Rich Russians
From the capture of Sidney Reilly, the 'Ace of Spies', by Lenin's Bolsheviks in 1925, to the deportation from the USA of Anna Chapman, the 'Redhead under the Bed', in 2010, Kremlin and Western spymasters have battled for supremacy for nearly a century. In Deception Edward Lucas uncovers the real story of Chapman and her colleagues in Britain and America, unveiling their clandestine missions and the spy-hunt that led to their downfall. It reveals unknown triumphs and disasters of Western intelligence in the Cold War, providing the background to the new world of industrial and political espionage. To tell the story of post-Soviet espionage, Lucas draws on exclusive interviews with Russia's top NATO spy, Norman Simm, and unveils the horrific treatment of a Moscow lawyer who dared to challenge the ruling criminal syndicate there. Once the threat from Moscow was international communism; now it comes from the siloviki, Russia's ruthless 'men of power'.

Hunt the Banker
In this saga of brilliant triumphs and magnificent failures, David E. Hoffman, the former Moscow bureau chief for the Washington Post, sheds light on the hidden lives of Russia's most feared power brokers: the oligarchs. Focusing on six of these ruthless men—Alexander Smolensky, Yuri Luchkov, Anatoly Chubais, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Boris Berezovsky, and Vladimir Gusinsky—Hoffman shows how a rapacious, unruly capitalism was born out of the ashes of Soviet communism.

Shaking Up the City
Unlock the inner workings of the Russian mafia with this detailed guide to its infamous prison tattoos. Join former police officer turned journalist Mark Bulan as he presents a history of Russian-speaking organized crime gangs, their operations, and a complex culture of tattoo art. Included are more than 100 never-before-seen photos of tattoos from Russia and European police archives and 50 original tattoo drawings alongside an in-depth symbology covering everything from nationalistic themes to punishment tattoos to female prison tattoos. Based on a law enforcement training program used around the world, this is the guide to understanding everything you could ever want to know about one of the world's most notorious criminal organizations through their notorious tattoo culture.

Regime Changes in 20th Century Europe
The term “terroir” is used to describe the flavor of the land. Although it is usually used to describe food, it grows in meaning when it is used to understand people and how they are a connected to their home. In 1992, what remained of the once diverse and peaceful Yugoslavia began to dissolve. The war that followed presented a picture that was much different than the normal depiction of good versus bad. The casualties ran deeper than the physical wounds and so one escaped unscathed. This is my story of a search for a new home and the separation from those I love a story of being uprooted.

The Oligarchs
This book sheds new light on the political economy of Russia under Putin’s rule. The author, a former EU diplomat, presents a historical review of the Russian economy and 60 years of state-communist mismanagement, followed by oligarchic privatization. The book offers profound insights into Putin’s rule and the power mechanics of the state-dominated management of the Russian economy. It identifies and assesses the lack of rule of law, together with an arbitrary and often corrupt administration that systematically discourages entrepreneurship and the emergence of an independent middle class. Furthermore, the book discusses Russia’s budgetary policy, its dependence on the export of natural resources, state-owned enterprises and their privileges, and Russia’s external trade. This hard-hitting, substantial analysis debunks the myth of Russia’s economic might and is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the economic realities of the Eurasian continent, or considering doing business with Russia.

Assassins
In retrospect, historical change often appears to be both logical and inevitable. Yet, as a process, as a series of moments, it is by nature open-ended. The protagonists are unaware of the potential consequences of their choices, as well as the meaning of their actions in the greater scheme of things. An individual, in real time and in the middle of events, has little scope for understanding the whole. The dynamic of a regime change involves a journey away from a particular past towards a chosen future, while the practices of the old regime are called into question. The competing visions for a better future often include a reactionary option, looking back towards an older period, perceived as a golden age waiting to be restored. In the aftermath of a regime change the new cadres, seeking to consolidate their power, form the new conservative bloc of the society. When revolutionary forces again begin to gather, the regime disintegrates, and the cycle begins again. So far, regime changes have been analysed as unique, one-off events. This book traces what such processes, regardless of their ideological colour, have in common. How does political power change hands? What are the mental and material tools of change? From the last stages of World War I to the present Crimean crisis, the case studies in this book offer timeless insights for understanding ideological and military conflicts, including the undercurrents of the present Russo-Western relations.

