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Retracing the Iron Curtain
A 3,000-MILE JOURNEY THROUGH THE END AND AFTERLIFE OF THE COLD WAR

Timothy Phillips

An epic people’s history of Europe’s fraught East-West divide, by an intrepid author who followed its path from the Arctic to Turkey

In this major new book, author Timothy Phillips traces the length of the Iron Curtain, transporting us across three thousand miles and through eight decades to show how one of the defining stories of the twentieth century continues to shape our world today. The Curtain’s fall signaled the end of the Cold War, but these old fault lines have new resonance: After thirty years of peace, Russia is once again making war and reawakening old borderlines.

From deep inside the Arctic Circle to the meeting point of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey, Phillips explores the borderlands where the world’s most powerful ideologies became tangible in reinforced concrete and barbed wire. The people he meets bear vivid witness to times of change: Some look back on the Cold War with nostalgia and affection, while others despise it, unable to forgive the hard and sometimes lost decades that their families, friends, and nations endured.

In these historic landscapes lie buried many of the seeds of our world’s current disputes—over borders, belonging, and the meaning of progress.

TIMOTHY PHILLIPS holds a doctorate in Russian and is an expert in British and Russian history. He is the author of Beslan: The Tragedy of School No. 1 and The Secret Twenties: British Intelligence, the Russians, and the Jazz Age, and contributor at BBC News and the Irish Times. Originally from Northern Ireland, he now lives in London.

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Tristan Gooley

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- how perching birds point out the direction of the wind
- when storms are coming by the sight of clouds taller than they are wide

Once you can read weather’s subtleties, you’ll see your surroundings in a whole new way—and you’ll never consult your weather app again!

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Helen Pilcher

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THE WONDROUS LIVES OF BABY ANIMALS AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WAYS THEY SHAPE OUR WORLD
Danna Staaf

An astonishing safari of infant animals—from baby kangaroos to flamingos to squid—and the essential role they play in Earth’s ecosystems

Nursery Earth shines a spotlight on the world’s baby animals, asking us to turn back the clock on our favorite creatures—and explore how they develop on a level never before seen! Biologist Danna Staaf takes us on a quest seeking out the most fascinating (and sometimes most bizarre) babies, including the elusive newborn Humboldt squid in the Gulf of California, the unusual yet adorable juvenile echidna “puggle,” the baby moth that looks and acts like a venomous snake, and the bug with the grandest entrance in the animal kingdom—the periodical cicada, which cyclically inundates the East Coast. Staaf shows us how important young animals are to the ecosystems they inhabit, not least because of their abundance: At any given moment, most animals in the natural world are babies!

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DANNA STAAF has a PhD in invertebrate biology. Her writing on marine life has appeared in outlets like Science and Atlas Obscura, while her research has appeared in publications like the Journal of Experimental Biology, Aquaculture, and in numerous textbooks. Staaf is also the author of Monarchs of the Sea. She lives in San Jose, California.

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Wild Child

NATURE ADVENTURES FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS
With Amazing Things to Make, Find, and Do

Dara McAnulty

Illustrated by Barry Falls


A walk in the woods with Dara McAnulty is no ordinary hike. At just 17, he has earned international attention for his nature writing and activism—including the 2020 Wainwright Prize for his memoir, *Diary of a Young Naturalist*. Now, in *Wild Child*, Dara introduces kids to the many joys of the natural world.

Lavishly illustrated by Barry Falls, this multisensory journey kicks off with a look out the window—then wanders into the garden, through the woods, up a hilltop, and along the riverbank. Every chapter comes with creatures to find, fantastic facts, and a project to do: Kids will search for grasshoppers and grubs, learn how oak trees depend on blue jays, try “pond dipping,” build a bird feeder—and experience wonder every step of the way.

*Wild Child* is perfect for nature-loving adults to share with kids ages 7 to 11.

