dynamic Region
MICHAEL AUSLIN

- Historian and geopolitical expert Michael Auslin argues that far from being a cohesive powerhouse, Asia is a fractured region threatened by stagnation and instability.
- Here, he provides a comprehensive account of the economic, military, political, and demographic risks that bedevil half of our world, arguing that Asia, working with the United States, has a unique opportunity to avert catastrophe—but only if it acts boldly.
- Bringing together firsthand observations and decades of research, Auslin’s provocative reassessment of Asia’s future will be a must-read for industry and investors, as well as politicians and scholars, for years to come.

“*The End of the Asian Century* provides a sober corrective to the conventional wisdom of Asia’s inevitable rise, pointing to the real dangers of nationalism, conflict, and slowing economic growth that will present huge challenges for everyone in the region.” — Francis Fukuyama

If You’re in a Dogfight, Become a Cat!: Strategies for Long-Term Growth
LEONARD SHERMAN

- *If You’re in a Dogfight, Become a Cat!* explains how businesses survive and thrive in industries embroiled in “dogfights”—intense competition among established companies for a small piece of the market.
- Leonard Sherman, a longtime business consultant and faculty member at Columbia Business School, has developed a three-part strategy based on years of consulting for such companies as Audi, Toyota, and United Technologies.
- His advice: compete on different terms to attract new customers. FedEx, Apple, Southwest Airlines, and Starbucks have thrived as cats by differentiating their businesses, aligning their goals and practices, and continuously innovating their products.

Steven Spielberg: A Life in Films
MOLLY HASKELL

- Shows how Spielberg’s uniquely evocative filmmaking and story-telling reveal the many ways in which his life, work, and times are entwined.
- Organizing chapters around specific films, the distinguished critic discusses how Spielberg’s childhood echoes in his work.

*Jewish Lives.*

“Steven Spielberg and Molly Haskell—the great producer-director of modern film and one of the most intelligent and sensitive film writers we have ever had. The result is as rich and intriguing as the meeting of Elliott and E.T. We know the Spielberg films, or we think we do, until they come under the cool yet warming gaze of Ms. Haskell. As a result, we are the more fascinated with Spielberg and the more encouraged by the principle of essential and enlightening film commentary.” — David Thomson, author of *A Biographical Dictionary of Film*

The Genome Factor: What the Social Genomics Revolution Reveals about Ourselves, Our History, and the Future
DALTON CONLEY AND JASON FLETCHER

- In the past decade, a small but intrepid group of economists, political scientists, and sociologists have harnessed the genomics revolution to paint a more complete picture of human social life than ever before.
- *The Genome Factor* describes the latest astonishing discoveries being made at the scientific frontier where genomics and the social sciences intersect.
- *The Genome Factor* shows how genomics is transforming the social sciences—and how social scientists are integrating both nature and nurture into a unified, comprehensive understanding of human behavior at both the individual and society-wide levels.

“Novel and timely. Conley and Fletcher cover a wide range of topics in an accessible way, using recent studies and well-chosen metaphors and anecdotes. It is an excellent introduction to the growing area of sociogenomic research.” — Colter Mitchell, University of Michigan

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ART

Monet: The Early Years

GEORGE SHACKELFORD, RICHARD SHIFF, RICHARD THOMSON, ANTHEA CALLEN AND MARY DESMARAISS

This elegant volume is the first to be devoted to the young genius of Claude Monet (1840-1926). Bringing together the greatest paintings from his early career—including his first Salon-exhibited work, the Kimbell Art Museum’s La Pointe de la Heve at Low Tide; Dejeuner sur l’Herbe (Luncheon on the Grass) and The Magpie from the Musee d’Orsay; and The Green Wave and La Grenouillere from the Metropolitan Museum of Art—it features essays by distinguished scholars, focusing on the evolution of Monet’s own distinctive mode of painting. 180 color and 10 black and white illustrations.

