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Taking Up Space

A scathing attack on diet culture, fatphobia and ingrained sexism from bold author, activist and body image expert Virgie Tovar. Growing up as a fat girl, Virgie Tovar believed that her body was something to be fixed. But after two decades of dieting and constant guilt, she was over it--and gave herself the freedom to trust her own body again. Ever since, she's been helping others to do the same. Tovar is hungry for a world where bodies are valued equally, food is free from moral judgment, and you can jiggle through life with respect. In concise and candid language, she delves into unlearning fatphobia, dismantling sexist notions of fashion, and rejecting diet culture's greatest lie: that fat people need to wait before beginning their best lives.

Eating Mindfully

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Teaches women to free themselves from eating disorders by finding the metaphors hidden in their own life stories

Every Body Yoga

My Mother's Rules

TOP TEN SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER Think about that first tickle of hunger in your stomach. A moment ago, you could have been thinking about anything, but now it's thickly buttered marmite toast, a frosty scoop of ice cream straight from the tub, some creamy, cheesy scrambled eggs or a fuzzy, perfectly-ripe peach. Eating is one of life's greatest pleasures. Food nourishes our bodies, helps us celebrate our successes (from a wedding cake to a post-night out kebab), cheers us up when we're down, introduces us to new cultures and - when we cook and eat together - connects us with the people we love. In *Eat Up*, Ruby Tandoh celebrates the fun and pleasure of food, taking a look at everything from gluttons and gourmets in the movies, to the symbolism of food and sex. She will arm you against the fad diets, food crazes and bad science that can make eating guilt-laden and expensive, drawing eating inspiration from influences as diverse as Roald Dahl, Nora Ephron and Gemma from *TOWIE*. Filled with straight-talking, sympathetic advice on everything from mental health to recipe ideas and shopping tips, this is a book that clears away the fog, to help you fall back in love with food.

My Kid Is Back

The celebrated Hollywood icon comes fully to life in this complex portrait by noted film historian and master biographer Scott Eyman. Exploring Wayne's early life with a difficult mother and a feckless father, "Eyman gets at the details that the bean-counters and myth-

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spinners miss Wayne's intimates have told things here that they've never told anyone else" (Los Angeles Times). Eyman makes startling connections to Wayne's later days as an anti-Communist conservative, his stormy marriages to Latina women, and his notorious--and surprisingly long-lived--passionate affair with Marlene Dietrich.

Beauty Sick

“ Belonging has been a formative struggle for me. Like most people with marginalized identities, my experience as a trans person has taught me that it ’ s hard to be yourself and feel like you belong in a culture that is hostile to your existence. That ’ s why my body of work as a scientist, author, professor, speaker, and advocate for body liberation always comes back to the impact of belonging or not belonging. Radical Belonging is my manifesto, helping us heal from the individual and collective trauma of injustice and support our transition from a culture of othering to one of belonging. ” —Lindo Bacon Too many of us feel alienated from our bodies. This isn ’ t your personal failing; it means that our culture is failing you. We are in the midst of a cultural moment. #MeToo. #BlackLivesMatter. #TransIsBeautiful. #AbleismExists. #EffYourBeautyStandards. Those of us who don ’ t fit into the “ mythical norm ” (white, male, cisgender, able-bodied, slender, Christian, etc.)—which is to say, most of us—are demanding our basic right: To know that who we are matters. To belong. Being “ othered ” and the body shame it spurs is not “ just ” a feeling. Being erased and devalued impacts our ability to regulate our emotions, our relationships with others, our health and longevity, our finances, our ability to realize dreams, and whether we will be accepted, loved, or even safe. Radical Belonging is not a simple self-love treatise. Focusing only on self-love ignores the important fact that we have negative experiences because our culture has targeted certain bodies and people for abuse or alienation. For marginalized people, a focus on self-love can be a spoonful of sugar that makes the oppression go

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down. This groundbreaking book goes further, helping us to manage the challenges that stem from oppression and moving beyond self-love and into belonging. With Lindo Bacon ' s signature blend of science and storytelling, *Radical Belonging* addresses the political, sociological, psychological and biological underpinnings of your experiences, helping you understand that the alienation and pain you are experiencing is not personal, but human. The problem is in injustice, not you as an individual. So many of us feel wounded by a culture that has alienated us from our bodies and divided us from each other. *Radical Belonging* provides strategies to reckon with the trauma of injustice; reclaim yourself, body and soul; and rewire your nervous system to better cope within an unjust world. It also provides strategies to help us all provide refuge for one another and create a culture of equity and empathy, one that respects, includes, and benefits from all its diverse peoples. Whether you are transgender, queer, Black, Indigenous or a Person of Color, disabled, old, or fat—or your more closely resemble the “ mythical norm ” —*Radical Belonging* is your guidebook for creating a world where all bodies are valued and all of us belong—and for coping with this one, until we make that new world a reality.