London Grad
THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER A Times and Sunday Times Book of the Year 2020 A Daily Telegraph Book of the Year 2020 ‘The Putin book that we’ve been waiting for’ Oliver Bulough, author of Moneyland

Alpha City
A Sharing Economy proposes radical new ways to close the UK’s growing income gap and spread social opportunities. A new social wealth fund would boost economic and social investment and simultaneously strengthen the public finances and offer a powerful antidote to austerity.

Can Russia Modernize?
Drawing on the South African case, this book looks at shifts in higher education around the world in the last two decades. In South Africa, calls for transformation have been heard in the university since the last days of apartheid. Similar claims for quality higher education to be made available to all have been made across the African continent. In spite of this, inequalities remain and many would argue that these have been exacerbated during the Covid pandemic. Understanding Higher Education responds to these calls by arguing for a social account of teaching and learning by contesting dominant understandings of students as ‘decontextualized learners’ premised on the idea that the university is a meritocracy. This book tackles the issue of teaching and learning by looking both within and beyond the classroom. It looks at how higher education policies emerged from the notion of the knowledge economy in the newly democratic South Africa, and how national qualification frameworks and other processes brought the country more closely into conversation with the global order. The effects of this on staffing and curriculum structures are considered alongside a proposition for alternative ways of understanding the role of higher education in society.

A Sharing Economy
developed in recent years. Opposing arguments are presented and students are encouraged to reach their own judgements on key events and issues such as privatization and corruption. This textbook tackles timely topics such as gender and inequality issues; organised religion; the economic crisis; and Russia’s place in the international community. It uses numerous examples to place this powerful and richly-endowed country in context, with a focus on the place of ordinary people which shows how policy is translated to Russians’ everyday lives.

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The book’s core ideas. With clear writing and infectious enthusiasm for its topic, Global Sociology remains the authority on

Power, Politics and Confrontation in Eurasia

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A dazzling tale of incredible wealth, ferocious disputes, beautiful women, private jets, mega-yachts, the world’s best soccer players, and chauffeur-driven Range Rovers with tinted windows. The amazing true story of how London became home to the Russian super-rich, this explosive book tells the tale of a group of buccaneering Russian oligarchs who made colossal fortunes after the collapse of communism—and then came to London to enjoy their newfound wealth. From the origin of their journeys in Moscow and St. Petersburg to mansions in Mayfair, Knightsbridge, and Surrey, the book plunge into a shimmering world of audacious multibillion-pound deals, outrageous spending, and rancorous feuds. While London’s flashiest restaurants echoed with Russian laughter and Bond Street shop-owners rapped up their profits, however, darker events were also playing themselves out. The killing of ex-KGB man Alexander Litsis, the ex-spy, and the death of Stephen Curtis, the lawyer to Russia’s super-rich, in a mysterious helicopter accident. Following Communism’s collapse in Russia, London became the favoured home-from-home for Russian billionaires. The book, fully updated, also looks at the capital’s prospects in the aftermath of Brexit and the pandemic, showing how the super-rich may capitalise on the crisis, increasing inequality and hardship.

The City

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Putin’s People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West

When Gerard Grevsoven, sixth Duke of Westminster, died in August 2016 he was one of the world’s richest men, his fortune estimated at just under £10 billion. Yet he hated his wealth and spent long periods suffering from severe depression, much of it brought on by a feeling that his whole life had been a failure and that his money had destroyed any chance of happiness. At the same time, he could be ruthless in running the business while often feeling he was only a masquer. Gerard Grevsoven came into the line of succession by mere chance – or ‘rotten bad luck’ as he put it. The third Duke was childless and the title passed to a cousin, who became fourth Duke in 1963 and then, when he died four years later, to his younger brother, Gerald’s father, Robert Grevsoven, who lived on an island in Lough Erne where Gerard grew up. Tom Quinn interviewed the sixth Duke on a number of occasions as well as people who knew the duke socially or had at various times worked with or for him. He discovered a complex man tortured by what he saw as his failures. He was a man who longed to return to his idyllic rural childhood yet was only really happy as an adult in the company of call girls. The book looks at the long and often eccentric history of the Grevsoven family and its wealth and the complex means by which that wealth has been shielded from the taxman, as well as the bizarre life of a man who was that strangest of things: The Reluctant Billionaire.

