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Yvain Chretien de Troyes 1987-09-10 A twelfth-century poem by the creator of the Arthurian romance describes the courageous exploits and triumphs of a brave lord who tries to win back his deserted wife's love

British Freshwater Fish (Collins New Naturalist Library, Book 75) P. S. Maitland 2012-11-29 An in-depth look at the fish that inhabit the fresh waters of Britain and Ireland. These include famous members of the salmon family, such as the Atlantic Salmon and the Brown Trout, and the obscure whitefish, species of which are confined to just a few lakes. This edition is exclusive to newnaturalists.com

The Beekeeper's Bible 2010 This comprehensive beekeeping guide covers all the practicalities and will teach you everything there is to know about caring for bees and safe hive management, with clear instructions and step-by-step illustrations.

Don't Look Now And Other Stories Daphne Du Maurier 2015-10-01 FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF REBECCA \*'One of the most shocking plot twists in all of literature. It hits you like a freight train' GILLIAN FLYNN John and Laura have come to Venice to try and escape the pain of their young daughter's death. But when they encounter two old women who claim to have second sight, they find that instead of laying their ghosts to rest they become caught up in a train of increasingly strange and violent events. The four other haunting, evocative stories in this volume also explore deep fears and longings, secrets and desires: a lonely teacher who investigates a mysterious American couple, a young woman confronting her father's past, a party of pilgrims who meet disaster in Jerusalem and a scientist who harnesses the power of the mind to chilling effect.

Extreme Nature Mark Carwardine 2015-02-19 A beautiful and fascinating portrait of the world's most extreme wildlife, from the sexiest beast to the smelliest plant.

All Change Elizabeth Jane Howard 2013-11-07 All Change is the fifth and final volume in Elizabeth Jane Howard's bestselling The Cazalet Chronicles, where the old world begins to fade from view and a new dawn emerges. It is the 1950s and as the Duchy, the Cazalets' beloved matriarch, dies, she takes with her the last remnants of a disappearing world – houses with servants, class, and tradition – in which the Cazalets have thrived. Louise, now divorced, becomes entangled in a painful affair, while Polly and Clary must balance marriage and motherhood with their own ideas and ambitions. Hugh and Edward, now in their sixties, are feeling ill-equipped for this modern world, while Villy, long abandoned by her husband, must at last learn to live independently. But it is Rachel, who has always lived for others, who will face her greatest challenges yet. As the Cazalets descend on Home Place for Christmas, only one thing is certain: nothing will ever be the same again. With cover artwork exclusively designed by artist Luke Edward Hall, this is the heartbreaking and heartwarming final instalment of Elizabeth Jane Howard's bestselling series. 'She is one of those novelists who shows, through her work, what the novel is for . . . She helps us to do the necessary thing – open our eyes and our hearts' – Hilary Mantel, author of Wolf Hall

Fingers in the Sparkle Jar Chris Packham 2016-05-05 Voted the UK's Favourite Nature Book The memoir that inspired Chris Packham's BBC documentary, Asperger's and Me Every minute was magical, every single thing it did was fascinating and everything it didn't do was equally wondrous, and to be sat there, with a

Kestrel, a real live Kestrel, my own real live Kestrel on my wrist! I felt like I'd climbed through a hole in heaven's fence. An introverted, unusual young boy, isolated by his obsessions and a loner at school, Chris Packham only felt at ease in the fields and woods around his suburban home. But when he stole a young Kestrel from its nest, he was about to embark on a friendship that would teach him what it meant to love, and that would change him forever. In his rich, lyrical and emotionally exposing memoir, Chris brings to life his childhood in the 70s, from his bedroom bursting with fox skulls, birds' eggs and sweaty jam jars, to his feral adventures. But pervading his story is the search for freedom, meaning and acceptance in a world that didn't understand him. Beautifully wrought, this coming-of-age memoir will be unlike any you've ever read.

