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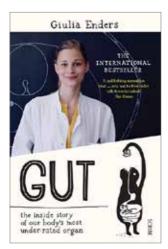
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# 'Hungry man, reach for the book: it is a weapon.'

— Bertolt Brecht

#### **Giulia Enders**

translated by David Shaw



GIULIA ENDERS is a two-time scholarship winner of the Wilhelm Und Else Heraeus Foundation, and is doing research for her medical doctorate at the Institute for Microbiology in Frankfurt. In 2012, her presentation of *Gut* won her first prize at the Science Slam in Berlin, and went viral on YouTube.

#### Gut

the inside story of our body's most under-rated organ

The key to living a happier, healthier life is inside us.

Our gut is almost as important to us as our brain or our heart, yet we know very little about how it works. In *Gut*, Giulia Enders shows that rather than the utilitarian and—let's be honest—somewhat embarrassing body part we imagine it to be, it is one of the most complex, important, and even miraculous parts of our anatomy. And scientists are only just discovering quite how much it has to offer; new research shows that gut bacteria can play a role in everything from obesity and allergies to Alzheimer's.

Beginning with the personal experience of illness that inspired her research, and going on to explain everything from the basics of nutrient absorption to the latest science linking bowel bacteria with depression, Enders has written an entertaining, informative health handbook. *Gut* definitely shows that we can all benefit from getting to know the wondrous world of our inner workings.

In this charming book, young scientist Giulia Enders takes us on a fascinating tour of our insides. Her message is simple—if we treat our gut well, it will treat us well in return. But how do we do that? And why do we need to? Find out in this surprising, and surprisingly funny, exploration of the least understood of our organs.

Already an international bestseller, over 1.4 million copies of *Gut* have been sold in Germany.

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JULY 2015 MEMOIR

#### **Etgar Keret**

### The Seven Good Years



Born in Tel Aviv in 1967. ETGAR KERET is a winner of the French Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, a lecturer at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and the author, most recently, of the story collection Suddenly, A Knock on the Door. His work has appeared in The New Yorker. The Wall Street Journal. The Paris Review, and The New York Times, among many other publications, and on This American Life, where he is a regular contributor.

A brilliant, hilarious memoir from a master storyteller.

Over the last seven years, Etgar Keret has had plenty of reasons to worry. His son, Lev, was born in the middle of a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv. His father became sick. And he has been constantly tormented by nightmarish visions of the former Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, anti-Semitic remarks both real and imagined, and, perhaps most worrisome of all, a dogged telemarketer who seems likely to chase him to the grave. Emerging from these darkly absurd circumstances is a series of funny, touching ruminations on everything from his three-year-old son's impending military service to the terrorist mindset behind Angry Birds.

The Seven Good Years is a tender and entertaining tale of a father bringing up his son in a country beset by wars and alarms. Told in Keret's inimitable style, this wise, witty memoir is full of wonder and love, poignant insights, and irrepressible humour. Moving deftly between the personal and the political, the playful and the profound, it reveals the human need to find good in the least likely places, and the stories we tell ourselves to make sense of our capricious world.

'Funny, dark, and poignant.' — Jonathan Safran Foer

'One of the most important writers alive – enchantingly witty.' — Clive James

'Keret's writing is soul-healing.' — Aleksandar Hemon

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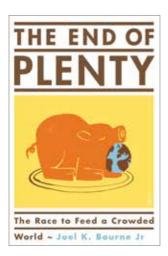
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#### Joel K. Bourne Jr

# The End of Plenty

the race to feed a crowded world



JOEL K. BOURNE Jr graduated with a BS in agronomy from North Carolina State University. A contributing writer for National Geographic, he has written for Audubon, Science, and Outside, among others. He lives in Wilmington, North Carolina. An award-winning environmental journalist introduces a new generation of farmers and scientists on the frontlines of the next green revolution.

When Thomas Malthus famously outlined the brutal relationship between food and population, he never imagined the success of modern agriculture. New seeds, chemicals, and irrigation, coupled with free trade, drove the greatest global population boom in history—but left ecological devastation and an unsustainable agroeconomic status quo in their wake. Now, with a greater number of mouths to feed than ever before, tightening global food supplies have spurred riots and reform around the world.

Joel K. Bourne Jr takes readers from his family farm to international agricultural hotspots, searching for new solutions that can feed us all sustainably. He visits young corporate farmers trying to restore Ukraine as Europe's breadbasket, a Canadian aquaculturist channelling ancient Chinese traditions, the agronomist behind the world's largest organic sugar-cane plantation, and many other people and groups, large and small, who are racing to stave off a Malthusian catastrophe. Part history, part reportage, part advocacy, *The End of Plenty* is a wake-up call for anyone concerned with what the coming decades will hold for our planet and its inhabitants if we don't take action.

'One of the most informative, engaging books on the world food prospect I have ever read.' — Lester R. Brown

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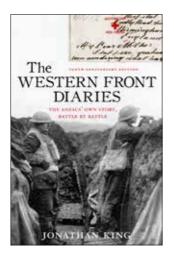
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JULY 2015 MILITARY HISTORY

#### Jonathan King

### The Western Front Diaries

the Anzacs' own story, battle by battle



Award-winning historian Dr JONATHAN KING has been producing books and films about World War I since 1994. He leads battlefield tours to Gallipoli and the Western Front, and is a regular television and radio commentator, as well as writing for newspapers. After lecturing at the University of Melbourne for many years, he has written more than 30 books and produced 20 documentaries.

