How to Cure a Fanatic

Amos Oz

Internationally acclaimed novelist Amos Oz grew up in war-torn Jerusalem, where as a boy he witnessed firsthand the poisonous consequences of fanaticism. In two concise, powerful essays, the award-winning author offers unique insight into the true nature of extremism and proposes a reasoned and respectful approach to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He also comments on related issues—the Gaza pullout, Yasser Arafat’s death, and the war in Iraq—in an extended interview at the end of the book.

The brilliant clarity of these essays, coupled with Oz’s ironic sense of humor in illuminating the serious, breathes new life into this old debate. Oz argues that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not a war of religion or cultures or traditions, but rather a real estate dispute—one that will be resolved not by greater understanding, but by painful compromise. Fresh, insightful, and inspiring, How to Cure a Fanatic brings a new voice of sanity to the cacophony on Israeli-Palestinian relations—a voice no one can afford to ignore.

“Amos Oz is the voice of sanity coming out of confusion.”
—Nadine Gordimer, Nobel Prize–winning author

“This little volume … is lucid, rational, and constructive. … [It] embodies so much realism and optimism.”
—Elizabeth R. Hayford, Library Journal

“The burning issues of the Arab-Israeli dispute are grist for Israeli novelist Amos Oz’s slim volume, How to Cure a Fanatic, which is never less than thought-provoking.”
—Canadian Jewish News
In this incisive book, Noah Feldman tells the story behind the increasingly popular call for the establishment of shari’a—the law of the traditional Islamic state—in the modern Muslim world. Many in the West consider it a threat to democracy. Islamist movements are winning elections on it. Terrorists use it to justify their crimes. But what exactly is shari’a, and can it restore justice to the Islamic world?

To answer these questions, Feldman goes back to the roots of classical Islamic law, under which executive power was balanced by the scholars who interpreted and administered shari’a. That balance was destroyed under Ottoman rule, resulting in the unchecked executive dominance that continues to distort politics in so many Muslim states. Feldman argues that a modern Islamic state could provide political and legal justice to today’s Muslims through shari’a—but only if new institutions emerge that restore this constitutional balance of power.

“The growing clamor for a return to Sharia law in the Muslim world has often been met with alarm by the West. But Feldman remains coolheaded, placing the movement in a historical context and suggesting that its ideal of ‘a just legal system, one that administers the law fairly,’ is an understandable goal in a region dominated by unchecked oligarchies.”
—New Yorker

“In a short, incisive and elegant book, [Feldman] lays out for the non-specialist reader some of the forms that Islamic rule has taken over the centuries, while also stressing the differences between today’s political Islam and previous forms of Islamic administration.”
—Economist

 “[A] concise and thoughtful history of the evolution of the Islamic legal system from the time of the first caliphs to our own.”
—Jay Tolson, U.S. News & World Report

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Who Owns Antiquity?
Museums and the Battle over Our Ancient Heritage

James Cuno

Whether antiquities should be returned to the countries where they were found is one of the most urgent and controversial issues in the art world today. In Who Owns Antiquity?, one of the world’s leading museum directors vigorously challenges the retention and reclamation policies favored by Italy, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, and China, presenting the first extended defense of a museum’s right to acquire and maintain undocumented foreign antiquities under certain reasonable conditions. James Cuno argues that these nationalistic policies impede common access to humanity’s common heritage and encourage the politicization of antiquities—and of culture itself.

“A condemnation of cultural property laws that restrict the international trade in antiquities, the book doubles as a celebration of the world’s great border-crossing encyclopedic museums.”
—Jori Finkel, New York Times

“This is a must-read for all concerned with the fate of our ancient heritage.”
—Philippe de Montebello, former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

James Cuno is president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago. His books include Whose Muse?: Art Museums and the Public Trust and Whose Culture?: The Promise of Museums and the Debate over Antiquities (both Princeton).

