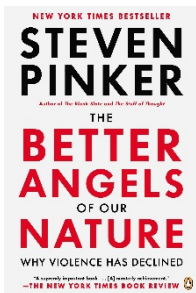


## NON FICTION



**The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined**  
**Steven Pinker** *published 2010*

In his controversial new work, Steven Pinker shows that despite the ceaseless news about war, crime, and terrorism, violence has actually been in decline over long stretches of history. Exploding myths about humankind's inherent violence and the curse of modernity, this ambitious book continues Pinker's exploration of the essence of human nature.



**Ravenous: How to get ourselves and our planet into shape**  
**Henry Dimbleby, Jemima Lewis** *published 2023*

You may not be aware of this - not consciously, at least - but you do not control what you eat. Every mouthful you take is informed by the subtle tweaking and nudging of a vast, complex, global system: one so intimately woven into everyday life that you hardly even know it's there.



**Voilà Vegan: 85 Decadent, Secretly Plant-Based Desserts from an American Pâtisserie in Paris** **Amanda Bankert** *published 2023*

Bankert shares the cakes, cookies, candies, and drinks that have enthralled her patrons, as well as delightful stories from her kitchen and travels. Using both American and French techniques, dig into secretly vegan breakfasts like Banana Tarte Tatin French Toast; *gâteaux de voyage* (travel-friendly cakes) such as Signature Salted Caramel & Roasted Peanut Brownies; and French treats, including Crêpes Suzette .



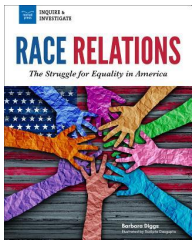
**What's Good: Notes on Rap and Language** **D. L. Becker** *published 2022*

A love letter to the verbal artistry of hip-hop, What's Good is a work of passionate lyrical analysis, a set of freewheeling liner notes, and a love letter to the most vital American art form of the last half century.



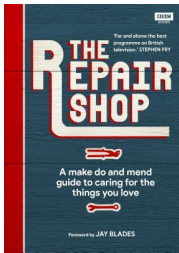
**The Green Imperative: Ecology and Ethics in Design and Architecture**  
**Victor Papanek** *published 1995*

Papanek argues for design that addresses these issues head-on. This means using materials that can be recycled and reused, no more pointless packaging, thinking about how products make us feel and engage all our senses, putting nature at the heart of design, working at a smaller scale, rejecting aesthetics for their own sake, and thinking before we buy.



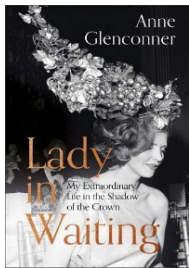
**Race Relations: The Struggle for Equality in America** **Barbara Diggs**  
*published 2019*

In *Race Relations: The Struggle for Equality in America*, kids ages 12 to 15 follow the evolution of race relations in America from the country's earliest beginnings until present day. The book examines how the concept of race was constructed in the seventeenth century and how American colonists used racial differences to justify slavery, discrimination and the persecution of people of color.



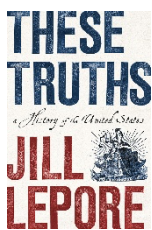
**The Repair Shop: A make do and mend guide to caring for the things you love** **Karen Farrington**  
*published 2019*

BBC's The Repair Shop is a place where Britain's most skilled and caring craftspeople rescue and resurrect items that owners thought were beyond saving. The skill required to properly restore those items may be beyond most of us, but there are small things we can all do to care for the items we love the most.



**Lady in Waiting: My Extraordinary Life in the Shadow of the Crown** **Anne Glenconner**  
*published 2019*

A unique witness to landmark moments in royal history, Maid of Honor at Queen Elizabeth's coronation, and a lady in waiting to Princess Margaret until her death in 2002, Anne's life has encompassed extraordinary drama and tragedy. In *Lady in Waiting*, she will share many intimate royal stories from her time as Princess Margaret's closest confidante as well as her own battle for survival.



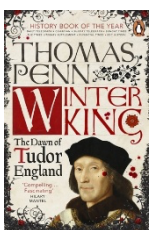
**These Truths: A History of the United States** **Jill Lepore** *pub.2018*

*These Truths* tells this uniquely American story, beginning in 1492, asking whether the course of events over more than five centuries has proven the nation's truths, or belied them. To answer that question, Lepore wrestles with the state of American politics, the legacy of slavery, the persistence of inequality, and the nature of technological change.



