

What would
you like to start
reading +
watching +
listening to this
summer?

Our summer-2024 list



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More than one hundred armed conflicts are currently causing a devastating loss of human lives, massive displacement as well as violations of international humanitarian law and human rights. As an informal group of graduate students, we stand in solidarity with the people and communities who experience the disasters of war and suffer because of violence, persecution, oppression, hegemony, and imperialism. Hence, we also condemn all efforts to repress and criminalize peaceful protest.

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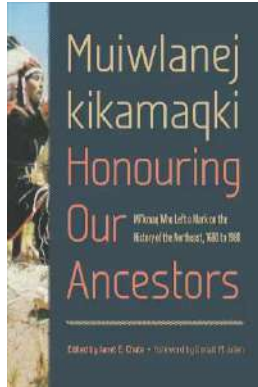


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Mi'kmaq Who Left a Mark on the History of the Northeast,
1680 to 1980 edited by Janet E. Chute

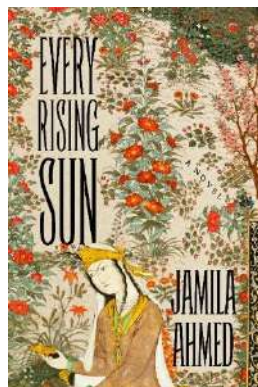
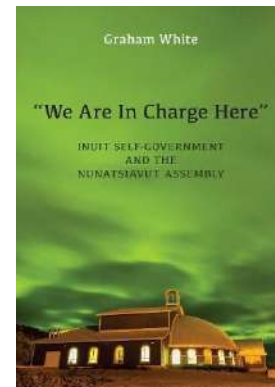
[UTP](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Mi'kmaq People
- Leadership
- History
- Canada

"We Are in Charge Here": Inuit Self-Government and the
Nunatsiavut Assembly by Graham White

[UTP](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Inuit People
- Self-Government
- History and Politics
- Canada



Every Rising Sun by Jamila Ahmed

[Macmillan Publishers](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

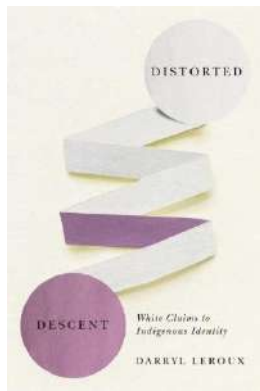
- Fiction
- Shaherazade
- Women storytellers
- One Thousand and One Nights

The Grass Dancer by Susan Power

[Berkley/Penguin](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- North Dakota
- Dakota People
- Storytelling





Distorted Descent: White Claims to Indigenous Identity by Darryl Leroux

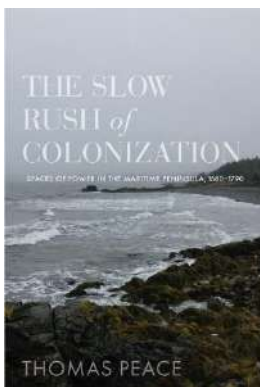
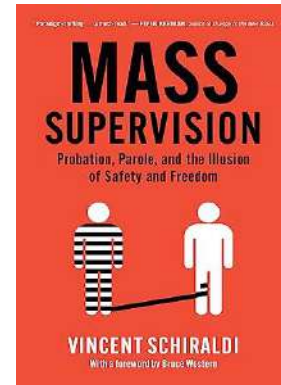
[U Manitoba Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Race and Identity
- Politics
- Genealogy
- Québec

Mass Supervision: Probation, Parole, and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom by Vincent Schiraldi

[The New Press](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Probation
- Parole
- United States



The Slow Rush of Colonization: Spaces of Power in the Maritime Peninsula, 1680-1790 by Thomas Peace

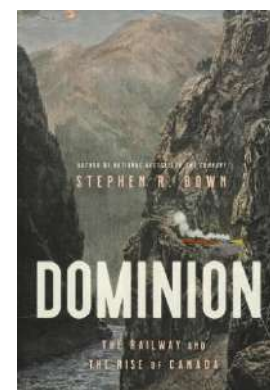
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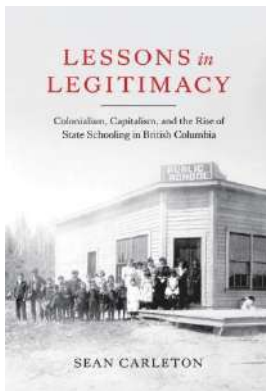
- History
- Colonialism
- Indigenous Peoples
- North American Atlantic Coast

Dominion: The Railway and the Rise of Canada by Stephen Bown

[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Canada
- Colonialism
- 19th Century





Lessons in Legitimacy: Colonialism, Capitalism, and the Rise of State Schooling in British Columbia by Sean Carleton

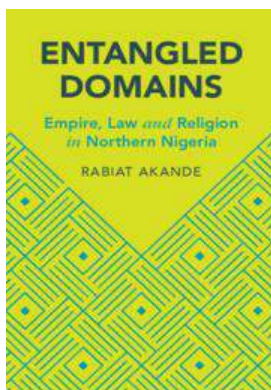
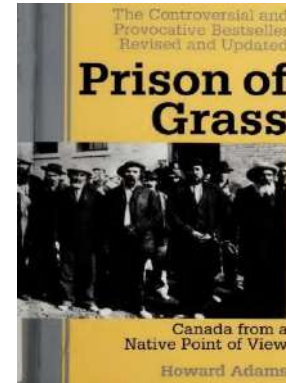
[UBC Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Education
- British Columbia
- Colonialism

Prison of Grass: Canada from a Native Point of View by Howard Adams

[Fifth House Publishing](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Canada
- Indigenous Peoples
- Colonialism



Entangled Domains: Empire, Law and Religion in Northern Nigeria by Rabiya Akande

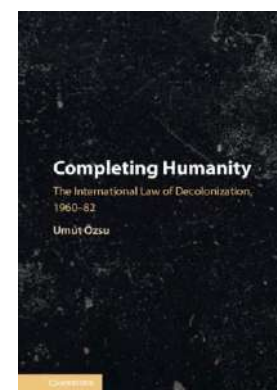
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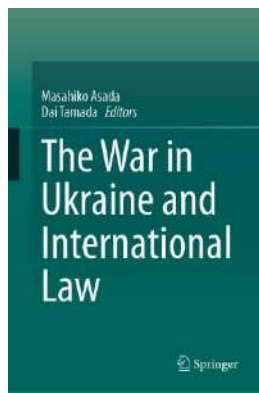
- History
- Colonialism
- Nigeria
- Law

Completing Humanity: The International Law of Decolonization, 1960-82 by Umut Özsu

[Cambridge University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Decolonization
- International Law
- History
- International lawyers





The War in Ukraine and International Law edited by Masahiko Asada and Dai Tamada

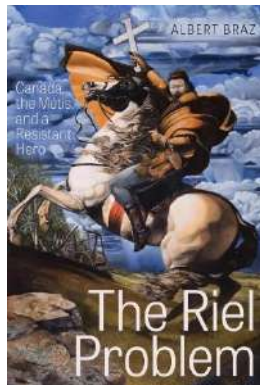
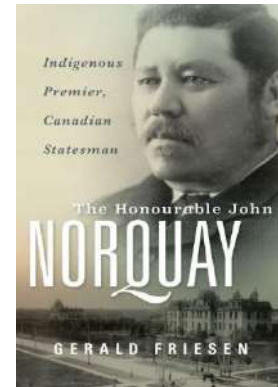
[Springer](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Ukraine
- International Law
- Russia
- War

The Honourable John Norquay: Indigenous Premier, Canadian Statesman by Gerald Friesen

[U Manitoba Press](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Biography
- John Norquay
- Politics



The Riel Problem: Canada, the Métis, and a Resistant Hero by Albert Braz

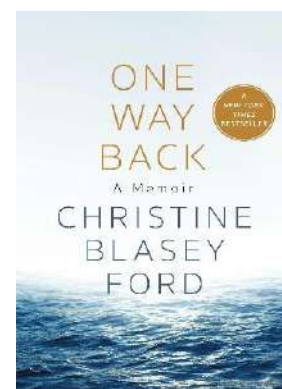
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- History
- Revisionism
- Louis Riel
- Politics of Representation

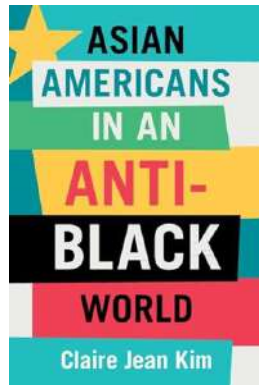
One Way Back: A Memoir by Christine Blasey Ford