Northern Arts
The Breakthrough of Scandinavian Literature and Art, from Ibsen to Bergman

Arnold Weinstein

Northern Arts is a provocative exploration of Scandinavian literature and art. With intellectual power and deep emotional insights, writer and critic Arnold Weinstein guides us through the most startling works created by the writers and artists of Scandinavia over the past two centuries. He uses the concept of “breakthrough”—boundary smashing, restlessness, and the exploding of traditional forms and values—as a thematic lens through which to expose the roiling energies and violence that course through Scandinavian literature and art.

“Weinstein’s is a brilliantly told story of how an underpopulated region developed from repressive backwater to cutting-edge artistic fulcrum.”
—Atlantic

“The most ambitious American effort in memory to view Scandinavian culture whole.”
—Carlin Romano, Chronicle of Higher Education

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ONLY A PROMISE OF HAPPINESS
The Place of Beauty in a World of Art

ALEXANDER NEHAMAS

Neither art nor philosophy was kind to beauty during the twentieth century. Much modern art disdains beauty, and many philosophers deeply suspect that beauty merely paints over or distracts us from horrors. Intellectuals consigned the passions of beauty to the margins, replacing them with the anemic and rarefied alternative, “aesthetic pleasure.”

In Only a Promise of Happiness, Alexander Nehamas reclaims beauty from its critics. He seeks to restore its place in art; to reestablish the connections among art, beauty, and desire; and to show that the values of art, independently of their moral worth, are equally crucial to the rest of life. Beauty, Nehamas concludes, may depend on appearance, but this does not make it superficial.

“In Mr. Nehamas’s vision, the possibility of beauty is well worth the price of uncertainty.”
—Gideon Lewis-Kraus, New York Sun

“A handsomely illustrated essay…. Nehamas displays an admirable clarity of thought and language…. We can enjoy this book as we might the conversation of a spirited and quirky friend.”
—Michael J. Lewis, Wall Street Journal

“[A] marvelous book…. This is the philosopher not as blunt pragmatist,…. but as winning and witty guide, and genial companion.”
—Mike Hulme, Times Higher Education

“A wonderful, personal, and philosophic essay concerned with the restoration of beauty’s place in art…. A rich conversation of ideas and feelings.”
—Reamy Jansen, Bloomsbury Review

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**The Crisis of the Twelfth Century**

Power, Lordship, and the Origins of European Government

**Thomas N. Bisson**

Rethinking the history of medieval civilization, Thomas Bisson explores the circumstances that impelled knights, emperors, nobles, and churchmen to infuse lordship with social purpose. Bisson traces the origins of European government to a crisis of lordship and its resolution. King John of England was only the latest and most conspicuous in a gallery of bad lords who dominated the populace instead of ruling it. Yet as Bisson shows, it was not so much the oppressed people as their tormentors who were in crisis. Covering all of Western Christendom, *The Crisis of the Twelfth Century* suggests what these violent people—and the outrages they provoked—contributed to the making of governments in kingdoms, principalities, and towns.

“The story is an old one, but so many-sided as to invite constant retelling from new angles. Bisson has found a new angle, and writes with prodigious sweep and learning.”

—Alexander Murray, London Review of Books

“[Bisson’s] effort to combine the traditionally separate fields of political and cultural history in explaining the ‘origins of government’ is admirable.”

—John Hudson, BBC History Magazine

**Cormac Ó Gráda** is professor of economics at University College Dublin. His books include *Jewish Ireland in the Age of Joyce* and *Black ’47 and Beyond* (both Princeton).
THE HORSE, THE WHEEL, AND LANGUAGE
How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World

DAVID W. ANTHONY

Roughly half the world’s population speaks languages derived from a shared linguistic source known as Proto-Indo-European. But who were the early speakers of this ancient mother tongue, and how did they manage to spread it around the globe? Until now their identity has remained a tantalizing mystery to linguists, archaeologists, and even Nazis seeking the roots of an Aryan race. Linking prehistoric archaeological remains with the development of language, David Anthony identifies the prehistoric peoples of central Eurasia’s steppe grasslands as the original speakers of Proto-Indo-European, and shows how their innovative use of the ox wagon, horseback riding, and the warrior’s chariot turned the Eurasian steppes into a thriving transcontinental corridor of communication, commerce, and cultural exchange. The Horse, the Wheel, and Language solves a puzzle that has vexed scholars for two centuries and uncovers a magnificent and influential civilization from the past.

