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JONATHAN COOK, a former staff journalist for the *Guardian* and *Observer* newspapers, has also written for *The Times, Le Monde diplomatique, International Herald Tribune, Al-Ahram Weekly* and Aljazeera.net. He is based in Nazareth.

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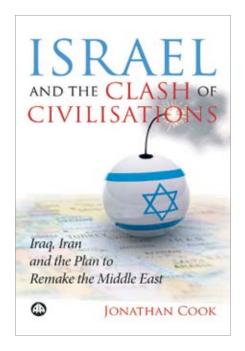
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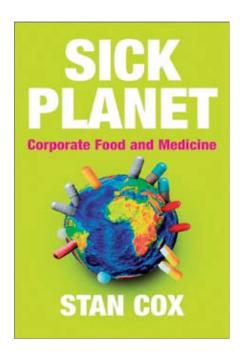
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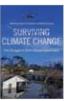
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STAN COX is a senior scientist at The Land Institute in Salina. Kansas. He worked for the US Department of Agriculture from 1984 to 1996 and has a Ph.D. in plant genetics.

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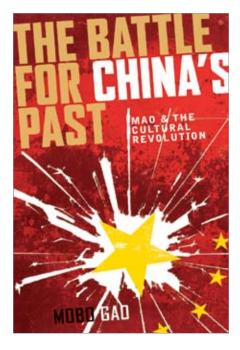
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MOBO GAO is Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of the Adelaide Confucius Institute at the University of Adelaide. He is the author of *Gao Village: A Portrait of Rural Life in Modern China* (1999) and *Mandarin Chinese: An Introduction* (2000).



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Foreword by GARETH EVANS

North Korea's development and testing of nuclear weapons made headlines in the Western media, but is the country really a threat to the rest of the world? This accessible introduction examines the country's history and focuses on whether the threat is realistic or exaggerated by the US in order to gain international support for the controversial missile defence system. It also shows what the EU can do to engage with North Korea and counterbalance the US policy of isolationism.

North Korea is struggling to survive in the face of US threats of preemptive action and regime change by developing its own Weapons of Mass Destruction. For the EU, the challenge is to resolve this stand-off, providing North Korea with sufficient security guarantees to enable it to give up its nuclear weapons, and enough assistance to enable the economic and social reforms that the country so desperately needs.

GLYN FORD MEP is a North East Asia specialist within the European Parliament with a particular interest in North Korea. Over the last decade or more Glyn has been a frequent visitor to North Korea and has hosted North Korean delegations to the EU on many occasions. He is also a regular visitor to Japan, China and South Korea.

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DAVID MILLER is Professor of Sociology in the Department of Geography and Sociology at the University of Strathclyde. He has previously edited *Thinker, Faker, Spinner, Spy* (2007), *Arguments Against G8* (2005) and *Tell Me Lies: Propaganda and Media Distortion in the Attack on Iraq* (2003) for Pluto Press.

WILLIAM DINAN is Lecturer in Sociology in the Department of Geography and Sociology at Strathclyde University, specialising in corporate PR and lobbying. He is the co-editor of *Thinker, Faker, Spinner, Spy* (2007).

David and William are co-founders of *Spinwatch* (www.spinwatch.org).

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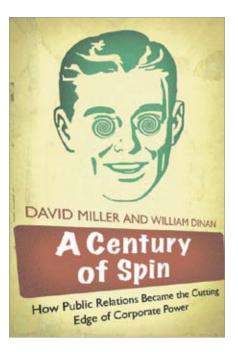
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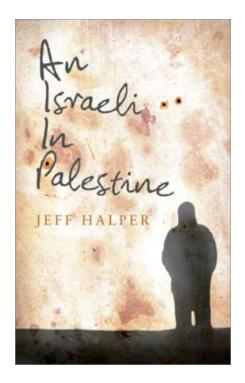
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Jeff Halper is an Israeli who lives and works in Palestine. This book throws a critical light on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from an Israeli point of view.

Israel's pioneers created a vibrant society, culture and economy. Yet the idea of an ethnically-pure "Jewish State" is no longer viable. Only 72 per cent of Israelis are Jewish, and this proportion is dwindling. To enforce its ethnic exclusivity, Israel adopts policies of occupation and discrimination against Palestinian citizens.