[St. Martin's Press](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Violence against women
- Courage
- Resilience
- US Supreme Court confirmation hearings



Coffee + Capicola-sandwich lovers at the Student Union Building



Asian Americans in an Anti-Black World by Claire Jean Kim

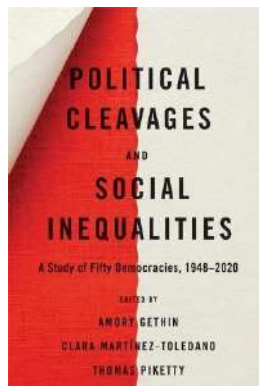
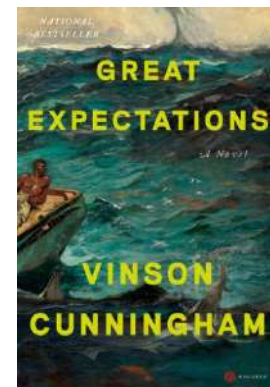
[Cambridge University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Race and Identity
- African Americans
- Asian Americans
- Race Relations

Great Expectations by Vinson Cunningham

[Penguin Randon House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Race
- Presidential Campaigns
- Politics



Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948-2020 edited by Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty

[Harvard University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Economics
- Politics
- History
- Inequality

Contributors visiting the book store



Blue-Collar Roots, White-Collar Dreams



Alfred Lubrano

Lubrano is a great narrator... The book does have a great and clear central thesis, the role of class in the American economy, and the need to build a better future through the work of our and of our kids... -James G. Thompson, author of 'The American Dream'

Limbo: Blue-Collar Roots, White-Collar Dreams by Alfred Lubrano

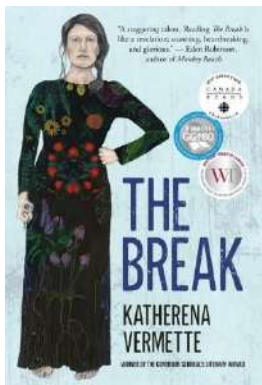
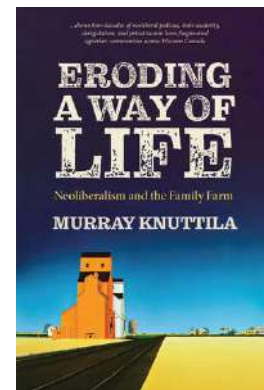
[Wiley](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Non-Fiction
- Social Justice
- Class Mobility
- Ethnography

Eroding a Way of Life: Neoliberalism and the Family Farm by Murray Knuttila

[University of Regina Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Farmers
- Neoliberalism
- Western Canada



The Break by Katherena Vermette

[House of Anansi](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Winnipeg
- Métis Families
- Feminism

Music fans at the UVic's Quartet Fest West 2024



Artificial: A Love Story by Amy Kurzweil

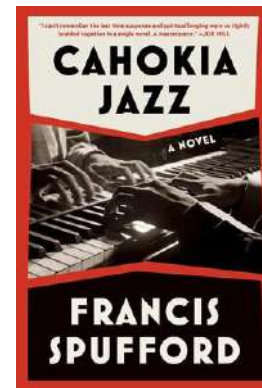
[Catapult](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Non-Fiction
- Inventors
- Families
- Graphic Novels

Cahokia Jazz by Francis Spufford

[Simon & Schulster](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

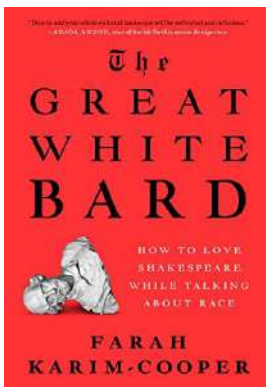
- Fiction
- Mystery
- Music
- History



The Great White Bard: How to Love Shakespeare While Talking About Race by Farah Karim-Cooper

[Viking/Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

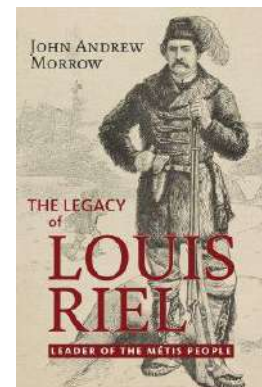
- Shakespeare
- Race in Literature
- Gender in Literature
- History



The Legacy of Louis Riel: Leader of the Métis People by John Andrew Morrow

[Baraka Books](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Louis Riel
- Writings
- Biography



People visiting UVic + First Peoples House



For Such a Time as This by Shani Akilah

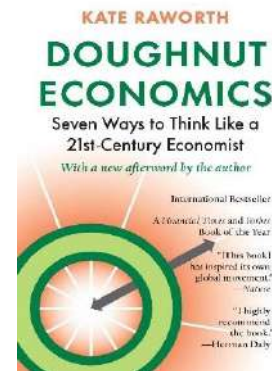
[Oneworld](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Diversity
- Short Stories
- Inclusion

Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist by Kate Raworth

[Chelsea Green](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

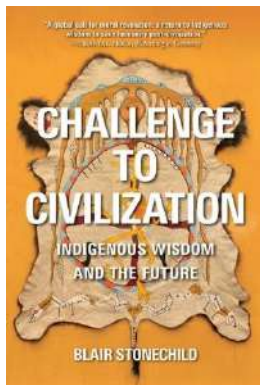
- Economics
- Regenerative
- Distributive
- Ecological



Challenge to Civilization: Indigenous Wisdom and the Future by Blair A. Stonechild

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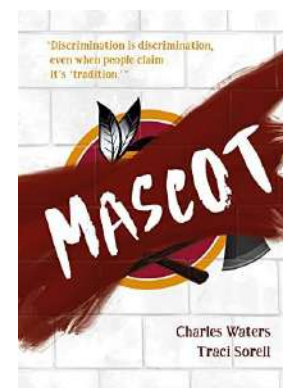
- Indigenous Peoples
- Human Ecology
- Traditional Knowledge
- Ecolization

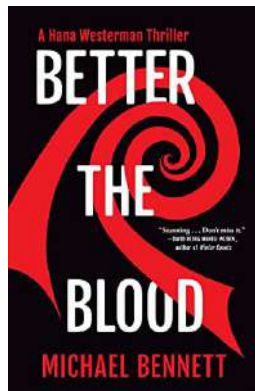


Mascot by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell

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- Fiction
- Identity
- Juvenile Literature
- Poetry





Better the Blood by Michael Bennett

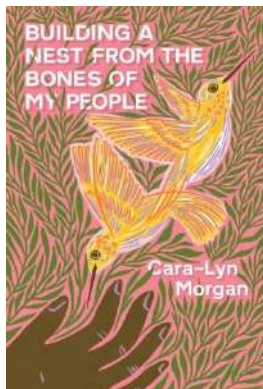
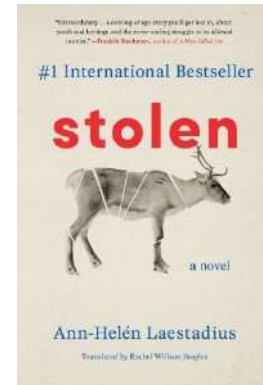
[Grove Atlantic](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Crime
- Mystery
- New Zealand

Stolen by Ann-Helén Laestadius

[Simon & Schuster](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Sámi People
- Mystery
- Sweden



Building a Nest from the Bones of My People by Cara-Lyn Morgan

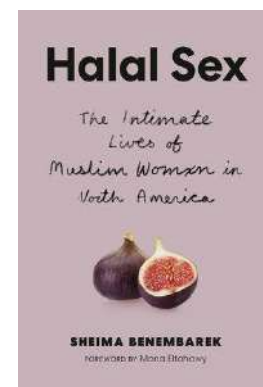
[Invisible](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Poetry
- Motherhood
- Families
- Colonialism

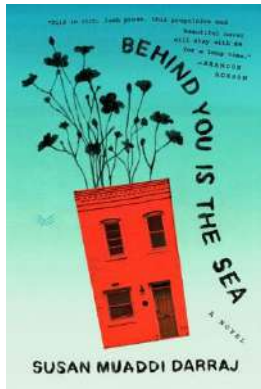
Halal Sex: The Intimate Lives of Muslim Women in North America by Sheima Benembarek

[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Muslim women
- Feminism
- Gender
- Ethnography