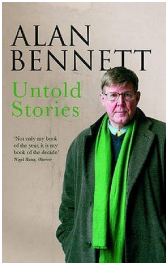
**Beethoven: The Man Revealed** **John Suchet** *published 2012*

John Suchet has portrayed the real man behind the music in this compelling biography of a musical genius. He reveals a difficult and complex character, struggling to continue his profession as musician despite increasing deafness, alienating friends with unprovoked outbursts of anger one moment, overwhelming them with excessive kindness and generosity the next, living in a city in almost constant disarray because of war with France.



**Winter King: The Dawn of Tudor England** **Thomas Penn** *pub.2011*

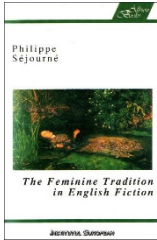
Thomas Penn vividly recreates the dark and turbulent reign of Henry VII. He traces the transformation of a young, vulnerable boy, Prince Henry, into the aggressive teenager who would become Henry VIII, and of Catherine of Aragon, his future queen. And at the book's heart is the tragic, magnetic figure of Henry VII - controlling, paranoid, avaricious, with a Machiavellian charm and will to power.



**Untold Stories** **Alan Bennett**

*published 2001*

Here, at last, is the astonishing sequel to Alan Bennett's classic *Writing Home*, updated for paperback. *Untold Stories* contains significant previously unpublished work, including a poignant memoir of his family and of growing up in Leeds, together with his much celebrated diary for the years 1996-2004, and numerous other exceptional essays, reviews and comic pieces.



**The Feminine Tradition in English Fiction** **Philippe Séjourné** *pub. 1999*

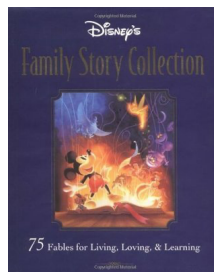
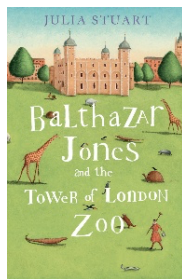
Is there a feminine novel and, if there is, how would you define it? This question was put to me several years ago and it has preoccupied me ever since. This book is the result of some personal reflections and many discussions with my students.



**Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep** **Arnold Lobel (Illustrator), Jack Prelutsky**  
*published 1976*

Twelve poems featuring a vampire, werewolf, ghoul, and other monsters.

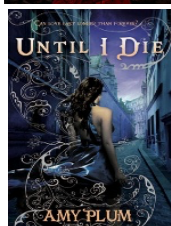
**YOUNG READERS**



**Revenants #1 Die for Me** **Amy Plum**

*published 2011*

When Kate Mercier's parents die in a tragic car accident, she leaves her life—and memories—behind to live with her grandparents in Paris. For Kate, the only way to survive her pain is escaping into the world of books and Parisian art. Until she meets Vincent.

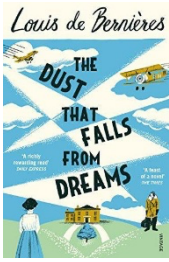


**Revenants #2 Until I Die** **Amy Plum**

*published 2012*

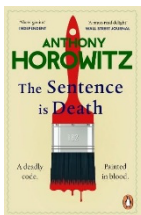
Kate may have defeated her boyfriend's nemesis, showing off her sword skills in the process, but Vincent is sure that she will be at risk as long as they stay together. What's more, it's becoming clear that their relationship might prevent him from fulfilling his true purpose: saving the lives of others...

## FICTION



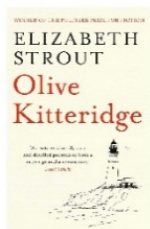
**The Dust That Falls From Dreams** [de Bernieres Louis](#) *published 2015*

In the brief golden years of King Edward VII's reign, Rosie McCosh and her three very different sisters are growing up in an eccentric household in Kent, with their neighbours the Pitt boys on one side and the Pendennis boys on the other. But their days of childhood adventure are shadowed by the approach of war that will engulf them on the cusp of adulthood.



**The Sentence is Death** [Anthony Horowitz](#) *published 2018*

'*You shouldn't be here. It's too late...*' These were Richard Pryce's last words, overheard moments before the celeb divorce lawyer was bludgeoned to death with a £3,000 bottle of wine.



