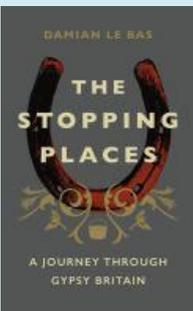


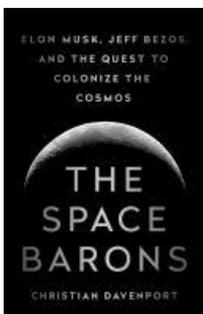
Seven types of atheism / John Gray

"A meditation on the importance of atheism in the modern world - and its inadequacies and contradictions - by one of Britain's leading philosophers. 'When you explore older atheisms, you will find some of your firmest convictions - secular or religious - are highly questionable. If this prospect disturbs you, what you are looking for may be freedom from thought. 'For a generation now, public debate has been corroded by a shrill, narrow derision of religion in the name of an often very vaguely understood 'science'. John Gray's stimulating and extremely enjoyable new book describes the rich, complex world of the atheist tradition, a tradition which he sees as in many ways as rich as that of religion itself, as well as being deeply intertwined with what is so often crudely viewed as its 'opposite'.



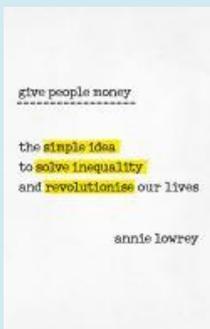
The Stopping Places : A journey through Gypsy Britain / by Damian Le Bas

Damian Le Bas grew up surrounded by Gypsy history. His great-grandmother would tell him stories of her childhood in the ancient Romani language; the places her family stopped and worked, the ways they lived, the superstitions and lores of their people. But his own experience of life on the road was limited to Ford Transit journeys from West Sussex to Hampshire to sell flowers. In a bid to better understand his Gypsy heritage, the history of the Britain's Romanies and the rhythms of their life today, Damian sets out on a journey to discover the atchin tans, or stopping places – the old encampment sites known only to Travellers. Through winter frosts and summer dawns, from horse fairs to Gypsy churches, neon-lit lay-bys to fern-covered banks, Damian lives on the road, somewhere between the romanticised Gypsies of old, and their much-maligned descendants of today.



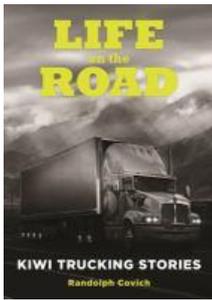
The space barons : Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and the quest to colonize the cosmos / Christian Davenport

The Space Barons is the story of a group of billionaire entrepreneurs who are pouring their fortunes into the epic resurrection of the American space program. Nearly a half-century after Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, the Space Barons--most notably Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, along with Richard Branson and Paul Allen--are using Silicon Valley-style innovation to dramatically lower the cost of space travel in a bold quest to build a transportation network to the stars. These entrepreneurs have upended industry after industry and are now pursuing the biggest disruption of all--space--in an effort to make it more accessible to the masses. It's a challenge unlike anything they previously attempted, a grand adventure filled with risk, failure, and ultimately, a series of triumphant breakthroughs. Based on years of reporting and exclusive interviews with all four billionaires, The Space Barons is the ultimate drama of risk and adventure.



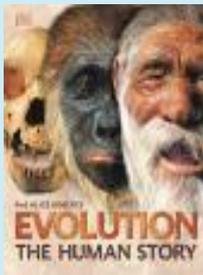
Give people money : the simple idea to solve inequality and revolutionise our lives / Annie Lowrey

Surely just giving people money couldn't work. Or could it? Imagine if every month the government deposited GBP1000 in your bank account, with no strings attached and nothing expected in return. It sounds crazy, but Universal Basic Income (UBI) has become one of the most influential policy ideas of our time, backed by thinkers on both the left and the right. The founder of Facebook, Obama's chief economist, governments from Canada to Finland are all seriously debating some form of UBI. In this sparkling and provocative book, economics writer Annie Lowrey looks at the global UBI movement. She travels to Kenya to see how UBI is lifting the poorest people on earth out of destitution, and India to see how inefficient government programs are failing the poor.



