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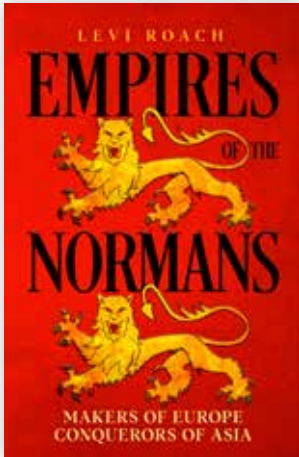
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Levi Roach is a lecturer at the University of Exeter. He studied at Trinity College, Cambridge, before completing his PhD at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. He is the author of *Æthelred the Unready*, winner of the Longman-History Today Prize and the Labarge Prize.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Liza Klaussmann was born in Brooklyn, and now lives in London. She is the author of *Villa America* and *Tigers in Red Weather*, an international bestseller and Richard & Judy book club pick. It won the British National Book Award for Best Debut Novel of the year, and sold in twenty-two countries.

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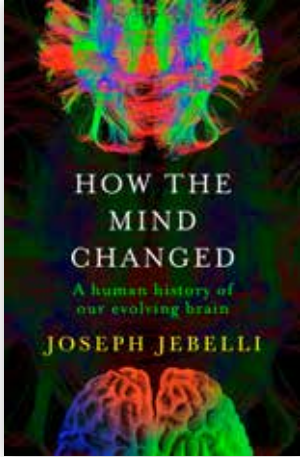
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joseph Jebelli is a 32-year-old British neuroscientist and writer. He obtained his PhD in Neurobiology from the Institute of Neurology, University College London (UCL). He then worked as a research scientist at the University of Washington. He has written for the *Guardian* and the Wellcome Trust. His first book, *In Pursuit of Memory*, was longlisted for the Wellcome Prize and shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Prize.

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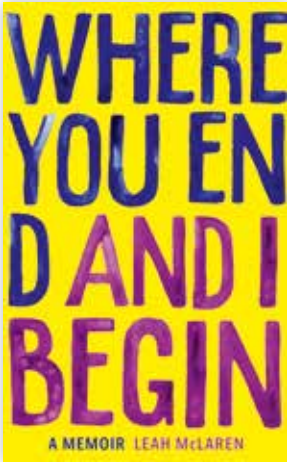
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leah McLaren is an award-winning author and journalist. Her two novels, *The Continuity Girl* (2007) and *A Better Man* (2015) have been published in half a dozen countries and translated into several languages. Leah was born and raised in Toronto and rural Ontario. Today she lives in North West London with her husband, three boys and Thomas Cromwell, a ruthless tabby ratter.

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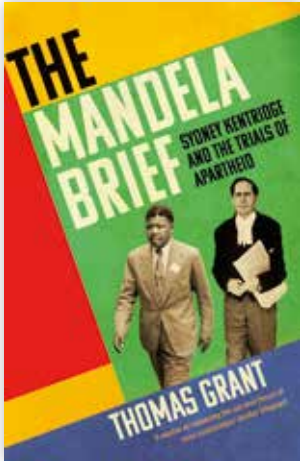
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thomas Grant QC is a practising barrister and author. His previous books include the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Jeremy Hutchinson's Case Histories: From Lady Chatterley's Lover to Howard Marks*, and *Court Number One: The Old Bailey Trials that Defined Modern Britain*, a *Telegraph* Book of the Year, *Times* Book of the Year and Waterstones Paperback of the Year. He lives in London.

