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*The Body Keeps the Score* The Creative Company One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's

unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy. A Study in Existential Philosophy Anchor Hailed by The New York Times as "a compelling dystopian look at paranoia from one of the most unique and perceptive writers of our time," this brief, captivating novel offers a cautionary tale. The story unfolds within a society in

which all traces of individualism have been eliminated from every aspect of life — use of the word "I" is a capital offense. The hero, a rebel who discovers that man's greatest moral duty is the pursuit of his own happiness, embodies the values the author embraced in her personal philosophy of objectivism: reason, ethics, volition, and individualism. Anthem anticipates the themes

Ayn Rand explored in her later masterpieces, *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*. Publisher's Weekly acclaimed it as "a diamond in the rough, often dwarfed by the superstar company it keeps with the author's more popular work, but every bit as gripping, daring, and powerful." *Anthem* is a dystopian fiction novella by Ayn Rand, written in 1937 and first published in 1938 in

England. It takes place at some unspecified future date when mankind has entered another dark age characterized by irrationality, collectivism, and socialistic thinking and economics. Technological advancement is now carefully planned (when it is allowed to occur at all) and the concept of individuality has been eliminated. Economic Fables Routledge

*Good Thinking* is our best defense against anti-vaccine paranoia, climate denial, and other dire threats of today. Publisher's Note: *Good Thinking* was previously published in the UK as *The Irrational Ape*. In our ever-more-polarized society, there's at least one thing we still agree on: The world is overrun with misinformation, faulty logic, and the gullible followers who

buy into it all. Of course, we're not among them—are we? Scientist David Robert Grimes is on a mission to expose the logical fallacies and cognitive biases that drive our discourse on a dizzying array of topics—from vaccination to abortion, 9/11 conspiracy theories to dictatorial doublespeak, astrology to alternative medicine, and wrongful convictions to racism. But his purpose in *Good Thinking*

isn't to shame or place blame. Rather, it's to interrogate our own assumptions—to develop our eye for the glimmer of truth in a vast sea of dubious sources—in short, to think critically. Grimes's expert takedown of irrationality is required reading for anyone wondering why bad thinking persists and how we can defeat it. Ultimately, no one changes anyone else's mind; we can

only change our own—and give others the tools to do the same. *The Concept of Anxiety: A Simple Psychologically Oriented Deliberation in View of the Dogmatic Problem of Hereditary Sin* Anchor Nicomachean Ethics Aristotle - The Nicomachean Ethics is one of Aristotle's most widely read and influential works. Ideas central to ethics—that happiness is the end of human endeavor, that

moral virtue is formed through action and habituation, and that good action requires prudence—found their most powerful proponent in the person medieval scholars simply called "the Philosopher." Drawing on their intimate knowledge of Aristotle's thought, Robert C. Bartlett and Susan D. Collins have produced here an English-language translation of the Ethics that

is as remarkably faithful to the original as it is graceful in its rendering. Aristotle is well known for the precision with which he chooses his words, and in this elegant translation his work has found its ideal match. Bartlett and Collins provide copious notes and a glossary providing context and further explanation for students, as well as an introduction and a substantial interpretive essay that

sketch central arguments of the work and the seminal place of Aristotle's Ethics in his political philosophy as a whole. The Nicomachean Ethics has engaged the serious interest of readers across centuries and civilizations—of peoples ancient, medieval, and modern; pagan, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish—and this new edition will take its place as the standard English-

language translation. BEYOND BOOKS HUB #1 New York Times bestseller “Essential reading for anyone interested in understanding and treating traumatic stress and the scope of its impact on society.” —Alexander McFarlane, Director of the Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies A pioneering researcher transforms our understanding of trauma and offers a bold new paradigm for healing in

this New York Times bestseller Trauma is a fact of life. Veterans and their families deal with the painful aftermath of combat; one in five Americans has been molested; one in four grew up with alcoholics; one in three couples have engaged in physical violence. Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, one of the world’s foremost experts on trauma, has spent over three decades working with

survivors. In The Body Keeps the Score, he uses recent scientific advances to show how trauma literally reshapes both body and brain, compromising sufferers’ capacities for pleasure, engagement, self-control, and trust. He explores innovative treatments—from neurofeedback and meditation to sports, drama, and yoga—that offer new paths to

recovery by activating the brain's natural neuroplasticity . Based on Dr. van der Kolk's own research and that of other leading specialists, *The Body Keeps the Score* exposes the tremendous power of our relationships both to hurt and to heal—and offers new hope for reclaiming lives.