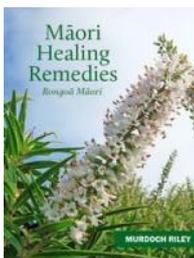
Life on the road : Kiwi trucking stories / Randolph Covich

Kiwi truckies are the unsung heroes of New Zealand - the men and women who make great personal sacrifice to keep our country running. The people who devote their life, in some way or another, to what is often a hard and lonely passion. Life on the Road gathers together their fascinating stories. It captures the humour, tragedy, action and extremes of the trucking world, moving between the dramatic, light-hearted and surprising - including runaway trucks, skirmishes with the law, nostalgic tales of the early pioneers, love stories, and more than one practical joke. Whether you're a trucking die-hard or just love the wide open road and a cracking good yarn, Life on the Road is a gripping insight into the real lives of Kiwi truckies.



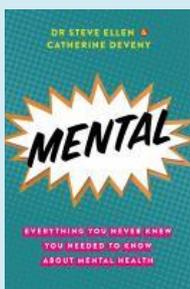
Evolution : the human story / Prof. Alice Roberts

This unrivaled illustrated guide to human evolution brings you face-to-face with your ancient ancestors. Traveling back in time almost eight million years, the book charts the development of our species, Homo sapiens, from tree-dwelling primates to modern humans. Evolution investigates each of our ancestors in detail and in context, from the anatomy of their bones to the environment they lived in. Key fossil finds are showcased on double-page feature spreads. Detailed maps show where each species has been found and plot the gradual spread of humans around the world. The book has been fully updated to include the latest discoveries and research--including the newly discovered species Homo naledi--and presents the latest thinking on some of the most captivating questions in science.



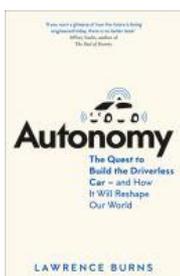
Māori healing remedies = Rongoā Māori / Murdoch Riley

"A useful book of time-tested Māori herbal therapies. By quoting the words of many skilled practitioners of the art of herbal medicine, and by describing some of the spiritual practices and karakia associated, the book becomes a useful compendium of proven therapies, whether for arthritis, headaches, insect bites, rheumatism, skin complaints, sore throats, sprains, wounds etc. For over 30 ailments. The book has beautiful photography by Phil Bendle that identifies many of the indigenous plants used by the Māori.



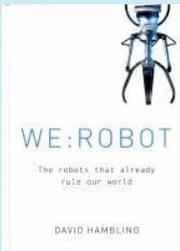
Mental : everything you never knew you needed to know about mental health / Dr Steve Ellen & Catherine Deveny

Become your own mental-health expert Psychiatrist Dr Steve Ellen and comedian Catherine Deveny combine forces to demystify the world of mental health. Providing an insider perspective, they share their personal experiences of mental illness and unpack the current knowledge about conditions and treatments. What do we know? What don't we know? How do we get help? What actually works? Punctuated with anecdotes, real-life stories and reflections on the cultural and historical context, Mental is an irreverent and entertaining guide to the full spectrum of mental health issues - from depression and anxiety to schizophrenia, personality disorders and substance abuse. Set to become a go-to guide for anyone with a mental illness or supporting someone who has one, Mental breaks the taboos around mental health and offers clear practical advice on how to live successfully.



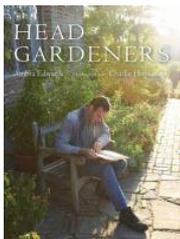
Autonomy : the quest to build the driverless car and how it will reshape our world / Lawrence Burns with Christopher Shulgan

From the ultimate insider a former General Motors executive and current advisor to the Google Self-Driving Car project comes the definitive story of the race between Google, Tesla and Uber to create the driverless car. We stand on the brink of a technological revolution. In the near future, most of us will not own automobiles, but will travel instead in driverless electric vehicles summoned at the touch of an app. We will be liberated from driving, so that the time we spend in cars can be put to more productive use. We will prevent more than 90 percent of car crashes, provide freedom of mobility to the elderly and disabled and decrease our dependence on fossil fuels.



We : robot : the robots that already rule our world / David Hambling

"Robots exist all around us. They populate our factories, assist our surgeons and have become an integral part of our armed forces. But they are not just working behind the scenes. David Hambling reveals the groundbreaking machines--once the realm of science fiction--that are by our sides today, and those that are set to change the future forever. From the Reem robocop that polices the streets of Dubai to the drones that deliver our parcels and even the uncanny Gemonoid Hi-4 built to look just like you, here are fifty unique robots that reach into every aspect of our daily lives.



