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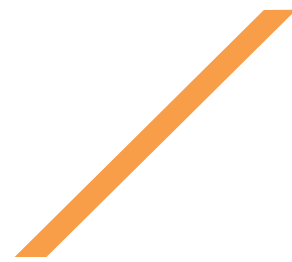
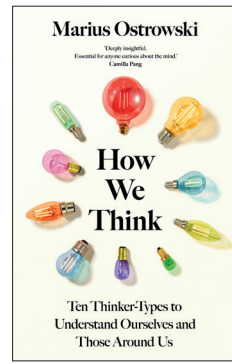
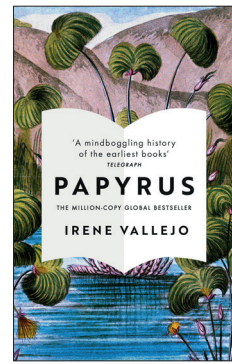
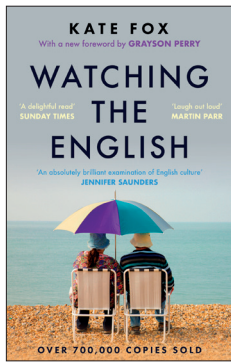
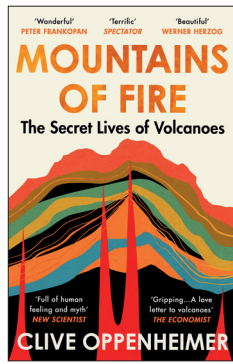
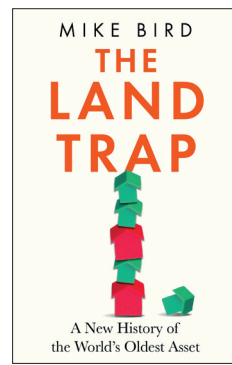
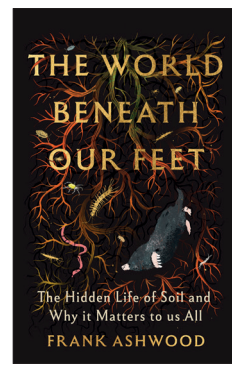
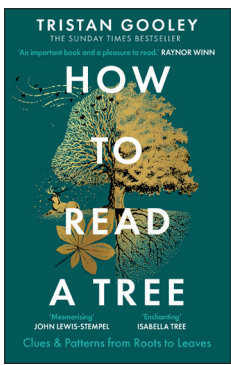
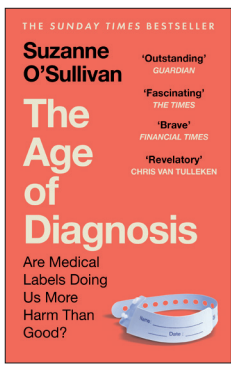
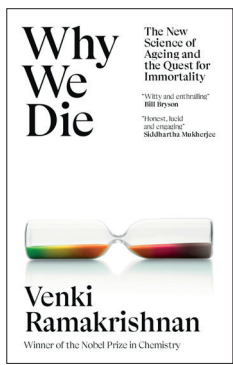
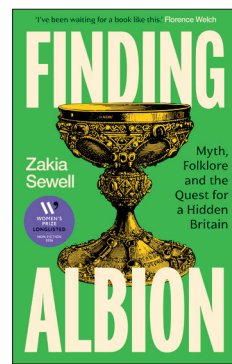
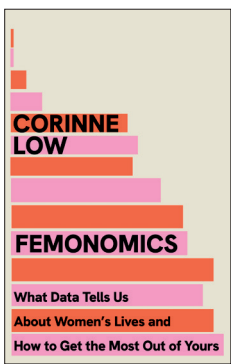
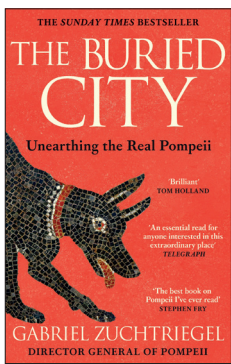
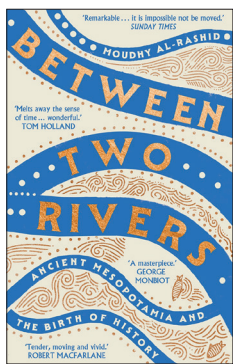