Anthea Callen is professor emeritus of the Australian National University and professor emeritus of visual culture, University of Nottingham.

Hbk | 320pp | 9780300212198 | 2017.01
Kimbell Art Museum | AS65 | NZ$75
280x214mm | UK

ASD

A Parents’ ABC of the Autism Spectrum

STEPHEN HEYDT

Covering everything from Anxiety to Fragile-X Syndrome, Stephen Heydt provides an alphabetical categorisation of the possible issues a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) may encounter. Written by an experienced clinical psychologist, this book offers information for parents whose children have been diagnosed with ASD, and is presented in an easy-to-use A to Z format. In a return to the core understandings of ASD, the author translates difficult behavioural issues into practical information and strategies. Designed for parents and carers in a methodical order, A Parents’ ABC of the Autism Spectrum will help explain the challenges of living with childhood ASD.

Stephen Heydt has worked as a clinical psychologist since 1981. He now runs Healthy Minds, a specialist clinical practice in Brisbane.

Pbk | 240pp | 9781785921643 | 2016.12
Jessica Kingsley Publishers | AS26.95 | NZ$29.95
216x140mm | UK

Review for Fraud: An American History from Barnum to Madoff

“...in the end, capitalism is always a confidence game, so the problem of fraud is always with us. But the occurrence, perception, and regulation of fraud has a history, and Balleisen has now written the definitive account of it. A deeply researched and beautifully crafted book that follows the shape-shifting problem of deceit across the centuries, Fraud is nothing short of a new history of American capitalism.” — Jon Levy, University of Chicago.

BUSINESS

The Aisles Have Eyes: How Retailers Track Your Shopping, Strip Your Privacy, and Define Your Power

JOSEPH TUROW

By one expert’s prediction, within twenty years half of Americans will have body implants that tell retailers how they feel about specific products as they browse their local stores. The notion may be outlandish, but it reflects executives’ drive to understand shoppers in the aisles with the same obsessive detail that they track us online. In fact, a hidden surveillance revolution is already taking place inside brick-and-mortar stores, where Americans still do most of their buying. Drawing on his interviews with retail executives, analysis of trade publications, and experiences at insider industry meetings, advertising and digital studies expert Joseph Turow pulls back the curtain on these trends, showing how a new hyper-competitive generation of merchants—including Macy’s, Target, and Walmart—is already using data mining, in-store tracking, and predictive analytics to change the way we buy, undermine our privacy, and define our reputations.

"Turow is the best kind of trail guide for those who care about the widespread commercial, cultural, and political implications of these developments. Take heed.” — Lee Rainie, Director, Pew Research Center’s Internet & American Life Project, On The Daily You

Hbk | 336pp | 9780300212198 | 2017.01
Yale University Press | AS47.95 | NZ$52.95
235x156mm | UK

Fraud: An American History from Barnum to Madoff

EDWARD BALLEISEN

In this sweeping narrative, Edward Balleisen traces the history of fraud in America and the evolving efforts to combat it from the age of P. T. Barnum through the eras of Charles Ponzi and Bernie Madoff. Beginning with an early nineteenth-century American legal world of “buyer beware,” this unprecedented account takes us on a fascinating and entertaining tour of the many ways that swindlers have consistently shadowed America’s proudest innovations, sometimes even outdoing the originals for ingenuity and impact.” — Walter A. Friedman, Harvard Business School

Hbk | 496pp | 9780691164557 | 2016.12
Princeton University Press | AS75 | NZ$86
229x152mm | USA
Narrative and Numbers: The Value of Stories in Business
ASWATH DAMODARAN

Through a range of case studies, Narrative and Numbers describes how storytellers can better incorporate and narrate numbers and how number-crunchers can calculate more imaginative models that withstand scrutiny. Damodaran considers Uber’s debut and how narrative is key to understanding different valuations. He investigates why Twitter and Facebook were valued in the billions of dollars at their public offerings, and why one (Twitter) has stagnated while the other (Facebook) has grown. Damodaran also looks at more established business models such as Apple and Amazon to demonstrate how a company’s history can both enrich and constrain its narrative.