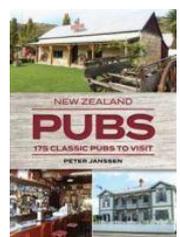
Head gardeners / Ambra Edwards ; photographs by Charlie Hopkinson

This book explores the lives, vision, and achievements of 12 very special head gardeners, and, through a series of profiles, examines the various roles of the head gardener today--project manager, conservationist, artist, designer, engineer, historian, scientific investigator, social worker, and PR. Gardening is an art form the English have made their own, and which they have been exporting to the rest of the world for the last three centuries. It is also an important economic contributor to the British economy. Great gardens like Kew and Wisley attract more visitors every year than Stonehenge or the Houses of Parliament. Gardens are hugely important, yet by their very nature they are mutable. What makes them special is the input of the people who look after them--the head gardeners.



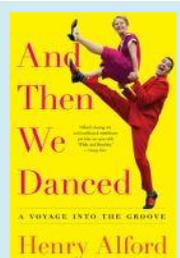
Kai and Culture: Food stories from Aotearoa / Emma Johnson

Food tells a story. It contains the expression of a place and the way the land, people, ideas from elsewhere and webs of activities intersect. It is a great connector - we all share in the experience of food, albeit in very different ways. Freerange - in collaboration with writers, chefs, producers and others in the food industry - is excited to be publishing Kai and culture, a book that takes a look at how our food impacts our culture (and vice versa) and the people involved in creating local food identities, and that explores some of the larger contemporary issues that gather around it. A cultural cook book, if you will. So what is New Zealand food culture and what is particular to it? A contemporary New Zealand food identity is emerging - one that helps us to understand our place as a Pacific and multicultural nation, celebrates our ingredients and alters ideas from elsewhere to articulate this time and place. Food involves simple physical processes; it can promote engagement; its social and environmental impacts can be powerful - especially in a country where food is a major economic driver.



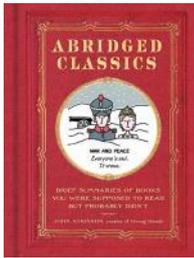
New Zealand pubs : 175 classic pubs to visit / Peter Janssen

New Zealanders love a pub, especially one with an interesting past. This guide provides a selection of the best - pubs that are not only a great place to relax but are cornerstones of their communities, playing a part in the history of New Zealand. With helpful information about the food, accommodation and ambience offered by each establishment, New Zealand Pubs is useful guide for locals and tourists alike and covers a range of classic pubs across the country. From well-known pubs in the heart of the city to hidden gems far off the beaten track, the options are many and varied. One thing they do have in common: they are all pleasant places to spend a little time.



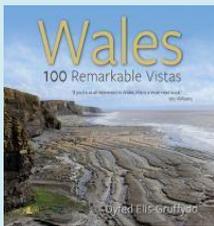
And then we danced : a voyage into the groove / Henry Alford

Tackling a wide range of forms (including ballet, hip-hop, jazz, ballroom, tap, contact improvisation, Zumba, swing), this grand tour takes us through the works and careers of luminaries ranging from Bob Fosse to George Balanchine, Twyla Tharp to Arthur Murray. Rich in insight and humor, Alford mines both personal experience and fascinating cultural history to offer a witty and ultimately moving portrait of how dance can express all things human.



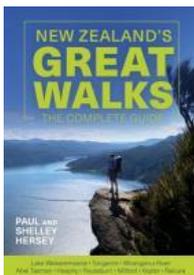
Abridged classics : brief summaries of books you were supposed to read but probably didn't / John Atkinson

Abridged Classics is a witty collection of some of the major works of Western literature. John Atkinson, the creator of Wrong Hands cartoons, cleverly sums up these works in the least amount of words possible, enhanced by his delightfully deadpan illustrations. More than a hundred titles are included from Brave New World to Pride and Prejudice and Romeo and Juliet to The Great Gatsby. The literary endeavors contained in these pages which make pithy molehills out of verbose mountains are sure to amuse, confuse, educate, or irritate.



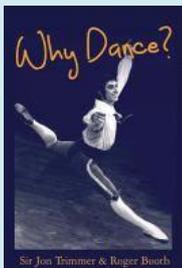
Wales : 100 remarkable vistas / Dyfed Elis-Gruffydd

A richly-illustrated full colour volume, which takes readers on a journey around 100 of the most remarkable scenic locations in Wales, with an explanatory text by experienced author and leader of guided walks Dyfed Elis-Gruffydd. We learn why Penrhyn Quarry is one of the most astonishing places in north Wales and why Dan yr Ogof caves are regarded as the entranceway to the underworld, that timeless place which is, with the exception of the most venturesome cavers, well beyond the reach of the majority of people. This volume discusses some of the most stunning scenes in Wales, including eminent ones such as the summit of Snowdon and the less well-known such as Craig yr Hesg near Pontypridd.



