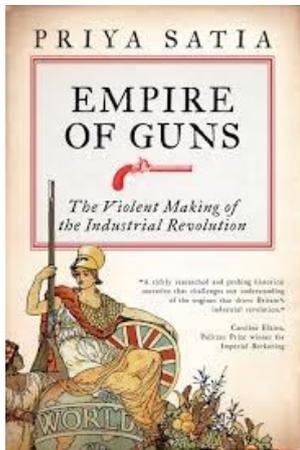


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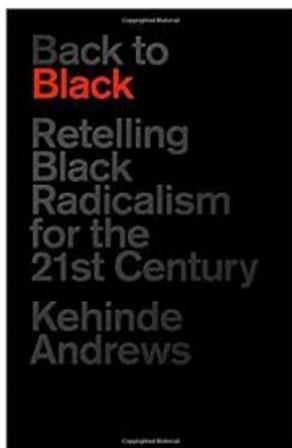
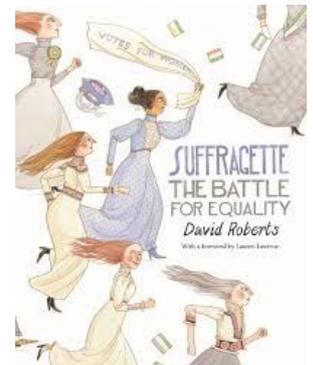


EMPIRE OF GUNS: The Violent Making of the Industrial Revolution Priya Satia £30.00

We have long understood the Industrial Revolution as a triumphant story of innovation and technology. *Empire of Guns* upends this conventional wisdom by placing war and Britain's prosperous gun trade at the heart of the Industrial Revolution and the state's imperial expansion – and, at the centre of this story, a Quaker, Samuel Galton, who as one of Britain's most prominent gunmakers was condemned by his fellow Quakers. In his fervent self-defence, Galton argued that the state's heavy reliance on industry for all of its war needs meant that every member of the British industrial economy was implicated in Britain's near-constant state of war. This story offers a radically new understanding of this critical historical moment and all that followed from it.

SUFFRAGETTE: The Battle for Equality David Roberts £18.99

Suffragette brings to life the many vivid characters of the women's suffrage movement – from the militant activist and wheelchair user Rosa May Billinghurst to the world-famous Emmeline Pankhurst, Millicent Fawcett and Emily Wilding Davison. Covering the whole range of female and male suffragist experiences – from aristocrats to the middle and working class as well as a look at the global struggle for universal suffrage – *Suffragette* makes a beautifully illustrated introduction to a fascinating topic.



BACK TO BLACK: Retelling Black Radicalism for the 21st Century Kehinde Andrews £16.99

Back to Black traces the long and eminent history of Black radical politics. Born out of resistance to slavery and colonialism, its rich past encompasses figures such as Marcus Garvey, Angela Davis, the Black Panthers and the Black Lives Matter activists of today. At its core it argues that racism is inexorably embedded in the fabric of society, and that it can never be overcome unless by enacting change outside of this suffocating system. Yet this Black radicalism has been diluted and moderated over time; wilfully misrepresented and caricatured by others; divested of its legacy, potency, inclusivity and force for global change. Kehinde Andrews connects the dots to today's struggles by showing what a renewed politics of Black radicalism might look like in the 21st century.

NOTES ON A NERVOUS PLANET Matt Haig £12.99

The world is messing with our minds. Rates of stress and anxiety are rising. A fast, nervous planet is creating fast and nervous lives. We are more connected, yet feel more alone. And we are encouraged to worry about everything from world politics to our body mass index. How can we stay sane on a planet that makes us mad? How do we stay human in a technological world? How do we feel happy when we are encouraged to be anxious? *Notes on a Nervous Planet* is a personal and vital look at how to feel happy, human and whole in the twenty-first century.