Proud parents attending their children's graduation



Behind You Is the Sea by Susan Muaddi Darraj

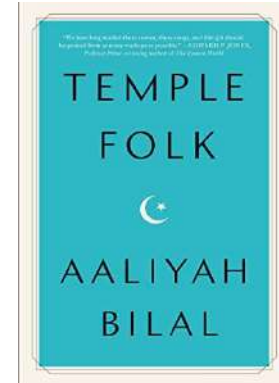
[HarperVia/Harper Collins](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Families
- Palestine
- United States

Temple Folk by Aaliyah Bilal

[Simon & Schuster](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Black Muslims
- Families
- United States



The Fox Wife by Yangsze Choo

[Macmillan Publishers](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Mythology
- China
- Families

Security officer

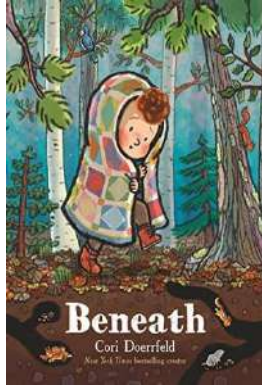
Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder
by Salman Rushdie

[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Memoir
- Recovery
- Art
- Violence



Students celebrating their convocation with their kids



Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld

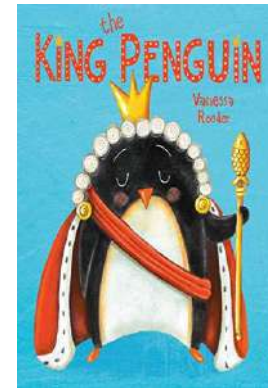
[Little, Brown Books for Young Readers](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Children Literature
- Fiction
- Graphic Novels
- Families

The King Penguin by Vanessa Roeder

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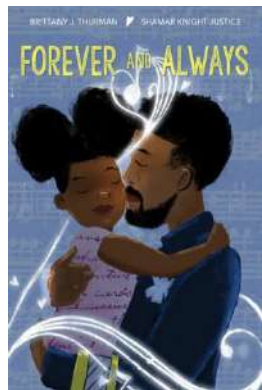
- Children Literature
- Fiction
- Graphic Novels
- Communities



Forever and Always by Brittany J. Thurman Illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice

[Harper Collins](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Children Literature
- Fiction
- African Americans
- Families



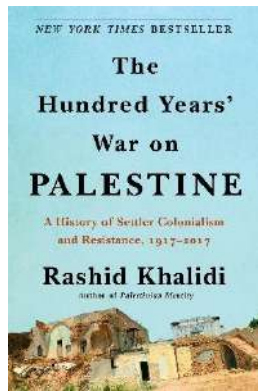
What Does Israel Fear From Palestine? by Raja Shehadeh

[Profile Books](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Time travel
- Family relations
- Love



Very kind contributors walking inside UVic's Ring



The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-2017 by Rashid Khalidi

[Metropolitan/Macmillan](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads \(Portuguese\)](#)

- History
- Colonialism
- Palestine
- Resistance

Neuromancer by William Gibson

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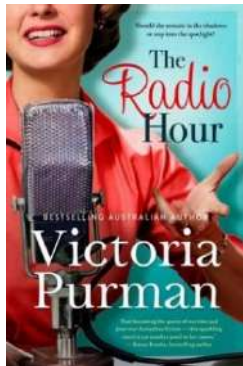
- Fiction
- Cyberspace
- Science
- Artificial Intelligence



The Radio Hour by Victoria Purman

[Harper Collins](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Ghostwriter
- Radio-serial
- Feminist



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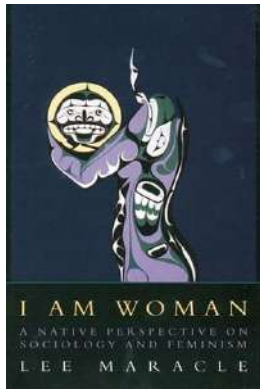
After Evil: A Politics of Human Rights by Robert Meister ¹

[Columbia University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Human Rights
- Politics
- Justice
- History



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I am Woman: A Native Perspective on Sociology and Feminism by Lee Maracle

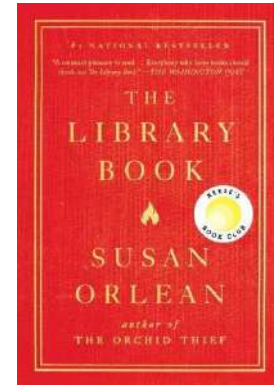
[Press Gang / Raincoast](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#)
[Goodreads](#)

- Memoir
- Indigenous Women
- Feminism
- Colonialism

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

[Susan Orlean](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

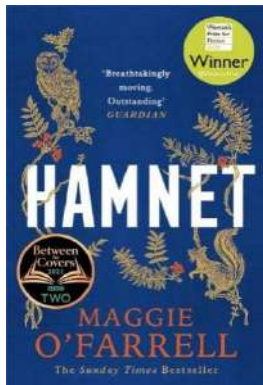
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Central Library
- Libraries
- History
- National Identity



Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

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- Fiction
- Loss
- Creativity
- Families



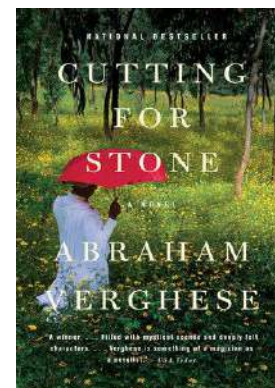
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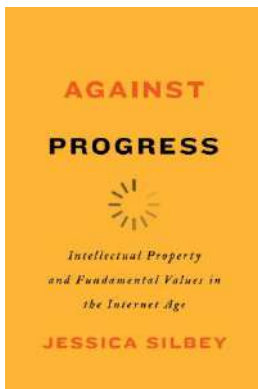
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Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese ²

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- Fiction
- Families
- Love
- Home





Against Progress: Intellectual Property and Fundamental Values in the Internet Age by Jessica Silbey

[Stanford University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

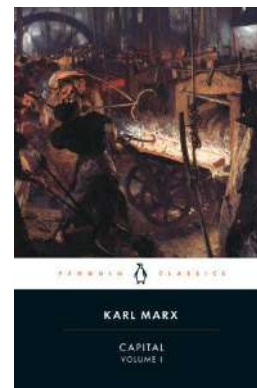
- Technology
- Culture
- Law
- Justice

Brad Bryan, Assistant Professor | UVic – Law

Capital: A Critique of Political Economy, Volume 1 by Karl Marx

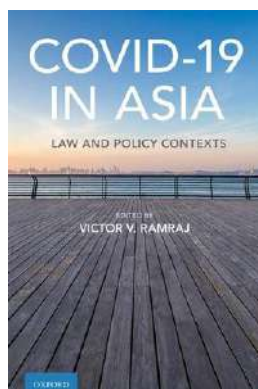
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- Marx
- Politics
- Philosophy
- Economics



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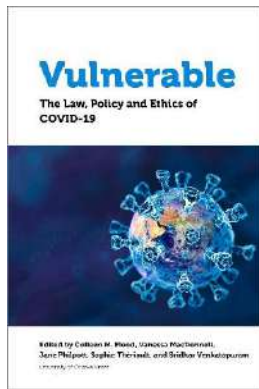
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Covid-19 in Asia: Law and Policy Contexts edited by Victor V. Ramraj

[Oxford University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- COVID-19
- Law
- Asia
- Politics



Vulnerable The Law, Policy and Ethics of COVID-19 edited by Colleen M. Flood, Sophie Theriault, Jane Philpott, Vanessa MacDonnell, and Sridhar Venkatapuram

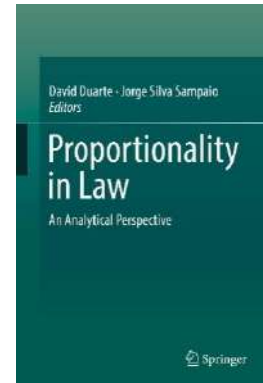
[University of Ottawa Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- COVID-19
- Law
- Social relations
- Politics

Proportionality in Law An Analytical Perspective edited by David Duarte and Jorge Silva Sampaio

[Springer](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Judicial Review
- Law
- Human Rights
- Philosophy



Movie: HATIMA, directed by Victor Olukoju ³

[Trailer](#)