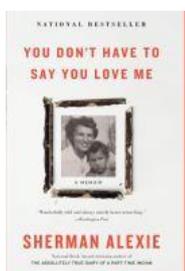
New Zealand's great walks : the complete guide / Paul and Shelley Hersey

New Zealand's Great Walks are truly world class. In a country blessed with hundreds of spectacular tracks to choose from, these are considered the best of the best. They pass through some of our most breathtaking landscapes - including golden sand beaches, ancient rainforests and high mountains. New Zealand's Great Walks- The Complete Guide is the only handbook anyone will need to experience these outdoor adventures.



Why dance? / Jon Trimmer and Roger Booth

Sir Jon Trimmer is a Kapiti, Wellington, and New Zealand dance legend. His timespan and durability is unique in world ballet. This is his story. The first part follows Jon's journey through: the fledgling years of New Zealand Ballet with Poul Gnatt and Russell Kerr; his training in London's Royal Ballet School; his international performing with Sadler's Wells, Australian Ballet and Royal Danish Ballet; performing alongside Dame Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev; and his long faithful vigil alongside his dancing wife Lady Jacqui with Royal New Zealand Ballet.

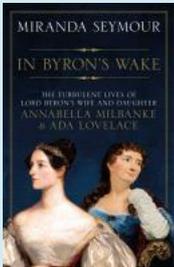


You Don't Have to Say You Love Me : A Memoir / Sherman Alexie

The Instant New York Times Bestseller Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction A searing, deeply moving memoir about family, love, loss, and forgiveness from the critically acclaimed, bestselling National Book Award-winning author of The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian . Family relationships are never simple. But Sherman Alexie's bond with his mother Lillian was more complex than most. She plunged her family into chaos with a drinking habit, but shed her addiction when it was on the brink of costing her everything. She survived a violent past, but created an elaborate facade to hide the truth. She selflessly cared for strangers, but was often incapable of showering her children with the affection that they so desperately craved.

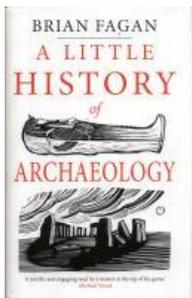
In Byron's wake : the turbulent lives of Lord Byron's wife and daughter: Annabella Milbanke and Ada Lovelace / Miranda Seymour

In 1815, the clever, courted and cherished Annabella Milbanke married the notorious and brilliant Lord Byron. Just one year later, she fled, taking with her their baby daughter, the future Ada Lovelace. Brought up by a mother who became one of the most progressive reformers of Victorian England, Byron's little girl was introduced to mathematics as a means of calming her wild spirits. Educated by some of the most learned minds in England, she combined that scholarly discipline with a rebellious heart and a visionary imagination. As a child invalid, Ada dreamed of building a steam-driven flying horse. As an exuberant and boldly unconventional young woman, she amplified her explanations of Charles Babbage's unbuilt calculating engine to predict as nobody would do for another century the dawn today of our modern computer age. When Ada died like her father, she was only 36 great things seemed still to lie ahead for her as a passionate astronomer. Miranda Seymour has written a masterful portrait of two remarkable women, revealing how two turbulent lives were often governed and always haunted by the dangerously enchanting, quicksilver spirit of that extraordinary father whom Ada never knew.



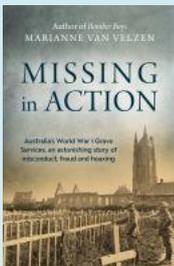
A little history of archaeology / Brian Fagan

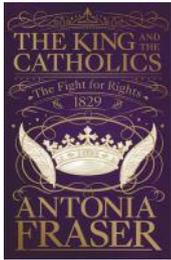
The thrilling history of archaeological adventure, with tales of danger, debate, audacious explorers, and astonishing discoveries around the globe. What is archaeology? The word may bring to mind images of golden pharaohs and lost civilizations, or Neanderthal skulls and Ice Age cave art. Archaeology is all of these, but also far more: the only science to encompass the entire span of human history--more than three million years! This Little History tells the riveting stories of some of the great archaeologists and their amazing discoveries around the globe: ancient Egyptian tombs, Mayan ruins, the first colonial settlements at Jamestown, mysterious Stonehenge, the incredibly preserved Pompeii, and many, many more. In forty brief, exciting chapters, the book recounts archaeology's development from its eighteenth-century origins to its twenty-first-century technological advances, including remote sensing capabilities and satellite imagery techniques that have revolutionized the field.