Wild Child Dara McAnulty 2021-07-08 Shortlisted for The Wainwright Prize for Nature and Conservation Writing for Children 2022 Shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year 2022 Join brilliant young naturalist Dara McAnulty – winner of the 2020 Wainwright Prize for his book *Diary of a Young Naturalist* – on a nature walk and experience the joy of connecting with the natural world on your multi sensory journey. *Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature* is a beautiful gift book, illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls, and divided into five sections: looking out of the window, venturing out into the garden, walking in the woods, investigating heathland and wandering on the river bank. Dara pauses to tell you about each habitat and provides fantastic facts about the native birds, animals and plants you will find there – including wrens, blackbirds, butterflies, tadpoles, bluebells, bees, hen harriers, otters, dandelions, oak trees and many more. Each section contains a discovery section where you will have a closer look at natural phenomenon such as metamorphoses and migration, learn about categorization in the animal kingdom or become an expert on the collective nouns for birds. Each section finishes with an activity to do when you get home: plant wild flowers, make a bird feeder, try pond dipping, make a journey stick and build a terrarium. Dara ends the book with advice for young conservationists.

Collins Complete DIY Manual Albert Jackson 2007 This international bestseller is the most comprehensive and authoritative DIY manual ever produced. This new edition has been updated with information on all the latest changes in products, techniques and regulations developed since the last edition (published in 2004). Catering to novices, DIY enthusiasts or professionals, this essential book continues to be the most in-depth, up-to-date and user-friendly DIY book on the market, covering everything from decorating and repairs to electricity, plumbing and much more.

Why Do Robins Have Red Breasts? Jo Stevens 2013-06-01 SPRINGWATCH UNSPRUNG brings together all the most-asked questions from the surprise hit BBC 2 TV spin-off of the same name. The heart of the book is what has become the star of the TV programme - the viewers' anecdotes and questions. Many seemingly simple questions turn out to have complex answers, and some that seem difficult have a very simple explanation. All wildlife questions - be they trivial, idiosyncratic, baffling or strange - are covered, making this compilation equally as entertaining and enlightening as it is educational. Arranged by season, the book allows people to discover what is going on around them at any particular time of year. The book is peppered with elements from the Unsprung TV programme such as quizzes, wildlife suggestions for each season, and practical ideas of how to preserve wildlife in your garden. Each seasonal section comprises: \*A short introduction to the season including what the wildlife-watcher might expect to see at this time of year, \*Questions and answers drawing on the latest research, but translated by the Springwatch experts., \*Quizzes - simple, mostly multiple choice questions e.g. who collects the most air miles? Spring sees the arrival of many of our migrant birds but which travels the furthest?, \*What You Can Do - suggestions of seasonal activities including top tips on how to help wildlife at any given time of year, plus 3 or 4 things to make and do. e.g. helping your hogs - what and how to feed hedgehogs and what to do if you find an underweight one that should be hibernating. SPRINGWATCH UNSPRUNG will entertain, inform and empower anyone interested in British wildlife.

Jake's Bones Jake McGowan-Lowe 2014-03-04 Jake McGowan-Lowe is a boy with a very unusual hobby. Since the age of 7, he has been photographing and blogging about his incredible finds and now has a worldwide following, including 100,000 visitors from the US and Canada. Follow Jake as he explores the animal world through this new 64-page book. He takes you on a world wide journey of his own collection, and introduces you to other amazing animals from the four corners of the globe. Find out what a cow's tooth, a rabbit's rib and a duck's quack look like and much, much more besides.