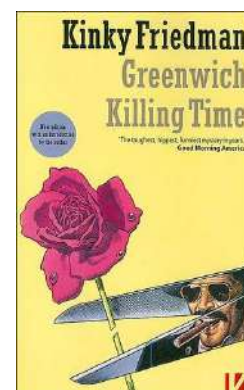
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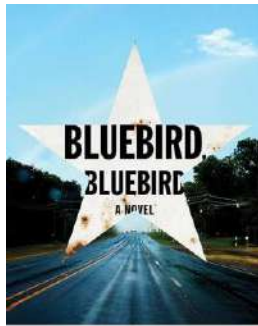
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Greenwich Killing Time by Kinky Friedman ⁴

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- Fiction
- Investigation
- Murder
- New York





Attica Locke

Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke ⁵

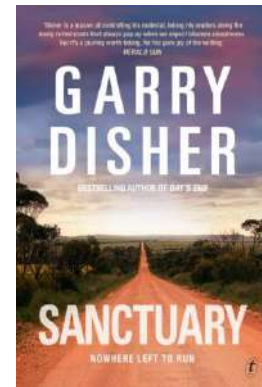
[Attica Locke](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- **Mystery**
- **Crime**
- **Racism**
- **Rural US**

Sanctuary by Garry Disher ⁶

[Text Publishing](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- **Fiction**
- **Thief**
- **Suspense**
- **New beginnings**



Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking by Marcella Hazan ⁷

[Knopf](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

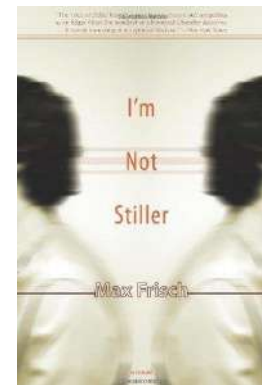
- **Cookbooks**
- **Italian**
- **Essential manual**
- **All levels of expertise**



I'm Not Stiller by Max Frisch ⁸

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- **Fiction**
- **Prisoner**
- **False charges**
- **Self-deception vs. Self-acceptance**





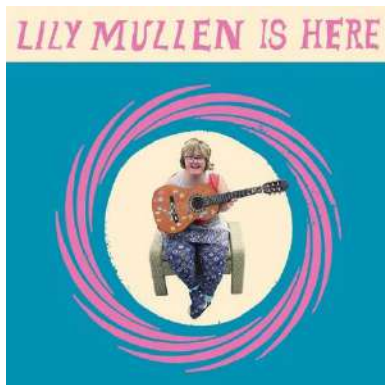
On Combatting Antisemitism Today by Theodor W. Adorno ⁹

[Suhrkamp | Insel](#)

- Anti-authoritarian
- Education
- Prevention
- Antisemitism

[Music: The Loneliest Man I Ever Met](#) by Kinky Friedman ¹⁰

[The Guardian \(Review\)](#)

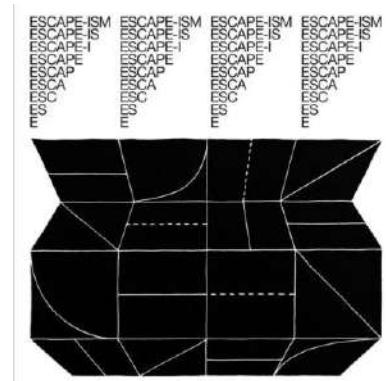


[Music: Lily Mullen Is Here](#) by Lily Mullen ¹¹

[Mississippi Records](#)

[Music: Introduction to... Escape-Ism](#) by Escap-Ism ¹²

[Introduction To ... Escap-Ism/bandcamp](#)





[Music: Save Yourself by Make-Up](#) ¹³

[Save Yourself/bandcamp](#)

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[“Whatever It Is, I’m Against It”: Resistance to Change in Higher Education by Brian Rosenberg](#) ¹⁴

[Harvard Education Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Higher Education
- Postsecondary Reform
- Entrenched Structures
- United States



[Coming Home by Brittney Griner and Michelle Burford](#) ¹⁵

[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

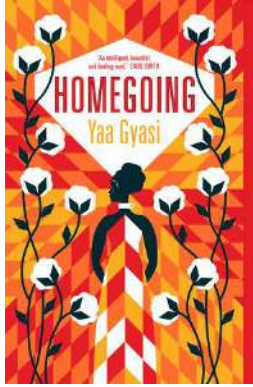
- Memoir
- Captivity in Russia
- Olympic Medalist
- Home

[Music app/game: Music League](#) ¹⁶

[Link](#)



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Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Ancestry
- Ghana and United States
- History

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The Last Unicorn by Peter S. Beagle ¹⁷

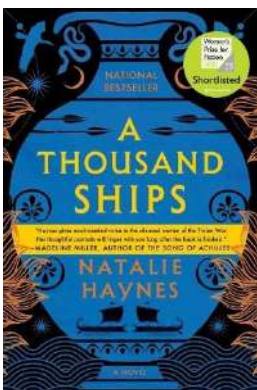
[Viking/Penguin](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fantasy
- Friendship
- Adventure
- Belonging



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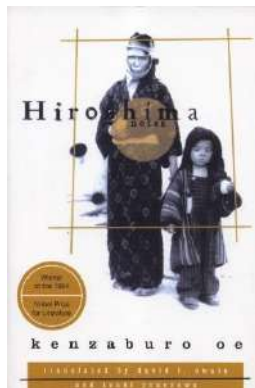
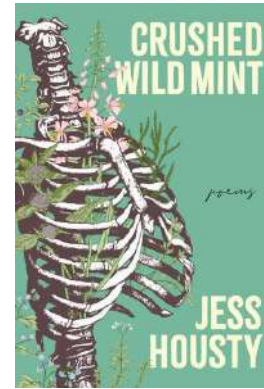
A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes ¹⁸

[Harper Collins](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Odyssey and Iliad
- Greek mythology
- Feminist retelling

Crushed Wild Mint by Jess Housty [19](#)[Harbour](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

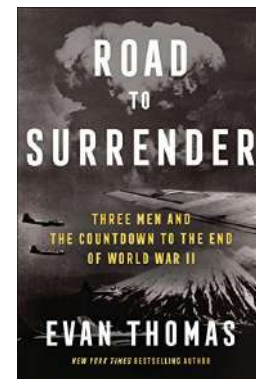
- Poetry
- Kinship
- Motherland
- Placemaking

Hiroshima Notes by Kenzaburo Oe [20](#)[Grove Atlantic](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Hiroshima
- Human dignity
- Impact and lessons
- Solidarity

Road to Surrender: Three Men and the Countdown to the End of World War II by Evan Thomas [21](#)[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Nuclear warfare
- Moral questions
- Decision making
- Geo-politics

[Mockumentary: Cunk on...](#) [22](#)[BBC](#)



Music: Switched-On Bach by Wendy Carlos ²³

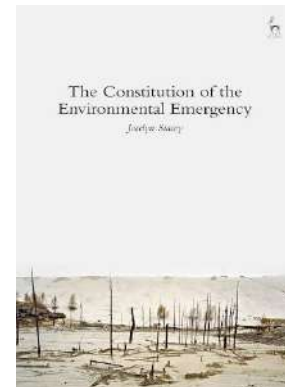
[Wendy Carlos' Website](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#)

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The Constitution of the Environmental Emergency by Jocelyn Stacey

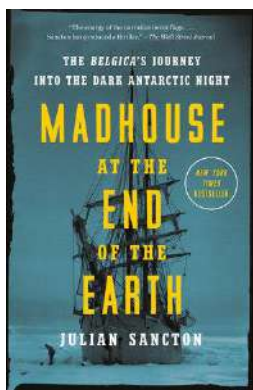
[Bloomsbury](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Environmental law
- Environmental governance
- Rule of law
- Public justification



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Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night by Julian Sancton ²⁴

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- Survival story
- Polar expedition
- Adventure
- Human extremes

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Animal Farm by George Orwell ²⁵

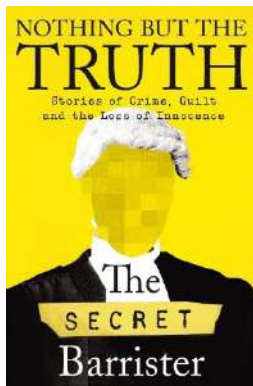
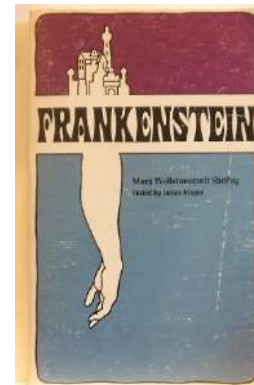
[Simon & Schuster](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Satire
- Politics
- Corruption

Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley ²⁶

[Project Gutenberg](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Scientific advancement
- Social alienation
- Moral questions



Nothing But the Truth: The Memoir of an Unlikely Lawyer by The Secret Barrister ²⁷

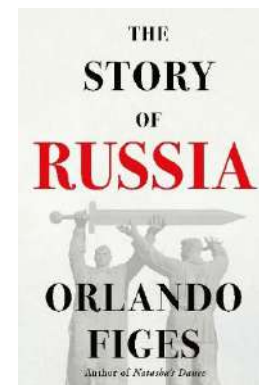
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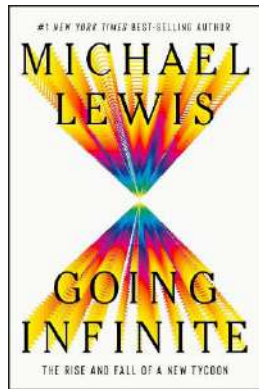
- Memoir
- Practitioners
- Law
- Courts

The Story of Russia by Orlando Figes ²⁸

[Macmillan](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Russia
- Imperialism
- Ideology





Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon by Michael Lewis ²⁹

[W.W. Norton](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Crypto markets
- Bankruptcy
- Fraud
- "Crypto-bros"

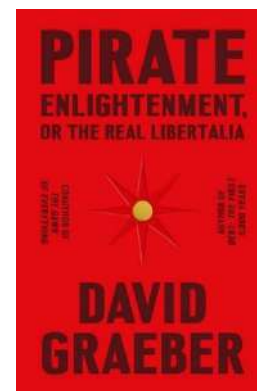
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Pirate Enlightenment, or the Real Libertalia by David Graeber ³⁰

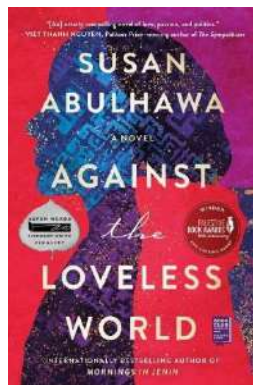
[Macmillan Publishers](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Political order
- Zana-Malata
- Madagascar



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Against the Loveless World by Susan Abulhawa ³¹

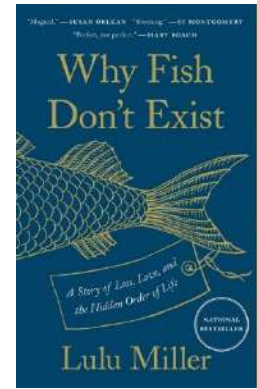
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- Fiction
- Love
- Palestinian Woman
- Determination

Why Fish Don't Exist by Lulu Miller ³²

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- Biography
- Perseverance
- Taxonomist
- Chaos



Movie: Seagrass by Meredith Hama-Brown ³³

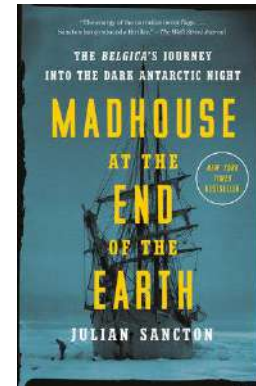
[Trailer](#)

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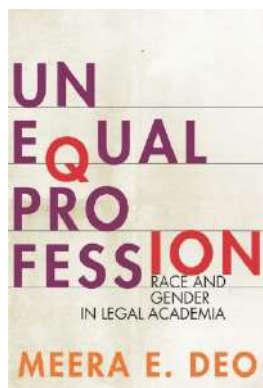
[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Survival story
- Adventure
- Polar expedition
- Human extremes



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Unequal Profession: Race and Gender in Legal Academia by Meera E. Deo ³⁴

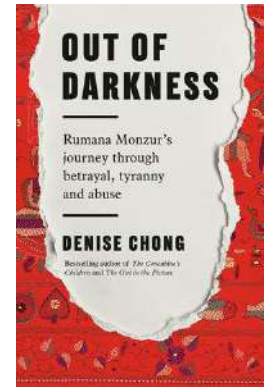
[Stanford University Press](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Law schools
- Career challenges
- Women of colour
- Opportunities

Out of Darkness: Rumana Monzur's Journey Through Betrayal, Tyranny and Abuse by Denise Chong ³⁵

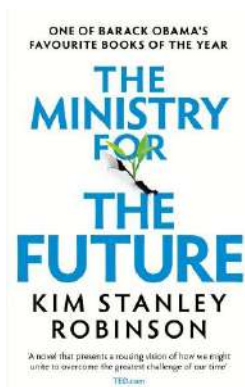
[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Biography
- Pursuit of justice
- Perseverance
- Violence against women



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The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson ³⁶

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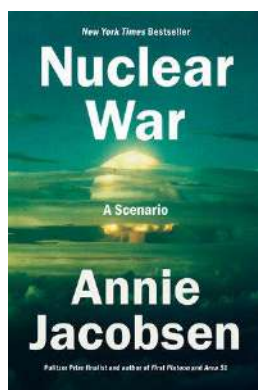
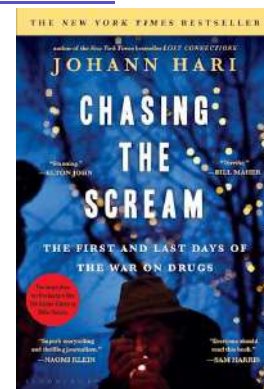
- Fiction
- Human efforts
- Climate change
- Politics

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Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs by Johann Hari

[Book Website](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Injustices
- Addiction
- Human stories



Nuclear War: A Scenario by Annie Jacobsen

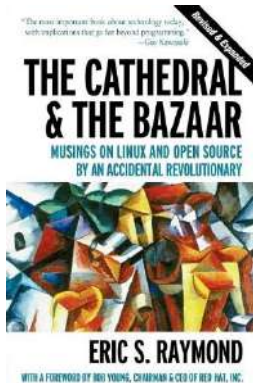
[Penguin Random House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Journalism
- Nuclear warfare
- Interviews
- Decision making

Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die by Chip Heath & Dan Heath

[Penguin Random House](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Ideas
- Curiosity
- Communication
- Memory



The Cathedral & the Bazaar by Eric S. Raymond

[O'Reilly Media](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Computer industry
- Information economy
- Open source
- Collaborative software

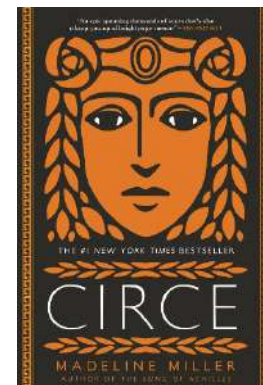
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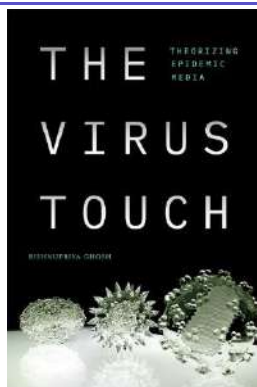
Circe by Madeline Miller ³⁷

[Hachette](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Greek mythology`
- Odyssey
- Feminist retelling



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The Virus Touch: Theorizing Epidemic Media by Bishnupriya Ghosh

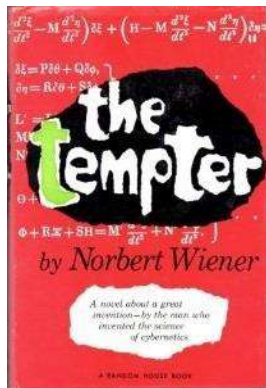
[Duke University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Media Studies
- Pandemics
- Communication
- Multispecies relations

Media Law Through Science Fiction: Do Androids Dream of Electric Free Speech by Daxton R. Stewart

[Routledge](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Mass media
- Privacy
- Free speech
- Surveillance



The Tempter by Norbert Wiener

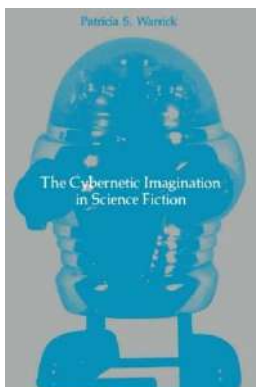
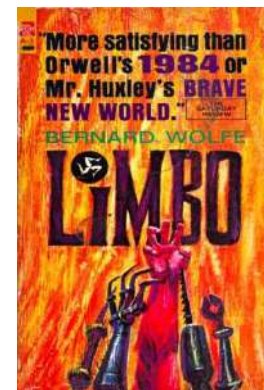
[WorldCat](#) | [Kirkus Reviews](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Fiction
- Cybernetics
- Copyright
- Moral questions