Missing in action : Australia's World War I Grave Services, an astonishing story of misconduct, fraud and hoaxing / Marianne Van Velzen

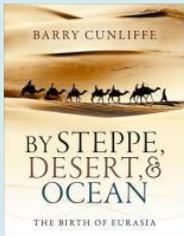
By the end of World War I, 45,000 Australians had died on the Western Front. Some bodies had been hastily buried mid-battle in massed graves; others were mutilated beyond recognition. Often men were simply listed as 'Missing in Action' because nobody knew for sure. Lieutenant Robert Burns was one of the missing, and now that the guns had fallen silent his father wanted to know what had become of his son. He wasn't the only one looking for answers. A loud clamour arose from Australia for information and the need for the dead to be buried respectfully. Many of the Australians charged with the grisly task of finding and reburying the dead were deeply flawed. Each had his own reasons for preferring to remain in France instead of returning home. In the end there was a great scandal, with allegations of 'body hoaxing' and gross misappropriation of money and army possessions leading to two highly secretive inquiries. Untold until now, Missing in Action is the compelling and unexpected story of those dark days and darker deeds and a father's desperate search for his son's remains.





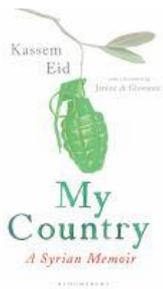
The King and the Catholics : the fight for rights 1829 / Antonia Fraser

The story of Catholic Emancipation begins with the violent Anti-Catholic Gordon Riots in 1780, fuelled by the reduction in Penal Laws against the Roman Catholics harking back to the sixteenth century. Some fifty years later, the passing of the Emancipation Bill was hailed as a 'bloodless revolution'. Had the Irish Catholics been a 'millstone', as described by an English aristocrat, or were they the prime movers? While the English Catholic aristocracy and the Irish peasants and merchants approached the Catholic Question in very different ways, they manifestly shared the same objective.



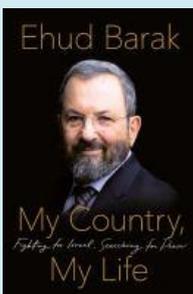
By steppe, desert, & ocean : the birth of Eurasia / Barry Cunliffe

The story of the peoples of Eurasia, from the birth of farming to the expansion of the Mongols in the thirteenth century. An immense historical panorama set on a huge continental stage, this is also the story of how humans first started building the global system we know today.



My country : a Syrian memoir / Kassem Eid

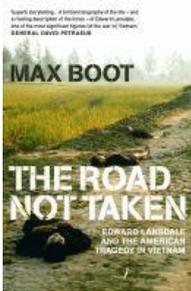
Kassem Eid survived arrest in al-Assad's regime, a chemical weapons attack that shocked the world, and the siege of a city where he fought with the Syrian rebel army. This is his story a unique and powerfully moving testimony for our times, with a foreword by Janine di Giovanni. On August 21, 2013, Kassem Eid nearly died in a sarin gas attack in the town of Moadamiya. At least 1,500 people were killed. Later that day, he was hit by a mortar while helping the Free Syrian Army fight government forces. He survived that, too. But his entire world- friends, neighbors, family, everything he knew- had been devastated beyond repair. Eid recalls moving to Moadamiya in 1989, at the age of three. The streets where he and his eleven siblings played were fragrant with jasmine. But he soon realized that he was treated differently at school because of his family's Palestinian immigrant origins, and their resistance to the brutal regime. When Bashar al-Assad succeeded his father in 2000, hopes that he would ease the state's severity were swiftly crushed. The unprecedented scope of this brave, deeply felt memoir makes it unique in the body of literature to emerge from the Syrian civil war.