#### A special 100th-anniversary edition.

Long overshadowed by the national obsession with the ill-fated Gallipoli saga, the breathtaking story of what really happened on the Western Front has finally been brought into the bright light of day. The Anzacs' Western Front campaign had a greater impact than Gallipoli in almost every respect: five times more soldiers served and were killed there, more than five times as many battles took place—and it was there that an astounding 53 Victoria Crosses were awarded to Australians.

The Diggers serving on the Western Front also helped win the war, but it was at an almost unfathomable cost.

Using hundreds of brutally honest and extraordinary eyewitness accounts, *The Western Front Diaries* reproduces private diaries, letters, postcards, and photographs to reveal what it was really like at the Front, battle by bloody battle.

Straight from the mouths of the men who fought there, it doesn't get more honest, raw, or heartbreaking than this.

Praise for Jonathan King

'King has long been a leader in resurrecting Australian history and breathing new life into it.' — **Geoffrey Blainey** 

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#### Gerbrand Bakker

### June

translated by David Colmer



GERBRAND BAKKER was born in 1962. He studied Dutch language and literature and worked as a subtitler for nature films before becoming a gardener. Bakker won the 2010 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for his novel *The Twin* (Scribe, 2008) and the 2013 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize for his novel *The Detour* (Scribe, 2012).

A visit from the Queen, a tragic accident, a divided family: a masterful new novel from the prize-winning Gerbrand Bakker.

On a hot summer's day in June 1969, everyone is gathered to welcome Queen Juliana.

The boys and girls wave their flags enthusiastically. But just as the monarch is getting into her car to leave, little Hanne Kaan and her mother arrive —the Queen strokes the little girl's cheek and regally offers Anna Kaan her hand. It would have been an unforgettable day of celebration if only the baker hadn't been running late with his deliveries and knocked down Hanne, playing on the roadside, with his brand-new VW van.

Years later, Jan Kaan arrives on a hot day in June to tidy his sister's grave, and is overcome again with grief and silent fury. Isn't it finally time to get to the bottom of things? Should the permit for the grave be extended? And why won't anyone explain to his little niece Dieke why grandma has been lying up in the hayloft for a day and a half, nursing a bottle of Advocaat and refusing to see anyone?

*June* traces in spellbinding, tender detail how the ripples from one tragic incident spread through a community, a family, and down the generations.

'Bakker once again proves himself a master.'
— *Trouw* (Holland)

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#### Gavin McCrea

## Mrs Engels



GAVIN McCREA was born in Dublin in 1978 and has since travelled widely, living in Japan, Belgium, and Italy, among other places. He holds a BA and an MA from University College Dublin, and an MA and a PhD from the University of East Anglia. He currently lives between the UK and Spain.

Love is a bygone idea, centuries-worn. There are things we can go without, and love is among them; bread and a warm hearth are not.

In September 1870, a train leaves Manchester bound for London. On board is Lizzie Burns, a poor worker from the Irish slums, who is embarking on the journey that will change her forever. Sitting in the first-class carriage beside her lover, the wealthy mill-owner Frederick Engels, the vision of a life of peace and comfort takes shape before her eyes: finally, at nearly fifty, she is to be the lady of a house and the wife to a man. Perhaps now she can put the difficulties of the past behind her, and be happy?

In Gavin McCrea's stunning debut novel, we follow Lizzie as the promise of an easy existence in the capital slips from her view, and as she gains, in its place, a profound understanding of herself and of the world. While Frederick and his friend Karl Marx try to spur revolution among the working classes, Lizzie is compelled to undertake a revolution of another kind: of the heart and the soul. Haunted by her first love—a revolutionary Irishman; burdened by a sense of duty to right past mistakes; and torn between a desire for independence and the pragmatic need to be taken care of, Lizzie learns, as she says, that 'the world doesn't happen how you think it will. The secret is to soften to it, and to take its blows.'

Wry, astute, and often hilarious, Lizzie is as compelling and charismatic a figure as ever walked the streets of Victorian England, or its novels.

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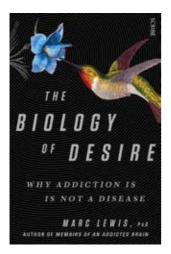
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#### Marc Lewis

# The Biology of Desire

why addiction is not a disease



Dr MARC LEWIS is a developmental neuroscientist. professor of human development and applied psychology at Radboud University in the Netherlands. and professor emeritus at the University of Toronto. He has more than 50 journal publications in neuroscience and developmental psychology, and is the author of the critically acclaimed book Memoirs of an Addicted Brain: a neuroscientist examines his former life on drugs.

An illuminating, compelling, and controversial argument.

The psychiatric establishment in the Western world has unanimously branded addiction a brain disease. And the idea that an addict has an incurable illness has served an historically important role in changing how addiction is understood, researched, and treated throughout the world.

But as renowned developmental neuroscientist and recovered addict Marc Lewis argues, addiction is not a disease. Addiction, whether to drugs, alcohol, gambling, food, sex, or cigarettes, is a developmental learning process resulting from the normal functioning of the human brain.