Columbia Business School Publishing.

“This book is well-organized, well-written, and engaging, with the interplay of qualitative analysis (narrative) and quantitative analysis (numbers) vividly demonstrated. It is a lively discussion supported by case studies and considerable detail on implementation.” — Stephen Penman, author, Accounting for Value

Hbk  | 320pp  | 9780231180481  | 2016.12
229x152mm  | USA

The Healthy Coping Colouring Book and Journal: Creative Activities to Help Manage Stress, Anxiety and Other Big Feelings
POOKY KNIGHTSMITH

Packed full of creative activities and coping strategies, this journal and colouring book is the perfect companion when faced with difficult thoughts and feelings. With a range of activities that introduce mindfulness and encourage relaxation, this workbook will help young people aged 8-14 to develop the tools needed to prepare for and respond to future difficult situations. It is also an invaluable resource for parents and carers, teachers, counsellors and psychologists to use with young people in their care.

Pbk  | 208pp  | 9781785921391  | 2016.12
Jessica Kingsley Publishers  | A$24.95  | NZ$27.95
210x148mm  | UK

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Gilbert Filbert and his big MAD box
IAN GILBERT AND ANDY GILBERT

Gilbert Filbert and his Big MAD box is the story of one boy’s desire to make a difference and help his mother find her smile again. It is a book about a boy, a box and a battle for a penguin but, more than that, it is a tale about families, hope and how to make dreams come true. Drawing on proven thinking and success strategies used by leading businesses and organisations, this entertaining, accessible and humorous book is designed to show children and young people the power of having a goal, having a plan and making a difference. A goal without a plan, they say, is just a wish. This book has been written especially for children to show them how to set about turning wishes into reality by applying the sorts of planning tools usually only found in big business. Suitable for children aged 11+.

Hbk  | 200pp  | 9781781352540  | 2016.12
Independent Thinking Press  | A$59.99  | NZ$69
210x210mm  | UK

Rafi’s Red Racing Car: Explaining Suicide and Grief to Young Children
LOUISE MOIR

Rafi the rabbit loves playing with his daddy, and especially with his favourite toy - a red racing car. But one day his daddy gets so sad and confused that he goes out and doesn’t come back. Rafi is confused and scared. This imaginative, compassionate book aims to help young children come to terms with the loss of a family member to suicide. Rafi’s story explains what suicide is in a sensitive yet honest way, and helps children understand the many overwhelming emotions of grief. Though Rafi struggles with confusion, anxiety, anger and sadness, he learns that his feelings are natural. With love, guidance, therapeutic activities and the fun memories kept alive in his red racing car, he gradually begins to feel happy again. Illustrated with beautiful watercolour pictures, this book ends with an informed, straightforward guide for parents and professionals on how best to help a grieving child to heal. Age Range: 3-8 years.

Hbk  | 40pp  | 9781785922008  | 2016.12
Jessica Kingsley Publishers  | A$21.95  | NZ$24.95
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Review for Rafi’s Red Racing Car: Explaining Suicide and Grief to Young Children:

“The author of this book has successfully conveyed through a simple story a very poignant message about loss and personal growth through loss. This book can help to give children an emotional language in which to make sense of loss through suicide and can facilitate healthy narratives around death, loss and developing resilience.” — Dr Tania Pilley, Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist
Who Are You?: The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity
BROOK PESSIN-WHEDBEE

This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender for anyone aged 4+. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity. An interactive three-layered wheel included in the book is a simple, yet powerful, tool to clearly demonstrate the difference between our body, how we express ourselves through our clothes and hobbies, and our gender identity. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, a short page-by-page guide for adults at the back of the book further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points. This is a one-of-a-kind resource for understanding and celebrating the gender diversity that surrounds us.