*The Illusion of Technique*  
Metropolitan Books  
Presents a comprehensive guide to the essential

skills, strategies, techniques, and creative mindset of successful negotiation, drawing on the latest behavioral research and real-life case studies to explain how to prepare for and execute negotiations, from identifying opportunities to overcoming resistance and defusing hardball tactics. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

**Torah Psychology**  
Anchor Behavioral

finance expert and bestselling author Robert Koppel shows traders and investors how to invest your money rationally, even in an irrational world "Investing," according to Robert Koppel, "Involves far more than specific analytical and strategic skills. It requires the development of habits, thought patterns and creative attitudes that influence the way to think and act in the

market." In Investing and the Irrational Mind, Koppel, author of the classic bestseller, The Inner Game of Trading, uses the latest advancements in behavioral finance and neuroeconomics to help you gain these habits, as well as the deep understanding of market risk factors necessary to successful portfolio building. Armed with 30 years' experience as an analyst, and fund manager, and interviews

with top traders, behavioral economists, risk managers and neuroscientists, Koppel lets you build a personal arsenal of risk management skills ("quantitative architecture") necessary for investors at any level to develop a focused, disciplined, confident, and profitable approach to investing. Filled with surprising insights into human behavior, and rock-solid financial

advice, this is the guide you need to invest in today's markets.

**The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior** The

Experiment Presents a translation of the Danish philosopher's 1844 treatise on anxiety, which he claimed could only be overcome through embracing it. [An Essay on Existentialism](#) Penguin This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and



is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced,

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alive and relevant. Accidental Gods John Murray Intelligent, lively, humorous, and thoroughly engaging, "The Predictably Irrational" explains why people often make bad decisions and what can be done about it. *Nicomachean Ethics* New York : Grove Press One of the most important texts of modern times, Herbert Marcuse's analysis and

image of a one-dimensional man in a one-dimensional society has shaped many young radicals' way of seeing and experiencing life. Published in 1964, it fast became an ideological bible for the emergent New Left. As Douglas Kellner notes in his introduction, Marcuse's greatest work was a 'damning indictment of contemporary Western societies, capitalist and communist.'

Yet it also expressed the hopes of a radical philosopher that human freedom and happiness could be greatly expanded beyond the regimented thought and behaviour prevalent in established society. For those who held the reigns of power Marcuse's call to arms threatened civilization to its very core. For many others however, it represented a freedom

hitherto unimaginable. [White Fragility](#)  
BEYOND BOOKS HUB  
"A thoughtful and fresh perspective on life's compassionate journey to success. Irrational Kindness is powerful, provocative, and palatable."  
—Linda Cash, former Vice President, Quality and New Model Launch Program at Ford Motor Company This work from a fast food entrepreneur and rare triple-

franchisee  
Kevin Williams  
was written as  
part-employee  
handbook,  
part-operating  
manual for  
life. Irrational  
Kindness flips  
traditional  
wisdom on its  
head and  
gives a  
different lens  
through which  
to look at life.  
Often the idea  
of being  
irrational is  
smeared with  
negative  
connotations.  
It can sound  
illogical,  
senseless,  
unjustifiable,  
or groundless.  
It may even  
represent  
ludicrous and  
mad behavior!  
But Kevin