Motorcycle Handling and Chassis Design Tony Foale 2006

The Man in the Bunker Rory Clements 2022-01-20 WHAT IF HITLER HAD SURVIVED? In the gripping new spy thriller from the Sunday Times bestselling author of *Hitler's Secret*, a Cambridge spy must find the truth behind Hitler's death. But exactly who is the man in the bunker? 'MASTER OF THE WARTIME SPY THRILLER' - FINANCIAL TIMES \_\_\_\_\_ Germany, late summer 1945 - The war is over but the country is in ruins. Millions of refugees and holocaust survivors strive to rebuild their lives in displaced persons camps. Millions of German soldiers and SS men are held captive in primitive conditions in open-air detention centres. Everywhere, civilians are desperate for food and shelter. No one admits to having voted Nazi, yet many are unrepentant. Adolf Hitler is said to have killed himself in

his Berlin bunker. But no body was found - and many people believe he is alive. Newspapers are full of stories reporting sightings and theories. Even Stalin, whose own troops captured the bunker, has told President Truman he believes the former Führer is not dead. Day by day, American and British intelligence officers subject senior members of the Nazi regime to gruelling interrogation in their quest for their truth. Enter Tom Wilde - the Cambridge professor and spy sent in to find out the truth... Dramatic, intelligent, and brilliantly compelling, THE MAN IN THE BUNKER is Rory's best WWII thriller yet - perfect for readers of Robert Harris, C J Sansom and Joseph Kanon.

Springwatch British Wildlife: Accompanies the BBC 2 TV series Stephen Moss 2012-07-19 Springwatch British Wildlife is the perfect year-round countryside introduction to the much-loved wildlife of the popular BBC2 television series.

The Ashes of London (James Marwood & Cat Lovett, Book 1) Andrew Taylor 2016-04-07 The first book in the No. 1 Times bestselling series 'This is terrific stuff' Daily Telegraph 'A breathtakingly ambitious picture of an era' Financial Times 'A masterclass in how to weave a well-researched history into a complex plot' The Times "Springwatch" and "Autumnwatch" Bill Oddie 2008-06-02 Bill, Kate and Simon take you on your own personal tour of the British countryside and introduce the places and animals that have made the series such a fascinating introduction to the countryside.

Natural History in the Highlands and Islands (Collins New Naturalist Library, Book 6) F. Fraser Darling 2012-01-30 The Highlands and Islands of Scotland are rugged moorland, alpine mountains and jagged coast with remarkable natural history. This edition is exclusive to newnaturalists.com

The Allotment Chef: Home-grown Recipes and Seasonal Stories Paul Merrett 2014-09-04 Michelin-starred chef and star of BBC 2's Economy Gastronomy Paul Merrett is using the plot...This is the story of how one man swaps his shopping trolley for a wheelbarrow and cooks up fine, homely food as a result.

King Henry VI William Shakespeare 2018-04-03

How to Plan and Build a Fast Road Car Daniel Stapleton 2005 Modifications that work for road cars Introduces and explains the 4 aspects of performance Guides you through alternatives, to enable good decisions Applicable to all makes and models of car Helps prioritise spending on modifications Ensures your project car is one of the best Ensures money isn't wasted on ideas that don't work Unlocks tuning secrets in plain language Comprehensively illustrated (colour throughout) with lively explanation. This book explains the four aspects of performance and how to succeed in using them to transform a mundane car into a Fast Road Car. With it you can plan in detail the best modifications for your car, buy the right parts, and build a stunning car without wasting money.

The Wild Places Robert Macfarlane 2009-07-02 Are there any genuinely wild places left in Britain and Ireland? Or have we tarmacked, farmed and built ourselves out of wildness? In his vital, bewitching, inspiring classic, Robert Macfarlane sets out in search of the wildness that remains.

The Third Pig Detective Agency (Third Pig Detective Agency, Book 1) Bob Burke 2009-06-12 A rather silly detective story in the spirit of Jasper Fforde.