Am I Ugly?

"A revealing look at why men cheat, through the lives of two men; one a faithful business mogul and the other a celebrity addicted to infidelity."--Jacket.

Just Another Nigger

In this unique, profoundly inspirational memoir, *Divorce Court* star Judge Lynn Toler shares her mother ' s wisdom for learning to conquer anger and become immune to insult. Toler credits her mother ' s “ rules ” for life — a life that saw her grow up the daughter

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of a poor teen mother and endure a husband who suffered mental illness and alcoholism – with providing the grounding for her own success and happiness. Toler shows how the mindset of “ a black woman who knew how to make things work ” taught her the power of knowing how to manage one ’ s emotional business—lessons that this book offers in wrenching stories written in spare and graceful prose. My Mother ’ s Rules is an unforgettable book that will captivate readers with its illustrations of how to rise above the most difficult circumstances and find peace and success in life.

Why We're Wrong About Nearly Everything

Conversations defining the Arctic region often provoke debate and controversy -- for scientists, this lies in the imprecise and imaginary line known as the Arctic Circle; for countries like Canada, Russia, the United States, and Denmark, such discussions are based in competition for land and resources; for indigenous communities, those discussions are also rooted in issues of rights. These shifting lines are only made murkier by the threat of global climate change. In the Arctic Ocean, the consequences of Earth's warming trend are most immediately observable in the multi-year and perennial ice that has begun to melt, which threatens ice-dependent microorganisms and, eventually, will disrupt all of Arctic life and raise sea levels globally. In *The Arctic: What Everyone Needs to Know®*, Klaus Dodds and Mark Nuttall offer concise answers to the myriad questions that arise when looking at the circumpolar North. They focus on its peoples, politics, environment, resource development, and conservation to provide critical information about how changes there can, and will, affect our entire globe and all of its inhabitants. Dodds and Nuttall explore how the Arctic's importance has grown over time, the region's role during the Cold War, indigenous communities and their history, and the past and future of the Arctic's governance, among other crucial topics.

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Rise Up

World-renowned scholar and visionary bell hooks takes an in-depth look at one of the most critical issues of our time, the impact of low self-esteem on the lives of black people. Without self-esteem everyone loses his or her sense of meaning, purpose, and power. For too long, African Americans in particular have been unable to openly and honestly address the crisis of self-esteem and how it affects the way they perceive themselves and are perceived by others. In her most challenging and provocative book to date, bell hooks gives voice to what many black people have thought and felt, but seldom articulated. She offers readers a clear, passionate examination of the role self-esteem plays in the African-American experience in determining whether individuals or groups succeed or self-sabotage. She considers the reasons why even among "the best and brightest" students at Ivy League institutions "there were young men and women beset by deep feelings of unworthiness, of ugliness inside and outside." She listened to the stories of her students and her peers -- baby boomers who had excelled -- and heard the same sentiments, including deep feelings of inadequacy. With critical insight, hooks exposes the underlying truth behind the crisis: it has been extremely difficult to create a culture that promotes and sustains a healthy sense of self-esteem in African-American communities. With true brilliance, she rigorously examines and identifies the barriers -- political and cultural -- that keep African Americans from emotional well-being. She looks at historical movements as well as parenting and how we make and sustain community. She discusses the revolutionary role preventative mental health care can play in promoting and maintaining self-esteem. Blending keen intellectual insight and practical wisdom, *Rock My Soul* provides a blueprint for healing a people and a nation.