Deception

A first volume in a best-selling series that reflects intricate and symbolic aspects of Russian subculture and also inspired details from David Cronenberg’s Eastern Promises is a visual treasury of more than 3,000 tattoos accumulated throughout the course of a Russian prison attendant’s career.

Against The Odds

When more than 200 young schoolgirls were kidnapped on 15th April 2014, in the north-eastern Nigerian town of Chibok, by the extreme Islamic terrorist sect Boko Haram, it captivated the world and catapulted the oil-rich west African state into the international media spotlight. Who was this bizarre Muslim fundamentalist group threatening Islamic terrorism in Africa? What was happening to the abducted children, and would they survive this horrific ordeal? What was the Nigerian government doing to secure their release? And who was the President with the unfortunate name of Goodluck Jonathan? After securing interviews from contacts in Nigeria, including the President and his aides, Mark Hollingsworth and Youn Kennedy reveal the first inside account of this kidnapping, including Boko Haram’s activities and its secret sponsors. This new book also contains the first biography of Goodluck Jonathan and accounts the challenges facing Nigeria – corruption, oil and a fast-growing population. Against The Odds assembles all the major issues of today – terrorism, corruption, politics, business, oil and Islam – into one assessment of the country. It is a book that will appeal to readers interested in political affairs, exploring the President, the notorious corruption, the vast oil revenues and the colourful people and entrepreneurs who are developing Nigeria into the largest economy in Africa.

Culture is bad for you

Acclaim for The Education of a Speculator, a provocative and penetrating look into the mind, the soul, and the strategies of one of the most controversial traders of all time “A compelling and an entertaining read.” – The Wall Street Journal “Victor Niederhoffer gives us page after page of distilled investment wisdom. Taken together, this is pure nectar to those who aim for consistently superior market performance.” – Barron’s “The Education of a Speculator offers plenty of insights into the way markets work, but the epiphanies are what a reader might expect from Lao-Tzu rather than, say, Graham and Dodd.” – Worth magazine “The Education of a Speculator is the first meaningful book on speculating. Successful speculating is as fine an art as chess, checking, fishing, poker, tennis, painting, and music. Niederhoffer brings forth the best from each of these fields and shows the investor how their principles can enrich one’s life and net worth.” – Martin Edelston, President, Boardroom Inc., publishers of Boardroom Classics and Bottom Line/Personal “With an original mind and an ecclesiastic approach, Victor Niederhoffer takes the reader from Brighton Beach to Wall Street, visiting all stops of interest along the way. What emerges is a book full of insights, useful to the professional and layman alike.” – George Soros, Principal Investment Advisor, The Quantum Fund

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Alexander Lebedev is best known as the Russian businessman and public figure who bought the Evening Standard and The Independent newspapers in the UK. A former KGB intelligence officer in the USSR’s London Embassy, his book covers the years from his birth in 1959 to 2016. Written in a very and humorous manner, the book is mainly a memoir of Lebedev’s own hair-raising experiences as someone who aspires to show that an “honest banker” is not an oxymoron. There is the thread of a whodunit as his attempts at constructive and charitable business enterprises are systematically torpedoed by a person or persons unknown. He describes the dirty tricks used against him and the attempts to assassinate him and details how the Russian and international political and business elite live, Lebedev openly tells of his relations with leading politicians, businessmen, and cultural figures in Russia and abroad, and investigates corruption scandals, dodgy multi-billion-dollar deals, and contract killings. A comical episode on how he faced five years of imprisonment for a minor fracas during a television talk show, and how world show-business stars (Elton John, Hugh Grant, Keira Knightley, John Malkovich, Ian McKellen, Stephen Fry) raffled to his defense. He describes in detail how and why he became involved with two prominent UK newspapers, Lebedev reveals his access to inside sources of information, with policemen and secret policemen slipping him memoirs and transcripts of episodes which would otherwise have remained unknown. It is ultimately a portrait of a political system which ensures that genuine attempts to improve the fortunes of his country and its citizens are built on sand.