Halper puts forward a passionate argument for a new Israel that finds its identity not through ethnicity, but through new ideological and legal frameworks that respect all human rights, and that fundamentally realign Israel's position within the Middle East. Halper explains why a two-state solution will never solve issues such as human rights, refugees, security, access to water and economic development. Instead he develops a positive vision for a new state where Palestinians and Israelis live side by side.

JEFF HALPER is Professor of Anthropology at Ben Gurion University. He has been a leading figure within the Israeli peace movement for over thirty years. As the coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions he has worked widely across the Occupied Territories, dealing with issues such as land expropriation, road construction, settlement expansion, economic closure and water allocation. He is a founding member of Amnesty International in Israel. He has written extensively on Israeli society and is the author of Between Redemption and Revival (1991).

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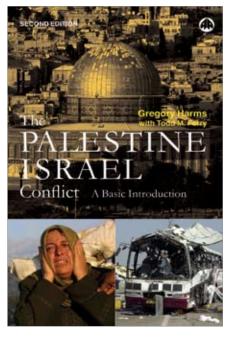
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GREGORY HARMS is a freelance writer and independent researcher. He lectures on the Middle East and US foreign policy, and has travelled throughout Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.

TODD M. FERRY began his studies in archaeology and Near East history at Indiana University. He received his MA in Syro-Palestinian archaeology from the University of Chicago in 2001, and has worked as a supervisor at the sites of Ashkelon and Tel Beth Shemesh in Israel.



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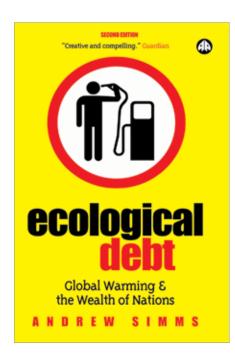
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ANDREW SIMMS is policy director of nef (new economics foundation), the award winning independent British think-and-do tank. He is a regular commentator in the national press and broadcast media, and is on the board of Greenpeace UK and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) Europe. Over several years he has written groundbreaking reports on issues ranging from debt, trade, aid, and big business, to biotechnology, and climate change. He is also the author of *Tescopoly*.

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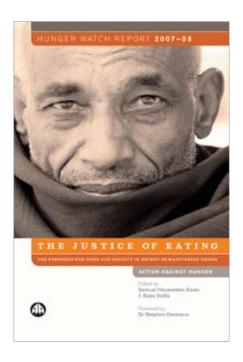
The Justice of Eating—
The Struggle for Food and Dignity in Recent Humanitarian Crises

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER: Edited by SAMUEL HAUENSTEIN SWAN & BAPU VAITLA

This is the first annual report from leading NGO, Action Against Hunger. It presents an accessible, jargon-free account of the causes and consequences of acute malnutrition around the world. It is the most up-to-date account that will be valuable to journalists, policy makers and anyone working in international development.

The report assesses the problem of acute malnutrition worldwide. Beginning with the immediate causes of hunger (inadequate diet and disease) it progresses to study the larger structural and social factors that perpetuate it. Case studies include the impact of HIV/AIDS, conflict, weak markets, mortality and malnutrition. The report recommends that a shift in traditional emergency objectives needs to be considered as part of a holistic approach to persistent hunger.

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER is an international, non-governmental, non-religious, non-profit organization that was created in Paris in 1979. Since then, it has developed into an international network, with headquarters in Canada (Montreal), France (Paris), Spain (Madrid), the UK (London), and the US (New York).



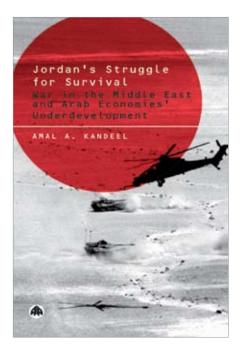
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While Jordan's story is important in its own right, it also shows how endless war in the Middle East perpetuates conditions of underdevelopment and backwardness in several countries in the Arab world.