Train Happy

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"Memoir of a Black Panther Party member, chronicling his early childhood in Missouri, his thoughts about American racism and the nascent Civil Rights Movement, his participation in the Black Panther Party, and his exile from the United States"--

The Women Widowed to Themselves

"Combatting fatphobia and racism to reclaim a space of belonging at the intersection of fat, black, and female --and informed by personal history, community stories, and deep research--[this book] breaks down the myths, stereotypes, tropes, and outright lies we've been sold about race, body size, belonging, and health"--

Eat Up

Most women have spent time dieting and trying to change themselves in order to fit into a mold—and a body—that is deemed socially acceptable. Yet it is dieting that is the problem: it disconnects us from our bodies wisdom and holds us back from living life to the fullest. The more time we spend trying to “ fix ” ourselves, the less time we have for the things that really matter. What presents as a problem about food is, in reality, much deeper and more complex. In her new book, *Unapologetic Eating: Make Peace with Food & Transform Your Life*, registered dietitian and certified intuitive eating counselor Alissa Rumsey helps you explore your history with food and your body and question societal expectations to get to the bottom of the complexity and find a clear path forward—forever free from diets! Using a relatable four-step approach, Rumsey teaches you how to reconnect with your body using your relationship with food as the entry point. She provides actionable tools you can use to confidently nourish yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. You ’ ll learn how to make peace with food, improve your body image, trust your intuition, and reclaim the space to eat and live unapologetically. Say goodbye to

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the constraints of dieting and hello to the freedom and empowerment to live your most fulfilling life.

The Food and Feelings Workbook

Humans have always loved to wish, and they love it even more when their wishes come true! In *Wishcraft*, Shauna Cummins uses her experience as a hypnotist to teach you how to take control of your subconscious mind and make your wishes become a reality. In Shauna's experience, we can empower our wishes with practice and intention, working with wishes as if they are a blessing, affirmation and meditation all in one. Featuring detailed instructions for calming the mind, allowing your wishes to influence you on a deeper level, as well as information on how to create an ideal environment for manifesting, this book will help you to discover how to turn your fears, phobias and negative feelings into positive, empowering tools and to find your inner strengths and skills. When we learn the art, benefit and practice of well-wishing, our subconscious mind becomes a proverbial wishing well; an ideal place to plant our wishes. Wishes can act as a focusing lens for our desires and portal for divine intervention. Including advice on the type of wishes you can aim for – from wishes to love, receive, grow, achieve and more – *Wishcraft* will give you the tools to take hold and transform your life. So what are you waiting for? PERCEIVE. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

Fearing the Black Body

A 2018 BOOK OF THE YEAR ‘ An inspirational must-read. ’
Evening Standard ‘ A very important book. ’ Will Gompertz, BBC
‘ A motivational, inspirational oral history. ’ Nikesh Shukla, iNews
‘ Don ’ t sleep on it the future is looking #Merky. ’ Metro
_____ ‘ It ’ s been a long time coming, I
swear ’ In four years Stormzy has risen from one of the most

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promising musicians of his generation to a spokesperson for a generation. Rise Up is the story of how he got there. It ' s a story about faith and the ideas worth fighting for. It ' s about knowing where you ' re from, and where you ' re going. It ' s about following your dreams without compromising who you are. Featuring never-before-seen photographs, lyrics and contributions from Team #Merky, Rise Up is the #Merky story, and the record of a journey unlike any other.

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No Big Deal

Winner, 2020 Body and Embodiment Best Publication Award, given by the American Sociological Association Honorable Mention, 2020 Sociology of Sex and Gender Distinguished Book Award, given by the American Sociological Association How the female body has been racialized for over two hundred years There is an obesity epidemic in this country and poor black women are particularly stigmatized as “ diseased ” and a burden on the public health care system. This is only the most recent incarnation of the fear of fat black women, which Sabrina Strings shows took root more than two hundred years ago. Strings weaves together an eye-opening historical narrative ranging from the Renaissance to the current moment, analyzing important works of art, newspaper and magazine articles, and scientific literature and medical journals—where fat bodies were once praised—showing that fat phobia, as it relates to black women, did not originate with medical findings, but with the Enlightenment era belief that fatness was evidence of “ savagery ” and racial inferiority. The author argues that the contemporary ideal of slenderness is, at its very core, racialized and racist. Indeed, it was not until the early twentieth century, when racialized attitudes against fatness were already entrenched in the culture, that the medical establishment began its crusade against obesity. An important and original work, *Fearing the Black Body*

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argues convincingly that fat phobia isn't about health at all, but rather a means of using the body to validate race, class, and gender prejudice.