“David W. Anthony argues that we speak English not just because our parents taught it to us but because wild horses used to roam the steppes of central Eurasia, because steppedwellers invented the spoked wheel and because poetry once had real power… Anthony is not the first scholar to make the case that Proto-Indo-European came from this region, but given the immense array of evidence he presents, he may be the last one who has to.”
—Christine Kenneally, New York Times Book Review

“Anthony provides a comprehensive, in-depth analysis of his subject…. A thorough look at the cutting edge of anthropology, Anthony’s book is a fascinating look into the origins of modern man.”
—PublishersWeekly.com

“David Anthony’s book is a masterpiece…. Anthony brings together archaeology, linguistics, and rare knowledge of Russian scholarship and the history of climate change to recast our understanding of the formation of early human society.”
—Martin Walker, Wilson Quarterly

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Margaret Mead
The Making of an American Icon

Nancy C. Lutkehaus

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.” This quotation—found on posters and bumper stickers, and adopted as the motto for hundreds of organizations worldwide—speaks to the global influence and legacy of the American anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901–78). In this insightful and revealing book, Nancy Lutkehaus focuses on how Mead was represented in the media—including Mead’s own manipulation of her public image—in order to explain how and why she became the best-known anthropologist and female public intellectual of the twentieth century.

“Lutkehaus provides a fair and fascinating account of her multifaceted subject, making this as intriguing and thought-provoking a biography as one could wish for.”
—Guy Cook, Times Higher Education

“A truly illuminating book.”
—Laurence A. Marshall, Natural History

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Sara Baartman and the Hottentot Venus
A Ghost Story and a Biography

Clifton Crais & Pamela Scully

Displayed on European stages from 1810 to 1815, Sara Baartman—better known as the Hottentot Venus—was one of the most famous women of her day. As the Hottentot Venus, she was seen by Westerners as alluring and primitive, a reflection of their fears and suppressed desires. But who was Sara Baartman? In reconstructing Baartman’s life, Clifton Crais and Pamela Scully’s narrative traverses the South African frontier, the Industrial Revolution, London and Parisian high society, and the rise of racial science. Sara Baartman and the Hottentot Venus offers the authoritative account of one woman’s life and reinstates her to the full complexity of her history.

“Baartman’s story has been the subject of [many] works. . . . No one, however, has succeeded as well as Crais and Scully in illuminating not only her important role as icon and symbol but, so important, the human being behind them.”
—Martin Rubin, Los Angeles Times

Clifton Crais is professor of history at Emory University. He is the author of The Politics of Evil. Pamela Scully is professor of women’s studies and African studies at Emory University. She is the author of Liberating the Family?
The Politics of the Veil

Joan Wallach Scott

In 2004, the French government instituted a ban on the wearing of “conspicuous signs” of religious affiliation in public schools. Though the ban applies to everyone, it is aimed at Muslim girls wearing headscarves. Proponents of the law insist that it upholds France’s values of secular liberalism. But in The Politics of the Veil, Joan Wallach Scott argues that the law is symptomatic of France’s failure to accept its former colonial subjects as full citizens. She examines the long history of racism behind the law as well as the ideological barriers thrown up against Muslim assimilation. Finally, she shows how the insistence on homogeneity is no longer feasible for France—or the West in general—and how it creates the very “clash of civilizations” said to be at the root of these tensions.

“Why should a bit of cloth so threaten the French republic? That is the central question posed by [this] subtle new study.”
—Carla Power, New Statesman

“It is difficult to do justice to the rigour and subtlety of this important book.”
—Mary Hossain, Journal of Islamic Studies

Joan Wallach Scott is the Harold F. Linder Professor in the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study.