Through vividly rendered, compassionate stories of five addicts, interpreted in the light of state-of-the-art neuroscientific knowledge, Lewis shows how the compulsion to use arises in a brain that is highly efficient in pursuing singular goals. He reveals addiction as an unfortunate twist of fate for a brain doing what it's designed to do—seek pleasure and relief—in a world that's not cooperating. He shows that recovery from addiction is indeed possible, and that it is nothing like remission from a disease, because brain physiology doesn't need to change for addicts to get better.

This book is vital and enlightening reading for anyone who has wrestled with addiction themselves, in their families, or as a medical or treatment professional. It illuminates a path to more effective treatment for addicts, and outlines the essential requirements for individual recovery.

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#### Rudi Westendorp

translated by David Shaw



RUDI WESTENDORP is a medical doctor, professor of Old-Age Medicine at the University of Copenhagen, and founder and director of the Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing, which offers courses, conducts research, and initiates developments that improve the quality of life for older people. Westendorp frequently appears in the media, making his knowledge available to a wide audience.

# **Growing Older Without Feeling Old**

on vitality and ageing

#### A renowned gerontologist casts a new light on ageing.

The past century has witnessed a revolution. Less than a hundred years ago, the average Western life expectancy was 40; now it is 80. And there is no end in sight: the first person who will reach 135 has already been born.

It's the most radical change in our society since industrialisation, and naturally it raises many questions.

What do longer life spans mean for the way we organise our societies? How can people best prepare themselves for living considerably longer? Does it help to eat less, or to take hormones, vitamins, or minerals? And what can we learn from old people who remain full of vitality, despite illness and infirmity?

Growing Older without Feeling Old is the definitive book on a key issue for the 21st century, written by one of the world's leading experts in geriatric medicine. Combining medical, biological, economic, and sociological insights, Rudi Westendorp explores the causes of the ageing revolution and explains how we can greet it with confidence and enjoy leading longer, healthier, and more productive lives than ever before.

'An entertaining and revealing book about our delayed ageing and death, about astonishing future prospects and our failure to take simple measures to prevent diseases such as dementia.' — De Volkskrant

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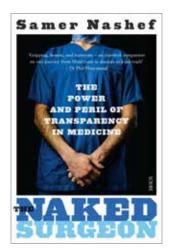
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#### Samer Nashef

# The Naked Surgeon

the power and peril of transparency in medicine



SAMER NASHEF is a consultant cardiac surgeon at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, and a world-leading expert on risk and quality in surgical care. He is the creator of EuroSCORE, which calculates the predicted risk of death from heart operations and is the most successful risk model in medicine; it is used worldwide and is credited with saving tens of thousands of lives.

A pioneering heart surgeon unclothes his profession.

We are not meant to touch hearts. We all have one, but most of us will never see one. The heart surgeon now has that privilege but, for centuries, the heart was out of reach even for surgeons. So when a surgeon nowadays opens up a ribcage and mends a heart, it remains something of a miracle, even if to some it is merely plumbing.

As with plumbers, the quality of surgeons' work varies, and surgeons' opinions of their own prowess and their own attitude to risk are not always reliable. Measurement is key, but we've had a century of effective evidence-based medicine. We've had barely a decade of thorough monitoring of clinical outcomes. Thanks to the ground-breaking risk-modelling of pioneering surgeons such as Samer Nashef, we at last know how to judge whether an operation is in a patient's best interest, which hospital and surgeon would be best for that operation, when it might best be performed, and what the exact level of risk is. We have at last made what is important in surgery measurable. But how should surgeons, and their patients, use these newfound insights?

Ever since his days as a medical student, Samer Nashef has challenged the medical profession to be more open and more accurate about the success of surgical procedures. In *The Naked Surgeon*, he offers to his reader (and prospective patient) many revelations, such as the paradox at the heart of the cardiac surgeon's craft: the more an operation is likely to kill you, the better it is for you. And he does so with absolute clarity, fluency, and not a little wit.

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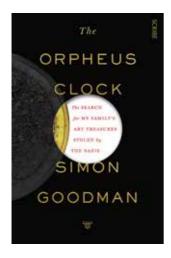
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#### Simon Goodman

# The Orpheus Clock

the search for my family's art treasures stolen by the Nazis



Born in London shortly after WWII and educated at the French Lycée in London, then at Munich University, SIMON GOODMAN entered the music business in the late 1960s. Goodman is married to actress May Quiley and has one son and three daughters. He lives in Los Angeles, where his search for his family's treasures continues.

The passionate, gripping true story of one man's singleminded quest to reclaim what the Nazis stole from his family— and to restore their legacy.

Simon Goodman's grandparents came from German-Jewish banking dynasties, and perished in concentration camps. That's almost all he knew about them—his father rarely spoke of their family history or heritage.

The Gutmanns rose from a small Bohemian hamlet to become one of Germany's most powerful banking families. They also amassed a magnificent, world-class art collection that included works by Degas, Renoir, Botticelli, Guardi, and many, many others. But the Nazi regime snatched from them everything they had worked to build: their remarkable art, their immense wealth, their prominent social standing, and their very lives.

Simon grew up in London with little knowledge of his father's efforts to recover their family's prized possessions. It was only after his father's death that Simon began to piece together the clues about the Gutmanns' stolen legacy and the Nazi looting machine. Through painstaking detective work across two continents, Simon has been able to prove that many works belonged to his family, and to successfully secure their return.