The Unfeathered Bird Katrina van Grouw 2013 A richly illustrated look at bird anatomy There is more to a bird than simply feathers. And just because birds evolved from a single flying ancestor doesn't mean they are structurally all the same. With over 385 stunning drawings depicting 200 species, The Unfeathered Bird is a richly illustrated book on bird anatomy that offers refreshingly original insights into what goes on beneath the feathered surface. Each exquisite drawing is made from an actual specimen and reproduced in sumptuous large format. The birds are shown in lifelike positions and engaged in behavior typical of the species: an underwater view of the skeleton of a swimming loon, the musculature of a porpoising penguin, and an unfeathered sparrowhawk plucking its prey. Jargon-free and easily accessible to any reader, the lively text relates birds' anatomy to their lifestyle and evolution, examining such questions as why penguins are bigger than auks, whether harrier hawks really have double-jointed legs, and the difference between wing claws and wing spurs. A landmark in popular bird books, The Unfeathered Bird is a must for anyone who appreciates birds or bird art. A unique book that bridges art, science, and history Over 385 beautiful drawings, artistically arranged in a sumptuous large-format book Accessible, jargon-free text—the only book on bird anatomy aimed at the general reader Drawings and text all based on actual bird specimens Includes most anatomically distinct bird groups Many species never illustrated before

The White Giraffe Lauren St John 2010-05-14 The first book in the heart-warming White Giraffe series by Lauren St John, featuring the African adventures of Martine and her magical white giraffe. When tragedy strikes on a winter's night in England, Martine is sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa. Her wild, beautiful new home is riddled with secrets, but lonely Martine finds comfort in the legend of a white giraffe and in mysterious Grace, who believes Martine has a powerful gift. Defying her grandmother by entering the reserve alone, Martine is plunged into a world of danger, mystery and adventure. Who can she trust? And how far will she go to save the only friend she has ever known?

Birds Britannia Stephen Moss 2011-04-21 Birds and bird lore provide a fascinating window onto our social and cultural history, and can tell us much about our

changing relationship with the British landscape, our people and society.

Skylarks with Rosie Stephen Moss 2021-03-18 As spring arrives, Stephen Moss's Somerset garden is awash with birdsong: chiffchaffs, wrens, robins and more. Overhead, buzzards soar, ravens tumble and the season gathers pace. But this equinox is unlike any other. As the nation goes into lockdown, Stephen records the wildlife around his home, with his fox-red Labrador, Rosie, by his side. When old routines fall away, and blue skies are no longer crisscrossed by contrails, they discover the bumblebees, butterflies and birdsong on their local patch. This evocative account underlines how a global crisis changed the way we relate to the natural world, giving us hope for the future. And it puts down a marker for a new normal: when, during that brief but unforgettable spring, nature gave us comfort, hope and joy.

A Walk from the Wild Edge Jake Tyler 2021-03-18 The remarkable true story of one man's inspiring journey through his 3,000 mile walk across the country 'A great and inspirational read' MATT HAIG, bestselling author of Reasons to Stay Alive 'Inspiring' INDEPENDENT 'An uplifting and inspirational journey through raw emotion' RAYNOR WINN, bestselling author of The Salt Path AS SEEN ON BBC BREAKFAST \_\_\_\_\_ Jake Tyler had forgotten how to feel alive. With only a pair of boots and a backpack, he set off on a 3000-mile walk around Britain - along coastal paths, over mountains, through every national park. His journey became his road to recovery. On it he rediscovered the British landscape, the extraordinary kindness of strangers and most importantly, his place in the world. This is his inspiring story, away from the wild edge. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Jake you have changed people's lives . . . we are all fans!' Chris Evans, Virgin Radio 'An incredible journey, an inspirational memoir . . . beautiful' Zoe Ball, BBC Radio 2 'Inspiring . . . It's something that will help many through these dark times' Bryony Gordon 'This book is a tonic. Until we can all get out and explore Britain's beauty for ourselves again, this is the ideal substitute' Mirror 'So compelling in his honesty . . . very poignant' Express 'A tale told with courageous honesty. There's much to learn here about how reconnecting with nature and trusting others can rekindle the joy of being alive' BBC Countryfile 'A testament to the power of human connection, this is a physical and mental journey to inspire hope even in the darkest of times' National Geographic

Springwatch Unsprung: Why Do Robins Have Red Breasts? Jo Stevens 2013-06-06 Which birds have the most air miles? Are adders born venomous?