**DARA McANULTY** is an ambassador for the RSPCA and the Jane Goodall Institute, and he is the youngest-ever recipient of the RSPB conservation medal. Soon to start at Cambridge, he lives in County Down, Ireland.


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Mushrooming

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Diane Borsato
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In this charming and colorful illustrated guide, everyone from beginner mushroomers to advanced mycophiles can learn about the edible, the poisonous, and the strange: mushrooms named after fairies and demons, phallic specimens prized as aphrodisiacs, and mushrooms the color of precious jewels. Discover mushrooms that look so much like woodland birds they are shot at by hunters, mushrooms that glow in the dark, and so much more.

Author Diane Borsato also sees mushrooms as a lens for examining human interaction with nature. Her engaging stories show readers how artists use mushrooms to explore the unexpected wilderness of cities, what happens to our bodies after we die, and how we perceive the world and ourselves.

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DIANE BORSATO is an award-winning artist exhibited in galleries and museums internationally. As associate professor at the University of Guelph in Ontario, she teaches advanced courses in experimental studio.

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A Thousand Ways to Pay Attention

DISCOVERING MY ADHD MIND

A Memoir

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As her young family moves to a homestead in the English countryside, Rebecca Schiller begins suffering frequent falls, uncontrollable rages, and mysterious memory lapses. Doctor after doctor delivers one misdiagnosis after another. When the answer comes, it’s something no one expected: severe ADHD.

Compulsively readable and ferociously candid, both a medical mystery and a love song to the landscape Rebecca calls home, this book is a clarion call to anyone wondering if different doesn’t have to mean broken.

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Rebecca Schiller is cofounder and trustee of the human rights organization Birthrights and a regular contributor to The Guardian. Rebecca and her family raise a motley crew of goats and fowl and work their small homestead in the English countryside to grow food and flowers and restore wildlife.

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The Shortest History of Greece

THE ODYSSEY OF A NATION
FROM MYTH TO MODERNITY

James Heneage

Complete yet compact, from ancient glory to recent struggles, this history of Greece comes with urgent lessons for today

Philosophy, art, democracy, language, even computers—the products of Greek civilization have profoundly shaped our world. Pericles and the Parthenon may be familiar, but what of Epaminondas, the Theban general who saved the Greek world from Spartan tyranny? Alexander the Great’s fame has rolled down the centuries, but the glorious Hellenistic Age that followed is largely forgotten. “Byzantine” often conjures a vague notion of decadence and deadly intrigue, yet the thousand-year empire that ruled from Constantinople and saved Europe from invasion twice was, in fact, Greek.

Modern Greece’s story, too, is one of catastrophe and triumph, from liberation and expansion, through schism, home-grown dictatorship, Nazi occupation, and civil war to today’s nation—battered by austerity, a transit camp for the Middle East’s casualties, at the front line of climate change, yet still proud of its values.

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“The ideal introduction to the history of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. A masterpiece of clarity, concision and balance.”
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THE JAPANESE PHILOSOPHY OF FINDING BALANCE AND PEACE IN EVERYTHING YOU DO

Ken Mogi

This first accessible guide to nagomi shows readers craving calm (or fighting burnout) a path to greater equanimity of mind

In *The Way of Nagomi*, neuroscientist Ken Mogi shows us how life’s ups and downs—like calm and stress, or fortune and misfortune—must coexist to create the harmony we deserve. He teaches that nagomi is “a sense of ease, emotional balance, well-being, and calmness”—and it is achieved through the balance of opposite forces. Once we have accepted this first step, we can learn to:

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- Strike a harmonious balance and achieve calm.

Both philosophical and practical, this book weaves the art of nagomi through all areas of life. When cooking, nagomi is a meal with a blend of ingredients; in relationships, nagomi is quality communication; and during cherry blossom season, nagomi is the celebration of beauty and impermanence—and a reminder of the preciousness of life. From health and diet to relationships and work, *The Way of Nagomi* shows us how to find balance in everything we do.

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