Fattily Ever After

How common and effortless it is to eat in an uncontrolled, unaware, mindless manner. If you've ever continued to snack when you were full, cut calories despite being hungry, or used guilt to guide your eating, you've experienced mindless eating firsthand. Let's face it. Deciding what to eat is not an easy task. It's so tricky that in the United States eating concerns and weight obsessions have reached epidemic proportions, with serious health consequences for a large part of the population. What turns an everyday activity like eating into such an overwhelming process? The answer to that question is, of course, a complex one. Throughout the book, we will return to that question with some answers. But the bottom line is this: To make smart, healthy eating choices, your body and mind work together to send you essential clues about what you need and want to eat. These clues give you information about "how much" and "what" to eat. The sensations and emotions that signal when you're full, famished, or just wanting to eat something rich and delicious are a complex combination of bodily and emotional feelings. If you are attentive and responsive to these cues, your eating will be healthy, in control, and well regulated. Dieting and disliking your body are incredibly detrimental to your emotional, mental, and physical well-being. They inhibit your ability to accurately decode your body's messages and feedback. The dieting mindset is akin to taking a knife and cutting the connection that is your body's only line of communication with your head. The dieting mindset can skew your knowledge of healthy eating so badly that you have no idea of what to eat. Mindless eating is then manifested in two ways. You can either "obsess" or "ignore" internal feedback from both your body and mind, rather than responding thoughtfully to your hunger and to your concern about your health. In this book, you will learn how

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mindlessness unknowingly corrupts the way you eat a meal, and how it manifests in a variety of eating problems. You will gain insight into why mindfulness, which is, of course, the opposite of mindlessness, can provide you with valuable skills to control the way you eat.

You Have the Right to Remain Fat

No Big Deal is a fierce and body-positive celebration of friendship, first crushes and loving yourself 'No Big Deal is an iconic love song to everyone out there who knows that life isn't one size fits all' Julie Murphy, bestselling author of Dumplins' Emily knows she's smart. Emily knows she's funny. Emily knows she's awesome. Emily knows she's fat. She doesn't need anyone to tell her any of these things - she likes herself and she likes her body. She just thinks it's time everyone else caught up. With a newly-slim bestie, a mum knee-deep in fad diets and increasing pressure to change, Emily faces a constant battle to be her true self. But when she meets gorgeous Joe, things start to change. Somehow, she's going to have to convince everyone, including herself, that it's no big deal. No Big Deal is a funny and inspiring debut YA novel from Bethany Rutter: influencer, editor and a fierce UK voice in the debate around body positivity.

The Fall

The Women Widowed to Themselves is Lora Mathis' first full-length book of poetry. Bold, feminine, and unapologetic, it deals with themes of mental illness, femininity, and regaining autonomy over your body. Meggie Royer said: "Lora Mathis debuts her first collection of poetry with a kind of ferocity and brutal honesty that is all too often difficult to come by in a world built to raise the voices of men and silence those of women. These poems, like their author, have been wounded and touched in all the wrong ways, but still shine through with the softness and snarl of something brave and true. Mathis will take you through

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the failed parties and the bad beers, the self-loathing and the desperate texts that all come with being a young woman who struggled to survive the growing pains and aches of adolescence, and leave you full of awe and clarity."

Rock My Soul

An award-winning Northwestern University psychology professor reveals how the cultural obsession with women's appearance is an epidemic that harms women's ability to get ahead and to live happy, meaningful lives, in this powerful, eye-opening work in the vein of Naomi Wolf, Peggy Orenstein, and Sheryl Sandberg. Today's young women face a bewildering set of contradictions when it comes to beauty. They don't want to be Barbie dolls but, like generations of women before them, are told they must look like them. They're angry about the media's treatment of women but hungrily consume the very outlets that belittle them. They mock modern culture's absurd beauty ideal and make videos exposing Photoshopping tricks, but feel pressured to emulate the same images they criticize by posing with a "skinny arm." They understand that what they see isn't real but still download apps to airbrush their selfies. Yet these same young women are fierce fighters for the issues they care about. They are ready to fight back against their beauty-sick culture and create a different world for themselves, but they need a way forward. In *Beauty Sick*, Dr. Renee Engeln, whose TEDx talk on beauty sickness has received more than 250,000 views, reveals the shocking consequences of our obsession with girls' appearance on their emotional and physical health and their wallets and ambitions, including depression, eating disorders, disruptions in cognitive processing, and lost money and time. Combining scientific studies with the voices of real women of all ages, she makes clear that to truly fulfill their potential, we must break free from cultural forces that feed destructive desires, attitudes, and words—from fat-shaming to denigrating commentary about other

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women. She provides inspiration and workable solutions to help girls and women overcome negative attitudes and embrace their whole selves, to transform their lives, claim the futures they deserve, and, ultimately, change their world.

