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By one of
Britain's most
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scientists: a

magnificently
daring and
compulsively
readable
account of life
on Earth (from
the "big bang"
to the advent
of man),
based entirely
on the most
original of all

sources--the
evidence of
fossils. With
excitement
and driving
intelligence,
Richard Fortey
guides us
from the
barren globe
spinning in
space,

through the very earliest signs of life in the sulphurous hot springs and volcanic vents of the young planet, the appearance of cells, the slow creation of an atmosphere and the evolution of myriad forms of plants and animals that could then be sustained, including the magnificent era of the dinosaurs, and on to the last moment before the debut of Homo sapiens. Ranging across

multiple scientific disciplines, explicating in wonderfully clear and refreshing prose their findings and arguments-- about the origins of life, the causes of species extinctions and the first appearance of man--Fortey weaves this history out of the most delicate tracers left in rock, stone and earth. He also explains how, on each aspect of nature and life, scientists have reached the

understanding we have today, who made the key discoveries, who their opponents were and why certain ideas won. Brimful of wit, fascinating personal experience and high scholarship, this book may well be our best introduction yet to the complex history of life on Earth. A Book-of-the-Month Club Main Selection With 32 pages of photographs The Book of Amir Khusrau

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This beautiful
anthology is a
haunting
reminder that
the world is
not as it
seems.

**A Natural
History of
the First
Four Billion
Years of Life
on Earth**

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'Your soul
each moment
struggles hard
with death -
Think of your
faith as
though it's
your last
breath. Your
life is like a
purse, and
night and day
Are counters
of gold coins
you've put
away' Rumi is

the greatest
mystic poet to
have written
in Persian, and
the Masnavi is
his
masterpiece.
Divided into
six books and
consisting of
some 26,000
verses, the
poem was
designed to
convey a
message of
divine love
and unity to
the disciples
of Rumi's Sufi
order, known
today as the
Whirling
Dervishes.
Like the
earlier books,
Book Three
interweaves
amusing
stories with
homilies to
instruct pupils

in mystical
knowledge. It
has a special
focus on
epistemology,
illustrated
with
narratives that
involve the
consumption
of food. This is
the first ever
verse
translation of
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the Masnavi. It
follows the
original by
presenting
Rumi's most
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of early science fiction and a haunting image of world war. Following the development of massive airships, naïve Londoner Bert Smallways becomes accidentally involved in a German plot to invade America by air and reduce New York to rubble. But although bombers devastate the city, they cannot overwhelm the country, and their attack leads not to victory but to the

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contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. [A Tale of Four Dervishes](#) Little, Brown Shortlisted for the 2019 Booker Prize Named a Best Book of the Year by Bookpage, NPR, Washington Post, and The Economist A moving novel on the power of friendship in our darkest times, from internationally renowned writer and speaker Elif Shafak. In the pulsating moments after she has been murdered and left in a dumpster outside Istanbul, Tequila Leila enters a state of heightened awareness. Her heart has stopped beating but her brain is still active-for 10 minutes 38 seconds. While the Turkish sun rises and her friends sleep soundly nearby, she remembers her life-and the lives of others, outcasts like her. Tequila Leila's memories bring us back to her childhood in the provinces, a highly oppressive milieu with religion and traditions, shaped by a polygamous family with two mothers and an increasingly authoritarian father. Escaping to Istanbul, Leila makes her way into the sordid industry of sex trafficking, finding a home in the city's historic Street of Brothels. This is a dark, violent world, but Leila is

tough and open to beauty, light, and the essential bonds of friendship. In Tequila Leila's death, the secrets and wonders of modern Istanbul come to life, painted vividly by the captivating tales of how Leila came to know and be loved by her friends. As her epic journey to the afterlife comes to an end, it is her chosen family who brings her story to a buoyant and breathtaking conclusion. Selections

from Tamil Sangam Poetry
Penguin UK
DIVAN OF AMIR KHUSRAU
Translation & Introduction
Paul Smith
Amir Khusrau (1253-1325), the 'Parrot of India' was born at Patigali near the Ganges in India. At the age of thirty-six he was poet-laureate, serving many sultans. He was not only fluent in Persian, in which he composed the majority of his 92 books, but also in Arabic,

Hindi and Sanskrit. He composed ten long masnavis, five Divans of ghazals (nearly 160 here trans.) and ruba'is, dohas, qasidas, riddles and many prose works (see appendixes). He was a Master musician and invented the sitar. The Perfect Master Nizam ud-din took him as his disciple and eventually he became God-realized. He rebelled against narrow spirituality