Goodman's dramatic story, told with great heart, reveals a rich family history almost obliterated by the Nazis. It is not only the account of a twenty-year long detective hunt for family treasure, but an unforgettable tale of redemption and restoration.

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#### Tania Chandler

### Please Don't Leave Me Here



TANIA CHANDLER is a Melbourne-based writer and editor. She studied professional writing and editing at RMIT, and her work was awarded a special commendation in the 2013 Writers Victoria Crime Writing competition. Please Don't Leave Me Here is her first novel, and she is currently working on her second.

#### A riveting psychological thriller.

Kurt Cobain stands at the top of the stairs, wearing the brown sweater. 'Please don't leave me,' she yells up at him. But it's too late; he's turning away as the tram slows for the stop out on the street.

Then she's lying on the road. Car tyres are going past, slowly. Somebody is screaming. A siren howls.

Sweet voices of little children are singing 'Morningtown Ride'.

Is Brigitte a loving wife and mother, or a cold-blooded killer?

Nobody knows why she was in the east of the city so early on the morning she was left for dead by a hit-and-run driver. It was the Thursday before Christmas 1994, and police discovered the body of a man beaten to death in her apartment.

Fourteen years later, Brigitte is married to the detective who investigated the murder, which she claims to have lost her memory of in the car accident. They have young twins, and seem to be a happy family. Until the reopening of the cold case.

*Please Don't Leave Me Here* is about loss, love, and lies. It is about pain, fear, and memory. And, above all, it is about letting go.

'A remarkable debut. Stylish, assured writing and a compelling, totally believable protagonist.' — **Graeme Simsion**, author of *The Rosie Project* and *The Rosie Effect* 

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#### Félix J. Palma

## The Map of Chaos



FÉLIX J. PALMA has been acclaimed by critics as one of the most brilliant and original storvtellers of our time. His devotion to the short story genre has earned him more than a hundred awards. The Map of Time, his first book to be published in the United States, was an instant New York Times bestseller and received the prestigious 2008 Ateneo de Sevila XL Prize. It has been published in more than thirty countries. The Map of the Sky, the second book in the trilogy, also received rave reviews. Palma lives in Spain.

The New York Times bestselling author of The Map of Time and The Map of the Sky returns with the final instalment in the award-winning trilogy that The Washington Post called 'a big, genre-bending delight. Palma writes with shrewdness and glee.'

When the person he loves most dies in tragic circumstances, the mysterious protagonist of The Map of Chaos does all he can to speak to her one last time and confess the secret he didn't dare tell her while she was alive. A session with the most renowned medium of all time seems to offer the only solution, but the experience unleashes terrible forces that bring the world to the brink of disaster. Salvation can only be found in The Map of Chaos, an obscure book that he is desperate to find. In his search, he is given invaluable help by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, by Lewis Carroll, and of course by H.G. Wells, whose Invisible Man seems to have escaped from the pages of his famous novel to sow terror among humankind. They alone can discover the means to save the world and to find the path that will reunite the lovers separated by death.

Proving once again that he is 'a master of ingenious plotting' (*Kirkus*), Félix J. Palma brings together a cast of real and imagined literary characters in Victorian London, when spiritualism is at its height. *The Map of Chaos* is a spellbinding adventure that mixes impossible loves, nonstop action, real ghosts, and fake mediums in an explosive cocktail sure to captivate readers all over the world.

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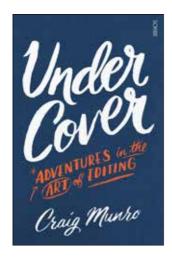
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#### Craig Munro

### **Under Cover**

adventures in the art of editing



CRAIG MUNRO is an award-winning biographer, and the founding chair of the Queensland Writers Centre. As UQP's inaugural fiction editor, he worked with many emerging writers who have since become celebrated authors, and in 1985 he won the Barbara Ramsden Award for Editing. His other books include Wild Man of Letters: the story of P.R. Stephensen and Paper Empires: a history of the book in Australia, 1946-2005 (co-edited with Robyn Sheahan-Bright). Since 2012 he has been a judge of the Miles Franklin Literary Award. A candid, insightful memoir by one of Australia's foremost editors, who worked with many of the country's finest writers.

It started in 1971, when Craig Munro was a young editor at the University of Queensland Press, with just a typewriter and a thumbed copy of the *Chicago Manual of Style* on his desk. Over the next two decades, Munro became involved in an invigoration of Australian writing and publishing, with University of Queensland Press at its centre.

After spotting Peter Carey's work in an indie magazine, Munro edited Carey's debut, *The Fat Man in History*. He went on to publish several of Carey's award-winning novels, edited David Malouf's classic work, *Johnno*, and helped to bring about UQP's Indigenous publishing list. Munro championed Olga Masters and Barbara Hanrahan, edited a young Murray Bail, and became firm friends with *Top of the Lake* scriptwriters Gerard Lee and Jane Campion. Over his long career, he also encountered an irascible Xavier Herbert, hardworking journalist Hugh Lunn, raconteur Herb Wharton, master storyteller Elizabeth Jolley, and thenemerging talent Kate Grenville. Just as importantly, Munro mentored and trained passionate editors who are today well-known agents, editors, and publishers.