Know Your Place

A leading social researcher explains why humans so consistently misunderstand the outside world How often are women harassed? What percentage of the population are immigrants? How bad is unemployment? These questions are important, but most of us get the answers wrong. Research shows that people often wildly misunderstand the state of the world, regardless of age, sex, or education. And though the internet brings us unprecedented access to information, there's little evidence we're any better informed because of it. We may blame cognitive bias or fake news, but neither tells the complete story. In *Why We're Wrong About Nearly Everything*, Bobby Duffy draws on his research into public perception across more than forty countries, offering a sweeping account of the stubborn problem of human delusion: how society breeds it, why it will never go away, and what our misperceptions say about what we really believe. We won't always know the facts, but they still matter. *Why We're Wrong About Nearly Everything* is mandatory reading for anyone interested making humankind a little bit smarter.

Eating in the Light of the Moon

Plenty of successful guides have been published for hip girls in general, but now the trendsetting black reader has a book of her own. Dedicated to chic sisters everywhere, *Beautylicious!* shimmers with wit and soul—an irresistible new recipe for loving, playing, and beautifying with verve. Chapters include: • *Soul Power*: Sizzle with radiance from the inside out • *Queen Me*: Treats to perk you up when the blues

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have got you down • Superfly: How to heat up your wardrobe without scorching your self-confidence • Fit and Fine: A toned body plus a healthy mind equals a sensational you • Beauty . . . Moi Way: Enhancing fabulous you • Fun and Frolic: Perfecting your swerve • Fête Accompli: Entertaining with style and soul • Date-o-Rama: The fast track to vixenhood • Mane Intrigue: Straight talk on finding a hairstyle that's as fabulous as you are • Luxe Life: The fine art of indulgence Beautylicious!also shares know-how from the Patron Saints of Fabulosity, along with tips for becoming a favorite hostess (and a favorite guest), staying cool in heated situations, and finessing that saucy outlook on life. The ideal gift, Beautylicious! sparkles with fun and flair. From the Trade Paperback edition.

The Arctic

‘ Perfect, kind, hilarious and persuasive ’ Lena Dunham ‘ You need this book. Your mum needs this book. Your best friend needs this book. Everyone needs a dose of Happy Fat! ’ Julie Murphy

Death of the Cheating Man

'Imagine being him. Every day you wake up. You're tired. Your body doesn't work properly You said it - you'd kill yourself.' Two teenagers sneak into an old man's home for a secret meeting. A young couple try to build their future whilst looking after an ailing parent. A care home offers its residents the opportunity to unburden their children. James Fritz's play *The Fall* takes a funny, moving and candid look at young people's relationships to older people, confronting the frightening prospect of ageing in a country undergoing crises of housing and care. It was commissioned and premiered by the National Youth Theatre at the Finborough Theatre, London, in 2016, and revived at Southwark Playhouse in 2018.

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#VERYFAT #VERYBRAVE

A body-positive call to arms that's as inspirational as it is practical, from Instagram star Megan Jayne Crabbe For generations, women have been convinced that true happiness only comes when we hit that goal weight, shrink ourselves down, and change ourselves to fit a rigid and unrealistic beauty ideal. We've been taught to see our bodies as collections of problems that need to be fixed. Instagram star Megan Jayne Crabbe is determined to spread the word that loving the body you have is the real path to happiness. An international body positive guru with fans in all corners of the world, Megan spent years battling eating disorders and weight fluctuations before she found her way to body positivity. She quit dieting, discovered a new kind of confidence, and replaced all those old feelings of body shame and self-recrimination with everyday joy. Free of the pressure to fit in a size 2, her life became more satisfying than ever before. In her debut book, Megan shares her own struggles with self-acceptance and her path to body positivity. With whip-smart wit and a bold attitude that lights up her Instagram feed, Megan champions a new worldview for all of us: It's time to stop dieting and get on with your life.