‘Children are teaching us that gender comes in all kinds of shapes and colors, rather than two boxes, and Brook Pessin-Whedbee has given us the wonderful gift of Who Are You? to help all little people learn just how this works and how they can know their own gender. And for the adults-Who Are You? ends with an inspiring discussion guide for parents, for teachers, for anyone who wants to support children in their gender creativity.’ — Diane Ehrensaft, Ph.D., author of 'The Gender Creative Child' and 'Gender Born, Gender Made' and Director of Mental Health, Child and Adolescent Gender Center

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Diplomacy from Rio to Paris: The Effort to Contain Global Warming
WILLIAM SWEET

The essential primer for understanding climate diplomacy, describing both the major players and the path to progress, from the 1992 Rio Summit to the 2015 Paris Climate Conference. Climate Diplomacy from Rio to Paris is the first accessible overview of climate diplomacy in its first quarter century. The author, who has reported on energy and climate for two decades, provides readers with a nuanced account of the major players and their interests—from the United States, the European Union, and China to environmental organizations, the United Nations, and the Vatican—and analyzes the outcomes of the major climate conferences at Rio, Kyoto, Copenhagen, and Paris.

"Showing his strength as a reporter, Sweet explains very well that the policy process is not always rational or straightforward. Outlining both the chronology of global climate policy and the cast of characters, this book shows climate diplomacy is based on logic, science, and personalities." — Chadwick Dearing Oliver, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

FICTION

Not My Shame
T O WALKER

With subtlety and sensitivity, this powerful graphic novel draws the reader into the experience of trauma and dissociation caused by sexual violence. It reveals the intrusive traumatic memories and distress experienced by a victim of childhood sexual exploitation in her adulthood and follows the process of coming to terms with her past through therapy and art. Positive and hopeful at its heart, it demonstrates her ability to be a good parent irrespective of mental health struggles and explores the importance of relationships with people in the present. Tackling complex issues including the nature of traumatic memory, self-harm, victim-blaming, racism in the police, health and education services and the media’s impact, this graphic novel reveals how the past can be triggered by the present and how victims of sexual abuse can be excellent parents and successful in life in spite of this.

The Travels of Hildebrand Bowman
LANCE BERTELSEN

The Travels of Hildebrand Bowman is an eponymous novel purportedly written by a midshipman left behind in New Zealand’s Queen Charlotte Sound after escaping the infamous Grass Cove massacre. The protagonist is a midshipman on HMS Adventure, the ship that accompanied Cook's Resolution on his second voyage around the world. The two ships become separated off New Zealand, leading to a group of seamen being sent from the Adventure to gather wild greens at Grass Cove, where they are killed by Maori. The fictional Hildebrand escapes because he has gone off hunting. The remainder of the novel traces his travels through six fictional islands in the South Pacific; echoing eighteenth-century stadial theory, these societies represent human culture gradually ascending from brutish insensibility to the primitive savagery to idealized pastoral economy. The novel is a unique hybrid of historical events and the cultural satire of such works as Gulliver’s Travels.
**The Weather Inside**

**EMILY SASO**

Avery Gauthier can’t get far enough away from her past: the death of her beloved father, the abuse she suffered as a teen, and the religion that tore her parents apart. A reality-refugee, she’s managed to keep the chaos of her former life at bay... until now. When her husband returns to the Jehovah’s Witnesses, her estranged mother wants back into her life, and as the snow—invisible to everyone but Avery—piles up and up and up, Avery is forced to face her greatest fears. She looks to the outside for help, to her mysterious superintendent and the comforts of a local weatherman, only to realize that the solutions lie where the problem does: within. A twisted, darkly funny and redemptive tale, *The Weather Inside* will leave you wondering where the line is drawn between what’s real and what’s imagined, and why Armageddon isn’t always the end of the world.