With humour, insight, and warmth, Munro recounts arguably the most daring, innovative, and well-funded period that Australian publishing has ever witnessed. Like *Other People's Words* by Hilary McPhee, *Under Cover* is essential reading for all those who love books and cherish Australia's unique literary culture.

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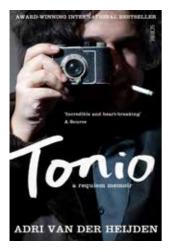
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SEPTEMBER 2015 MEMOIR

### Adri van der Heijden

translated by Jonathan Reeder



ADRI VAN DER HEIJDEN is one of Holland's greatest living authors. His oeuvre consists mainly of two sagas: *The Toothless Time* and *Homo Duplex*. He has also written four other requiems, one of which was about his father's death: *His Father's Ashes*.

### **Tonio**

a requiem memoir

Winner of the 2012 Libris Literature Prize—the Dutch equivalent of the Booker Prize—and a bestseller in Holland and Germany, this is a mesmerising rendition of grief and love.

On Pentecost 2010, Tonio — the only son of writer Adri van der Heijden — is hit by a car. He dies of his injuries that same day. Tonio is only 21. His parents are faced with the monstrous task of forging ahead with their lives in the knowledge that their only child will never again come home, never again stop by just to catch up, never again go out shopping with his mother and bitch about passersby, never again ask his father: 'Did you work well today?' Never again.

Adri van der Heijden is driven by two compelling questions: what happened to Tonio during the final days and hours before the accident, and how could this accident happen? This search takes in various eyewitnesses, friends, police officers, doctors, and the mysterious Jenny—who turns out to have played a crucial role in Tonio's life during those final weeks.

'Astonishing. Van der Heijden has produced a moving, virtuoso memorial to his son.' — *Het Parool* 

'Raw; hard, but beautiful.' — De Standard

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#### Beyond Zero Emissions

# The Energy-Freedom Home

how to wipe out electricity and gas bills in nine steps



BEYOND ZERO EMISSIONS is a not-for-profit research and education organisation known for its work designing and advocating a zero-emission economy for Australia. BZE's goal is to

promote real solutions to

climate change.

The average Australian household spends over \$2,000 a year on gas and electricity bills. Now, not only can you reduce those bills, but you can even wipe them out, while making your home more comfortable.

There are simple, practical ways to reduce our demand for energy and to change where we get it from. There is already a quiet revolution under way as renewable energy and energy efficiency transform the way we generate and use electricity and gas. Over 1.4 million households in Australia now have rooftop solar—and, as a result, the costs of solar energy have plummeted, making it more accessible for the average home-owner. Yet there is much more that can be done to reduce our reliance on the electricity grid, and some significant improvements that can be made with relatively little effort.

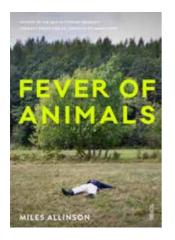
The Energy-Freedom Home explains nine steps that can be taken—in any order—to become more energy efficient.

Containing detailed, easy-to-follow descriptions of practical problems and solutions, plus more than 120 colour photographs and diagrams, *The Energy-Freedom Home* is the perfect guide to help home-owners liberate themselves from costly and non-renewable sources of energy.

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#### Miles Allinson

### **Fever of Animals**



MILES ALLINSON is a writer and artist. He was born in Melbourne in 1981 and was educated in both the Steiner and the Catholic school systems. He has a Bachelor of Creative Arts and a Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Writing from the University of Melbourne, as well as a Masters Degree in Fine Arts (Art in Public Space) from RMIT University.

# Winner of the Victorian Premier's Unpublished Manuscript Award 2014.

For nearly five years I have wanted to write something about the surrealist painter Emil Bafdescu: about his paintings, one of which hangs in a little restaurant in Melbourne, and about his disappearance, which is still a mystery. But this is probably not going to be the book I imagined. Nothing has quite worked out the way I planned.

With the inheritance he received upon his father's death, Miles has come to Europe on the trail of the Romanian surrealist, who disappeared into a forest in 1967. But in trying to unravel the mystery of Bafdescu's secret life, Miles must also reckon with his own.

Faced with a language and a landscape that remain stubbornly out of reach, and condemned to wait for someone who may never arrive, Miles is haunted by thoughts of his ex-girlfriend, Alice, and the trip they took to Venice that ended their relationship.

Uncanny, occasionally absurd, and utterly original, *Fever of Animals* is a beautifully written meditation on art and grief.

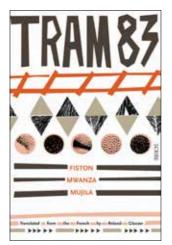
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### Fiston Mwanza Mujila

translated by Roland Glasser



FISTON MWANZA MUJILA was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and lives in Austria. He regularly participates in the literary activities organised in Lubumbashi Kinshasa, Nairobi or Brussels. His writing has been awarded numerous prizes, among them the Golden Medal in the sixth Games of the Francophony in Beirut, as well as the Best Text for Theater ('Preizfür das beste Stück', State Theater, Mainz).

# Tram 83

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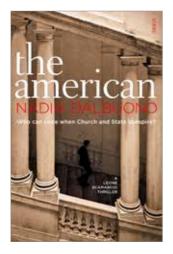
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#### Nadia Dalbuono

### The American



NADIA DALBUONO was educated at Queen's College, Oxford, where she read history and German. For the last 16 years she has worked as a documentary director and consultant for Channel 4, ITV, Discovery, and National Geographic. The American is the sequel to her first novel, The Few.