Fat Activism

What is Fat Activism and why is it important? Charlotte Cooper, a fat activist with around 30 years experience, answers this question by lifting the lid on a previously unexplored social movement and offering a fresh perspective on one of the major problems of our times. In her expansive grassroots study she: Reveals details of fat activist methods and approaches and explodes myths Charts extensive accounts of international fat activist historical roots going back over four decades Explores controversies and tensions in the movement Shows that fat activism is an undeniably feminist and queer phenomenon Explains why fat activism presents exciting possibilities for anyone interested in

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social justice Fat Activism: A Radical Social Movement is a rare insider ' s view of fat people speaking about their lives and politics on their own terms. It is part of a new wave of accessible, accountable and rigorous work emerging through Research Justice and the Para-Academy. This is the book you have been waiting for.

Happy Fat: Taking Up Space in a World That Wants to Shrink You

When a child develops anorexia nervosa, parents often don't know where to turn for help. My Kid Is Back offers hope and encouragement for parents in fighting this eating disorder. Based on the Maudsley Approach, a successful family-based treatment, this book gives parents techniques for taking charge of the illness and helping their child move on with their lives. This is a practical guide that provides a fuller understanding of anorexia nervosa and information about where to go for help. It also features the stories of ten families who describe how they coped and the journeys they have made in beating the illness.

Recipes for Self-Love

From the unforgettable teacher Jessamyn Stanley comes Every Body Yoga, a book that breaks all the stereotypes. It ' s a book of inspiration for beginners of all shapes and sizes: If Jessamyn could transcend these emotional and physical barriers, so can we. It ' s a book for readers already doing yoga, looking to refresh their practice or find new ways to stay motivated. It ' s a how-to book: Here are easy-to-follow directions to 50 basic yoga poses and 10 sequences to practice at home, all photographed in full color. It ' s a book that challenges the larger issues of body acceptance and the meaning of beauty. Most of all, it ' s a book that changes the paradigm, showing us that yoga isn ' t about how one looks, but how one feels, with yoga sequences like " I Want to Energize My Spirit, " " I Need to Release Fear, " " I Want to

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Love Myself. ” Jessamyn Stanley, a yogi who breaks all the stereotypes, has built a life as an internationally recognized yoga teacher and award-winning Instagram star by combining a deep understanding for yoga with a willingness to share her personal struggles in a way that touches everyone who comes to know her. Now she brings her body-positive, emotionally uplifting approach to yoga in a book that will help every reader discover the power of yoga and how to weave it seamlessly into his or her life.

My Body, My Home

'Brilliant' CANDICE CARTY-WILLIAMS, author of QUEENIE
'Essential' BERNARDINE EVARISTO, author of GIRL, WOMAN,
OTHER 'Hugely important' PAULA AKPAN

_____ As a minority in a predominantly white institution, taking up space is an act of resistance. Recent Cambridge grads Chelsea and Ore experienced this first-hand, and wrote Taking Up Space as a guide and a manifesto for change. FOR BLACK GIRLS: Understand that your journey is unique. Use this book as a guide. Our wish for you is that you read this and feel empowered, comforted and validated in every emotion you experience, or decision that you make. FOR EVERYONE ELSE: We can only hope that reading this helps you to be a better friend, parent, sibling or teacher to black girls living through what we did. It's time we stepped away from seeing this as a problem that black people are charged with solving on their own. It's a collective effort. And everyone has a role to play. Featuring honest conversations with students past and present, Taking Up Space goes beyond the buzzwords of diversity and inclusion and explores what those words truly mean for young black girls today. _____ #Merky Books was set up by publishers Penguin Random House and Stormzy in June 2018 to find and publish the best writers of a new generation and to publish the stories that are not being heard. #Merky Books aims to

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open up the world of publishing, and this year has launched a New Writer's Prize and will soon be launching a #Merky Books traineeship. 'I know too many talented writers that don't always have an outlet or a means to get their work seen, and hopefully #Merky Books can now be a reference point for them to say "I can be an author", and for that to be a realistic and achievable goal Reading and writing as a kid were integral to where I am today and I, from the bottom of my heart, cannot wait to hear your stories and get them out into the big wide world.' STORMZY

Fat Girls in Black Bodies

'I love Stephanie... She's one of my favourite truth tellers online, she pulls no punches and empowers so many women with her own commitment to equality.... This book is going to mean a lot, to a lot of people.' — Jameela Jamil Stephanie Yeboah has experienced racism and fat-phobia throughout her life. From being bullied at school to being objectified and humiliated in her dating life, Stephanie's response to discrimination has always been to change the narrative around body-image and what we see as beautiful. In her debut book, *Fattily Ever After*, Stephanie speaks openly and courageously about her own experience on navigating life as a black, plus-sized woman — telling it how it really is — and how she has managed to find self-acceptance in a world where judgement and discrimination are rife. Featuring stories of every day misogynoir and being fetishized, to navigating the cesspit of online dating and experiencing loneliness, Stephanie shares her thoughts on the treatment of black women throughout history, the marginalisation of black, plus-sized women in the media (even within the body-positivity movement) whilst drawing on wisdom from other black fat liberation champions along the way. Peppered with insightful tips and honest advice and boldly illustrated throughout, this inspiring and powerful book is essential reading for a generation of black, plus-sized women, helping them to live their life openly, unapologetically

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and with confidence.