The Aryan Jesus

Susannah Heschel

Was Jesus a Nazi? During the Third Reich, German Protestant theologians redefined Jesus as an Aryan and Christianity as a religion at war with Judaism. In 1939, these theologians established the Institute for the Study and Eradication of Jewish Influence on German Religious Life. Susannah Heschel details how the Institute sponsored propaganda conferences throughout the Nazi Reich and published books defaming Judaism. Examining the nazified Christianity of the Third Reich, The Aryan Jesus raises vital questions about Christianity’s recent past and the ambivalent place of Judaism in Christian thought.

“Heschel has a remarkable story to tell.…. One comes away from her account wondering how such apparently intelligent and learned Christian scholars could have been so foolish and craven.”
—Daniel J. Harrington, America

“The Aryan Jesus … is more than a heartbreaking story of principled Christian anti-Judaism. It is also a masterpiece of patient archival research.”
—Paula Fredriksen, Tablet

Susannah Heschel is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. She is the author of Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus and the editor of Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays of Abraham Joshua Heschel.
The Crest of the Peacock
Non-European Roots of Mathematics
Third Edition
George Gheverghese Joseph

From the Ishango Bone of central Africa and the Inca quipu of South America to the dawn of modern mathematics, The Crest of the Peacock makes it clear that human beings everywhere have been capable of advanced and innovative mathematical thinking. George Gheverghese Joseph takes us on a breathtaking multicultural tour of the roots and shoots of non-European mathematics. He shows us the deep influence that the Egyptians and Babylonians had on the Greeks, the Arabs’ major creative contributions, and the astounding range of successes of the great civilizations of India and China.

The third edition emphasizes the dialogue between civilizations, and further explores how mathematical ideas were transmitted from East to West.

Praise for Princeton’s previous editions:

“Enthralling. . . . After reading it, we cannot see the past in the same comforting haze of age-old stories, faithfully and uncritically retold from teacher to pupil down the years.”
—New Scientist

George Gheverghese Joseph was born in Kerala, India; grew up in Mombasa, Kenya; and completed his degrees in England. He has worked in various occupations that have taken him to places all over the world.

Nonplussed!
Mathematical Proof of Implausible Ideas

Julian Havil

Math—the application of reasonable logic to reasonable assumptions—usually produces reasonable results. But sometimes math generates astonishing paradoxes—conclusions that seem completely unreasonable or just plain impossible but that are nevertheless demonstrably true. Did you know that a losing sports team can become a winning one by adding worse players than its opponents? Or that the thirteenth of the month is more likely to be a Friday than any other day? In Nonplussed!—a delightfully eclectic collection of paradoxes from many different areas of math—popular-math writer Julian Havil reveals the math that shows the truth of these and many other unbelievable ideas.

“The math that shows the truth of these and many other unbelievable ideas.

Praise for Princeton’s previous editions:

“Nonplussed! is a collection of lovely paradoxes: facts that are provable logically but are nevertheless seriously counterintuitive.”
—Peter M. Neumann, Times Higher Education

“This is a splendid collection. . . . Old conundrums are given new twists and applications, newer perplexing ideas are described with panache.”
—John Haigh, London Mathematical Society Newsletter

Julian Havil is a former master at Winchester College, England, where he taught mathematics for thirty-three years. He is the author of Gamma: Exploring Euler’s Constant and Impossible?: Surprising Solutions to Counterintuitive Conundrums (both Princeton).
The Pythagorean Theorem
A 4,000-Year History

Eli Maor

By any measure, the Pythagorean theorem is the most famous statement in all of mathematics. In this book, Eli Maor reveals the full story of this ubiquitous geometric theorem. Maor shows that the theorem, although attributed to Pythagoras, was known to the Babylonians more than a thousand years earlier. Pythagoras may have been the first to prove it, but his proof—if indeed he had one—is lost to us. The theorem itself, however, is central to almost every branch of science, pure or applied. Maor brings to life many of the characters that played a role in the development of the Pythagorean theorem, providing a fascinating backdrop to perhaps our oldest enduring mathematical legacy.