**HEALTH**

**Move or Die: How the sedentary life is killing us and how movement, not exercise, can save us**

**TIM SITT**

If you’ve ever struggled to create health in your life, this book is your guide towards a new vision of sustainable health. It encourages you to free your body through movement in all environments and at all moments whether that is at work or home. This book is about learning to become self-aware of stagnation of any kind, including sitting, and how to use movement to create choice and health. Most books will tell you what the problem is and prescribe what to do according to an expert. The truth is only you can become the expert of you and your body through listening, learning and movement practice. This book is a guide through that journey as it integrates physiological research, psychology, sociology, philosophy, story and practical application for one purpose: to teach you how to free your body and experience authentic health.

**LITERATURE**

**Marvellous Thieves: Secret Authors of the Arabian Nights**

**PAULO HORTA**

Although many of its stories originated centuries ago in the Middle East, the Arabian Nights is regarded as a classic of world literature by virtue of the seminal French and English translations produced in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Supporting the suspicion that the story collection is more Parisian than Persian, some of its most famous tales, including the stories of Aladdin and Ali Baba, appear nowhere in the original sources. Yet as befits a world where magic lamps may conceal a jinni and fabulous treasures lie just beyond secret doors, the truth of the Nights is richer than standard criticism suggests. *Marvellous Thieves* recovers the cross-cultural encounters—the collaborations, borrowings, and acts of literary larceny—that produced the Arabian Nights in European languages.

"Paulo Horta has uncovered a mass of fresh evidence about key figures in the making of the Arabian Nights and communicates his startling findings with a storyteller’s verve, raising many fascinating issues about the interplay of invention, imitation, translation, and plagiarism, and probing the vexed effects of the imperial gaze and the acquisition of local expertise and languages. In Marvellous Thieves, Paulo Horta has written a highly entertaining, attentive, and scholarly work of literary detection." — Marina Warner, author of Stranger Magic: Charmed States and the Arabian Nights
MEDICAL

Insider Trading: Medicine, Money and the Commerce of Human Tissue

NAOMI PFEFFER

Except for organ transplantation little is known about the variety of stuff extracted from corpses and repurposed for medicine. A single body might be disassembled to provide hundreds of products for the millions of medical treatments performed each year. Pfeffer goes behind the mortuary door to reveal the technical, imaginative, and sometimes underhanded practices that have facilitated the global industry of transforming human fragments into branded convenience products. The dead have no need of cash, but money changes hands at every link of the supply chain. This book refocuses attention away from individual altruism and onto professional and corporate ethics.

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Yale University Press | A$44.95 | NZ$49.95 UK

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Presenting Magically: Transforming Your Stage Presence With NLP (New in Paperback)

TAD JAMES AND DAVID SHEPHARD

Whether you are a newcomer or a seasoned professional, Presenting Magically will provide you with masterful tips and techniques to transform your presenting skills. Uncovering the secrets, beliefs and attitudes of the world’s top presenters, this book will teach you to connect with your audience; structure your language; handle hecklers; use metaphor; own the stage. Structured presentations fit everyone’s learning style. This book will teach you how to grab the audience’s attention - and keep it.

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Crown House Publishing | A$43.95 | NZ$49.95
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NATURAL HISTORY

The Rhinoceros and the Megatherium: An Essay in Natural History

JUAN PIMENTEL

How did Europeans three centuries apart respond to two mysterious beasts—a living rhinoceros previously known only from ancient texts and a nameless monster’s massive bones? Juan Pimentel shows that their reactions reflect deep cultural changes but also the enduring power of image and imagination to shape our understanding of the natural world. The Rhinoceros and the Megatherium offers a penetrating account of two remarkable episodes in the cultural history of science and is itself a vivid example of the scientific imagination at work.