Diary of a Young Naturalist Dara McAnulty 2021-06-08 A BuzzFeed "Best Book of June 2021" From sixteen-year-old Dara McAnulty, a globally renowned figure in the youth climate activist movement, comes a memoir about loving the natural world and fighting to save it. Diary of a Young Naturalist chronicles the turning of a year in Dara's Northern Ireland home patch. Beginning in spring?when "the sparrows dig the moss from the guttering and the air is as puffed out as the robin's chest?these diary entries about his connection to wildlife and the way he sees the world are vivid, evocative, and moving. As well as Dara's intense connection to the natural world, Diary of a Young Naturalist captures his perspective as a teenager juggling exams, friendships, and a life of campaigning. We see his close-knit family, the disruptions of moving and changing schools, and the complexities of living with autism. "In writing this book," writes Dara, "I have experienced challenges but also felt incredible joy, wonder, curiosity and excitement. In sharing this journey my hope is that people of all generations will not only understand autism a little more but also appreciate a child's eye view on our delicate and changing biosphere." Winner of the Wainwright Prize for UK nature writing and already sold into more than a dozen territories, Diary of a Young Naturalist is a triumphant debut from an important new voice.

Sky Hawk Gill Lewis 2011-05-05 When Callum and his friends find Iona on Callum's farm they try to chase her back into the village. But Iona runs from them up into the hills. It is late and dark and snow lies in the mountain gullies. Worried for Iona's safety, Callum follows to find her shivering with cold but refusing to leave. She is guarding a secret hidden in the forest above the dark waters of the loch. So they make a deal. Iona shares the secret and in return Callum allows her back onto the farm. They form a deep bond of friendship and make a promise to keep their secret safe. It is a promise that will change Callum's world forever . . . She turned her head, and fixed me with her brilliant yellow eyes. She looked right into me. And suddenly I knew then, in that one moment, I was as much part of her world as she was of mine. Soar above the clouds in this enthralling tale of friendship, loyalty, and hope.

How to Make Your Car Handle Fred Puhn 1987-01-01 To make your car handle, design a suspension system, or just learn about chassis, you'll find what you need here. Basic suspension theory is thoroughly covered: roll center, roll axis, camber change, bump steer, anti-dive, ride rate, ride balance and more. How to choose, install and modify suspensions and suspension hardware for best handling: springs, sway bars, shock absorbers, bushings, tires and wheels. Regardless of the basic layout of your car—front engine/rear drive, front engine/front drive, or rear engine/rear drive—it is covered here. Aerodynamic hardware and body modifications for reduced drag, high-speed stability and increased cornering power: spoilers, air dams, wings and ground-effects devices. How to modify and set up brakes for maximum stopping power and handling. The most complete source of handling information available. "Suspension secrets" explained in plain, understandable

language so you can be the expert.

Birding with Bill Oddie Bill Oddie 2011 "There is a great deal more to birding than simply identifying species and ticking them off a list... The places, the experiences, the feelings, the fun, even the frustrations. Those are the joys." In this enjoyable and accessible practical guide, self-confessed birdwatching fanatic Bill Oddie teams up with experienced nature broadcaster and author Stephen Moss to impart a lifetime of knowledge and handy tips. Guiding you through your first steps into the world of birding with useful information on equipment, techniques and important insider hints, Bill's warm and friendly advice will help you on your very first birding trip, and his priceless knowledge of what to look out for will aid you as you develop to track the rarest birds and most treasured spectacles. Peppered with humorous anecdotes and musings, and illustrated throughout with useful colour photographs and Bill's own sketches and diagrams, *Birding with Bill Oddie* is the essential birding field guide, clearing the way for you to fully enjoy this most thrilling and fulfilling of pastimes.

