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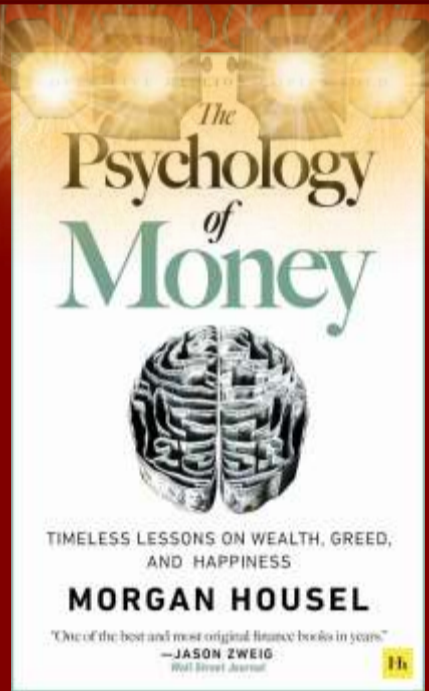
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Wish List Spotlight:



The Psychology of Money: Timeless Lessons on Wealth, Greed, and Happiness by Morgan Housel

Doing well with money isn't necessarily about what you know. It's about how you behave. And behavior is hard to teach, even to really smart people.

Money investing, personal finance, and business decisions is typically taught as a math-based field, where data and formulas tell us exactly what to do. But in the real world people don't make financial decisions on a spreadsheet. They make them at the dinner table, or in a meeting room, where personal history, your own unique view of the world, ego, pride, marketing, and odd incentives are scrambled together.

In *The Psychology of Money*, award-winning author Morgan Housel shares 19 short stories exploring the strange ways people think about money and teaches you how to make better sense of one of life's most important topics.



Psych Experiments by Michael A Britt

Psychology's most famous theories—played out in real life! Forget the labs and lecture halls. You can conduct your very own psych experiments at home. Famous psychological experiments—from Freud's ego to the Skinner box—have changed the way science views human behaviour. But how do these tests really work? In *Psych Experiments*, you'll learn how to test out these theories and experiments for yourself...no psychology degree required! Guided by Michael A. Britt, creator of popular podcast *The Psych Files*, you can conduct your own experiments when browsing your favourite websites (to test the "curiosity effect"), in restaurants (learning how to increase your tips), when presented with advertisements (you'd be surprised how much you're influenced by the colour red), and even right on your smartphone (and why you panic when you can't find it). You'll even figure out how contagious yawning works. With this compulsively readable little book, you won't just read about the history of psychology—you'll live it.



Dork Diaries #15: I Love Paris by Rachel Renée Russell

Nikki and her band are invited to Paris for a super cool photoshoot – it's a dream come true! Nikki can't wait to learn new art styles, practice her French and explore the most romantic city in the world with her crush Brandon. But when Mackenzie starts to stir trouble and invites old friend André to be their tour guide, the drama starts. Can Nikki still enjoy her dream vacation, or will it become a dorky disaster?



The Power of Five #1: Raven's Gate by Anthony Horowitz

He always knew he was different. First there were the dreams. Then the deaths began. When Matt Freeman gets into trouble with the police, he's sent to be fostered in Yorkshire. It's not long before he senses there's something wrong with his guardian: with the whole village. Then Matt learns about the Old Ones and begins to understand just how he is different. But no one will believe him; no one can help. There is no proof. There is no logic. There is just the Gate.

Journal of an Ordinary Grief by Mahmoud Darwish

"Every beautiful poem is an act of resistance," asserts Darwish. Both voice of the Palestinian people and one of the most transcendent poets of his generation, Mahmoud Darwish also wrote several remarkable volumes of autobiographical essays over the course of his life. First published in Beirut in 1973, these probing essays ask vital questions about the existentially complex realities the Palestinians in Israel face and the ambiguity of Darwish's own identity as an Israeli Palestinian. They call upon myth, memory, and language to delve into the poet's experience of house arrest, his encounters with Israeli interrogators, and the periods he spent in prison. Meditative, lyrical, rhythmic, Darwish gives absence a vital presence in these linked essays. *Journal* is a moving and intimate account of the loss of homeland and, for many, of life inside the porous walls of occupation—an ordinary grief.

Do No Harm by Jack Jordan (Recommended for Older Readers)

The man lies on the table in front of me. As a surgeon, it's my job to save him. As a mother, I know I must kill him. You might think that I'm a monster. But there really is only one choice. I must get away with murder. Or I will never see my son again.