“Sophisticated and provocative, this is an outstanding study of the possible ways of interpreting unknown beings through an examination of their multifaceted and presumed pasts, shedding light on the changing understanding of scientific forms over 300 years.” — Stéphane Van Damme, European University Institute

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Harvard University Press | A$59.99 | NZ$69.99
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PHILOSOPHY

For the Sake of Argument: How to Do Philosophy

ROBERT MARTIN

Academic philosophy can be puzzling to newcomers. The conventions, terms, and expectations entrenched among philosophers aren’t always clear from the outside. Best-selling author and retired philosophy professor Robert Martin offers a practical guide to arguing and writing philosophically. Anecdotes, jokes, asides, digressions, oddments, and entertainments are included throughout, providing for an informal and opinionated introduction that doesn’t shy away from the nuts and bolts of philosophical argument. A useful glossary of common philosophical terminology and a guide to Chicago Style citation are included.

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POLITICS

Brexit: How Britain Left Europe
DENIS MACSHANE

How could this have happened? On 23 June 2016, UK voters elected to leave the European Union. The result was perhaps the biggest bombshell in modern British political history. In this new and updated edition of Denis MacShane’s bestselling history of the UK’s relationship with Europe, the former Europe Minister reveals the full story behind Britain’s historic EU Referendum decision. Denis MacShane was the only senior Remainer to have called the EU Referendum result correctly and his book provides the essential context to the new political and economic landscape of Brexit Britain.

POPULAR CULTURE

Forever Stardust: David Bowie Across the Universe
WILL BROOKER

Most of the many books about David Bowie track his artistic ‘changes’ chronologically throughout his career. This book, uniquely, examines Bowie’s ‘sameness’: his recurring themes, images, motifs and concepts as an artist, across all his creative work, from lyrics and music through to costumes, storyboards, films, plays and painting.

‘Forever Stardust combines over four decades of criticism and biography into a lucid, compelling study. It is an intelligent and nuanced look at an artist whose total achievement is only now beginning to be discovered.’ — Chris O’Leary, author, Pushing Ahead of the Dame and Rebel Rebel

‘This book truly has it all about David Bowie, the man who mesmerized me at my final callback for his new musical, Lazarus. Will Brooker reminds me of David in his earlier years...this is intriguing and exciting research.’ — Sophia Anne Caruso, lead actor in David Bowie and Enda Walsh’s Lazarus

Will Brooker is Professor of Film and Cultural Studies at Kingston University in London. His research into David Bowie for this book involved a year of immersion in Bowie’s styles, influences and experiences and has attracted international media attention.

POPULAR MATHS

The Joy of SET: The Many Mathematical Dimensions of a Seemingly Simple Card Game
LIZ MCMAHON, GARY GORDON, HANNAH GORDON AND REBECCA GORDON

Have you ever played the addictive card game SET? Have you ever wondered about the connections between games and mathematics? If the answer to either question is “yes,” then The Joy of SET is the book for you! The Joy of SET takes readers on a fascinating journey into this seemingly simple card game and reveals its surprisingly deep and diverse mathematical dimensions. Absolutely no mathematical background is necessary to enjoy this book—all you need is a sense of curiosity and adventure!

“SET is, arguably, the most popular of all commercially sold mathematical games. This is the only book that gives a solid mathematical treatment of this game. Using a range of ideas, from counting to geometry, the authors answer most of the questions you would ever want to ask about SET. Humorous and conversational, this book is a pleasure to read.” — Arthur Benjamin, author of The Magic of Math: Solving for x and Figuring Out Why

The Vicarious Brain, Creator of Worlds
ALAIN BERTHOZ

Groping around a familiar room in the dark, or learning to read again after a traumatic brain injury; navigating a virtual landscape through an avatar, or envisioning a scene through the eyes of a character—all of these are expressions of one fundamental property of life, Alain Berthoz argues. They are instances of vicariance, when the brain sidesteps an impasse by substituting one process or function for another. In The Vicarious Brain, Creator of Worlds, Berthoz shows that this capacity is the foundation of the human ability to think creatively and function in a complex world. Through an absorbing examination of numerous facets of vicariance, Berthoz reveals its impact on an individual’s daily decision making and, more broadly, on the brain’s creation of worlds.