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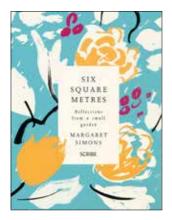
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reflections from a small garden



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MARGARET SIMONS is a freelance journalist and an author, and the director of the Centre for Advanced Journalism at the University of Melbourne. She writes about the media for *Crikey* and has published nine books, including *The Content Makers*, and *Malcolm Fraser:* the political memoirs, which won Book of the Year and the Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-fiction in the 2011 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

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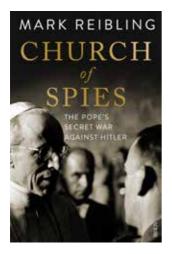
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#### Mark Riebling

## **Church of Spies**

the Pope's secret war against Hitler



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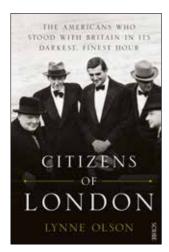
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#### Lynne Olson

### Citizens of London

the Americans who stood with Britain in its darkest, finest hour



LYNNE OLSON has been a reporter and writer since shortly after her graduation from the University of Arizona. She spent seven years with the Associated Press, working as a national feature writer in New York, a foreign correspondent in the Moscow bureau, and a political reporter in Washington.

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Drawing on a variety of primary sources, Lynne Olson skilfully depicts the dramatic personal journeys of these men who, determined to save Britain from Hitler, helped convince a cautious FDR and reluctant American public to back the British at a critical time. Deeply human, brilliantly researched, and beautifully written, *Citizens of London* is a triumph.

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## **Hope Farm**



PEGGY FREW'S debut novel, House of Sticks, won the 2010 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an unpublished manuscript. Her story 'Home Visit' won The Age short story competition in 2008. She has been published in New Australian Stories 2, Kill Your Darlings, and Meanjin. Peggy is also a member of the critically acclaimed and award-winning Melbourne band Art of Fighting.

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In the winter of 1983, Silver Landes arrives from Queensland with her complex but charismatic mother, Ishtar, to begin a new life on Hope Farm, a hippie commune in rural Victoria.

They have no past—Ishtar has buried it all. She is made of secrets; they are at the core of her being; they snag at the fragile love between her and Silver; they will be the undoing of it. Hope Farm has fallen into neglect, and it's a hard place to live, but it is here, in this most unlikely of places, that Dan the gentle musician, Ian the gawky misfit, and Jindi the snot-nosed kid all manage, in their various ways, to get beyond the defences of Silver's heart.

Has Silver found a home at last? Or will Ishtar, with her unknowable motives, push her daughter to a decision that will split their world apart?

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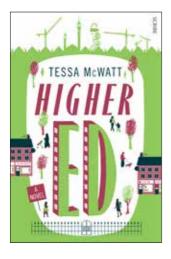
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#### Tessa McWatt

# **Higher Ed**



TESSA McWATT was born in Guyana, grew up in Canada, and has been living and working in London for nearly two decades. She is the author of five earlier novels: her second. Dragons Cry, was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction and the City of Toronto Book Awards. Her most recent novel. Vital Signs, was nominated for the 2012 OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature. She developed and leads the MA in Writing: Imaginative Practice at the University of East London.

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Olivia is angry—angry with her layabout mother, with her too-casual BFF, and with her own timidity and anxiety. Perhaps the wisest of her lecturers will help? Knowledge is power, right? And she's beautiful when she's angry.

**Ed** wishes he'd never gone back to Guyana to help his rass brother as it lost him his mini-Marilyn wife and the possibility of watching his only child grow up—until someone surprising crops up at the crematorium.

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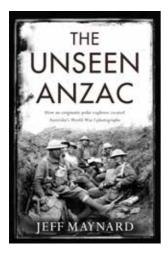
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#### Jeff Maynard

### The Unseen Anzac

how an enigmatic explorer created Australia's World War I photographs



JEFF MAYNARD is a writer, broadcaster, book reviewer, and documentary maker based in Melbourne. He is a member of the Historical Diving Society and edits the society's quarterly magazine Classic Diver. He is also a member of the Explorers Club of New York. He is a former editor of Australian Motorcycle News and retains a keen interest in classic motorcycles.

The previously untold story of an extraordinary man and a great war photographer.

Cameras were banned at the Western Front when the Anzacs arrived in 1916, prompting correspondent Charles Bean to argue continually for Australia to have a dedicated photographer. He was eventually assigned an enigmatic polar explorer—George Hubert Wilkins.

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Wilkins ultimately produced the most detailed and accurate collection of World War I photographs in the world, which is now held at the Australian War Memorial. After the war, Wilkins returned to exploring and, during the next 40 years, his life became shrouded in secrecy. His work at the Western Front was forgotten, and others claimed credit for his photographs.