Caraval #1: Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Scarlett has never left the tiny isle of Trisda, pining from afar for the wonder of Caraval, a once-a-year week-long performance where the audience participates in the show. Caraval is Magic. Mystery. Adventure. And for Scarlett and her beloved sister Tella it represents freedom and an escape from their ruthless, abusive father. When the sisters' long-awaited invitations to Caraval finally arrive, it seems their dreams have come true. But no sooner have they arrived than Tella vanishes, kidnapped by the show's mastermind organiser, Legend. Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance. But nonetheless she quickly becomes enmeshed in a dangerous game of love, magic and heartbreak. And real or not, she must find Tella before the game is over, and her sister disappears forever.

Caraval #2: Legendary by Stephanie Garber

After being swept up in the magical world of Caraval, Donatella Dragna has finally escaped her father and saved her sister, Scarlett, from a disastrous arranged marriage. The girls should be celebrating, but Tella isn't yet free. She made a desperate bargain with a mysterious criminal, and what Tella owes him no one has ever been able to deliver: Caraval Master Legend's true name. The only chance of uncovering Legend's identity is to win Caraval, so Tella throws herself into the legendary competition once more—and into the path of the murderous heir to the throne, a doomed love story, and a web of secrets—including her sister's. Caraval has always demanded bravery, cunning, and sacrifice, but now the game is asking for more. If Tella can't fulfill her bargain and deliver Legend's name, she'll lose everything she cares about—maybe even her life. But if she wins, Legend and Caraval will be destroyed forever...

Caraval #3: Finale by Stephanie Garber

It's been two months since the Fates were freed from a deck of cards, two months since Legend claimed the throne for his own, and two months since Tella discovered the boy she fell in love with doesn't really exist. With lives, empires, and hearts hanging in the balance, Tella must decide if she's going to trust Legend or a former enemy. After uncovering a secret that upends her life, Scarlett will need to do the impossible. And Legend has a choice to make that will forever change and define him. Caraval is over, but perhaps the greatest game of all has begun. There are no spectators this time—only those who will win, and those who will lose everything.

17th May - Endangered Species Day

The third Friday in May each year is designated as Endangered Species Day. This is a global day of action that was created and founded by the Endangered Species Coalition in 2016 in order to draw attention to the dwindling populations of endangered and threatened animals, and to encourage people to work together to help the situation by participating in habitat saving activities such as recycling and learning how to dispose of waste correctly. An endangered species is defined as 'a species that is very likely to become extinct in the near future'. Species currently at critical risk of extinction include Orangutans, African forest elephants, black rhinos, hawksbill turtles, sunda tigers, and Western lowland gorillas.

Endangered Species Facts:

- Extinction is a natural phenomenon; it occurs at a natural 'background' rate of about one to five species per year. However, scientists estimate we're now losing species at 1,000 to 10,000 times this background rate, with dozens going extinct every day.
- As many as 30 to 50 percent of all species are possibly heading toward extinction by the middle of the century.
- 99% of currently threatened species are at risk from human activities, primarily those driving habitat loss, introduction of exotic species, and global warming.
- The World Wildlife Fund for Nature focuses on saving certain species that help sustain other species. They protect wildlife such as pandas, whales, rhinos, marine turtles, primates, polar bears, and big cats.
- Freshwater ecosystems are home to more than 100,000 known species of plants and animals and are now one of the most endangered habitats in the world as a result of human development, pollution, and climate change. [\(source\)](#)

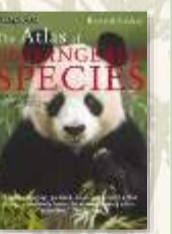


Last Chance to See by Douglas Adams and Mark Cawardine

Join Douglas Adams, bestselling, and beloved author of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, and zoologist Mark Cawardine on an adventure in search of the world's most endangered and exotic creatures. In this book, Adams' self-proclaimed favourite of his own works, the pair encounter animals in imminent peril: the giant Komodo dragon of Indonesia, the lovable kakapo of New Zealand, the blind river dolphins of China, the white rhinos of Zaire, the rare birds of Mauritius island in the Indian Ocean and the alien-like aye-aye of Madagascar. Inimitably witty and poignant, *Last Chance to See* is both a celebration of our most extraordinary creatures and a warning about what we have to lose if we do not act soon.

The Atlas of Endangered Species by Richard Mackay

This revised and updated edition of the bestselling *Atlas of Endangered Species* provides the most current, comprehensive and easy-to-use reference to the species under threat and their habitats. With more than 50 full colour global maps, regional maps to illuminate key aspects, colour photos of rare creatures and detailed case studies, it remains the essential guide and reference to what is going on and why it is so important. A fully illustrated and comprehensive guide to the world's endangered plants and animals. Full colour maps and graphics provide at-a-glance information on species lost, threatened and surviving today, including trees and other plants, birds, animals, reptiles and insects.