AMAL A. KANDEEL is a development economist who currently works as a consultant in the Washington Metropolitan area. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Department of Science, Technology and International Affairs, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, and an Assistant Lecturer at the Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University.

Southern Africa

The Hot "Cold War"

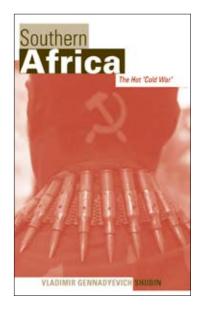
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This book analyzes the causes of armed conflicts in Southern Africa during the Cold War. It examines the influence of the various external forces in the region during this period and their relationship to local movements and governments.

The book focuses on states experiencing violent internal conflict and foreign intervention, that is Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

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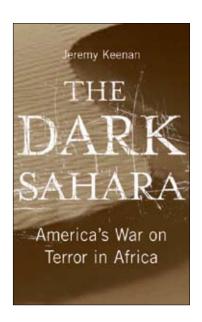
JEREMY KEENAN

University of Bristol and University of Exeter

The Bush administration is keen to build a substantial military presence in Africa, citing the need to combat the growth of Al-Qaeda in Somalia, Algeria and other countries on the continent. This book reveals the secret US agenda behind the "war on terror" in Africa and the shocking methods used to perpetuate the myth that the region is a hot-bed of Islamic terrorism.

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We the Peoples of Europe

SUSAN GEORGE

Translated by ROBERT BARRÉ

Is the EU Constitution dead in the water?

Although it may have disappeared from the headlines, right-wing European leaders have not given up on pushing through a binding EU text providing total freedom for goods, services and capital but few advantages for Europeans. A more neo-liberal anti-democratic document than the one rejected by the French and the Dutch may be hard to imagine, but the new reformed treaty tries hard. What do they have in store for us? What should European people be fighting for?

Leading writer and alter-globalization activist Susan George explains what is at stake for all peoples of Europe. What must we reject and how will such a document affect our lives? Who will it really empower —corporations or ordinary Europeans? What kind of future do we want to build together as Europeans? Written with clarity and authority, We the Peoples of Europe will help you make up your own mind.

SUSAN GEORGE has written widely on development issues for three decades. She is an associate director of the Transnational Institute and the author of several classic books including How the Other Half Dies, The Debt Boomerang (Pluto Press), The Lugano Report (Pluto Press), III Fares the Land, and, with Fabrizio Sabelli, Faith and Credit: The World Bank's Secular Empire.

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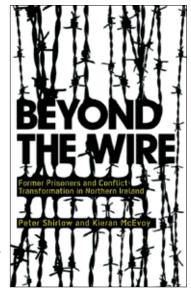
Former Prisoners and Conflict Transformation in Northern Ireland

PETER SHIRLOW Queen's University, Belfast & KIERAN MCEVOY Queen's University, Belfast

This book provides the first detailed examination of the role played by former loyalist and republican prisoners in grass roots conflict transformation work in the Northern Ireland peace process. It challenges the assumed passivity of former prisoners and ex-combatants. Instead, it suggests that such individuals and the groups that they formed have been key agents of conflict transformation. In analyzing this, the authors challenge the sterile demonization of former prisoners and the processes that maintain their exclusion from normal civic and social life.

The book is a constructive reminder of the need for full participation of both former combatants and victims in post-conflict transformation. It also lays out a new agenda for reconciliation that suggests that conflict transformation can and should begin "from the extremes".

The book will be of interest to students of criminology, peace and conflict studies, law and politics, geography and sociology as well as those with a particular interest in the Northern Ireland conflict.



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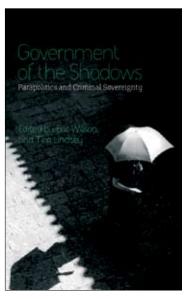
Parapolitics and Criminal Sovereignty

Edited by ERIC WILSON University of Melbourne & TIM LINDSEY Monash University, Melbourne

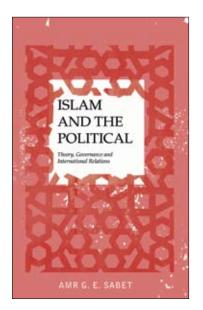
Government of the Shadows analyzes the concept of clandestine government. It explores how covert political activity and transnational organized crime are linked —and how they ultimately work to the advantage of state and corporate power.