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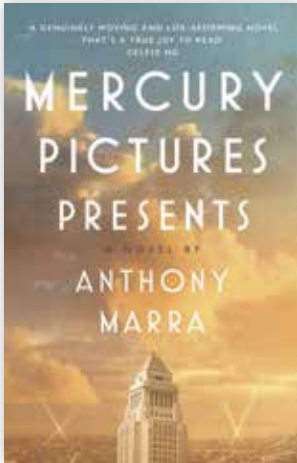
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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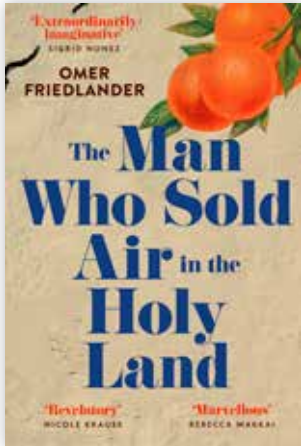
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Omer Friedlander was born in Jerusalem and grew up in Tel Aviv. He earned a BA in English Literature from the University of Cambridge, and an MFA from Boston University, where he was supported by the Saul Bellow Fellowship. His short stories have won numerous awards, and have been published in the United States, Canada, France, and Israel. A Starworks Fellow in Fiction at New York University, he has earned a Bread Loaf Work-Study Scholarship as well as a fellowship from the Vermont Studio Center.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrea Wulf was born in India and moved to Germany as a child. She is the award-winning author of several books, including the bestselling *The Invention of Nature* which published in twenty-seven languages and won a Costa for Biography, the Royal Society Award for Science and a Royal Geographical Society Medal (and thirteen other international literary awards). Andrea has written for many newspapers including the *Guardian*, *New York Times* and *Financial Times* and she is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

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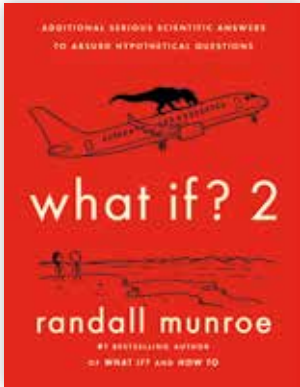
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Randall Munroe is the creator of the webcomic *xkcd* and bestselling author of *What If?*, *Thing Explainer* and *xkcd: Volume 0*. Randall was born in Easton, Pennsylvania. After studying physics at Christopher Newport University, he got a job building robots at NASA Langley Research Center. In 2006 he left NASA to draw comics on the internet full time, and has since been nominated for a Hugo Award three times. The International Astronomical Union recently named an asteroid after him: asteroid 4942 Munroe is big enough to cause mass extinction if it ever hits a planet like Earth.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gretchen Gerzina is the author and editor of several books, including *Carrington*, *Black Victorians*, *Black Victoriana*, *Frances Hodgson Burnett* and others. She is the Kathe Tappe Vernon Professor in Biography at Dartmouth College, where she also chairs the English Department, the first African-American woman to do so in the Ivy League. She has won grants from Fulbright and the National Endowment for Humanities.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susie Dent is the resident word expert in Dictionary Corner on C4's *Countdown* and *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, has been on every programme about words: *15 x 15*, *Word of Mouth*, *More or Less*; and is a regular panellist on R4's *Wordaholics*. Susie also writes a weekly column for the *Radio Times*, reviews for *The Spectator* and has almost 1,000,000 followers on Twitter.

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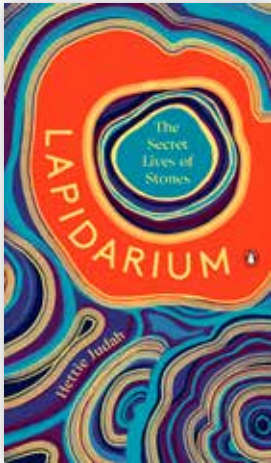
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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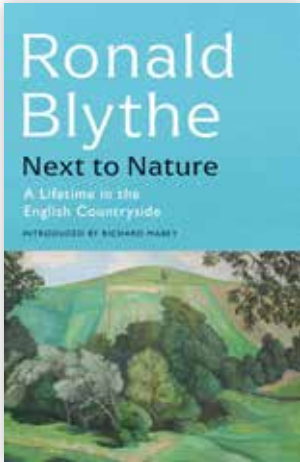
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ronald Blythe CBE is one of the UK’s greatest living writers. His work, which has won countless awards, includes *Akenfield* (a Penguin 20th Century Classic and a feature film), *Private Words*, *Field Work*, *Outsiders: A Book of Garden Friends* and numerous other titles. He was awarded the Royal Society of Literature’s prestigious Benson Medal.