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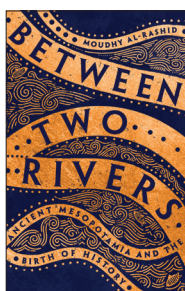
Hodder Press is the home of authoritative narrative non-fiction at Hodder & Stoughton. Our imprint celebrates expert thinking and distinctive voices. We love high quality non-fiction that asks big questions, challenges perspectives and brings an expert view to essential topics. Our focus is on books where the combination of author and subject creates a remarkable alchemy, opening up new vistas or unlocking a complex subject, narrated by a distinct and interesting voice. We're incredibly proud that our first full year of publishing, has seen stand-out successes, including three Sunday Times bestsellers and major prize longlistings.

We are a boutique list within one of the world's biggest publishing groups, Hachette. Our team are highly experienced in working with authors who are looking to share their ideas with a truly broad audience, from providing close editorial support to creative publicity and marketing campaigns.

With an international outlook and an emphasis on beautiful design, Hodder Press publishes experts from around the world in science and psychology, cultural and natural history, current affairs and social sciences as well as the very best of nature writing and memoir. Hodder Press is proud to be redressing the gender balance in serious non-fiction and we strive for our books and authors to represent the breadth and depth of non-fiction thinking and writing internationally. Our authors include Venki Ramakrishnan, Tristan Gooley, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Michael Morpurgo, Lucy Easthope, Clive Oppenheimer, Moudhy Al-Rashid, Gabriel Zuchtriegel and Kate Fox.



# 2025 Highlights

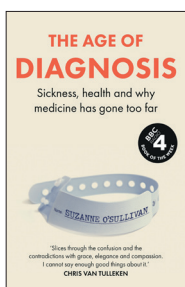


## **Between Two Rivers:** *Ancient Mesopotamia and the Birth of History*

by **Moudhy Al-Rashid** | **20th February 2025**

Bringing us closer than ever before to the lives of ancient people, *Between Two Rivers* tells not just the history of Mesopotamia, but the story of how history was made.

**Rights:** World All Languages. Sold in: USA, Korea, Bulgaria, Portugal, Turkey, Poland.



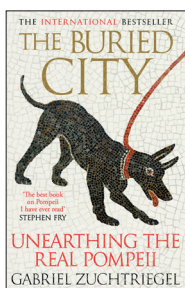
## **The Age of Diagnosis:** *Sickness, Health and Why Medicine Has Gone Too Far*

by **Suzanne O'Sullivan** | **18th March 2025**

**SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER**

From the Wellcome Prize-winning neurologist, a timely examination of modern illness and health that questions whether a medical diagnosis can do more harm than good.

**Rights:** World All Languages. Sold in: USA, Poland, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Spain and Italy.



## **The Buried City:** *Unearthing the Real Pompeii*

by **Gabriel Zuchtriegel** | **22nd May 2025**

**SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER**

An internationally bestselling new take on Pompeii and our relationship with the ancient world, from a world-leading archaeologist and director of the World Heritage Site.

**Rights:** World English. Sold in: USA.



## **Peatlands:** *A Journey Between Land and Water*

by **Alys Fowler** | **29th May 2025**

**LONGLISTED FOR THE WAINWRIGHT PRIZE**

A journey into the mysterious and wonderful world of peat bogs, from Flow Country in the far north of Scotland to the Brecon Beacons in Wales, by award-winning nature writer Alys Fowler.