“This excellent biography of the theorem is like a history of thought written in lines and circles, moving from ancient clay tablets to Einstein’s blackboards…. There is something intoxicating about seeing one truth revealed in so many ways. It all makes for hours of glorious mathematical distraction.”
—Ben Longstaff, New Scientist

“A popular account of important ideas and their development, [The Pythagorean Theorem] should be read by anyone with a good education.”
—Peter M. Neumann, Times Higher Education

“Maor just keeps getting better. Already recognized for his excellent books on infinity, the number e, and trigonometry, Maor [now] offers … a comprehensive overview of the Pythagorean Theorem.”
—J. Johnson, Choice

“Maor expertly tells the story of how this simple theorem known to schoolchildren is part and parcel of much of mathematics itself. … Even mathematically savvy readers will gain insights into the inner workings and beauty of mathematics.”
—Amy Shell-Gellasch, MAA Reviews

Eli Maor is the author of Venus in Transit, Trigonometric Delights, To Infinity and Beyond, and e: The Story of a Number (all Princeton). He teaches the history of mathematics at Loyola University in Chicago and at the Graham School of General Education at the University of Chicago.
In *Enhancing Evolution*, leading bioethicist John Harris dismantles objections to genetic engineering, stem-cell research, designer babies, and cloning and makes an ethical case for biotechnology. Harris defends biotechnological interventions that could allow us to live longer, healthier, and even happier lives.

In a new preface, Harris offers a glimpse at the new science and technology to come, equipping readers with the knowledge to assess the ethics and policy dimensions of future forms of human enhancement.

“This provocative book is a valuable retort to those who would summon the ghost of Frankenstein’s monster at the first sight of a test tube.”
—Stephen Cave, Financial Times

“[Harris] makes a persuasive case that today’s biotechnologies . . . are on the continuum of an age-long pursuit by humans to improve themselves.”
—Judy Illes, Nature

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Children’s Dreams
Notes from the Seminar Given in 1936–1940

C. G. Jung
Edited by Maria Meyer-Grass & Lorenz Jung
Translated by Ernst Falzeder
with the collaboration of Tony Woolfson

In the 1930s C. G. Jung embarked upon a bold investigation into childhood dreams as remembered by adults to better understand their significance to the lives of the dreamers. Jung presented his findings in a four-year seminar series at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Children’s Dreams marks their first publication in English, and fills a critical gap in Jung’s collected works.

Here we witness Jung the clinician more vividly than ever before—and he is witty, impatient, sometimes authoritarian, always wise and intellectually daring, but also a teacher who, though brilliant, could be vulnerable, uncertain, and humbled by life’s great mysteries. These seminars represent the most penetrating account of Jung’s insights into children’s dreams and the psychology of childhood. At the same time they offer the best example of group supervision by Jung, presenting his most detailed and thorough exposition of Jungian dream analysis and providing a picture of how he taught others to interpret dreams. Presented here in an inspired English translation commissioned by the Philemon Foundation, these seminars reveal Jung as an impassioned educator in dialogue with his students as he developed the practice of analytical psychology.

An invaluable document of perhaps the most important psychologist of the twentieth century at work, this splendid volume is the fullest representation of Jung’s views on the interpretation of children’s dreams, and signals a new wave in the publication of Jung’s collected works as well as a renaissance in contemporary Jung studies.

“F]ascinating…. [Children’s Dreams] will delight scholars of Jung and anyone interested in his works.”
—J. Bailey, Choice

Children’s Dreams

Maria Meyer-Grass is a Jungian analyst in private practice. Lorenz Jung, now deceased, was a grandson of C. G. Jung and a Jungian analyst in private practice. Ernst Falzeder is a historian of psychoanalysis and the editor of The Complete Correspondence of Sigmund Freud and Karl Abraham, 1907–1925.
Corporate Governance
Promises Kept, Promises Broken

Jonathan R. Macey

Even in the wake of the biggest financial crash of the postwar era, the United States continues to rely on the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to protect the interests of shareholders. Such confidence is badly misplaced. In Corporate Governance, Jonathan Macey argues that less government regulation—not more—is what’s needed to ensure that managers of public companies keep their promises to investors. Macey shows how heightened government oversight has put a stranglehold on what is the best protection against managerial malfeasance: the market itself.