The Reluctant Billionaire

London is a global city. More than half of those who live in the UK’s capital came from somewhere else - and most arrived in the past few decades. The city’s industries have transformed, and London is a city that has been shaped by the immigration of millions of people from around the world. This book is an account of the impact of migration on London, and the ways in which the city has changed as a result. The book is written by an expert in the field of migration studies, and provides a comprehensive overview of the key trends and issues. It also includes case studies of specific groups who have contributed to London’s diversity, such as the Chinese community and the Indian diaspora. The book is intended for anyone interested in current affairs, exploring the President, the notorious corruption, the vast oil revenues and the colourful people and entrepreneurs who are developing Nigeria into the largest economy in Africa.

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Born in Sarajevo

The central objective of this edited volume is to help unlock a set of intriguing puzzles relating to the changing dynamics of power in Africa, a region that is critically important in the changing international security landscape.

Projecting Russia in a Mediatized World

“Scandalous, scandalous and frequently disgusting. I absolutely loved it!” James O’Brien Twitter hero. James Felton brings you the painfully funny history of Britain you were never taught at school, fully illustrated and chronicling 52 of the most ludicrous, weird and downright ‘haddie’ things Brits® have done to the world since time immemorial – before conveniently forgetting all about them, of course. Including: - Starting wars with China when they didn’t buy enough of our class A drugs - Inventing a law so we didn’t have to return objects we’d blatantly stolen from other countries - Casually creating mass graves for women - Almost going to war over a crime committed by a pig - And a brand new chapter just for the paperback! 52 TIMES BRITAIN WAS A BELLEND will complete your knowledge of this sceptred isle in ways you never expected. So if you’ve ever wondered how we put the ‘Great’ in ‘Great Britain’, wonder no more. . . . And when we say British, for the most part we unfortunately just mean the English. JAMES FELTON’S ‘SUNBURN’ (“AN ASTONISHING PIECE OF WORK” James O’Brien; ‘FUNNY, SCATHING AND WITTY IAN DUNT”) IS OUT NOW

International Relations Since the End of the Cold War

In International Relations Since the End of the Cold War many of the world’s leading scholars examine the Cold War legacy. The authors examine several key issues including: the relationship between democracy and peace, the Cold War and the Third World, superpowers, the role of post-Cold War nuclear weapons.

Poisoned Wells
The first history of London to show how immigrants have built, shaped and made a great success of the capital city London is now a global financial and multicultural hub in which over three hundred languages are spoken. But the history of London has always been a history of immigration. Panikos Panayi explores the rich and vibrant story of London—from its founding two millennia ago by Roman invaders, to Jewish and German immigrants in the Victorian period, to the Windrush generation invited from Caribbean countries in the twentieth century. Panayi shows how migration has been fundamental to London’s economic, social, political and cultural development. Migrant City sheds light on the various ways in which newcomers have shaped London life, acting as cheap labour, contributing to the success of its financial sector, its curry houses, and its football clubs. London’s economy has long been driven by migrants, from earlier continental financiers and more recent European Union citizens. Without immigration, fueled by globalization, Panayi argues, London would not have become the world city it is today.

Migrant City

This book presents a new perspective on how Russia projects itself to the world. Distancing itself from familiar, agency-driven International Relations accounts that focus on what ‘the Kremlin’ is up to and why, it argues for the need to pay attention to deeper, trans-state processes over which the Kremlin exerts much less control. Especially important in this context is mediatization, defined as the process by which contemporary social and political practices adopt a media form and follow media-driven logics. In particular, the book emphasizes the logic of the feedback loop or ‘recursion’, showing how it drives multiple Russian performances of national belonging and nation projection in the digital era. It applies this theory to recent issues, events and scandals that have played out in international arenas ranging from television, through theatre, film, and performance art, to warfare.