[Click here to read The World Wildlife Fund's list of endangered species](#)

[Click here to read The World Wildlife Fund's 'relatable facts about endangered species.'](#)

Scholastic Graphic Novel Prize Shortlist Announced

The Scholastic Graphic Novel Prize is a brand-new book award that celebrates the UK and Ireland's favourite graphic novels. The School Library Association says that 'graphic novels are a great way to engage all readers, particularly children who struggle with reading, as they teach children visual literacy and can even introduce them to new art forms.'

Graphic novels are submitted for the award by publishers and are then judged by a panel of industry experts who create a longlist of their top candidates. The longlist is then judged by a different panel of experts and graphic novel enthusiasts who decide on the shortlist. The shortlist is divided into three categories: Best Graphic Novel for 6-8-year-olds, Best Graphic Novel for 9-12-year-olds, and Best Graphic Novel for Teens. The winner will be decided by schools, as teachers can place votes on behalf of a class or an entire school. Heartstopper Volume 5 by Alice Oseman appears on the Best Graphic Novel for Teens shortlist.

[Click here to view the shortlist in full](#)



Heartstopper Volume 5 by Alice Oseman

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. The bestselling LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between: this is the fifth volume of the much-loved *Heartstopper* series. Nick and Charlie are very much in love. They've finally said those three little words, and Charlie has almost persuaded his mum to let him sleep over at Nick's house... But with Nick going off to university next year, is everything about to change?

Mona Lisa Mystery Potentially Solved



Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* is very likely the world's most famous painting, however little about it is known. There have been disagreements among experts for centuries about nearly everything to do with the *Mona Lisa*: who the subject of the painting is, the meaning of the subject's expression, and where the view in the background of the painting is located. One of these mysteries has now potentially been solved.

Art historians have been arguing about the painting's background for many years, with some believing the view to be imaginary, and others claiming links to specific locations in Italy. Geologist and Renaissance art historian Ann Pizzorusso believes she has finally solved the mystery. Pizzorusso believes that the painting contains several recognisable features of Lecco, a city on the shores of Lake Como in Northern Italy, an area Da Vinci is known to have visited 500 years ago.

The expert believes she has matched the bridge, the mountain range, and the lake in the background of the *Mona Lisa* to the location. Due to the combination of her fields of expertise, Pizzorusso is in a uniquely credible position to identify such a link. Michael Daley, director of ArtWatch UK said of the findings, "Art historians all speculate on where the *Mona Lisa* was painted... Pizzorusso has compellingly pinned down the location with proof of Leonardo's presence in the area, [and] its geology."



Lecco, Northern Italy

Leonardo da Vinci: Flights of Mind by Charles Nicholl

Leonardo da Vinci is the most mysterious of all the great artists, continuing to inspire and intrigue centuries after his death. Who lies behind the legend of the 'Renaissance genius'? What is the real story behind his elusive masterpieces and tantalizing notebooks? Prize-winning author Charles Nicholl has immersed himself for five years in all the manuscripts, paintings, and artefacts to produce an 'intimate portrait' of Leonardo. He uses these contemporary materials - his notebooks and sketchbooks, eyewitnesses, and early biographies, etc - as a way into the mental tone and physical texture of his life and has made myriad small discoveries about him and his work and his circle of associates. This compelling, lyrical biography explores Leonardo's life as never before, brilliantly illuminating the man behind the enigma.



Leonardo da Vinci, 1452-1519: Artist and Scientist by Frank Zollner

One of the most fully achieved human beings who has ever lived, Leonardo remains the quintessential Renaissance genius. Creator of the world's most famous painting, scientist, philosopher, builder, he is credited with defining the accomplishments of the great flowering in human consciousness. And yet, so wide-ranging and prolific were his interests that he brought hardly any major undertaking to a final end. It seems so modern, it is perhaps because of his non-speciality, his muddle mind and curiosity, and his thousands of notes and sketches. In these pages he would anticipate some of the great discoveries and inventions that would follow him, from key points in anatomy - such as the principles behind blood circulation - through to plans for armoured military vehicles, planes, helicopters and submarines. As well as all that, he also managed to advance numerous artistic techniques, and implicated a complex psychology into his paintings of the 'Last Supper' and the enigmatic 'La Gioconda', or 'Mona Lisa'.

On This Day in History... The Birth of L Frank Baum, 15th May 1986



L. Frank Baum (full name Lyman Frank Baum) was an author best known for his children's fantasy books, in particular *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Baum wrote 14 Oz books as well as 41 other novels, 83 short stories and at least 200 poems. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, published in 1900, was the first book in the *Oz* series.