“Seeing things from multiple points of view is a skill that not all possess. Critical periods occur during the development of the brain for binocular vision, maternal bonding, and many other brain functions. Is it possible, as Berthoz supposes, that there is a critical period for being able to simultaneously hold different perspectives? If so, the implications are profound.” — Terrence Sejnowski, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
Cognitive Yoga: Making Yourself a New Etheric Body and Individuality

YESHAYAHU (JESAIAH) BEN-AHARON

Are you ready to begin the process of making yourself a new etheric body and individuality? In the last century, Rudolf Steiner issued a challenge for practitioners of western spiritual science. Would it be possible to develop a new form of cognitive, or Michaelic, yoga? In contrast to the eastern yogis of old – who practiced the spiritualization of inhalation and exhalation – such contemporary yogic practice would involve a spiritualization of thinking as well as a transformation of perceptions and sensations. In *Cognitive Yoga*, Dr Ben-Aharon responds to that call, developing the entire modern yogic process and describing it in remarkable detail.

STEINER

Barefoot Through Burning Lava: On Sicily, the Island of Cain – An Esoteric Travelogue

T H MEYER

Meyer’s travelogue is at once engaging, poetic and deeply esoteric, drawing parallels between the burning lava of Etna and Stromboli and the soul lava through which our spiritual feet must wade in the present day. In meditations on the Guardian of the Threshold and the explosive popularity of football, we are led to the conclusion that today human beings need to develop ‘spiritual feet’ to cross the boundary to higher worlds. The author’s final trip coincides with the recent natural catastrophe in Nepal, which prompts him to ask whether humanity can begin to take inner responsibility for the many such disasters – particularly earthquakes and volcanic eruptions – that take place around the world. For these natural calamities, says Meyer, are intimately related to our untamed passions and emotions.

REANNOUNCING

Treasures from the Map Room: A Journey through the Bodleian Collections

DEBBIE HALL

A new book presents for the first time treasures from the unique collection of maps in the Bodleian Library, ranging from single cities to the solar system, spanning the thirteenth to the twenty-first century and covering most of the world.

Treasures from the Map Room reveals the stories behind seventy-five extraordinary maps. The selection includes a broad range of examples, organized into themes, such as travel, ownership, war, fun and imaginary lands. It features world-class treasures such as the fourteenth-century Gough Map of Great Britain, exquisite portolan charts made in the fifteenth century, the Selden Map of China – the earliest example of Chinese merchant cartography – and an early world map from the medieval Islamic Book of Curiosities. More recent examples cover fictional places drawn in the twentieth century, such as C.S. Lewis’s own map of Narnia and J.R.R. Tolkien’s map of Middle-earth. This striking book is all the more extraordinary, as the introduction points out, because ‘the diverse range reproduced here, including many of the milestones of published cartography, comes from the collections of this single institution.’

Each map is reproduced as a full-page colour illustration and accompanied by a brief accessible commentary which tells the story of the map, its origins and its significance. Showcasing the treasures in this unique collection for the first time, this book takes the reader on a fascinating journey through human civilization and knowledge, uncovering tales of intrepid surveyors, ambitious navigators, chance finds and military victories.

“A superb achievement … both playful and profound, this book captures the humanity of maps to tell us not just where we are, but also who we are.” – Jerry Brotton

“The Bodleian Library holds one of the great collections of maps in the world, and Treasures from the Map Room is a superb achievement in bringing together the Library’s greatest cartographic masterpieces, in one beautifully illustrated and compellingly-written book. … Both playful and profound, this book captures the humanity of maps to tell us not just where we are, but also who we are.” – Jerry Brotton, Professor of Renaissance Studies, Queen Mary University of London, and author of A History of the World in Twelve Maps.

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