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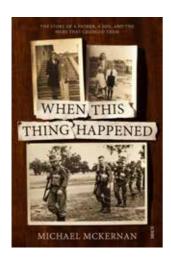
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#### Michael McKernan

# When This Thing Happened



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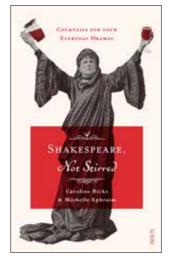
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# Caroline Bicks & Michelle Ephraim

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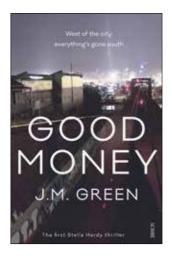
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#### J.M. Green

## **Good Money**



J.M. GREEN is the author of Good Money, which was shortlisted in the 2014 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript, J.M. Green studied professional writing at RMIT. Her work has appeared in Overland and received an honourable mention in the Sisters in Crime Scarlett Stiletto Short Story competition. She divides her time between writing in her backvard studio and working as a librarian in Melbourne's western suburbs.

Introducing Stella Hardy, a wise-cracking social worker with a bad diet and a thirst for social justice, good coffee, and alcohol.

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### Sándor Jászberényi

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# The Devil is a Black Dog

stories from the Middle East and beyond



SÁNDOR JÁSZBERÉNYI is a Hungarian writer and Middle East correspondent who has covered the Darfur crisis, the revolutions in Egypt and Libya, the Gaza War, and the Houthi uprising in Yemen, and has interviewed several armed Islamist groups. A photojournalist for the Egypt Independent and various Hungarian newspapers, he currently lives in Cairo, Egypt.

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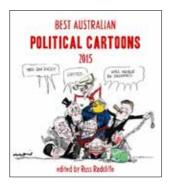
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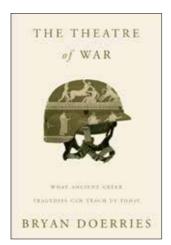
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what ancient Greek tragedies can teach us today



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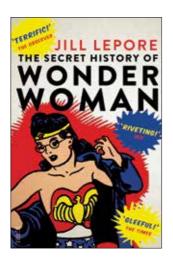
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#### Jill Lepore

# The Secret History of Wonder Woman



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#### Jeremy Gavron

# A Woman on the Edge of Time

a son's search for his mother



JEREMY GAVRON is the author of two nonfiction books and three novels, including *The Book of Israel*, winner of the Encore Award for best second novel, and *An Acre of Barren Ground*. A former foreign correspondent in Africa and India, he now lives in London, and teaches at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina.

It's 1965, and in Primrose Hill, north London, a beautiful young woman has just gassed herself to death, leaving behind a suicide note, two small children, and an about-to-be-published manuscript: 'The Captive Wife'.

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#### Stefan Klein

### We Are All Stardust

scientists who shaped our world talk about their work, their lives, and what they still want to know



STEFAN KLEIN, PHD, recipient of the prestigious Georg von Holtzbrink Prize for Scientific Journalism, is one of Europe's premier science writers, as well as a trained physicist himself. His many books include the #1 international bestseller *The Science of Happiness*, and have been translated into 25 languages.

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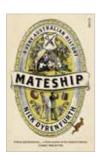
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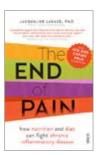
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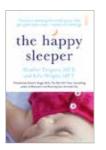
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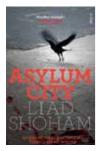
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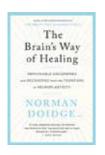
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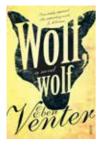
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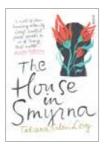
Bryan Stevenson grew up in a poor black community in the racially segregated South. He was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need in the farthest reaches of the US criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young black man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, startling racial inequality, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.



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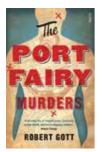
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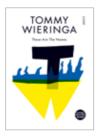
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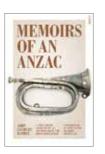
In the final days of summer, police officer Leo Junker is awoken in the middle of the night by police lights flashing. His curiosity draws him downstairs to the women's shelter on the ground floor of his apartment building, where a young woman has been found murdered. Though on mandatory leave from the police force, Leo bluffs his way onto the crime scene. He examines the dead woman, and sees that she is clasping a cheap necklace—a necklace that he recognises. Leo feels compelled to set out on a rogue investigation. As he does so, the story of his youth emerges. As the search for the young woman's killer proceeds, Leo's past catches up with him.



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# Timothy S. Benson

# Over the Top

a cartoon history of Australia at war

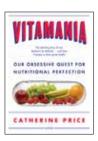
To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, this groundbreaking book is a history of Australia at war as seen through the published work of Australia's finest cartoonists. *Over the Top* visually chronicles the fortunes and misfortunes of the Australian military, as well as the civilian population at home, from the Boer War, the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq, through to the present conflict in Afghanistan. With commentary throughout, with insights provided by the cartoonists themselves, each cartoon is put into historical perspective, in order for the reader to enjoy and appreciate the context within the cartoon.

## John Charles Barrie

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a first-hand account by an AIF officer in the First World War

Against his mother's wishes, John Charles Barrie joined the Australian army in 1909. Five years later, he was on his way to Egypt as an officer with the Australian Imperial Force. He survived the war to write his memoirs, which were kept by his family for 80 years. *Memoirs of an Anzac* tells of the horrors of war, but it is also lightened with the good humour that resulted from thousands of young Australian men being thrown together in dire circumstances. This is not a history textbook, nor is it a series of diary notes and letters—it is a gut-wrenching, heart-warming true story that will move you.