My country, my life : fighting for Israel, searching for peace / Ehud Barak

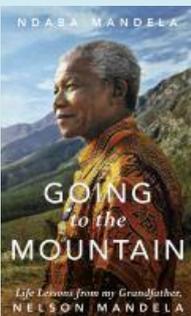
In the summer of 2000, the most decorated soldier in Israel's history - Ehud Barak - set himself a challenge as daunting as any he had faced on the battlefield: to secure a final peace with the Palestinians. He would propose two states for two peoples, with a shared capital in Jerusalem. He knew the risks of failure. But he also knew the risks of not trying: letting slip perhaps the last chance for a generation to secure genuine peace. It was a moment of truth. It was one of many in a life intertwined, from the start, with that of Israel. Born on a kibbutz, Barak became commander of Israel's elite special forces, then army Chief of Staff, and ultimately, Prime Minister. My Country, My Life tells the unvarnished story of his - and his country's - first seven decades; of its major successes, but also its setbacks and misjudgments. He offers candid assessments of his fellow Israeli politicians, of the American administrations with which he worked, and of himself.

The road not taken : Edward Lansdale and the American tragedy in Vietnam / Max Boot



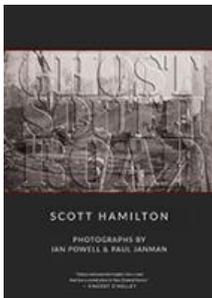
"In chronicling the adventurous life of legendary CIA operative Edward Lansdale, *The Road Not Taken* definitively reframes our understanding of the Vietnam War. In this epic biography of Edward Lansdale (1908- 1987), the man said to be the fictional model for Graham Greene's *The Quiet American*, best-selling historian Max Boot demonstrates how Lansdale pioneered a "hearts and mind" diplomacy, first in the Philippines, then in Vietnam. It was a visionary policy that, as Boot reveals, was ultimately crushed by America's giant military bureaucracy, steered by elitist generals and blueblood diplomats who favored troop build-ups and napalm bombs over winning the trust of the people. Through dozens of interviews and access to never-before-seen documents--including long-hidden love letters--Boot recasts this cautionary American story, tracing the bold rise and the crashing fall of the roguish "T. E. Lawrence of Asia" from the battle of Dien Bien Phu to the humiliating American evacuation in 1975.

Going to the mountain : life lessons from my grandfather, Nelson Mandela / Ndaba Mandela



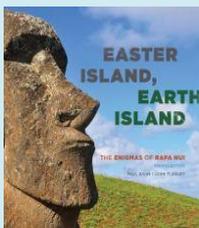
"An intimate look at one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known ... through the eyes of a child whose life he changed forever. To the rest of the world, Nelson Mandela was a giant: an anti-apartheid revolutionary, a world-renowned humanitarian, and South Africa's first black president. To Ndaba Mandela, he was simply 'Granddad.' In *Going to the Mountain*, Ndaba tells how he came to live with Mandela shortly after he turned eleven--having met each other only once, years before, when Mandela was imprisoned at Victor Verster Prison--and how the two of them slowly, cautiously built a relationship that would affect both their lives in extraordinary ways. It wasn't an easy transition. Mandela had high expectations for those around him, especially his family, and Ndaba chafed at the strict rules and exacting guidelines in his grandfather's home.

Ghost South Road / Scott Hamilton ; photographs by Ian Powell and Paul Janman



"The Great South Road was built in 1862 to carry a British army into the Waikato Kingdom. When the British invaded the Waikato in 1863, soldiers shared the road with Māori refugees from Auckland. Today the eroding earthen walls of forts and pā and military cemeteries remember the road's history. They sit beside the car dealerships and kava bars and pawn shops of South Auckland, the most culturally diverse part of the world's most culturally diverse city. On their journeys up and down the Great South Road, Hamilton, Janman, and Powell have learned how the route's tragic past affects its present, and discovered the ways in which the road connects as well as divides the communities that live alongside it.

Easter Island, Earth Island : the enigmas of Rapa Nui / Paul Bahn and John Flenley



Easter Island, isolated deep in the South Pacific and now a world heritage site, was home to a fascinating prehistoric culture--one that produced massive stone effigies (the moai) and the birdman cult--yet much of the island's past remains shrouded in mystery. Where did the islanders come from, and when? How did Rapa Nui culture evolve over the centuries? How, and why, did their natural environment change over time? Paul Bahn and John Flenley guide readers through the enigmas of Rapa Nui, incorporating the records of early explorers, folk legends, and archaeological evidence along the way. They cover the island's geological and environmental history and explore its flora and fauna, illustrating how human actions affected the natural environment of the island. This fourth edition draws on recent DNA studies of ancient human and animal bones as well as plant remains and the evolving understandings of how the moai were transported.