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BELONGING by Owen Eastwood

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Whakapapa. You belong here. Whakapapa is a Maori word which embodies our human need to belong. It represents a powerful spiritual idea - we are all part of an unbroken and unbreakable chain of people who share a special culture. **Owen Eastwood** places this concept at the core of his methods to maximise a team's performance. In this book he reveals, for the first time, the secrets to what has made him one of the most in-demand Performance Coaches in the world.

THE EARTH: A BIOGRAPHY OF LIFE by Dr Elsa Panciroli

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A unique perspective on how our living planet has evolved and adapted, from early organisms to life in the current Anthropocene. It is difficult to conceive of the vast scale of the history of life on Earth, from the very first living organisms that developed in hydrothermal deep-sea vents to the diversity of life today. The evolution of life is a sweeping epic of a tale, with twists and turns, surprising heroes and unlikely survivors. The Earth beautifully distils this complex story into a meaningful scale. In taking a closer look at 30 carefully selected species or organisms, this book tells the whole story of life on Earth. **Dr Elsa Panciroli** is a Scottish palaeontologist interested in the origins of modern ecosystems and the origins and evolution of mammals. She is based in the Earth Science Department at the University of Oxford.

THIS IS THE CANON by Kadija Sesay George, Deirdre Osborne & Professor Joan Anim-Addo

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A reading list for anyone who wants redress the racial bias of their education and to rethink what are considered the 'classics' of literature. This is the Canon updates the traditional book bucket list, celebrating and pushing to the fore writers of colour and cultural perspectives that deserve a place on everyone's shelves. From literary giants such as Toni Morrison, Salman Rushdie and Chinua Achebe to exciting new voices from Kamila Shamsie to Bernardine Evaristo. The books recommended here are books that reflect the wide and diverse experiences of people from around the world, of all backgrounds and all races and represent voices that have for too long been silenced or side-lined. This amazing compilation is being put together by writer and editor **Kadija Sesay George**, along with Goldsmith University's Professor of Caribbean Literature and Culture **Joan Anim-Addo** and her colleague with whom she co-convenes the world-first MA in Black British Writing **Dr Deirdre Osborne**.

WFH: HOW TO BUILD A CAREER YOU LOVE WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN THE OFFICE

by **Harriet Minter**

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The no bullsh*t guide to getting your work and life on track in the new flexible workplace. Virtually every industry is making lasting changes that will open doors to a more flexible working week. So how do we adjust, thrive and excel in an environment where daily video conferences is the norm? By turns fierce, funny and highly practical – this book will show you the skills to be effective and creative during the day-to-day, how to be an inspiring and energising manager, how to create and thrive in a high-trust culture and most importantly it will give you the tools to achieve your ambition and propel your career forwards. **Harriet Minter's** work focuses on the future of work, media and diversity. She has written for publications including The Times, and The Guardian where she edited the 'Women in Leadership' section.

ALONEMENT by Francesca Specter

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How to be alone and absolutely own it, by founder of the alonement blog and podcast, Francesca Specter.

Being alone has a serious branding issue. We've only ever had negative language to talk about flying solo - but what about when time spent alone is restorative and joyful? What if it's something you crave? What is it's even just an hour you've carved out yourself in the middle of a hectic week? Enter: Alonement, Francesca Specter's empowering new word to express valuing your own company and carving out time to spend with yourself, whoever you are and whatever your relationship status. **Francesca Specter** is a London-based journalist and founder of the platform and podcast, alonement and formerly the deputy editor of Yahoo! Lifestyle.

I AM NOT YOUR BABY MOTHER by Candice Braithwaite

Quercus | Katy Follain | Rights available US and Translation

Quercus have just taken over the rights to this number 1 Sunday Times bestseller!

It's about time we made motherhood more diverse... When Candice Braithwaite fell pregnant and stepped into the motherhood playing field, she found her experience bore little resemblance to the glossy magazine photos of women in horizontal stripe tops and the pinned discussions on mumsnet about what pushchair to buy. Leafing through the piles of prenatal paraphernalia, she found herself wondering: "Where are all the black mothers?" **Candice Braithwaite** is the hugely popular influencer and founder of Make Motherhood Diverse - an online initiative that aims to encourage a more accurately representative and diverse depiction of motherhood in the media.

WOMEN ON TOP OF THE WORLD by Lucy-Anne Holmes

Quercus | Katy Follain | February 2021 | Rights sold to Running Press in the US, Translation rights available

51 true revelations by women from all over the world about what they really think about when they're having sex.