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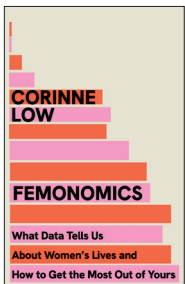
## The Hidden Seasons

by **Tristan Gooley** | 18th September 2025

**SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER**

A life-enhancing guide to the seasons from the author of *Sunday Times* bestseller and Waterstones Book of the Month *How to Read a Tree*, told through the prism of nature's clues and signs.

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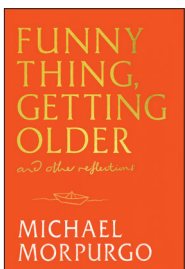


## Femonomics: *What Data Tells Us About Women's Lives and How to Get the Most Out of Yours*

by **Corinne Low** | 25th September 2025

Wharton Business Economics Professor offers a data-driven guide to empower women to make choices that will reclaim their time, energy and joy. This is *Lean In*, 2.0.

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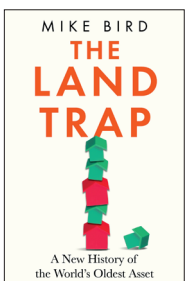


## Funny Thing Getting Older: *And Other Reflections*

by **Michael Morpurgo** | 30th October 2025

A poignant collection of thoughts and reflections on everything from nature to war, childhood to ageing, from one of the world's most beloved authors.

**Rights:** World All Languages.



## The Land Trap: *A New History of the World's Oldest Asset*

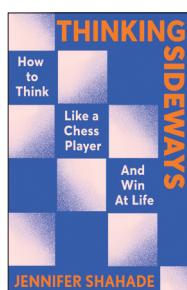
by **Mike Bird** | 6th November 2025

**LONGLISTED FOR THE FT AND SCHRODERS  
BUSINESS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The story of the world's oldest asset – land – and how it has sparked revolutions, fuelled huge economic booms, led to the worst financial crises in history, and still poses the greatest risks to our prosperity today, by *Economist* journalist and podcast host Mike Bird.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth.

# 2026 Publications

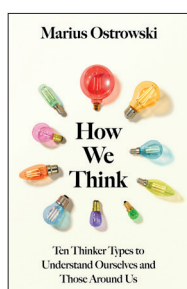


## **Thinking Sideways:** *How To Think Like a Chess Player and Win At Life*

**by Jennifer Shahade | February 2026**

Essential life lessons from the world of chess, from using decision trees to make smarter choices to building focus and confidence while under pressure, by US chess champion and Woman Grandmaster Jennifer Shahade.

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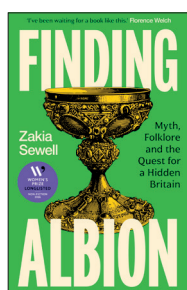


## **How We Think:** *Ten Thinker Types to Understand Ourselves and Those Around Us*

**by Marius Ostrowski | March 2026**

Bringing together startling new evidence from neurobiology, psychology, philosophy and behavioural economics, *How We Think* introduces us to ten different 'thinker types' we all inhabit. Leading academic Marius Ostrowski argues that these ten ways of thinking can help us understand ourselves and everyone around us.

**Rights:** World All Languages. Sold in: China (simplified), Portugal, Arabic.



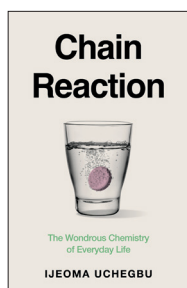
## **Finding Albion:** *Myth, Folklore and the Quest for a Hidden Britain*

**by Zakia Sewell | March 2026**

**LOGLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE**

Broadcaster, writer and DJ Zakia Sewell takes us on a quest to find 'Albion' a hidden, version of Britain through the songs, stories and symbols of British folk culture. in pursuit of an inclusive national identity that connects us to our deeper past and to each other.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth.



## **Chain Reaction:** *The Wondrous Chemistry of Everyday Life*

**by Ijeoma Uchegbu | April 2026**

A deeply personal and eye-opening exploration of the chemistry that binds us all together, by UCL professor Ijeoma Uchegbu.