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Meantime is a picaresque detective story set against the backdrop of post-referendum Scotland. Frankie Boyle's compelling debut novel is a tale of murder and revenge, and of personal and political loss.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frankie Boyle is a comedian and writer, possibly in that order. He has written several bestselling non-fiction books and standup specials. Frankie is best known for his satirical BBC2 show *New World Order*, and for presenting various authored documentaries. He is currently four volumes into his eight volume *Promethiad* sequence - a series of standup shows and audiobooks that he makes available for free online. *Meantime* is his first novel.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ferdinand von Schirach was born in Munich in 1964 and is one of Germany’s most prominent defence lawyers. He published his first short stories at the age of forty-five. Shortly thereafter he became one of Germany’s most successful authors. His books have been translated into more than thirty-five languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

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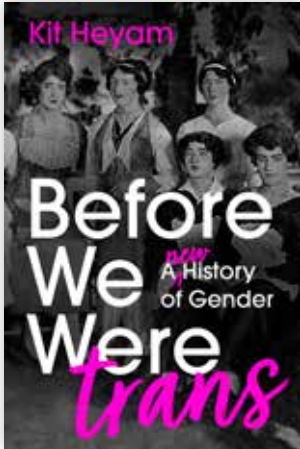
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A New History of Gender

Kit Heyam



A globe-spanning, thought-provoking and vital new history of gender.

Across the world, people are doing fascinating, creative, messy things with gender. *Before We Were Trans* explores these stories, seeking not to be comprehensive or definitive, but – by blending culture, feminism and politics – to widen the scope of what we think of as trans history.

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This is a celebration of gender in all its fluidity, ambiguity and complexity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kit Heyam is a university lecturer, a queer history activist, and a trans awareness trainer. They have been committed to queer history since their teens, when they found the sense of community they were lacking by identifying with queer figures from the past, and their first book, *The Reputation of Edward II, 1305–1697*, was the first account of how Edward II acquired his queer reputation. They live in Leeds with their partner Alex.

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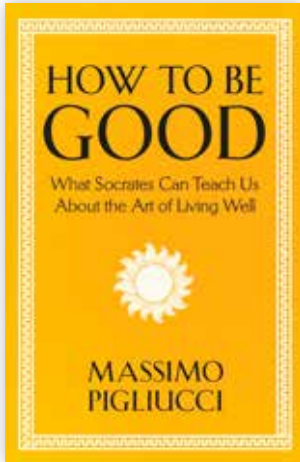
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Massimo Pigliucci is the K. D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York. He holds PhDs in genetics, evolutionary biology, and philosophy. The author or editor of sixteen books, including *How to Be a Stoic*, he has been published in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Philosophy Now*, and the *Philosophers' Magazine*, among others. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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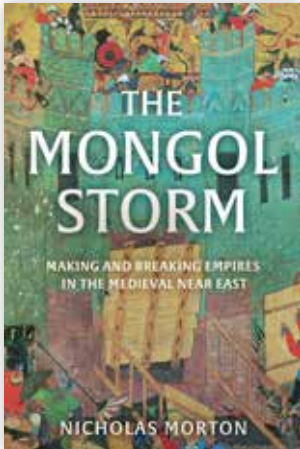
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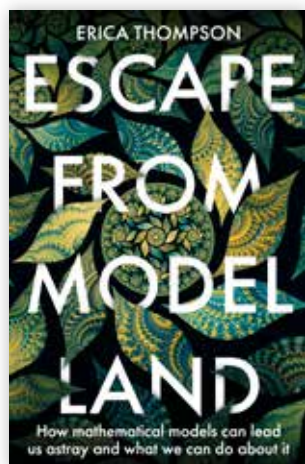
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Erica Thompson is a senior policy fellow at the London School of Economics' Data Science Institute and a fellow of the London Mathematical Laboratory. With a PhD from Imperial College, she has recently worked on the limitations of models of COVID-19 spread, humanitarian crises, and climate change. She lives in West Wales.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

