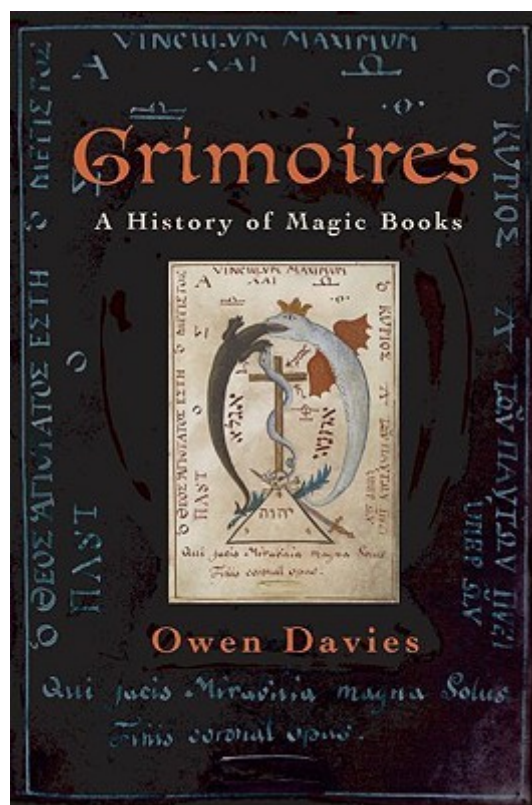


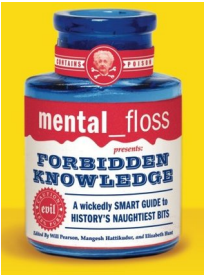
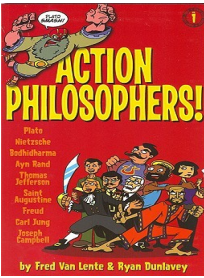
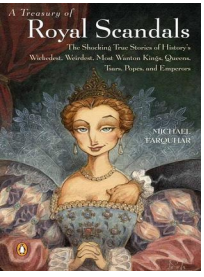
GRIMOIRES: A HISTORY OF MAGIC BOOKS

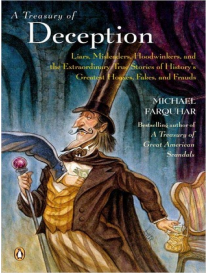
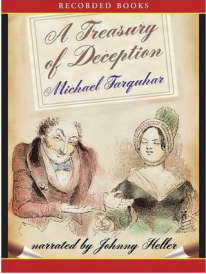




This great ebook about grimoires: a history of magic books by Owen Davies. What is a grimoire? The word has a familiar ring to many people, particularly as a consequence of such popular television dramas as *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Charmed*. But few people are sure exactly what it means. Put simply, grimoires are books of spells that were first recorded in the ancient Middle East and which have developed and spread across much of the Western Hemisphere and beyond over the ensuing millennia. At their most benign, they contain charms and remedies for natural and supernatural ailments and advice on contacting spirits to help find treasures and protect from evil. But at their most sinister they provide instructions on how to manipulate people for corrupt purposes and, worst of all, to call up and make a pact with the devil. Both types have proven remarkably resilient and adaptable and retain much of their relevance and fascination to this day. But the grimoire represents much more than

just magic.to understand the history of grimoires is to understand the spread of christianity, the development of early science, the cultural influence of the print revolution, the growth of literacy, the impact of colonialism, and the expansion of western cultures across the oceans. ...more

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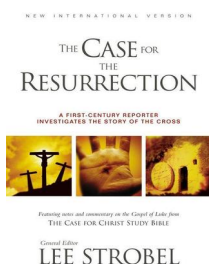
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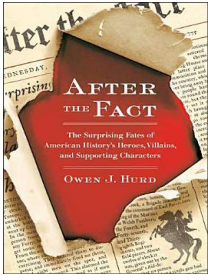
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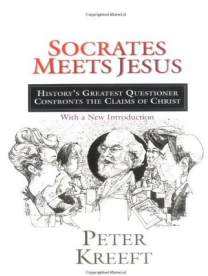
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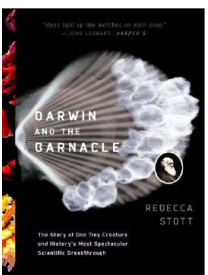
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SOCRATES MEETS JESUS: HISTORY'S GREATEST QUESTIONER CONFRONTS THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST

what would happen if socrates--yes, the socrates of ancient athens--suddenly showed up on the campus of a major university and enrolled in its divinity school? what would he think of human progress since his day? how would he react to our values? to our culture? and what would he think of jesus? peter kreeft, christian philosopher and longtime admirer of the historic socra what would happen if socrates--yes, the socrates of ancient athens--suddenly showed up on the campus of a major university and enrolled in its divinity school? what would he think of human progress since his day? how would he react to our values? to our culture? and what would he think of jesus? peter kreeft, christian philosopher and longtime admirer of the historic socrates, imagines the result. in this drama socrates meets such fellow students as berthia broadmind, thomas keptic and molly mooney. throughout, kreeft weaves an intriguing web as he brings socrates closer and closer to a meeting with jesus. here is a startling and provocative portrayal of reason in search of truth. in a new introduction to this revised edition, kreeft also highlights the inspiration for this book and the key questions of truth and faith it addresses. ...more

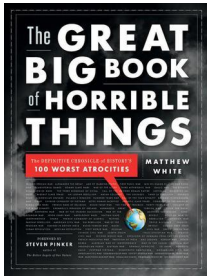
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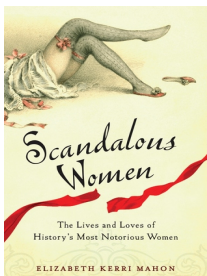
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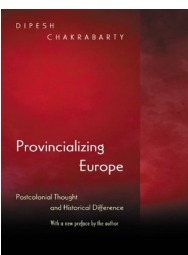
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throughout history women have caused wars, defied the rules, and brought men to their knees. the famous and the infamous, queens, divorcées, actresses, and outlaws have created a ruckus during their lifetimes-turning heads while making waves. scandalous women tells the stories of the risk takers who have flouted convention, beaten the odds, and determined the course of wor throughout history women have caused wars, defied the rules, and brought men to their knees. the famous and the infamous, queens, divorcées, actresses, and outlaws have created a ruckus during their lifetimes-turning heads while making waves. scandalous women tells the stories of the risk takers who have flouted convention, beaten the odds, and determined the course of world events. *when cleopatra (69 bc-30 bc) wasn't bathing in asses' milk, the last pharaoh of the ptolemaic dynasty ruled egypt and forged an important political alliance with rome against her enemies-until her dalliance with marc antony turned the empire against her. *emilie du châtelet (1706-1748), a mathematician, physicist, author, and paramour of one of the greatest minds in france, voltaire, shocked society with her unorthodox lifestyle and intellectual prowess-and became a leader in the study of theoretical physics in france at a time when the sciences were ruled by men. *long before rosa parks refused to give up her seat on the bus, ida b. wells-barnett (1862-1928) fought to end discrimination and the terrible crime of lynching and helped found the naacp, but became known as a difficult woman for her refusal to compromise and was largely lost in the annals of history. *gertrude bell (1868-1926) had a passion for archaeology and languages, and left her privileged world behind to become one of the foremost chroniclers of british imperialism in the middle east, and one of the architects of the modern nation of iraq. ...more

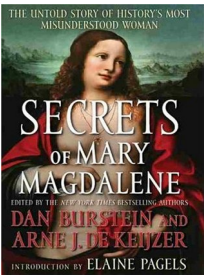
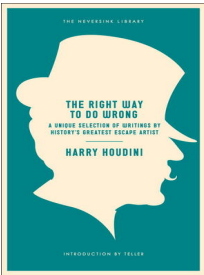
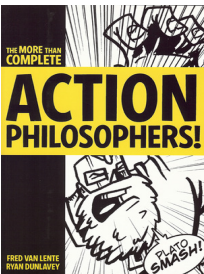
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