Radical Belonging

In today's world of supplements, celebrity diets and social media, it's very easy to be hard on ourselves about the way we look. With all this pressure to strive for 'perfection' aesthetically, it is easy to forget how damaging this can be psychologically. Michelle Elman is a leading part of the body positivity movement that has been gathering momentum to liberate people from these unrealistic standards, recognise that all bodies are equally valuable and broaden the billboard definitions of beauty. *Am I Ugly?* is this inspiring woman's compelling and deeply personal memoir that describes her childhood experiences of life-threatening health problems, long stays in hospital and fifteen complex surgeries that left her scarred, both mentally and physically. The narrative follows Michelle's journey from illness to health, and from childhood to adulthood as she deals with her body-confidence issues to embrace both her scars and her body - and help others to do the same. This remarkable book grapples with the wider implications of Michelle's experiences and the complex interplay between beauty and illness. 'Michelle Elman is Bo-Po personified. She shows that we should never hide the things that make us who we are' Curvy Kate. 'A 21-year-old life coach in London has become an Instagram star and viral inspiration after sharing her bikini photos and an inspiring video' Fox News. 'Michelle's post has certainly made an impact on so many people who needed a pick-me-up, and we just hope that anyone else feeling insecure due to clothes sizes somehow find themselves scrolling onto her post, too' Metro.

What a Time to be Alone

Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls is a manifesto and call to arms to women of all sizes and ages. With smart and sassy eloquence, veteran

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blogger Jes Baker calls on women to be proud of their bodies, fight against fat-shaming, and embrace a body-positive worldview to change public perceptions and help women maintain mental health. Chapters include: What is Body Love and Why is it Important? Start Now Realize that Body Hate is Learned Learn Why We've Decided to Hate Ourselves Reframe Health Acknowledge Photoshop Normalize Mental Health Surround Yourself with Body Positive Media Increase Conversational Awareness Wear What Scares You Create Your Own Affirmations Find a Body Love Support System Allow Yourself to Have Bad Days The Social Impact of Body Love/The Pay Off With the same straightforward tone that catapulted her to national attention when she wrote a public letter addressing the sexist comments of Abercrombie & Fitch CEO, Jes shares personal experiences along with in-depth research in a way that is approachable, digestible, and empowering. Featuring notable guest authors, Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls is an invitation for all women to reject fat prejudice, learn to love their bodies, and join the most progressive, and life changing revolution there is: the movement to change their world, not their body.

Beautylicious!

An extraordinary, powerful connection exists between feeling and feeding that, if damaged, may lead to one relying on food for emotional support, rather than seeking authentic happiness. This unique workbook takes on the seven emotions that plague problem eaters — guilt, shame, helplessness, anxiety, disappointment, confusion, and loneliness — and shows readers how to embrace and learn from their feelings. Written with honesty and humor, the book explains how to identify and label a specific emotion, the function of that emotion, and why the emotion drives food and eating problems. Each chapter has two sets of exercises: experiential exercises that relate to emotions and eating, and questionnaires that provoke thinking

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about and understanding feelings and their purpose. Supplemental pages help readers identify emotions and chart emotional development. The final part of the workbook focuses on strategies for disconnecting feeling from food, discovering emotional triggers, and using one ' s feelings to get what one wants out of life.

Body Positive Power

PART OF BBC2'S BOOK CLUB BETWEEN THE COVERS In To Be a Gay Man, Will Young speaks out about gay shame, revealing the impact it had on his own life, how he learned to deal with it, and how he can now truthfully say he is gay and happy. We know Will as a multi-platinum recording artist, Olivier-nominee, and the first winner of the Idol franchise. But his story began long before his first audition. Looking back on a world where growing up being called gay was the ultimate insult and coming out after a lifetime of hiding his sexuality, Will explores the long-lasting impact repressing his true self has had. As Will's own story demonstrates, internalised shame in childhood increases the risk of developing low self-worth, and even self-disgust, leading to destructive behaviours in adult life. Will revisits the darkest extremes he has been to, sharing his vulnerabilities, his regrets, tracing his own navigation through it all and showing the way for others who might have felt alone in the same experience. Here you will find a friend, champion and mentor, breaking taboos with frank honesty, and offering invaluable practical advice on overcoming the difficult issues too often faced within the LGBTQ+ community.