Limbo by Bernard Wolfe

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- Fiction
- Pacifism
- Voluntary amputation
- International tensions



The Cybernetic Imagination in Science Fiction by Patricia S. Warrick

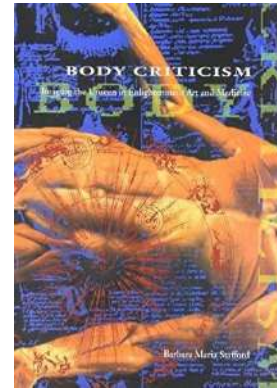
[MIT Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Literary studies
- Science fiction
- Perceptions
- History

Body Criticism: Imaging the Unseen in Enlightenment Art and Medicine by Barbara M Stafford

[MIT Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Perceptions
- Body metaphors
- Non-linguistic representation



Camera Geologica: An Elemental History of Photography by Siobhan Angus

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- History
- Colonialism
- Image making
- Environmental degradation

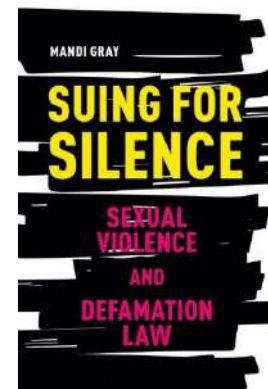
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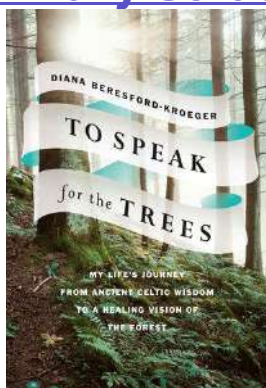
Suing for Silence: Sexual Violence and Defamation Law by Mandi Gray ³⁸

[UBC Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Law and society
- Intimidation
- Liar lawsuits
- Sexual-violence litigation



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To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey from Ancient Celtic Wisdom to a Healing Vision of the Forest by Diana Beresford-Kroeger

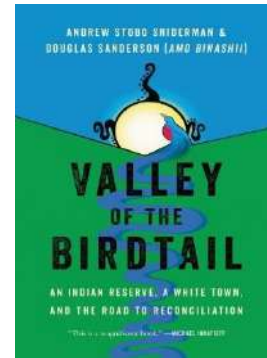
[Penguin](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Memoir
- Ecology
- Botanist
- Culture

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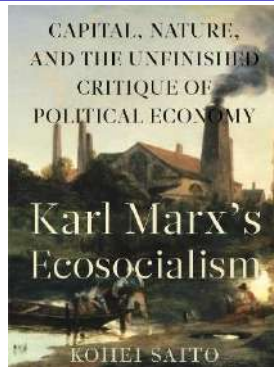
Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson ³⁹



[Harper](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- History
- Racism
- Inequality
- Reconciliation

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Karl Marx's Ecosocialism: Capital, Nature, and the Unfinished Critique of Political Economy by Kōhei Saitō

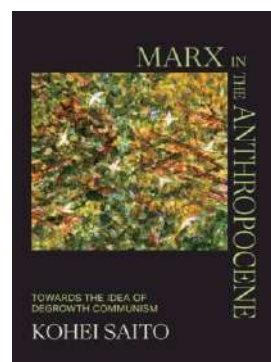
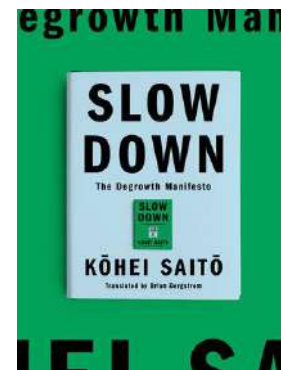
[Monthly Review Press](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Marxist theory
- Capitalism
- Environmental crisis
- Ecology

Slow Down: The Degrowth Manifesto by Kōhei Saitō

[Astra House](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Critique of capitalism
- Social ownership
- Democratic reform
- Climate change



Marx in the Anthropocene: Towards the Idea of Degrowth Communism by Kōhei Saitō

[Cambridge](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [GVPL Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Critique of capitalism
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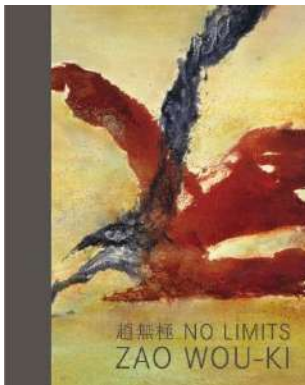
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Fantasy: How It Works by Brian Attebery ⁴⁰

[Oxford University Press](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Literary studies
- Fantasy
- Storytelling
- World-building



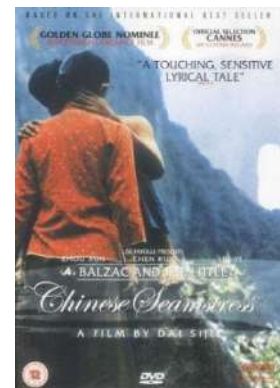
Zao Wou-Ki: No Limits by Michelle Yun ⁴¹

[Asia Society Museum](#) | [UVic Catalogue](#) | [Goodreads](#)

- Chinese painting
- Chinese calligraphy
- Visual poetry
- Postwar abstraction

Movie: Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie ⁴²

[IMDb](#)



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Children and youngsters:

- Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld
- Forever and Always by Brittany J. Thurman, Illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice
- Mascot by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell
- The King Penguin by Vanessa Roeder

Cooking:

- Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking by Marcella Hazan

Fiction:

- A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes
- Against the Loveless World by Susan Abulhawa
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Behind You Is the Sea by Susan Muaddi Darraj
- Better the Blood by Michael Bennett
- Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke
- Cahokia Jazz by Francis Spufford
- Cirse by Madeline Miller
- Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
- Every Rising Sun by Jamila Ahmed
- For Such a Time as This by Shani Akilah
- Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus
- Great Expectations by Vinson Cunningham
- Greenwich Killing Time by Kinky Friedman
- Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- I'm Not Stiller by Max Frisch
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- Sanctuary by Garry Disher
- Stolen by Ann-Helén Laestadius
- Temple Folk by Aaliyah Bilal
- The Break by Katherena Vermette
- The Fox Wife by Yangsze Choo
- The Grass Dancer by Susan Power
- The Last Unicorn by Peter S. Beagle
- The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson
- The Radio Hour by Victoria Purman
- The Tempter by Norbert Wiener

Movies + more visual media:

- Cunk on...
- Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie
- HATIMA by Victor Olukaju
- Seagrass by Meredith Hama-Brown
- Zao Wou-Ki: No Limits by Michelle Yun

Music:

- Introduction to... Escape-Ism by Escap-Ism
- Lily Mullen Is Here by Lily Mullen
- Music League (app/game)
- Save Yourself by Make-Up
- Switched-On Bach by Wendy Carlos
- The Loneliest Man I Ever Met by Kinky Friedman

Poetry:

- Building a Nest from the Bones of My People by Cara-Lyn Morgan
- Crushed Wild Mint by Jess Háusti

Nonfiction:

- After Evil: A Politics of Human Rights by Robert Meister
- Against Progress: Intellectual Property and Fundamental Values in the Internet Age by Jessica Silbey
- Artificial: A Love Story by Amy Kurzweil
- Asian Americans in an Anti-Black World by Claire Jean Kim
- Body Criticism: Imaging the Unseen in Enlightenment Art and Medicine by Barbara M. Stafford
- Camera Geologica: An Elemental History of Photography by Siobhan Angus
- Capital: A Critique of Political Economy, Volume 1 by Karl Marx
- Challenge to Civilization: Indigenous Wisdom and the Future by Blair A. Stonechild
- Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs by Johann Hari
- Coming Home by Brittney Griner and Michelle Burford
- Completing Humanity: The International Law of Decolonization, 1960-82 by Umut Özsu
- Covid-19 in Asia: Law and Policy Contexts edited by Victor V. Ramraj
- Distorted Descent: White Claims to Indigenous Identity by Darryl Leroux
- Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist by Kate Raworth
- Dominion: The Railway and the Rise of Canada by Stephen Bown
- Eroding a Way of Life: Neoliberalism and the Family Farm by Murray Knuttila
- Entangled Domains: Empire, Law and Religion in Northern Nigeria by Rabiya Akande
- Fantasy: How It Works by Brian Attebery
- Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon by Michael Lewis
- Halal Sex: The Intimate Lives of Muslim Women in North America by Sheima Benembarek
- Hiroshima Notes by Kenzaburo Oe
- I am Woman: A Native Perspective on Sociology and Feminism by Lee Maracle
- Karl Marx's Ecosocialism: Capital, Nature, and the Unfinished Critique of Political Economy by Kōhei Saitō
- Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder by Salman Rushdie
- Lessons in Legitimacy: Colonialism, Capitalism, and the Rise of State Schooling in British Columbia by Sean Carleton