“[Macey] has mastered the latest and best scholarship in law, economics, finance, sociology, public choice theory, management and organization science, accounting and history. He prescribes a rational policy toward large corporations in a very readable and insightful work.”
—Henry G. Manne, Forbes.com

“Against a backdrop of the most pervasive corporate failures since the Great Depression, Macey’s book is must-reading for those who want to understand how we got into this mess.”
—C. Evan Stewart, New York Law Journal

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Plight of the Fortune Tellers
Why We Need to Manage Financial Risk Differently

Riccardo Rebonato

Today’s top financial professionals have come to rely on ever-more sophisticated mathematics in their attempts to come to grips with financial risk. But this excessive reliance on quantitative precision is misleading—and puts everyone at risk. In Plight of the Fortune Tellers, Riccardo Rebonato forcefully argues that we must restore genuine decision-making to our financial planning.

In a new preface, Rebonato explains how the ideas presented in this book fit into the context of the global financial crisis that followed its original publication. Plight of the Fortune Tellers is a must-read for anyone concerned about how today’s financial markets are run.

“A fascinating read…. [Rebonato] provides a top-level view of risk management, founded on real-world situations.”
—Philippe Jorion, Journal of Economic Literature

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Portfolios of the Poor
How the World’s Poor Live on $2 a Day

Daryl Collins, Jonathan Morduch, Stuart Rutherford & Orlanda Ruthven

Nearly forty percent of humanity lives on an average of two dollars a day or less. How do these people—whose income is erratic and unpredictable—manage to put food on the table, let alone save for emergencies and old age? Portfolios of the Poor is the first book to explain systematically how the poor find solutions to their everyday financial problems.

The authors conducted year-long interviews with impoverished villagers in Bangladesh, India, and South Africa using a method of “financial diaries”—records that closely track how specific households manage their money. These diaries reveal surprisingly intricate financial lives: most poor households do not live hand to mouth, but instead employ a variety of informal financial tools. Their experiences reveal new methods to fight poverty and ways to envision the next generation of banks for the “bottom billion.”

“A fascinating discussion of the finances of the world’s poor.”
—Nicholas Kristof, NYTimes.com

“Rather than waiting for the world to debate and accept their ideas, these authors have taken them up on their own. In the war against global poverty, that feels like one small battle won.”
—Carlos Lozada, Washington Post

“As Portfolios of the Poor demonstrates, poor people lead rich and complex financial lives… Financial institutions and instruments tailored for their particular conditions will give them a fighting chance for beating the odds.”
—Anirudh Krishna, Science

“A must-read book for social entrepreneurs combating global poverty… Skip the latest road-to-riches screed about serving the bottom of the pyramid and throw out your white papers from the World Bank… Portfolios of the Poor is your new bible.”
—Jonathan C. Lewis, I on Poverty

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On the Side of the Angels
An Appreciation of Parties and Partisanship

Nancy L. Rosenblum

Political parties are the defining institutions of representative democracy and the darlings of political science. Yet most political theorists ignore or disparage parties as grubby arenas of ambition and obstacles to meaningful political participation and deliberation. On the Side of the Angels is a vigorous defense of the virtues of parties and partisanship, and their worth as areas of inquiry for political theorists.

“Rosenblum’s analysis … adds much greater rigor, clarity, and depth to [existing scholarship]. … Even more, she creates a defense of partisan identification that is, at least to this reviewer, totally original.”
—John Aldrich, Perspectives on Politics

[On the Side of Angels] is both a critical history of political thought about parties and a defense of the contribution to democracy of both parties and partisanship.”
—Paul Starr, New Republic

Nancy L. Rosenblum is the Senator Joseph Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government and chair of the Department of Government at Harvard University. She is the author of Membership and Morals and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

On the Mask of Power,
from Hobbes to Orwell and Beyond

David Runciman

What kind of hypocrite should voters choose as their next leader? The question seems utterly cynical. But, as David Runciman suggests, it is actually more cynical to pretend that politics can ever be completely sincere. In Political Hypocrisy, Runciman applies the work of some of the great truth-tellers in modern political thought—including Hobbes, Jefferson, Bentham, and Orwell—to hypocritical politicians from Oliver Cromwell to Hillary Clinton. Instead of vainly searching for ideally authentic politicians, Runciman advises that we accept hypocrisy as a fact of politics and try to distinguish between harmless and harmful hypocrites.

