Books of the Month September 2018





FERTILE EDGES: Regenerating Land, Culture and Hope Maddy Harland £9.95

Revolutionary permaculturist Maddy Harland offers a unique frontline take on the environmental successes and challenges facing this planet and its people. Amid a wealth of solutions and the ecocide of 'business as usual', Maddy interfaces practical permaculture with global transformation and deep ecology. She writes of regenerative culture, earth restoration and social permaculture long before they became core ideas and practices. At the heart of the book is her deep connection with the natural and human worlds. A treasure trove of inspiration arising from the edges where the personal, local, national and global intersect and a glimpse into the life and mind of a remarkable woman.

NATIVES: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire Akala £16.99

Award-winning musician and political commentator Akala takes his own experiences and widens them out to look at the social, historical and political factors that have left us where we are today. From the first time he was stopped and searched as a child, to the day he realised his mum was white, to his first encounters with racist teachers, race and class have shaped Akala's life and outlook. Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, *Natives* speaks directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.





RADICAL DHARMA: Talking Race, Love and Liberation Rev. angel Kyodo williams & Lama Rod Owens £12.50

Igniting a long-overdue dialogue about how the legacy of racial injustice and white supremacy plays out in society at large and Buddhist communities in particular, this urgent call to action outlines a new dharma that takes into account the ways that racism and privilege prevent our collective awakening. Bridging the world of spirit and activism, the authors urge a compassionate response to the systemic, state-sanctioned violence and oppression that has persisted against black people since the slave era. *Radical Dharma* demonstrates how social transformation and personal, spiritual liberation must be articulated and inextricably linked.

THE BEEKEEPER OF SINJAR Dunya Mikhail £10.99

Yazidi women kidnapped by ISIS face harrowing experiences and the loss of everything they've ever known. But an unlikely hero has emerged: the Beekeeper. Once a trader selling his mountain honey across the region, when ISIS came to Sinjar Abdullah Shrem, along with a secret network of transporters, helpers and former bootleggers, began to smuggle brutalised Yazidi women to safety through the war-torn landscapes of Iraq, Syria and Eastern Turkey. This powerful work of literary nonfiction offers a counterpoint to ISIS's genocidal extremism: hope, as ordinary people risk torture and death to save the lives of others.





THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR'S WIFE: Letters between Frank and Lucy Sunderland, 1916-1919 Kate MacDonald £19.99

Frank and Lucy Sunderland, Quakers, pacifists and fervent supporters of Labour politics and the New Town movement, were separated in 1916 when Frank was given his prison sentence as a conscientious objector. Their letters are a unique record of working-class wartime experience, revealing first-hand details of the British home front during the First World War, the impact on Lucy's daily life of British politics, feminism, adult and workers' education, and Quakerism and pacifism, and showing how their shared ideology of a socialist pacifism upheld the couple in separation, planning for a better future in a more equal society.

NO MORE PLASTIC: What you can do to make a difference Martin Dorey £6.99

Martin Dorey, anti-plastics expert, has been working to save our beaches from plastic for the past 10 years. His Beach Clean Foundation and global call to arms #2minutebeachclean has been taken up by people all over the world, and has proven that collective small actions can add up to a big difference. Discover what you can do to save the planet from plastic. Start now. All it takes is 2 minutes of your time. Together we can fix this.





GRANDPA BERT AND THE GHOST SNATCHERS Malorie Blackman £6.99

Grandma Gertie is rather strange. With her big square glasses and a parrot on her hat, Anna and Kasper don't know what to make of her. But Grandma's got a secret... Grandpa Bert is a ghost and he's travelled all the way from Barbados squished inside her handbag! Even worse, they're being followed and Grandpa Bert could be in very grave danger... Can Anna and Kasper help their grandparents before it's too late? A hilarious family adventure filled with ghosts and laughs.

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