William Magnuson is an associate professor at Texas A&M Law School. Previously he taught law at Harvard, worked as an associate in Sullivan & Cromwell, and a journalist in the Rome bureau of the *Washington Post*. He is the author of *Blockchain Democracy: Technology, Law and the Rule of the Crowd*, and has written for numerous leading publications including *Harvard Business Law Review*, *Stanford Journal of Law, Business and Finance* and *Wall Street Journal*.

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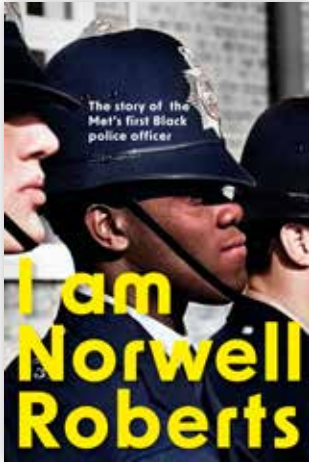
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Norwell Roberts was born in 1945 in Anguilla and moved to the UK in 1956. After a childhood marred by racism, he applied to the Metropolitan Police aged twenty, though like all Black candidates then he was rejected due to the catch-all excuse of 'temperament'. He reapplied and was accepted a year later, embarking on a thirty-plus year career that accelerated him to the higher ranks of the Met. He has since retired to focus on charity work.

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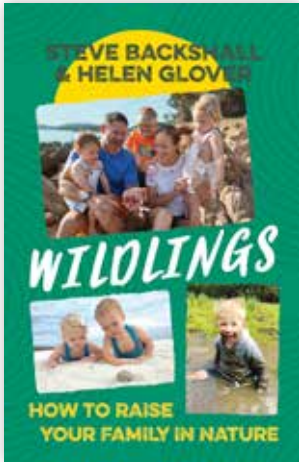
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steve Backshall MBE is an explorer, naturalist, presenter and writer, best known for presenting *Deadly 60* on CBBC. He's written a YA series, the *Deadly 60* books, and one non-fiction title, *Expedition* (BBC Books). Helen Glover MBE is the former #1 British rower. She won Olympic gold twice, and is a World, World Cup and European record holder. She was also the first mother to make it back onto the British Olympic rowing team.

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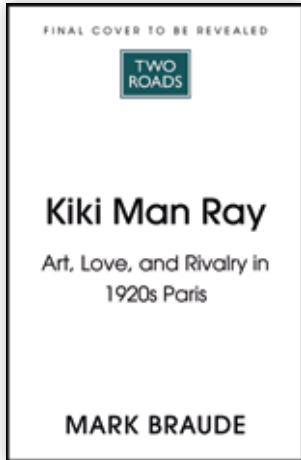
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Mark Braude



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mark Braude is the author of two histories, *Making Monte Carlo* and *The Invisible Emperor*. Braude holds an MA in French Studies and a PhD in Modern European History and Visual Culture, and he was previously a lecturer of Art History, History and French at Stanford. He was selected to be a Visiting Fellow at the American Library in Paris, and received two major grants to write *Kiki Man Ray*.