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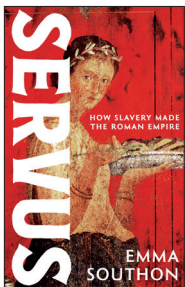


## **Consolations:** *Timeless Wisdom from the Ancient World for Every Day*

**by Irene Vallejo | April 2026**

Renowned classicist Irene Vallejo draws on the wisdom of Aristotle and Seneca, as well as lesser known philosophy and history, to offer thought-provoking ideas about life - from friendship and family arguments to ageing and narcissism.

**Rights:** World English Language.

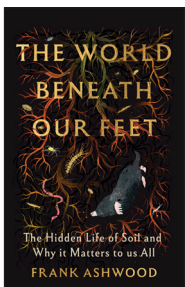


## **Servus:** *How Slavery Made the Roman Empire*

**by Emma Southon | May 2026**

Historian Emma Southon takes readers into the invisible spaces of the Roman empire, where millions of enslaved lives were unwillingly dedicated to the perpetuation of the empire that owned them.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth and Translation.



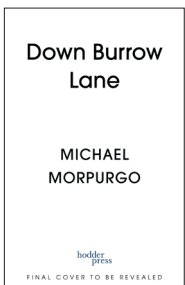
## **The World Beneath Our Feet:**

*The Hidden Life of Soil and Why It Matters to Us All*

**by Frank Ashwood | August 2026**

A stunning, microscopic safari tour of the world of soil beneath our feet, offering a new appreciation of an ecosystem that is the basis for life on Earth.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth.



## **Down Burrow Lane:** *Life and Love on the Farm*

**by Michael Morpurgo | September 2026**

The incredible memoir set on a magical farm in Devon, published on the 50th anniversary of Farms for City Children and set to be a modern classic.

# The Hodder Press Seasons Series

Hodder Press are proud to be publishing a non-fiction nature series on the seasons, with each season written by one of today's most celebrated fiction writers. Every title in the seasons series will feature specially commissioned illustrations and covetable cover designs that reflect the distinct voice and approach of each writer.



## Spring

by **Michael Morpurgo** | **March 2025**

**SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER**  
**ONGLISTED FOR THE WAINWRIGHT PRIZE**

Morpurgo's first non-fiction book for adults in nearly 40 years, *Spring* is a joyful celebration of this season from one of the world's most beloved authors.

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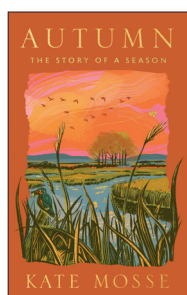


## Winter

by **Val McDermid** | **November 2025**

A frosty Scottish adventure from the streets of Edinburgh to the Fife coast from the bestselling and celebrated crime writer.

**Rights:** World All Languages.



## Autumn

by **Kate Mosse** | **September 2026**

An autumn in the marshlands of Sussex with the number one international bestselling author and founder of the Women's Prize for Fiction.

**Rights:** World All Languages.



## Summer

by **Bernardine Evaristo** | **May 2028**

Booker Prize-winning novelist, and poet, dramatist, essayist and activist, Bernardine Evaristo steps out into bright summer sunshine in her home city of London.

**Rights:** World All Languages.



# A Selection of Other Forthcoming Titles

**Synchronized:** *The Science of How and Why We Bond*

by **Ruth Feldman**

A major book by world-leading psychologist and neuroscientist that explains the biological process of how our brains, bodies and behaviours co-ordinate to enable us to form deep social bonds with other human beings.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth.

**Invisible World:** *The Magic of Biofluorescence*

by **David Atthowe**

The first book to explore biofluorescence, an enchanting natural phenomenon that causes organisms to glow in the dark, by naturalist and explorer David Atthowe.

**Rights:** World All Languages.

**House of Gates:** *The Definitive Biography of Bill Gates*

by **Nicholas Kulish**

The first major biography of Bill Gates from a Polk-award-winning *New York Times* journalist with unique access.