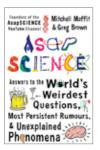
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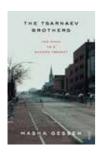
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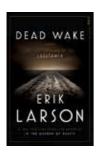
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### Masha Gessen

The Tsarnaev Brothers

the road to a modern tragedy

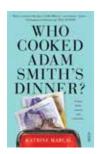
The facts of the tragedy are established: on 15 April 2013, two homemade bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and wounding 264 others. The elder of the brothers implicated in the attack, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, died in the ensuing manhunt; Dzhokhar's trial got underway in early 2015. What we don't know is why. How did such a nightmare come to pass? Bestselling Russian author Masha Gessen delivers a probing and powerful story of dislocation, and the longing for clarity and identity that can reach the point of combustion.



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I'm trying to be honest and I want you to know that

From an inaugural winner of the Scribe Nonfiction Prize for Young Writers comes a funny, energetic coming-of-age story. Oliver is lonely. For the most part, he is sleepwalking through life. At nights, he begins to write memories of growing up in pre-9/11 America, as he finds himself thinking of his childhood in Texas. But when he meets up with Lisa, the girl he's been writing to on Facebook, things begin to change. *Lion Attack!* is a startlingly original, ambitious work about a young man trying to navigate contemporary Australia and his own life. Part romance, part tragicomedy, and part social critique, it is hilarious, poignant, and ultimately deeply moving.

## Katrine Marçal

Who Cooked Adam Smith's Dinner? a story about women and economics

When economist and philosopher Adam Smith proclaimed that all our actions were motivated by self-interest, and that the world turns because of financial gain, he laid the foundations for 'economic man', which has dominated our thinking ever since. But, every night, Adam Smith's mother served him his dinner, not out of self-interest, but out of love. Even today, the unpaid work of mothering, caring, cleaning, and cooking is not part of our economic models. All over the world, there are economists who believe that if women are paid less, it's because their labour is worth less. In this engaging, popular look at the mess we're in, Katrine Marçal charts the myth of 'economic man' and invites us to kick him out once and for all.



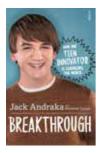
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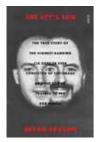


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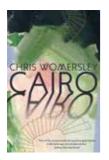
In 1997, two FBI agents came to Nathan Nicholson's house and arrested his father for selling state secrets to Russia. Single dad Jim Nicholson was the highest-ranking CIA officer ever to have been convicted of espionage but, despite being locked away in a federal prison, his duplicity didn't end there. In 2009, Nathan himself was arrested for the same crime as his father. Through interviews, private letters, and access to Jim's personal journal, investigative reporter Bryan Denson pieces together how a nineteen year-old army veteran came to betray his country in order to stay loyal to his family.



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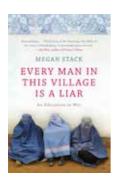
Frustrated by country life and eager for adventure and excitement, 17-year-old Tom Button moves to the city to study. Once there, and living in a run-down apartment block called Cairo, he is befriended by the eccentric musician Max Cheever, his beautiful wife Sally, and their close-knit circle of painters and poets. As Tom falls under the sway of his charismatic older friends, he enters a bohemian world of parties and gallery openings. Soon, however, he is caught up in more sinister events involving deception and betrayal, not to mention one of the greatest unsolved art heists of the twentieth century. Set among the demimonde, *Cairo* is a novel about growing up, the perils of first love, and finding one's true place in the world.



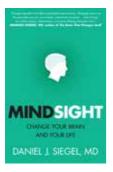
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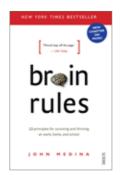
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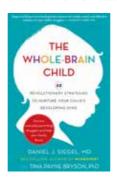
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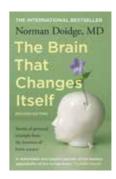
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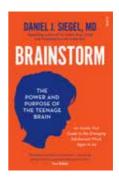
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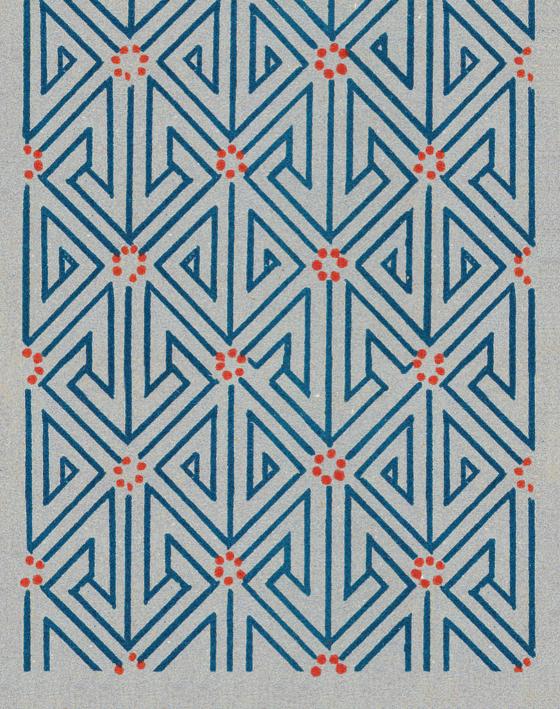
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