and helped
 redefine the
 true Sufi way.
 He was a
 profound
 influence on
 Hafiz (who
 copied a book
 of his ghazals,
 still in
 existence) and
 is seen as the
 link between
 Sadi and Hafiz
 in updating
 the form and
 content of the
 ghazal and
 eroticising it.
 This is the
 largest
 selection of
 his poems in
 English.
 Introduction is
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 Times &
 Poetry and the
 Forms in
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 Appendixes,
 Including:
 Translations of
 his The Tale of
 the Four
 Dervishes,
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 Sipihr, I'jaz-i
 Khusaruwi,
 Kiranu-s
 Sa'dain,
 Ghurratu-i-
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 Hafiz is a
 great feat and
 of paramount
 importance. I
 am
 astonished."
 Dr. Mir
 Mohammad
 Taghavi (Dr.
 of Literature)
 Tehran. "Super
 b translations.
 99% Hafiz 1%
 Paul Smith."
 Ali Akbar
 Shapurzman,
 translator of
 works into
 Persian and
 knower of
 Hafiz's Divan
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 heart."Smith

has probably put together the greatest collection of literary facts and history concerning Hafiz." Daniel Ladinsky (Penguin Books author). "I was very impressed with the beauty of these books." Dr. R.K. Barz. Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University. Paul Smith (b. 1945) is a poet, author and translator of many books of Sufi poets of the Persian, Arabic, Urdu, Turkish, Pashtu and

other languages including Hafiz, Sadi, Nizami, Rumi, 'Attar, Sana'i, Jahan Khatun, Obeyd Zakani, Mu'in, Amir Khusrau, Nesimi, Kabir, Anvari, Ansari, Jami, Omar Khayyam, Rudaki, Yunus Emre, Shah Latif, Bulleh Shah, Iqbal, Ghalib, Dara Shikoh, Lalla Ded Seemab, Jigar, Mu'in, Abu Nuwas and many others, and his own poetry, fiction, plays, biographies, children's books and 12 screenplays.

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44 Tales, Legends and Stories from Turkey

Random House India
Does God exist? The question implies another: Who is God? This book is meant to give an answer to both questions and to give reasons for this answer. Does God exist? Yes or no? Many are at a loss between belief and unbelief; they are undecided, skeptical. They are

doubtful about their belief, but they are also doubtful about their doubting. There are still others who are proud of their doubting. Yet there remains a longing for certainty. Certainty? Whether Christians or Jews, believers in God or atheists, the discussion today runs right across old denominations and new ideologies—but the longing for certainty is unquenched. Does God exist? We are

putting all our cards on the table here. The answer will be "Yes, God exists," As human beings in the twentieth century, we certainly can reasonably believe in God—even more so in the Christian God—and perhaps even more easily today than a few decades or centuries ago. For, after so many crises, it is surprising how much has been clarified and how many difficulties in regard to belief in God

have melted into the Light that no darkness has overcome.
The Co-wife and Other Stories Pan Macmillan
 Unique and beautiful, Beowulf brings to life a society of violence and honor, fierce warriors and bloody battles, deadly monsters and famous swords. Written by an unknown poet in about the eighth century, this masterpiece of Anglo-Saxon literature transforms

legends, myth, history, and ancient songs into the richly colored tale of the hero Beowulf, the loathsome man-eater Grendel, his vengeful water-hag mother, and a treasure-hoarding dragon. The earliest surviving epic poem in any modern European language. Beowulf is a stirring portrait of a heroic world—somber, vast, and magnificent. Folk Stories from the Middle East

CreateSpace Amir Khusrau, one of the greatest poets of medieval India, helped forge a distinctive synthesis of Muslim and Hindu cultures. Written in Persian and Hindavi, his poems and ghazals were appreciated across a cosmopolitan Persianate world that stretched from Turkey to Bengal. Having thrived for centuries, Khusrau's poetry continues to be read and recited to this

day. In the Bazaar of Love is the first comprehensive selection of Khusrau's work, offering new translations of mystical and romantic poems and fresh renditions of old favourites. Covering a wide range of genres and forms, it evokes the magic of one of the best-loved poets of the Indian subcontinent. *A Tale of Four Dervishes* Greenleaf Book Group A goldsmith's daughter who eludes the

Prince of
Darkness,
three
wandering
brothers born
from a walnut
tree, the
Princess of
Fantasistan,
the case of
the Shah's lost
ruby ring, the
leopard and
the Sultan's
emissary, the
Cook and the
Unforgettable
Sneeze...
These are just
some of the
enchancing
stories
described in
Tales from the
Bazaars of
Arabia, a
collection of
classic
folktales
gathered from
Arabia,
Afghanistan,

Persia and
Turkey. Each
story is alive
with vivid
characters -
beggars and
kings,
merchants,
witches and
djinnns - and
threaded with
universal
motifs of
fantasy and
magic, fate
and karma,
good and evil.
With spirit and
passion,
Amina Shah
here
illuminates
the exoticism
of bygone
worlds and
resurrects the
memories and
traditions of
some of the
greatest
storytelling
cultures in the

world.
Tales of the
Dervishes
Penguin
On his way
from Tangiers
to China, the
medieval
Moorish
traveller Ibn
Battuta
arrives in
Konya, Turkey
where the
legendary
dervish Rumi
had lived,
danced and
died. More
than half a
century may
have passed
since his
death, but his
poetry
remains alive,
inscribed in
every stone
and tree and
pathway.
Rumi's
followers

entrust Ibn Battuta with a manuscript of his life stories to spread word of the mystic on his travels. As Battuta reads and recites these tales, his listeners discover their own lives reflected in these stories—fate has bound them, and perhaps you, to Rumi. A *Mirrored Life* reaffirms the magical powers of storytelling, making us find Rumi in each of our hearts. *A Ranger's Diary of Tet, Khe Sanh, A*