Williams  
argues that  
being  
irrational can  
be just the  
opposite. And  
it is the most  
positive,  
inspiring, and  
empowering  
way to be.  
Being  
irrational has  
to do with  
thinking  
outside the  
box—way  
outside. It has  
to do with  
viewing life as  
a journey and  
still being  
willing to  
reverse the  
route, shake  
things up, or  
flip the map  
upside down.  
Why? Not just  
to be  
different, but  
to make a

difference.  
Irrational  
Kindness can  
serve as a  
harmonious  
reminder that  
one's hopes  
and dreams  
do not have to  
be  
derailed—not  
by their fears,  
their pasts, or  
by people who  
make them  
feel like they  
have to know  
everything to  
be successful,  
or even just to  
get started.  
Throughout its  
pages, Kevin  
provides the  
inspiration  
everyone  
needs to favor  
understanding  
over being  
understood  
and prioritize  
kindness—tow

ard themselves as well as others—over everything. “This book is a needed and timely reminder to pause and give Kindness a platform to change the world around you.”

—Princess Moon, Podcast Artist & Encourager of People

**Unlearning Race** Penguin More than three decades after its first publication, Edward Said's groundbreaking critique of the West's historical, cultural, and

political perceptions of the East has become a modern classic. In this wide-ranging, intellectually vigorous study, Said traces the origins of "orientalism" to the centuries-long period during which Europe dominated the Middle and Near East and, from its position of power, defined "the orient" simply as "other than" the occident. This entrenched view continues to dominate

western ideas and, because it does not allow the East to represent itself, prevents true understanding. Essential, and still eye-opening, *Orientalism* remains one of the most important books written about our divided world. *Existentialism From Dostoevsky to Sartre* Hassell Street Press Okonkwo is the greatest warrior alive, famous throughout West Africa. But when he accidentally kills a

clansman, things begin to fall apart. Then Okonkwo returns from exile to find missionaries and colonial governors have arrived in the village. With his world thrown radically off-balance he can only hurtle towards tragedy. Chinua Achebe's stark novel reshaped both African and world literature. This arresting parable of a proud but powerless man witnessing the ruin of his

people begins Achebe's landmark trilogy of works chronicling the fate of one African community, continued in Arrow of God and No Longer at Ease.

**Studies in the Ideology of Advanced Industrial Society**

Beacon Press  
Highly controversial when it was first published in 1981, Alasdair MacIntyre's After Virtue has since established itself as a landmark work in

contemporary moral philosophy. In this book, MacIntyre sought to address a crisis in moral language that he traced back to a European Enlightenment that had made the formulation of moral principles increasingly difficult. In the search for a way out of this impasse, MacIntyre returns to an earlier strand of ethical thinking, that of Aristotle, who emphasised the

importance of 'virtue' to the ethical life. More than thirty years after its original publication, *After Virtue* remains a work that is impossible to ignore for anyone interested in our understanding of ethics and morality today.

**ANTHEM** A&C Black  
 "I had the good fortune to grow up in a wonderful area of Jerusalem, surrounded by a diverse range of people: Rabbi

Meizel, the communist Sala Marcel, my widowed Aunt Hannah, and the intellectual Yaacovson. As far as I'm concerned, the opinion of such people is just as authoritative for making social and economic decisions as the opinion of an expert using a model." Part memoir, part crash-course in economic theory, this deeply engaging book by one of the world's foremost economists

looks at economic ideas through a personal lens. Together with an introduction to some of the central concepts in modern economic thought, Ariel Rubinstein offers some powerful and entertaining reflections on his childhood, family and career. In doing so, he challenges many of the central tenets of game theory, and sheds light on the role economics can play in society at