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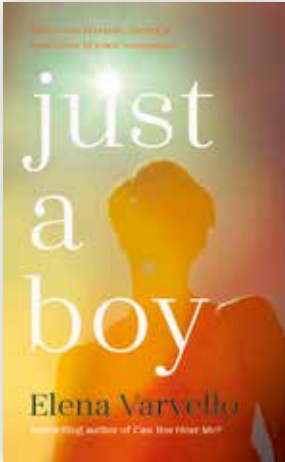
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elena Varvello was born in Turin, Italy, in 1971, and grew up in a small village in the woods. In 1996 she completed a Master's Degree in Creative Writing, and since 1999 she has taught at the same school. She has written several novels, including *Can You Hear Me?* which was a *Times* bestseller, and won the PEN Translation Award. She still lives in that small village with her husband and their two sons.

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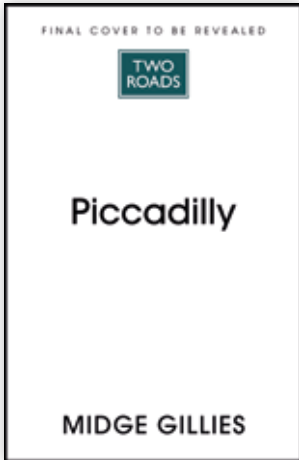
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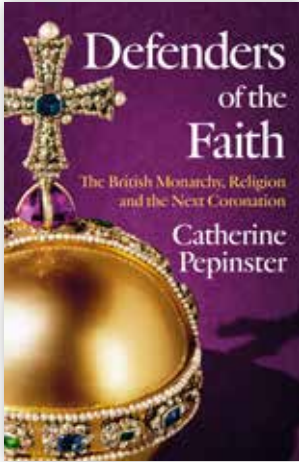
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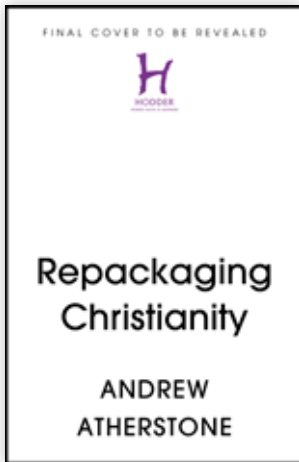
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bear Grylls is the author of over eighty-five books that have sold more than fifteen million copies worldwide, including the No. 1 bestselling *Mud, Sweat, and Tears*. A former Special Forces soldier and Everest mountaineer, Bear starred in Discovery's hit TV series *Man vs. Wild* for seven seasons, before hosting the National Geographic Channel series, *Running Wild with Bear Grylls*. This show has seen him take global stars such as Julia Roberts, Ben Stiller and even President Obama on adventures into the wild.

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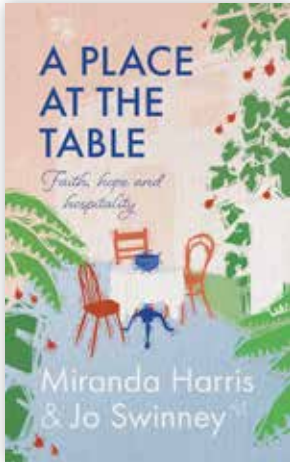
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Miranda Harris was the co-founder of A Rocha. Married to Peter, she had four children and eight grandchildren. Miranda loved hosting the ever-expanding A Rocha family and was known for her prolific letter-writing, engaging communication style and ability to connect deeply with anyone she met. This is her first book, published posthumously in collaboration with her daughter. Jo Swinney is Miranda's eldest daughter and mother of two of her grandchildren. Jo wrote her first book in her twenties and has continued writing and editing books, articles and Bible notes ever since. This is Jo's second book with Hodder.