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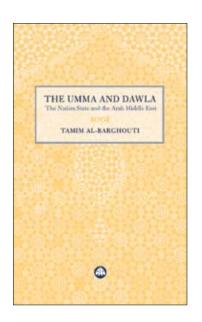
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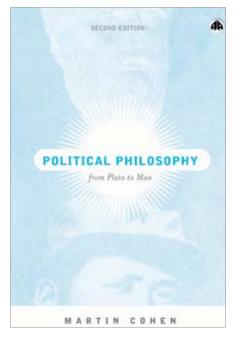
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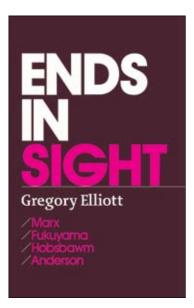
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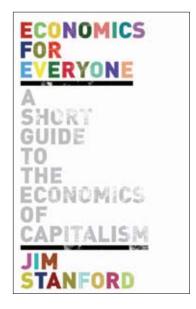
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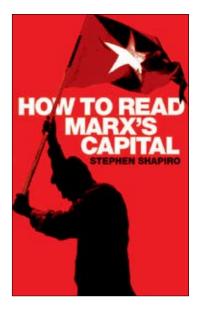
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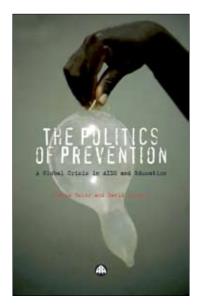
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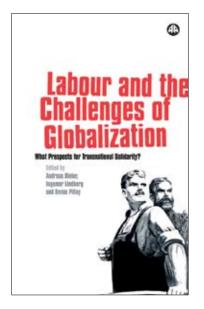
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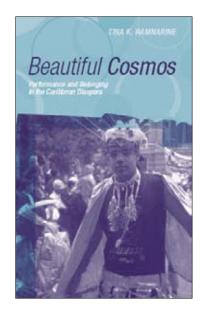
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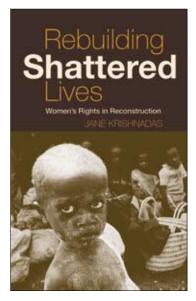
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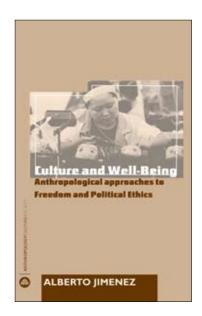
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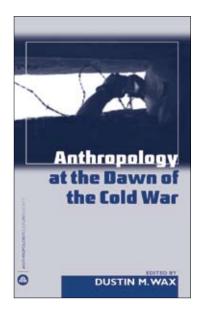
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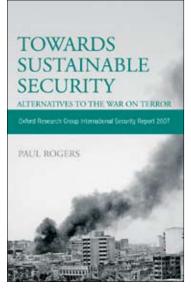
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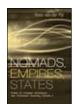
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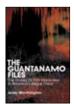


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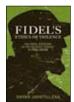


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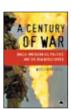
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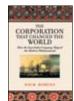
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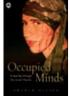
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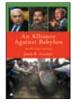
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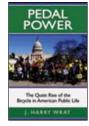
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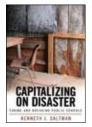
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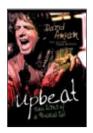
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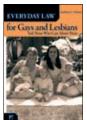
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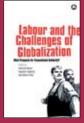


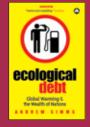






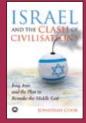












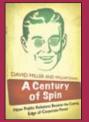






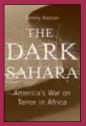










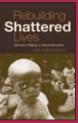








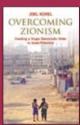


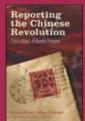


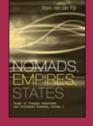








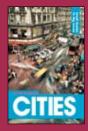
















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