- *Limbo: Blue-Collar Roots, White-Collar Dreams* by Alfred Lubrano
- *Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die* by Chip Heath & Dan Heath
- *Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night* by Julian Sancton
- *Marx in the Anthropocene: Towards the Idea of Degrowth Communism* by Kōhei Saitō
- *Mass Supervision: Probation, Parole, and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom* by Vincent Schiraldi
- *Media Law Through Science Fiction: Do Androids Dream of Electric Free Speech* by Daxton R. Stewart
- *Muiwlaney kikamaqki "Honouring Our Ancestors": Mi'kmaq Who Left a Mark on the History of the Northeast, 1680 to 1980* edited by Janet E. Chute
- *Nothing But the Truth: The Memoir of an Unlikely Lawyer* by The Secret Barrister
- *Nuclear War: A Scenario* by Annie Jacobsen
- *On Combatting Antisemitism Today* by Theodor W. Adorno
- *One Way Back: A Memoir* by Christine Blasey Ford
- *Out of Darkness: Rumana Monzur's Journey Through Betrayal, Tyranny and Abuse* by Denise Chong
- *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948–2020* edited by Amory Gethin, Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty
- *Prison of Grass: Canada from a Native Point of View* by Howard Adams
- *Proportionality in Law An Analytical Perspective* edited by David Duarte and Jorge Silva Sampaio
- *Pirate Enlightenment, or the Real Libertalia* by David Graeber
- *Road to Surrender: Three Men and the Countdown to the End of World War II* by Evan Thomas
- *Slow Down: The Degrowth Manifesto* by Kōhei Saitō
- *Suing for Silence: Sexual Violence and Defamation Law* by Mandi Gray
- *The Cathedral & the Bazaar* by Eric S. Raymond 86.
- *The Constitution of the Environmental Emergency* by Jocelyn Stacey
- *The Cybernetic Imagination in Science Fiction* by Patricia S. Warrick
- *The Great White Bard: How to Love Shakespeare While Talking About Race* by Farah Karim-Cooper
- *The Honourable John Norquay: Indigenous Premier, Canadian Statesman* by Gerald Friesen
- *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017* by Rashid Khalidi
- *The Legacy of Louis Riel: Leader of the Métis People* by John Andrew Morrow
- *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
- *The Riel Problem: Canada, the Métis, and a Resistant Hero* by Albert Braz
- *The Slow Rush of Colonization: Spaces of Power in the Maritime Peninsula, 1680–1790* by Thomas Peace
- *The Story of Russia* by Orlando Figes
- *The Virus Touch: Theorizing Epidemic Media* by Bishnupriya Ghosh
- *The War in Ukraine and International Law* edited by Masahiko Asada and Dai Tamada
- *To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey from Ancient Celtic Wisdom to a Healing Vision of the Forest* by Diana Beresford-Kroeger
- *Unequal Profession: Race and Gender in Legal Academia* by Meera E. Deo
- *Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation* by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson

- **Vulnerable: The Law, Policy and Ethics of COVID-19** edited by Colleen M. Flood, Sophie Theriault, Jane Philpott, Vanessa MacDonnell, and Sridhar Venkatapuram
- **“We Are in Charge Here”**: Inuit Self-Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly by Graham White
- **What Does Israel Fear From Palestine?** by Raja Shehadeh
- **“Whatever It Is, I’m Against It”**: Resistance to Change in Higher Education by Brian Rosenberg
- **Why Fish Don’t Exist** by Lulu Miller

Why did you choose them? Comments from some of our contributors:

¹ **After Evil: A Politics of Human Rights by Robert Meister**: The reason I want to read this book is I am interested in theories of justice that link individual memory with collective decision-making processes. I have critiques of transitional justice for sacrificing accountability for states of peace - yet, failing to complete ‘justice’ as it regards the subjective link to history, law, and politics. In that regard, I am closer to justice-definitions that engage memory as ontologically agentic, and much like in reparative history, seek to correct, repair, change, and redistribute advantages and disadvantages that are built upon historic harm. In particular, I am looking to ‘design justice’ in the person (or peoples) centered justice tradition as a ‘micro’ that is operatively subjectively, yet, engages ‘suffering’ with ‘politics’ meaningfully. I hope to expand my theoretical understanding of justice (and critiques of transitional justice) through this book, and through exercises of political imagination, conceive of practical design that brings ‘peace’ not at the expense of ‘accountability’ and makes explicit the link between ‘memory’ and ‘law.’

² **Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese**: A few people who learned of my Ethiopian background suggested I read it.

³ **HATIMA, directed by Victor Olukoju**: My beloved bother participated in this movie. It’s dedicated to him. I’ll watch it in his memory.

⁴ **Greenwich Killing Time by Kinky Friedman**: This polymath artist just passed away, and to honor his memory I will put on my fanboy cowboy hat and re-read his entire crime fiction series, starting with this first one.

⁵ **Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke**: One of those rising stars in crime fiction, who are taking the genre to new literary heights, both through their writing and smart social commentary.

⁶ **Sanctuary by Garry Disher**: This exceptional author is the patron saint of contemporary Australian crime fiction.

⁷ **Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking by Marcella Hazan**: One of the best cookbooks I own -- finally want to give it a more thorough reading).

⁸ **I’m Not Stiller by Max Frisch**: Started re-reading this iconic mid-20th century novel by this Swiss author and architect.

⁹ **On Combatting Antisemitism Today by Theodor W. Adorno**: An older text by one of the founding fathers of the Frankfurt School of critical theory, that seems to not have lost any of its relevance today.

¹⁰ **The Loneliest Man I Ever Met by Kinky Friedman**: See my book list for why this album is on the list (Note 4, above).

¹¹ **Lily Mullen Is Here by Lily Mullen**: Debut album by this young artist. “Lily was born with Down Syndrome and is a fierce advocate for disability justice and other underrepresented voices. This album has a playful and magical quality - like found in the self-contained worlds of the Raincoats or the Slits.” (from the label’s description)

¹² **Introduction to... Escape-IsM by Escap-IsM**: This can’t be described. This needs to be listened to.

¹³ **Save Yourself by Make-Up**: From the late 1990s. If Prince had been punk, he might have sounded like this...