According to Baum's son, Harry Neal, Baum often told his children "whimsical stories before they became material for his books." Many of the characters and ideas featured in the *Oz* series were inspired by Baum's real-life experiences, for example the character of Scarecrow was inspired by Baum's childhood nightmares in which a scarecrow would chase him across a field before falling to pieces. Another *Oz* character, the Tin Woodman was inspired by Baum's affinity for window displays - for a display, he once crafted a familiar sounding figure from a wash boiler, a saucepan, stovepipes and a funnel for a hat. Perhaps the character most obviously drawn from life is the series' protagonist Dorothy Gale who was named after Baum's niece, Dorothy Louise Gage. Tragically, Dorothy Gage passed away at the age of just 5 months. Baum's

wife was devoted to their niece and devastated by her loss. L Frank Baum named his main character for little Dorothy and dedicated the book to his wife as a way to assuage her distress.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was published to great acclaim: its initial print run of 10,000 copies was sold out a mere month after publication, and its second edition comprising of 15,000 copies had already been vastly depleted. The book was the best-selling children's book for two years. His success inspired Baum to write 13 more books set in the Land of Oz. Baum passed away in 1919 at the age of 62. His final *Oz* book was published a year after his death.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L Frank Baum

Swept away from her home in Kansas by a tornado, Dorothy and her dog Toto find themselves stranded in the fantastical Land of Oz. As instructed by the Good Witch of the North and the Munchkins, Dorothy sets off on the yellow brick road to try and find her way to the Emerald City and the Wizard of Oz, who can help her get home. With her companions the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy experiences an adventure full of friendship, magic and danger. A much-loved children's classic, *The Wizard of Oz* continues to delight readers young and old with its enchanting tale of witches, flying monkeys and silver shoes.



African Caribbean Exhibition Launching in Sheffield

Caribbean Footprints, an exhibition celebrating the stories of Sheffield's African Caribbean community has been launched in the city. Though not exclusively focused on the Windrush generation, the exhibition includes photographs, film, and mementos from the people who settled in Sheffield during the post-war period.

Between 1948 and 1971, people from the Caribbean moved to the UK after being invited to assist in filling post-war labour shortages. 1,027 people came to Britain aboard the ship HMT *Windrush*, many of whom had served in the British armed forces in World War Two. The arrival of the HMT *Windrush* in 1948 became symbolic of all the people who came to work in England from the Caribbean in the post-war period, and these people became known collectively as the Windrush generation. The Windrush portion of the new exhibition is particularly important in the wake of the Windrush Scandal: in 2018, it was brought to light that the government had not properly recorded the details of people granted permission to stay in the UK after WW2, and many were wrongly mistreated as a result [\(source\)](#). Their mistreatment due to the scandal makes it even more important to highlight the contribution of the Windrush generation to life in Sheffield, and to Britain at large.

One of the community co-curators behind the exhibition, Simon Jones, said: "The exhibition stands as a tribute to the enduring resilience, unwavering strength, and rich cultural vibrancy of the African Caribbean community in Sheffield." Lucy Cooper, exhibitions and display curator at Sheffield Museums, said: "Caribbean Footprints is a moving, joyful celebration of people displaced with African Caribbean heritage living in the city and we can't wait for visitors to the museum to explore it." The exhibition also addresses contemporary issues such as the campaign for justice for victims of the Windrush scandal, with two films contributed by the Justice4Windrush campaign.

[Click here to learn more about the Windrush scandal](#)

Homecoming: Voices of the Windrush Generation by Colin Grant

Homecoming draws on over a hundred first-hand interviews, archival recordings and memoirs by the women and men who came to Britain from the West Indies between the late 1940s and the early 1960s. In their own words, we witness the transition from the optimism of the first post-war arrivals to the race riots of the late 1950s. We hear from nurses in Manchester; bus drivers in Bristol; seamstresses in Birmingham; teachers in Croydon; dockers in Cardiff; inter-racial lovers in High Wycombe, and Carnival Queens in Leeds. These are stories of hope and regret, of triumphs and challenges, brimming with humour, anger and wisdom. Together, they reveal a rich tapestry of Caribbean British lives. *Homecoming* is an unforgettable portrait of a generation, which brilliantly illuminates an essential and much-misunderstood chapter of our history.



The Windrush Betrayal: Exposing the Hostile Environment by Amelia Gentleman

Amelia Gentleman's exposé of the Windrush scandal shocked the nation and led to the resignation of Amber Rudd as Home Secretary. Her tenacious reporting revealed how the government's 'hostile environment' immigration policy had led to thousands of law-abiding people being wrongly classified as illegal immigrants, with many being removed from the country, and many more losing their homes and their jobs. In *The Windrush Betrayal* Gentleman tells the full story of her investigation for the first time. Her writing shines a light on the people directly affected by the scandal and illustrates the devastating effect of politicians becoming so disconnected from the world outside Westminster that they become oblivious to the impact of their policy decisions. This is a vitally important account that exposes deeply disturbing truths about modern Britain.