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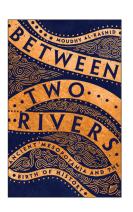
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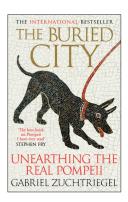
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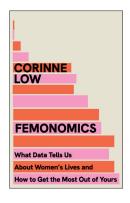
Hodder Press is the home of authoritative narrative non-fiction at Hodder & Stoughton. Our imprint celebrates expert thinking and distinctive voices. We love high quality non-fiction that asks big questions, challenges perspectives and brings an expert view to essential topics. Our focus is on books 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 2025, our first full year of publishing, has seen stand-out successes, including three *Sunday Times* betsellers and major prize longlistings in the first half of the year alone.

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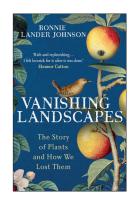
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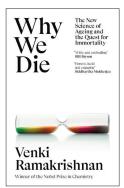


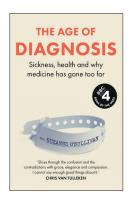




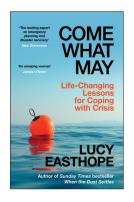


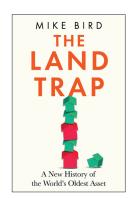


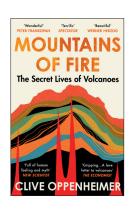






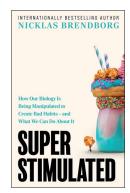


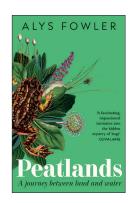




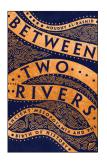








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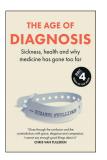


Between Two Rivers: Ancient Mesopotamia and the Birth of History

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, Portual, Turkey, Poland.



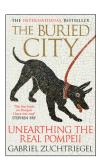
The Age of Diagnosis: Sickness, Health and Why Medicine Has Gone Too Far

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.

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The Buried City: Unearthing the Real Pompeii

by Gabriel Zuchtriegel | 22nd May 2025

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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.

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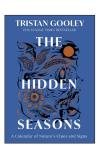
Peatlands: A Journey Between Land and Water

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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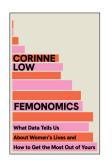


The Hidden Seasons

by Tristan Gooley | 18th September 2025

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. Rights: UK Commonwealth.

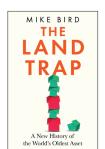


Funny Thing Getting Older: And Other Reflections

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.

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

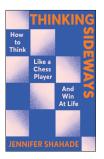
by Mike Bird | 6th November 2025

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.

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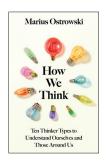


Thinking Sideways: How To Think Like a Chess Player and Win At Life

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.

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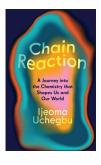


Finding Albion: Myth, Folklore and the Quest for a Hidden Britain

by Zakia Sewell | March 2026

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.

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Chain Reaction: A Journey into the Chemistry that Shapes Us and Our World

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

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.

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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 LONGLISTED 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.

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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.

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Summer

by Bernardine Evaristo | May 2027

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

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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.

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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.

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House of Gates

by Nicholas Kulish

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

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Atomic 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.

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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.



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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.



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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.

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