Shau, and Quang Tri Picador
Here is a special abridged English translation of a major Indo-Persian epic: a panoramic tale of magic and passion, a classic hero's odyssey that has captivated much of the world. It is the spellbinding story of Amir Hamza, the adventurer who in the service of the Persian emperor defeats many enemies, loves many women, and converts hundreds of

infidels to the True Faith before finding his way back to his first love. In Musharraf Ali Farooqi's remarkable abridged rendition, this masterwork is captured with all its colorful action and fantastic elements intact. Appreciated as the seminal Islamic epic or enjoyed as a sweeping tale as rich and inventive as Homer's epic sagas, *The Adventures of Amir Hamza* is a true literary treasure. *Kingmakers:*

The Invention of the Modern Middle East
 Vintage
 From the author of *Homeland Elegies* and Pulitzer Prize winner *Disgraced*, a stirring and explosive novel about an American Muslim family in Wisconsin struggling with faith and belonging in the pre-9/11 world. Hayat Shah is a young American in love for the first time. His normal life of school, baseball, and video games had previously

been distinguished only by his Pakistani heritage and by the frequent chill between his parents, who fight over things he is too young to understand. Then Mina arrives, and everything changes. *American Dervish* is a brilliantly written, nuanced, and emotionally forceful look inside the interplay of religion and modern life.
The Absent Traveller
 Penguin UK
 The four works

collected in this volume reveal the fascinating preoccupations of the German Romantic movement, which revelled in the inexplicable, the uncanny and the unknown and, especially, the mysterious world of the fairy tale. Goethe's richly imaginative *Fairy Tale* (1795) depicts an ethereal underground realm and the marriage of a beautiful man and woman, whose union heralds a new

age. In Tieck's Eckbert the Fair (1797) two outsiders seek refuge in the solitude of dark woods to conceal their incestuous passion from the world, while in Fouque's Undine (1811) a water nymph falls in love and acquires a soul, and so discovers the reality of human suffering. And Brentano's Tale of Honest Casper and Fair Annie (1817) portrays the tragedy of a young couple, destroyed by

a false sense of honour and pride. *Nine Lives A Tale of Four Dervishes* A dazzling Urdu epic that evokes a magical Indo-Muslim world Originally composed in the fourteenth century and made popular in 1803 by Mir Amman's colloquial retelling, this wonderfully entertaining story paints a portrait of a distant and colorful time and place. In despair at having no son to succeed him, the king of Turkey

leaves his palace to live in seclusion. Soon afterward, however, he encounters four wandering dervishes- three princes and a rich merchant-who have been guided to Turkey by a supernatural force that prophesied their meeting. As the five men sit together in the dead of night sharing their tales of lost love, a magnificent landscape reveals courtly intrigue and romance,

fairies and djinn, oriental gardens and lavish feasts. A Tale of Four Dervishes A Buddhist monk takes up arms to resist the Chinese invasion of Tibet - then spends the rest of his life trying to atone for the violence by hand printing the best prayer flags in India. A Jain nun tests her powers of detachment as she watches her best friend ritually starve herself to death. Nine people, nine lives; each

one taking a different religious path, each one an unforgettable story. William Dalrymple delves deep into the heart of a nation torn between the relentless onslaught of modernity and the ancient traditions that endure to this day. **ONGLISTED FOR THE BBC SAMUEL JOHNSON PRIZE** Sufis Penguin UK In the tradition of **SIDDHARTHA** by Hermann Hesse comes a new spiritual novel that is a

stunning feat of storytelling and imagination. A Poet of the Invisible World follows a boy named Nouri, born in thirteenth-century Persia, with four ears instead of two. Orphaned as an infant, he's taken into a Sufi order, where he meets an assortment of dervishes and is placed upon a path toward spiritual awakening. As he stumbles from one painful experience to the next, he grows into

manhood.
 Each trial he
 endures
 shatters
 another
 obstacle
 within--and
 leads Nouri on
 toward
 transcendence
 .

Lurps

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 Lurps is the
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 of the memoir
 of a juvenile
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 of ninth grade
 to chase his
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 with a
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 is actually
 happening.
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 coming-of-age
 story explores
 the social
 background
 that shaped
 the
 protagonist's
 thinking, his
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 quest for
 redemption
 through
 increased
 responsibility,
 the
 brotherhood
 of comrades in
 arms, women
 and sexual

awakening,
and the
baffling
randomness
of who lives
and who dies.

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adventures
and mishaps.
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a fascinating
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the customs,
beliefs and
people of the
time.

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English. Introduction is on his Life & Times & Poetry and the Forms in which he wrote and on Sufism & Poetry. The correct rhyme-structure has been kept and the meaning of these beautiful, enlightened poems. Appendix: Translation of his The Tale of the Four Dervishes Large Format Paperback 7" x 10" 439 pages
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