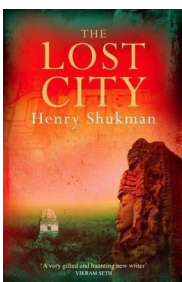
**Olive Kitteridge** [Elizabeth Strout](#) *published 2008*

Olive Kitteridge: indomitable, compassionate and often unpredictable. A retired schoolteacher in a small coastal town in Maine, as she grows older she struggles to make sense of the changes in her life. She is a woman who sees into the hearts of those around her, their triumphs and tragedies.



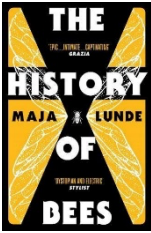
**The Sleeping Doll** [Jeffery Deaver](#) *published 2007*

Daniel Pell is a contemporary Charles Manson. A petty criminal with a history of antisocial behavior and obsession with controlling other people, he had a group of women living with him in a quasi cult in central California.



**The Lost City** [Henry Shukman](#) *published 2007*

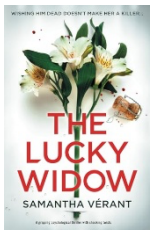
Jackson Small—barely twenty and just discharged from the military—sets off in search of something he cannot even be sure is La Joya, the lost capital of an ancient, vanished Peruvian empire. Traveling through South America, Jackson makes his way through desert, arid mountains, inhospitable villages, and impenetrable jungle, meeting several unforgettable characters, including an American woman who both redefines and fulfills all of Jackson's expectations.



**The History of Bees** [Maja Lunde](#)

*published 2015*

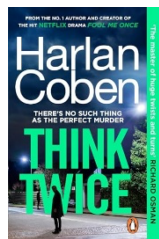
In the spirit of *Station Eleven* and *Never Let Me Go*, this dazzling and ambitious literary debut follows three generations of beekeepers from the past, present, and future, weaving a spellbinding story of their relationship to the bees - and to their children and one another - against the backdrop of an urgent, global crisis.



**The Lucky Widow** [Samantha Verant](#)

*published 2024*

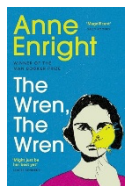
When you return from a work trip to find your husband dead in the pond, it's best not to call him a liar and a cheat in front of the cops. Especially when you've spent the last few years telling anyone who'll listen that you *sometimes* fantasize about killing him. It makes you look kind of, well, guilty...



**Think Twice** [Harlan Coben](#)

*published 2024*

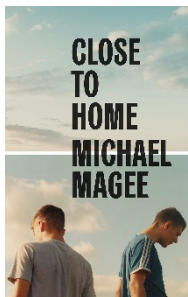
Former basketball star Myron Bolitar has barely restarted his agency for sports stars and celebrities when two federal agents walk into his office, asking for answers. Assuming they want to talk about the highly publicized Callister murders—of which he and Win know nothing, other than what's been saturating the news lately—he's stunned when, instead, they demand to know where Greg Downing is.



**The Wren, The Wren** [Anne Enright](#)

*published 2023*

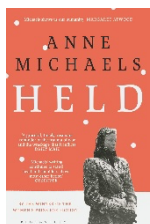
An incandescent novel about the inheritance of trauma, wonder, and love across three generations of women.



**Close to Home** [Michael Magee](#)

*published 2023*

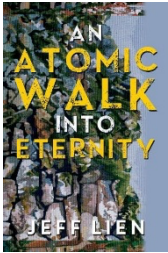
While growing up in West Belfast, Sean does every-thing he's supposed to do. He works hard, he studies, and he stays out of trouble. The thirty-year conflict is over, he's told, and his future is lit with promise. But when Sean returns home from university, there are no jobs. Sean's degree isn't worth the paper it's written on, and no one will give him the time of day. One night, he assaults a stranger at a party, and everything begins to come undone.



**Held** [Anne Michaels](#)

*published 2023*

From the WW1 battlefield where the novel begins, and its opening lines, *Held* is alive with "We know life is finite. Why should we believe death lasts forever?"



**An Atomic Walk into Eternity** **Jeff Lien**

*published 2023*

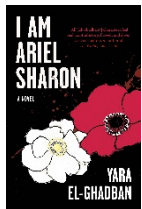
An adventure story that is tinged with hope, determination and sadness. Clare, a high school American science teacher from Minnesota, is an accomplished bicyclist, hiker and has a passion for bees. She sets off on a ride through parts of the US and Canada in preparation for a lone hiking trip through southern France to the western tip of Spain along the world renowned Camino de Comp Estela.