The Fire Court (James Marwood & Cat Lovett, Book 2) Andrew Taylor 2018-04-05 From No.1 bestselling author Andrew Taylor comes the sequel to the phenomenally successful *The Ashes of London*

12 Birds to Save Your Life Charlie Corbett 2021-06-10 Find solace, hope and happiness through 12 fascinating birds whose song is never far away - if only we know where to look . . . 'A lyrical and life-affirming book that teaches us as much about birds as it does ourselves - a balm for the soul' Raynor Winn, author of *The Salt Path* 'Charlie has opened my eyes to the constant joy of the sights and sounds of the birds that surround us. It is a book that really will save lives' Dr Richard Shepherd, author of *Unnatural Causes* \_\_\_\_\_ After the tragic loss of his mother, Charlie Corbett felt trapped by his pain. Having lost all hope and perspective he took to the countryside in search of solace. There, he heard the soaring, cascading song of the skylark - a sound that pulled him from the depths of despair and into the calm of the natural world. Weaving his journey through grief with a remarkable portrait of the birds living right on our doorstep, *12 Birds to Save Your Life* is an invitation to stop, step outside, and listen. By following Charlie's path, opening your eyes and ears to what has been there all along, you will discover how nature can set you free.

David Attenborough's First Life: A Journey Back in Time with Matt Kaplan Matt Kaplan 2010-11-29 The epic story of the beginning of life on Earth from the much loved and respected naturalist, writer and broadcaster, Sir David Attenborough.

Drawn From Paradise: The Discovery, Art and Natural History of the Birds of Paradise Sir David Attenborough 2012-08-30 Drawn from Paradise is David Attenborough's journey through the cultural history of the birds of paradise, one of the most exquisite and extravagant, colourful and intriguing families of birds.

From the Centre Patricia Grace 2021-05-04 'We live by the sea, which hems and stitches the scalloped edges of the land.' Renowned writer Patricia Grace begins her remarkable memoirs beside her beloved Hongoeka Bay. It is the place she has returned to throughout her life, and fought for, one of many battles she has faced: 'It was when I first went to school that I found out that I was a Maori girl . . . I found that being different meant that I could be blamed . . .' As she shows, her experiences — good and bad, joyous and insightful — have fuelled what became a focus of her life: 'I had made up my mind that writing was something I would always do.'

Back to Nature Chris Packham 2021-05-13

Here on Earth Tim Flannery 2011-04-05 From the internationally acclaimed scientist, explorer, and conservationist comes an awe-inspiring account of earth's evolution. Beginning at the moment of creation with the Big Bang, *Here on Earth* explores the evolution of Earth from a galactic cloud of dust and gas to a planet with a metallic core and early signs of life within a billion years of being created. In a compelling narrative, Flannery describes the formation of the Earth's crust and atmosphere, as well as the transformation of the planet's oceans from toxic brews of metals (such as iron, copper, and lead) to life-sustaining bodies covering seventy percent of the planet's surface. Life, Flannery shows, first appeared in these oceans in the form of microscopic plants and bacteria, and these metals served as catalysts for the earliest biological processes known to exist. From this starting point, Flannery tells the fascinating story of the evolution of our own species, exploring several early human species—from the diminutive creatures (the famed hobbits) who lived in Africa around two million years ago to *Homo erectus*—before turning his attention to *Homo sapiens*. Drawing on Charles Darwin's and Alfred Russell Wallace's theories of evolution and Lovelock's Gaia hypothesis, *Here on Earth* is a dazzling account of life on our planet. "You'll discover why Tim Flannery's books have made him the rock star of modern science." —Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel*

Caesar's Women Colleen McCullough 2013-12-17 Rome, 68 BC: Caesar has returned to Rome. Having cut his teeth campaigning in the East, his sites are now set on a new battlefield: the Forum Romanum. This war will be waged with rhetoric and seduction, weapons Caesar will wield with cunning and ruthlessness. Cuckolding political enemies is but a tactic in a broader strategy: Caesar knows that the key to Rome lies with its noblewomen. Whether the powerful, vindictive Servilia, whose son Brutus deeply resents his mother's passionate and destructive relationship with Caesar, or his own daughter Julia, Caesar is prepared to sacrifice them all on the

altar of his own ambition. Caesar's women will make his name, and one of them will seal his fate. Please note: This ebook contains all the original maps and illustration.

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