large. Economic Fables is as thought- provoking for seasoned economists as it is enlightening for newcomers to the field. <i>Basic Writings of Existentialism</i> Farrar, Straus and Giroux A SUNDAY TIMES BOOK OF THE YEAR A TIME 'MUST- READ' 'An extraordinarily thought- provoking memoir that makes a controversial contribution to the fraught debate on race and racism . . .	intellectually stimulating and compelling' SUNDAY TIMES A reckoning with the way we choose to see and define ourselves, Self-Portrait in Black and White is the searching story of one American family's multi- generational transformation from what is called black to what is assumed to be white. Thomas Chatterton Williams, the son of a 'black' father from the segregated South and a	'white' mother from the West, spent his whole life believing the dictum that a single drop of 'black blood' makes a person black. This was so fundamental to his self- conception that he'd never rigorously reflected on its foundations - but the shock of his experience as the black father of two extremely white-looking children led him to question these long-held convictions. It is not that he
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has come to believe that he is no longer black or that his daughter is white, Williams notes. It is that these categories cannot adequately capture either of them - or anyone else, for that matter. Beautifully written and bound to upset received opinions on race, *Self-Portrait in Black and White* is an urgent work for our time. Irrational man Currency A provocative history of men

who were worshipped as gods that illuminates the connection between power and religion and the role of divinity in a secular age. Ever since 1492, when Christopher Columbus made landfall in the New World and was hailed as a heavenly being, the accidental god has haunted the modern age. From Haile Selassie, acclaimed as the Living God in Jamaica, to Britain's Prince Philip,

who became the unlikely center of a new religion on a South Pacific island, men made divine—always men—have appeared on every continent. And because these deifications always emerge at moments of turbulence—civil wars, imperial conquest, revolutions—they have much to teach us. In a revelatory history spanning five centuries, a cast of surprising deities helps



to shed light on the thorny questions of how our modern concept of "religion" was invented; why religion and politics are perpetually entangled in our supposedly secular age; and how the power to call someone divine has been used and abused by both oppressors and the oppressed. From nationalist uprisings in India to Nigerien spirit possession cults, Anna

Della Subin explores how deification has been a means of defiance for colonized peoples. Conversely, we see how Columbus, Cortés, and other white explorers amplified stories of their godhood to justify their dominion over native peoples, setting into motion the currents of racism and exclusion that have plagued the New World ever since they touched its shores. At once deeply learned and

delightfully antic, *Accidental Gods* offers an unusual keyhole through which to observe the creation of our modern world. It is that rare thing: a lyrical, entertaining work of ideas, one that marks the debut of a remarkable literary career. Negotiation Genius Knopf  
A fascinating journey into the hidden psychological influences that derail our decision-making, *Sway* will change the way you

think about the way you think. Why is it so difficult to sell a plummeting stock or end a doomed relationship? Why do we listen to advice just because it came from someone “important”? Why are we more likely to fall in love when there’s danger involved? In Sway, renowned organizational thinker Ori Brafman and his brother, psychologist Rom Brafman, answer all these

questions and more. Drawing on cutting-edge research from the fields of social psychology, behavioral economics, and organizational behavior, Sway reveals dynamic forces that influence every aspect of our personal and business lives, including loss aversion (our tendency to go to great lengths to avoid perceived losses), the diagnosis bias (our inability to reevaluate our initial

diagnosis of a person or situation), and the “chameleon effect” (our tendency to take on characteristics that have been arbitrarily assigned to us). Sway introduces us to the Harvard Business School professor who got his students to pay \$204 for a \$20 bill, the head of airline safety whose disregard for his years of training led to the transformation of an entire industry, and

the football coach who turned conventional strategy on its head to lead his team to victory. We also learn the curse of the NBA draft, discover why interviews are a terrible way to gauge future job performance, and go inside a session with the Supreme Court to see how the world's most powerful justices avoid

the dangers of group dynamics. Every once in a while, a book comes along that not only challenges our views of the world but changes the way we think. In Sway, Ori and Rom Brafman not only uncover rational explanations for a wide variety of irrational behaviors but also point readers

toward ways to avoid succumbing to their pull. Sway Penguin UK Enduringly profound treatise, whose lasting effect on Western philosophy continues to resonate. Aristotle identifies the goal of life as happiness and discusses its attainment through the contemplation of philosophic truth.