**Rights:** UK Commonwealth.

**Atomic Universe:** *Unravelling the Cosmos - from YouTube's History of The Universe*

by **David Kelly and Paul Sutter**

The story of the Big Bang from the YouTube channel sensation The History of the Universe.

**Rights:** World All Languages. Sold in: USA.

**The Age of Turmoil:** *How Two Decades in the 8th Century Changed the World*

by **Sam Ottewill-Soulsby**

A spin-the-globe history of one of Eurasia's most tumultuous and defining eras, from an international academic based at the Institute for Medieval Research in Vienna.

**Rights:** World All Languages. Sold in: USA.

**At The Full Moon:** *The Untold Story of the Werewolf Trails*

by **Laura Kounine**

**Rights:** World All Languages.



# Our Commissioning Editors



## Kirty Topiwala

Executive Publisher

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Prior to Hodder, I spent eight years at the medical charity Wellcome. I directed the Wellcome Book Prize and turned Wellcome's book publishing into a trade-facing list, leading to successes including *Forensics* by Val McDermid, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande and *Adventures in Human Being* by Gavin Francis. I joined Hodder in 2019 to lead the general non-fiction, overseeing and publishing a diverse range of bestsellers and prize-shortlisted titles such as *Immune* by Philipp Dettmer, Lucy Easthope's *When the Dust Settles* and Venki Ramakrishnan's *Why We Die*. In 2025 I published the *Sunday Times* bestsellers *Spring* by Michael Morpurgo, *The Age of Diagnosis* by Suzanne O'Sullivan and *The Buried City* by Gabriel Zuchtriegel.

**I am looking for...** bold cultural history, popular science and psychology, expert-led memoir and nature writing.



## Anna Baty

Editorial Director  
(On parental leave from October 2025)  
[Anna.Baty@hodder.co.uk](mailto:Anna.Baty@hodder.co.uk)

I have worked in editorial roles for over thirteen years and was formerly an editor at The Bodley Head (Penguin Random House) where I published books including *The Gendered Brain* by Gina Rippon and *Seven Signs of Life* by Aoife Abbey. After a stint at the innovation foundation Nesta, I joined Hodder & Stoughton in 2020 where my publishing includes *Sunday Times* bestseller *Vaxxers* by Sarah Gilbert and Catherine Green, *Between Two Rivers* by Moudhy Al-Rashid and Blackwell's Book of the Month *Mountains of Fire* by Clive Oppenheimer. Forthcoming books include *Finding Albion* by Zakia Sewell, *Synchronized* by Ruth Feldman and *The World Beneath Our Feet* by Frank Ashwood.

**I am looking for...** popular science (anything from neuroscience to plate tectonics and everything in between), ancient and modern history, nature and natural history, unusual cultural or underdog histories and biographies, arts and humanities, technology and its impact on society.

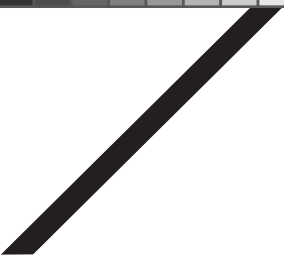


## Kim Walker

Editorial Director  
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Prior to joining Hodder Press, I was Editorial Director at Penguin Press, publishing leading authors in science, neuroscience, economics, politics, history, philosophy and psychology, including *Vanished* by Sadiah Qureshi, *Empire of AI* by Karen Hao, Andrew Ross Sorkin's *1929: The Inside Story of The Greatest Crash in Wall Street History*, an updated edition of *Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, and books by David Spiegelhalter and Daniel Susskind. For eight years I was Owner and Editorial Director at Zed Books, launching a trade-facing list and publishing Kehinde Andrews, *Back to Black: Retelling Black Radicalism for the 21st Century*, and Maggie Nelson, *Jane: A Murder* and her poetry collections. I was also Publisher at Manchester University Press, where I led their Trade publishing of award-winning books.

**I am looking for...** ambitious non-fiction in popular science, politics, history, economics, philosophy, nature writing, and bold new authors who make complex ideas compelling and accessible.



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