“A very intelligent, subtle, and learned guide to the classics and to the pre-eminent historical examples of hypocrisy from Mandeville and Hobbes to Jefferson.”
—David Martin, Times Literary Supplement

“Journalists and pundits notoriously pounce on any evidence of hypocrisy… Runciman takes a far more textured, sophisticated approach to the phenomenon.”
—Carlin Romano, Philadelphia Inquirer

David Runciman is reader in political theory at the University of Cambridge and a fellow of Trinity Hall. He is the author of The Politics of Good Intentions (Princeton), and writes regularly about politics for the London Review of Books.
How do statesmen become aware of unfavorable shifts in relative power, and how do they seek to respond to them? These are puzzles of considerable importance to theorists of international relations. As national decline has become an increasingly prominent theme in American political debate, these questions have also taken on an immediate, pressing significance. The Weary Titan is a penetrating study of a similar controversy in Britain at the turn of the twentieth century.

In a new afterword, Aaron Friedberg examines current debates about whether America is in decline, arguing that American power will remain robust for some time to come.

“One of the best books ever written about the decline of a great power.”
—Robert Kagan, Foreign Policy

“The Weary Titan provide[s] us with the cautionary message that ‘national security’ in the proper sense of the term involves much more than military security.”
—Paul Kennedy, New York Review of Books

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Since the crime explosion of the 1960s, the prison population in the United States has multiplied fivefold, to one prisoner for every hundred adults—a rate unprecedented in American history and unmatched anywhere in the world. When Brute Force Fails explains how we got into this trap, and how we can cut both crime and the prison population in half within a decade. As Mark Kleiman shows, “zero tolerance” is nonsense: there are always more offenses than there is punishment capacity. But it is possible—and essential—to create focused zero tolerance for offenders on probation and parole, by clearly specifying the rules and then delivering the promised sanctions every time the rules are broken.

“This is very good. It’s not quite as good as Einstein predicting light bending around the sun, . . . but it’s a step in the right direction.”
—James Q. Wilson

“Kleiman suggests that smarter enforcement strategies can make existing budgets go further…. It’s a revolutionary idea.”
—Robert H. Frank, New York Times

Mark A. R. Kleiman is professor of public policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is the author of Against Excess: Drug Policy for Results and Marijuana: Costs of Abuse, Costs of Control.
Because of Race
How Americans Debate Harm and Opportunity in Our Schools

Mica Pollock

Which denials of opportunity experienced by students of color can and should be remedied? Mica Pollock encountered this question while working at the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights from 1999 to 2001. She listened to hundreds of parents, advocates, educators, and federal employees talk about the educational treatment of children and youth in specific schools and districts. In this book, Pollock shares those discussions and shows how the call for everyday justice in our schools surprisingly still meets resistance. In doing so, she exposes raw, real-time arguments over what racial inequality looks like in our schools today—and what, if anything, we should do about it.

 “[This book] challenges assertions that discrimination against minority children isn’t provable, shouldn’t be discussed, or can’t be fixed.”
—Education Week

“A groundbreaking book which blows the cover off the country’s continued shameful color-coded patterns when it comes to access to quality education.”
—Kam Williams, Philadelphia Sunday Sun

Mica Pollock is an associate professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is the author of Colormute (Princeton) and the editor of Everyday Antiracism (New Press).

Uneasy Alliances
Race and Party Competition in America

Paul Frymer

Uneasy Alliances is a powerful challenge to how we think about the relationship between race, political parties, and American democracy. While scholars frequently claim that the need to win elections makes government officials responsive to any and all voters, Paul Frymer shows that politicians spend most of their time and resources on white swing voters—to the detriment of the African American community. Frymer argues that African Americans have long been a “captured minority,” and that the two-party system bears much of the blame.

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