- ¹⁴ **“Whatever It Is, I’m Against It”: Resistance to Change in Higher Education by Brian Rosenberg:** A book to help me think about higher education.
- ¹⁵ **Coming Home by Brittney Griner and Michelle Burford:** A book to satisfy the sports memoir lover in me!
- ¹⁶ **Music League:** This is not a specific music recommendation, but rather a free app/game that a friend just introduced me to. Each ‘league’ contains a number of rounds where a group of friends (or you can join leagues with the broader community) submits songs based on fun themes like ‘A song that you genuinely love, but embarrasses you a bit’ and ‘The one song you’d take with you to a desert island.’ Once all league players submit their choices, it generates a Spotify playlist and players upvote the best songs. Only then can you see what people submitted. At the end of all the rounds, the person whose songs received the most votes over the course of the whole league, wins. It’s a fun and unique way to share music and create playlists among friends. There’s a chat function too. You don’t need to have Spotify Premium to participate, free accounts work just fine.
- ¹⁷ **The Last Unicorn by Peter S. Beagle:** After having a baby and navigating my return to work I’ve been looking for lighter reads, and have gravitated more toward fantasy than I have in the past. I received a recommendation for this classic story which was published in 1968. It is the story of a unicorn who overhears there are no longer any living unicorns, and follows her quest to find her kind. This is a different sort of fantasy story than one might expect and I think readers will find it comforting, humorous and appealing to all ages.
- ¹⁸ **A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes:** This is a book that I’ve been reading when I go to the beach. Natalie Haynes is an excellent author at retelling Greek mythology from a feminist perspective. The book is so engaging from page one, when the muse of epic poetry mocks Homer with sentences like: “Sing, Muse, he says, and the edge of his voice makes it clear that this is not a request...” or “... I am not in the mood to be a muse today. Perhaps he hasn’t thought of what it is like to be me. Certainly he hasn’t: like all poets, he thinks only of himself...” and “How much epic poetry does the world really need?” This is a piece of travel literature that I’ll definitely finish it this summer!
- ¹⁹ **Crushed Wild Mint by Jess Hústí:** I admire the work of the author of this book and attended the book launch at the First Peoples House. To be honest, I went to the book launch because Jess Hústí is a terrific public speaker. I haven’t read poetry for quite some time; however, Jess Hústí’s use of language and metaphors convinced me that this book is the best way to start reading poetry again – there are beautiful references to mountains (which I loved because I’m from the mountains!).
- ²⁰ **Hiroshima Notes by Kenzaburo Oe:** I found this book on my favourite floor of McPherson, hidden within a shelf that is full of dust. I’ve been reading a few books by Oe this year, and I was deeply moved when I learned that he went to Hiroshima to interview several survivors of the atomic attack as well as doctors and nurses to write this great book – that could count as a piece of travel literature too. After I opened the book, I found a quote from Sebastian Catello, a historical figure who is the main character of one of the books that I recommended last year. There were so many coincidences: the genre, topic, and the fortunate surprise! I’m glad I chose it, and I’m convinced that this book is a must read nowadays.
- ²¹ **Road to Surrender: Three Men and the Countdown to the End of World War II by Evan Thomas:** After I began Hiroshima Notes and listened to an NPR talk, I decided that I’ll start reading this book this summer. The NPR journalist conducting the interview and the author convinced me that it’ll be a good experience. The book is so well documented and gets into many thorny details about politics and people involved in the decision-making process that led to the atomic attacks in Japan.
- ²² **Cunk on...:** A dear friend introduced me to this show because she thinks that Philomena and I have something in common (aside from our friends named Paul): we love to ask and share “tricky” questions and comments with people, especially scholars. One of my favourite Cunk questions is: “Jesus was killed because people didn’t like what he was saying. So, could you call him the first celebrity victim of cancel culture?”. Yet, one of her comments that I love the most is: “You might think these [the enslaved people from Africa] were precisely the people Rousseau had been talking about when he said that mankind needed to throw off its chains, but they weren’t. Like many humanists, he’d found a clever loophole. By not thinking of slaves as human, he was free to not give a shit.”
- ²³ **“Switched-On Bach” by Wendy Carlos:** I’m very happy that our libraries have this album. I first listened to it in my country. It accompanied me during one of my university years, when I suffered from daily migraines. I was a big fan of a very alternative classical music radio show (yes, I said radio! It is great). Thanks to that show, I learned all what I know about classical music. This album by the great Wendy Carlos is a jewel and a great accomplishment. I’m glad that UVic Libraries has this album; I’ll listen to it again (and I’m also glad that I don’t deal with migraine anymore).

- 24 Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night by Julian Sancton:** I'll read this book because my book club as picked it for our July theme: "story about survival."
- 25 Animal Farm by George Orwell (Eric Arthur Blais):** Before reading the book, read about Eric Arthur Blais' experience in the Spanish Civil War and his experience with the Stalinists to understand what likely motivated his thinking on totalitarianism. I think Animal Farm and Nineteen Eighty-Four have insights for several things happening in the world today.
- 26 Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley:** This is a sort of early science fiction that has a farfetched story, but it is really well written, and I think that, despite its 1818 publication date, continues to have many insights for the modern context.
- 27 Nothing But the Truth: The Memoir of an Unlikely Lawyer by The Secret Barrister:** This person has written several books under the penname "Secret Barrister". I received the book from my daughter as a gift. It was an interesting read. It was slow to get going, starting with the Secret Barrister entering law school after high school and on to becoming a barrister. In a way, it is a collection of anecdotes over this period and ten years of experience as a barrister in England and Wales specializing in criminal law. That, frankly, would make it a light, but largely uninteresting read, except that it bit-by-bit articulates concerns with the criminal justice system and society in general that lead to the many sad stories encountered in the Secret Barrister's criminal law litigation practice. As I read through the book, it became more and more engaging and thought provoking. I highly recommend it.
- 28 The Story of Russia by Orlando Figes:** I picked this book up for my son and myself with a view to getting a better understanding of what might be the Russian perspective on the Russia-Ukraine war. I read about one hundred pages of it before giving it to my son. He said it was actually a very good read. One of our current law students also said it was an excellent book. I plan this summer to complete my reading of the book, starting from the beginning again.
- 29 Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon by Michael Lewis:** This book is another book I bought as a gift for my son. I read it in its entirety before giving it to him. It is more closely related to one of my main research areas, securities regulation. It is a story about someone who rose and crashed in a very short period of time, and it provides a number of insights into what, shockingly, goes on in securities markets (as several of Michael Lewis' books do) with this book dealing with exchanges for cryptocurrencies. I have read several Michael Lewis books, and I introduced my son to some of those books. He bought me two Michael Lewis books of relatively recent vintage that are also excellent reads. One was The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds (2017) that relates to other research I have looked at on cognitive biases – for me, it was a fascinating book. The other was The Fifth Risk: Undoing Democracy (2019) that deals with the Trump presidency. Although I think that although the writing was not as good as in other Michael Lewis books, it was a very interesting, and scary read, that might be even more scary with the prospect that Trump may, once again, end up in the Oval Office!
- 30 Pirate Enlightenment, or the Real Libertalia by David Graeber:** This summer, I'll be working with this book. I think it's worth a read in general by out-of-the-box-thinking lawyers.
- 31 Against the Loveless World by Susan Abulhawa:** The protagonist is a young Palestinian woman whose compelling story provides a personal perspective on the complex tapestry of Middle Eastern history and culture. It explores themes of love, resistance, and the human spirit in the face of adversity.
- 32 Why Fish Don't Exist by Lulu Miller:** It is an engaging work of nonfiction written by Lulu Miller, who is also an accomplished science reporter for NPR, that intertwines biography, science, and personal memoir to reveal the unexpected order within chaos. It's a must-read for those who appreciate stories that transform our understanding of history, morality, and nature.
- 33 Seagrass by Meredith Hama-Brown:** It is a 2023 film that delves into the emotional journey of a Japanese-Canadian woman set during the 1990's at coastal retreat centre in British Columbia. It's a poignant exploration of racism, cultural heritage, and the quest for understanding within a family dynamic.
- 34 Unequal Profession: Race and Gender in Legal Academia by Meera E. Deo:** I am interested in the Unequal Profession not only because of my research interest in diversity and inclusion within the legal field but also because of my personal interest in learning about the experiences of women of color in the legal academia.
- 35 Out of Darkness: Rumana Monzur's Journey Through Betrayal, Tyranny and Abuse by Denise Chong:** I was fortunate to have the chance to attend a Dentons Fireside Chat with Denis Chong and Rumana Monzur in Calgary, and it was full of

resilience and empowerment! Rumana lost her sight as a result of domestic violence, and she graduated from UBC in 2017 with a law degree. She is now a counsel at the Department of Justice Canada in Vancouver.

36 The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson: The novel follows a U.N.-sanctioned body as it works to solve the climate crisis in the very near future, although the story often features the voices of those most affected by the climate catastrophe. I have seen a lot of discussion of this book online, and have heard that it is an ultimately optimistic portrayal of an international effort to curb the worst effects of the climate crisis. I could use a bit of optimism 😊

37 Circe by Madeline Miller: One title I've started reading while at the beach this summer is Circe by Madeline Miller. It's an adaptation of the Odyssey and other various Greek myths but told from the perspective of the witch Circe. It treats the character with depth and is so far a very entertaining and accessible entry point to Greek mythology.

38 Suing for Silence: Sexual Violence and Defamation Law by Mandi Gray: The book is about intimidation lawsuits that are used to silence women who report sexual violence. My interest is because something very similar happens with protective mothers who report sexual abuse against their children or domestic violence. In many countries (including Canada) these women are silenced through "parental alienation".

39 Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson: Every Canadian should read this!

40 Fantasy: How It Works by Brian Attebery: "Fantasy is the lie that speaks truth." As a genre that dominates the world story-telling market, I am especially interested in how fantasy stories were embraced by young adults and how they were used to test/rethink social practices and models of reality.

41 Zao Wou-Ki: No Limits by Michelle Yun: This artist perfectly blended abstract style with Chinese calligraphy and ink painting.

42 Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie: I am working on a relevant project related to this movie. It is not a traditional love story but a story of awakenings. The movie is based on a novel, which is also available at our library: https://search.library.uvic.ca/permalink/01VIC_INST/12198k2/alma9941547703807291