Dreaming in a Nightmare

The actress, comedian, and podcaster extraordinaire's guide to being a #brave, bikini-wearing badass. If you ' ve ever seen a fat person post a bikini shot on social media, you already know that they are #verybrave, because apparently existing in a fat body in public is #brave. I, Nicole

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Byer, wrote this book to 1. share my impressive bikini collection and my hot body with the world and 2. help other people feel #brave by embracing their body as it is. In this book, I share my journey to becoming #brave, give you my hot tips and tricks—on how to find the perfect bikini, how to find your own #bravery, and how to handle haters—and serve you over 100 bikini looks.

John Wayne: The Life and Legend

The story of a child refugee who faced her fears, found her home and accidentally made history When she was just nine, Golriz Ghahraman and her parents were forced to flee their home in Iran. After a terrifying and uncertain journey, they landed in Auckland where they were able to seek asylum and - ultimately - create a new life. In this open and intimate account, Ghahraman talks about making a home in Aotearoa New Zealand, her work as a human rights lawyer, her United Nations missions, and how she became the first refugee to be elected to the New Zealand Parliament. Passionate and unflinching, Know Your Place is a story about breaking barriers, and the daily challenges of prejudice that shape the lives of women and minorities. At its heart, it's about overcoming fear, about family, and about finding a place to belong.

To be a Gay Man

Let go of the ' exercise rules ' and learn to love working out and moving your body in a multitude of ways! Personal Trainer and Broadcaster Tally Rye is on a mission to change the way we think about exercise, encouraging you to approach it with a mindset of self-care rather than the traditional self-punishment narrative. Join Tally as she helps you to ditch diet culture and all its associations with fitness. Gain knowledge and tools that enable you to navigate your path to a health first, holistic approach to fitness which includes insights from leading

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experts in body image, mental health and intuitive eating. As you read you will discover the wonderful physical and mental health benefits of regular activity and then start to feel their effects as you follow Tally 's 10-week training plan. The plan is designed to slot into your life in a sustainable and flexible way, providing resistance workouts, bodyweight workouts and weekly challenges to keep mixing it up which can all be done in the comfort of your own home. Through personal insight, and as a Trainer, Instructor and host of the podcast Fit And Fearless with BBC 5 Live, Tally wants to help you build a positive and intuitive relationship with fitness, food and your body that is sustainable for the long term and ultimately help you to Train Happy.

Unapologetic Eating

Based on her popular Instagram feed of the same name (144k followers and counting), Recipes for Self-Love is a book by Amsterdam-based artist Alison Rachel of empowering images of and for women, and accompanying meditations on feminism, self-care, boundaries, intersectionality, sexuality, anxiety, ritual, beauty, individuality, and self-expression. Featuring all-new images in her bright, distinctive style in a gifty full-color package (7 x 7 " POB), Recipes for Self-Love is the ultimate appreciation gift for the powerful, incredible women in your life (or for yourself).

WishCraft

Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls

A moving and powerful account of the problems faced by a new generation, from crime to poverty to an increasingly divided society, from an extraordinarily accomplished young activist and entrepreneur.

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My name is Jeremiah Emmanuel. I ' m twenty years old. I ' m an activist, an entrepreneur, a former deputy young mayor of Lambeth and member of the UK Youth Parliament. I wanted to change the world, but the world I was born into changed me first. Raised in south London, I lived in an area where crime and poverty were everywhere and opportunities to escape were rare. Violence was accepted, prison was expected. Your best friend might vanish overnight, never to be seen again. That was the world I knew; the only one I thought was possible for people like me. But somehow, as I got older, I found my way to a different world: a place where people listened to you, where opinions were heard, where doors were opened, where there were opportunities around every corner. Everything had stayed the same and everything had changed. This is the story of how I did it, the people who helped me get there, and the huge hurdles I – and my entire generation – have to learn to face and overcome. It ' s the story of how to move forward in a world that ' s holding you back.

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