**Dry River** **Alicia J Rouverol**

*published 2023*

Spanning 1997 to 2012, Dry River echoes Wallace Stegner's classic Angle of Repose , moving across place and time to chart the slow collapse of a marriage alongside a declining US economy.



**I Am Ariel Sharon** **Yara El-Ghadban**

*published 2018*

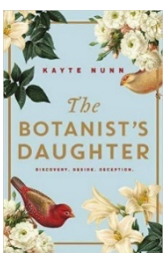
A bold and innovative novel, *I Am Ariel Sharon* dives into the tortured mind of the controversial Israeli prime minister as he lies comatose and faces an ultimate reckoning.



**A Silent Death** **Peter May**

*published 2020*

Peter May's latest bestseller unites a strong, independent Spaniard with a socially inept Scotsman; a senseless vendetta with a sense-deprived victim, and a red-hot Costa Del Sol with an ice-cold killer.



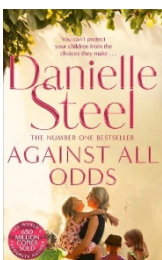
**The Botanist's Daughter** **Kayte Nunn**

*published 2018*

A buried secret...

Present day: Anna is focused on growing her new gardening business and renovating her late grandmother's house

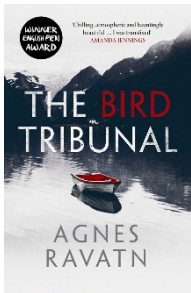
1886: Elizabeth Trebithick is determined to fulfil her father's dying wish and continue his life's work as an adventurer and plant-hunter. Two women, separated by centuries. Can one mysterious flower bring them together?



**Against All Odds** **Danielle Steel**

*published 2017*

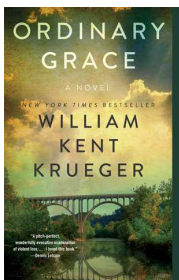
Kate is dedicated to her four adult children, but grows frustrated with their choice of partners that are seemingly not right for them. Kate also has a brief love affair of her own, falling for the Frenchman Bernard Michel. However, she later finds out that he is married, and realizes she is in the same position of choosing an ill-suited partner as her children.



**The Bird Tribunal**      **Agnes Ravatn**

*published 2013*

TV presenter Allis Hagtorn leaves her partner and her job to take voluntary exile in remote house on an isolated fjord. But her new job as housekeeper and gardener is not all that it seems, and her silent, surly employer, 44-year-old Sigurd Bagge, is not the old man she expected.



**Ordinary Grace**      **William Kent Krueger**

*published 2013*

1961 : it was a time of hope for a country with a new, young president. But for 13 year old Frank Drum it was a summer in which death assumed many forms. When tragedy comes to call on his family, which includes his Methodist minister father, his passionate, artistic mother, Juilliard-bound older sister, and wise-beyond-his years kid brother, Frank finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal.

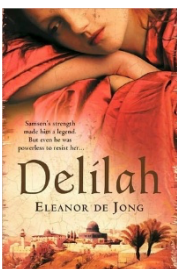


**Anne of Green Gables**      **L.M. Montgomery**

*published 1908*

My dislikes: Being an orphan, having red hair, people twitting about my red hair, being called "carrots" by Gilbert Blythe.

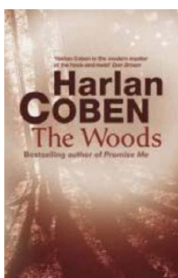
My likes: Living at the Green Gables with Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert, my bosom-friend Diana, dresses with puff sleeves, renaming Barry's pond the Lake of Shining Waters, coming top of the class.



**Delilah**      **Eleanor De Jong**

*published 2011*

Delilah known as the courtesan who revealed the mighty Samson's secret for money, Delilah has become synonymous with treachery. But behind the myth is the tale far more tragic? From the moment they met, there was a fire in their relationship, with Samson pitted against Delilah's family. But Samson soon develops an overwhelming passion for Delilah; entranced by her beauty and passionate nature.



**The Woods**      **Harlan Coben**

*published 2007*

Twenty years ago, four teenagers at summer camp walked into the woods at night. Two were found murdered, and the others were never seen again. Four families had their lives changed forever. Now, two decades later, they are about to change again. For Paul Copeland, the county prosecutor of Essex, New Jersey, grief at the loss