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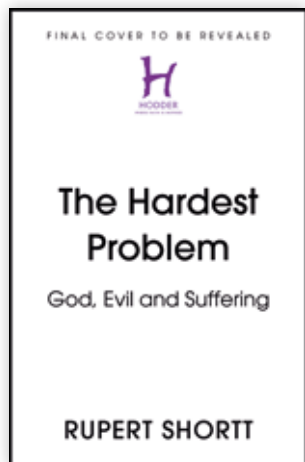
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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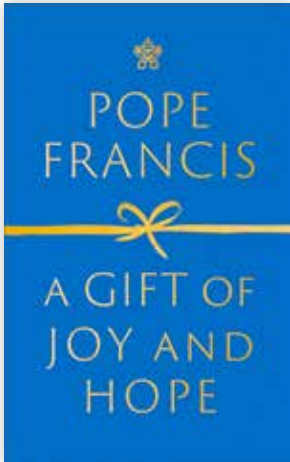
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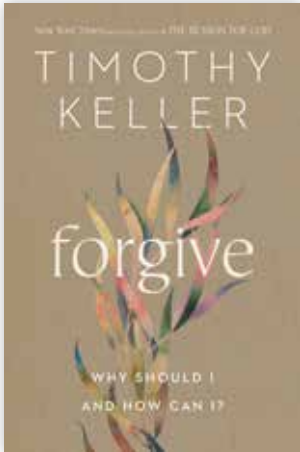
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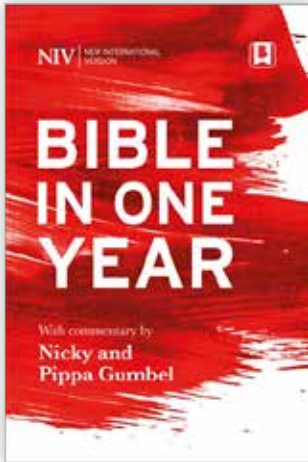
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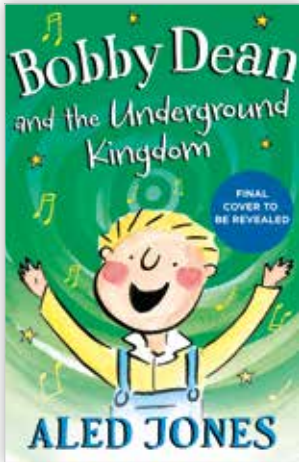
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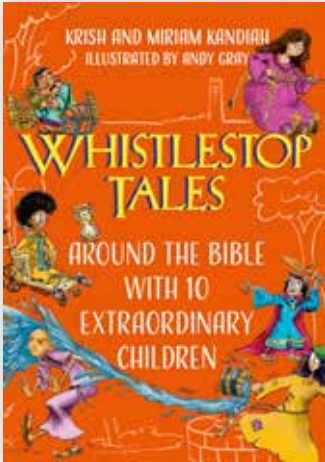
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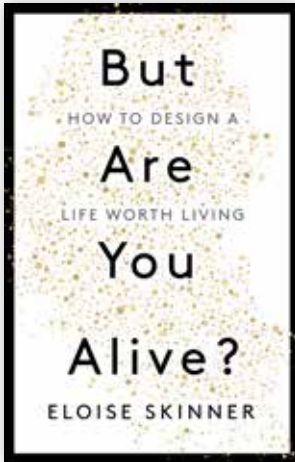
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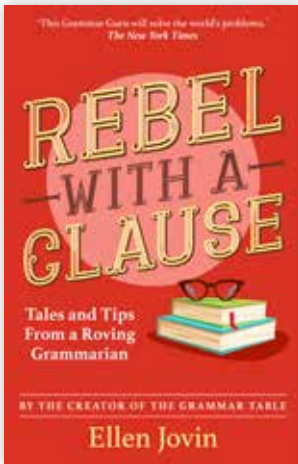
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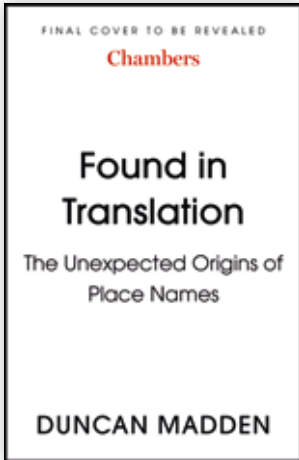
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