Women on Top of the World is a collection of fifty-one first person testimonies by fifty-one women from around the globe, from all ages and from all walks of life. Searingly honest, they reveal their innermost thoughts and feelings during sex to writer, actor and campaigner Lucy-Anne Holmes. The result is an incredible compendium of true disclosures that are funny and sad, shocking and tender. A range of hugely talented and cutting-edge artists from all over the world are contributing illustrations to this book including Lucy Lui, Chrissie Hynde, Jenny Eclair and Candie Payne with more exciting names to come.

SPORT

ASTON MARTIN by Ben Collins

Quercus | Jon Butler | October 2020 | US Rights available, Translation rights sold: Insignis Poland

From bestselling author, racer and James Bond stunt driver Ben Collins comes a story of spies, speed and hard-driving genius: a driver's love letter to one of the world's best-loved machines. Ben Collins explores the car with the double-o prefix from a unique perspective behind the wheel, carving through country lanes in his father's V8 Vantage, driving Aston Martins in four James Bond movies and competing against them in the legendary Le Mans 24-hour race.

MOUNTAINS ACCORDING TO G: by Geraint Thomas

Quercus | Richard Milner | October 2020 | Rights available US and Translation

Tour de France champion Geraint Thomas's inside guide to the greatest road climbs in cycling. Cycling fans obsess about climbs and big mountains. They love reading about their tests and tribulations and they love to ride them. This is a personal and global selection of Geraint Thomas's favourite climbs with unique access to his pro-riding data. From best-known big-hitters, via pro-peloton favourites, to the secret climbs Geraint has come to love, and featuring Australia, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Mallorca and Wales, this is the cyclist's secret manual.

MOMENTICON by Andrew Caldecott the bestselling author of Rotherweird**Jo Fletcher Books | Jo Fletcher | Rights available US and Translation**

From the bestselling Andrew Caldecott comes a compelling, and completely bonkers, new *sort of* science fiction, perfect for fans of Susannah Clarke, Deborah Harkness, Kate Mosse, Ben Aaronovitch and Mervyn Peake. The world has become a dangerous place to live. Despite everything the environmentalists could do the atmosphere turned toxic, destroying almost all life - plants, animals, even humans. The few survivors can be found living in great bubbles protected from the atmosphere by chitin shields. Fogg has been the sole curator of the last museum on earth for three years. In all that time he hasn't seen another living soul - but he's not quite as alone as he thinks, and his quiet, lonely - safe - life is about to change completely. Little does he know, but he's about to be caught up in a power grab which threatens every remaining living thing . . .

THIS EDEN by Ed O'Loughlin**riverrun | Jon Riley | June 2021 | Rights available US excluding Canada and Translation**

This Eden is a smart modern spy novel reminiscent the cybercrime novels of William Gibson as well as the golden age of panoramic international espionage fiction. Fast-moving, exhilarating and tense, This Eden plunges into an urgent struggle to disarm the deadliest weapon ever invented. O'Loughlin crafts the spy novel into a sharp and engrossing narrative of a world overrun by cyber-warfare, moral bankruptcy and the assassination of identity. Ed O'Loughlin's first novel, Not Untrue & Not Unkind was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2009 and shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Fiction Award.

THE WRONG GOODBYE by Toshihiko Yahagi**MacLehose Press | Paul Engles | March 2021 | Rights available US and Translation excluding Japan**

Manga artist-turned-novelist Toshihiko Yahagi is Japan's premier writer of intellectual noir and political satire, The Wrong Goodbye, featuring Detective Futamura, is his first work to be translated into English. This is a classic slice of Japanese hard-boiled noir paying homage to the master of the genre: Raymond Chandler. Here Eiji Futamura is pitted against a shady Chinese business empire and US military intelligence in the docklands of recession Japan. It is perfect for fans of Six Four by Hideo Yokoyama and The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo Higashino.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS by Joanna Bolouri**Quercus | Emma Capron | October 2020 | US Rights available, Translation rights sold: Heyne Verlag Germany, Bragelonne France, Palatium Books Denmark, Printz Sweden, V&Bjork Norway*****What if the love of your life was your best friend's girlfriend, and you were the one that set them up?***

When Nick loses his job and is dumped by his glamorous but demanding girlfriend, he is forced to accept work as a Santa at a local Christmas grotto. As his friends are getting married or promoted, Nick spends his days being terrorised by unfriendly elves and cried on by snotty, spoiled children. Then he meets 4-year-old Alfie. All Alfie wants for Christmas is for his mum, Sarah, to be happy again. Moved by the boy's selfless wish, Nick arranges a date between Sarah and his best friend, Matt. But as Sarah and Alfie become part of all their lives, Nick realises that happiness for Sarah and Matt might mean heartbreak for himself. A hilarious and heartwarming Christmas romance for fans of Beth O'Leary's *The Flatshare* and Marian Keyes' *Grown Ups*.

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