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In *We Are the Weather*,
Jonathan Safran Foer
explores the central
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time in a surprising,

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Growing Figs in Cold

deeply personal, and urgent new way. Some people reject the fact, overwhelmingly supported by scientists, that our planet is warming because of human activity. But do those of us who accept the reality of human-caused climate change truly believe it? If we did, surely we would be roused to act on what we know. Will future generations distinguish between those who didn't believe in the science of global warming and those who said they accepted the science but failed to change their lives in response? The task of saving the planet will involve a great reckoning with ourselves—with our all-too-human reluctance to sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of

the future. We have, he reveals, turned our planet into a farm for growing animal products, and the consequences are catastrophic. Only collective action will save our home and way of life. And it all starts with what we eat—and don't eat—for breakfast.

Plants as Persons State University of New York Press

An account of the historical influences of six commercial plants, including sugar, tea, cotton, potatoes, quinine, and coca, evaluates their role in the Atlantic slave trade, opening up of China, and establishment of multiple colonial empires. Reprint.

The Cabaret of Plants: Forty Thousand Years of

Plant Life and the Human Imagination

University of California Press

Through the vivid, true stories of five people who journeyed into and out of addiction, a renowned neuroscientist explains why the "disease model" of addiction is wrong and illuminates the path to recovery. The psychiatric establishment and rehab industry in the Western world have branded addiction a brain disease. But in *The Biology of Desire*, cognitive neuroscientist and former addict Marc Lewis makes a convincing case that addiction is not a disease, and shows why the disease model has become an obstacle to healing. Lewis reveals addiction

as an unintended consequence of the brain doing what it's supposed to do—seek pleasure and relief in a world that's not cooperating. As a result, most treatment based on the disease model fails. Lewis shows how treatment can be retooled to achieve lasting recovery. This is enlightening and optimistic reading for anyone who has wrestled with addiction either personally or professionally. Penelope Hobhouse on Gardening Princeton University Press The celebrated physicist and author of *A Brief History of Time* brings together a single-volume compilation of the most important works by Albert Einstein, presenting his papers

on the Theory of Relativity, quantum theory, statistical mechanics, the photoelectric effect, and other groundbreaking studies that transformed modern physics. 75,000 first printing.

The Tulip Penguin UK
 'A must-read ... satisfying, rich ... loaded with flavour'
 Sunday Telegraph This book is a celebration of food. By food, Michael Pollan means real, proper, simple food - not the kind that comes in a packet, or has lists of unpronounceable ingredients, or that makes nutritional claims about how healthy it is. More like the kind of food your great-grandmother would recognize. In *Defence of Food* is a simple invitation to

junk the science, ditch the diet and instead rediscover the joys of eating well. By following a few pieces of advice (Eat at a table - a desk doesn't count. Don't buy food where you'd buy your petrol!), you will enrich your life and your palate, and enlarge your sense of what it means to be healthy and happy. It's time to fall in love with food again. For the past twenty years, Michael Pollan has been writing about the places where the human and natural worlds intersect: food, agriculture, gardens, drugs, and architecture. His most recent book, about the ethics and ecology of eating, is *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, named one of the ten best books of 2006 by the New York Times

and the Washington Post. He is also the author of *The Botany of Desire, A Place of My Own* and *Second Nature*.

In Defense of Food

Bloomsbury Publishing
USA

By the bestselling author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, this is Michael Pollan's ingenious companion book about the surprising and close relationship between people and plants. In this entertaining young readers edition of the environmental studies classic, Michael Pollan demonstrates how people and domesticated plants have formed a reciprocal relationship. He links four fundamental human desires—sweetness, beauty, energy, and control—with the

plants that satisfy them: the apple, the tulip, coffee, and the potato. In telling the stories of four familiar species, Pollan illustrates how the plants have evolved to satisfy humankind's most basic yearnings. And just as we've benefited from these plants, we have also helped them to thrive.

In Defence of Food

Penguin

From Minnesota to Moscow — how to grow fresh figs in cold climates *Growing Figs in Cold Climates* is a complete, full-color, illustrated guide to organic methods for growing delicious figs in cold climates, well outside the traditional hot, arid home of this ancient fruiting tree. Coverage includes: Five methods for growing figs in cold

climates including overwintering Cultivar selection for cool and cold climates Pruning techniques for a variety of methods of growing figs in cold climates Pest problems and solutions Harvesting, including ways to speed ripening, identify ripe fruit, and manage an overabundance Small-scale commercial fig production in cold climates. Fresh figs are juicy, full-bodied, and filled with a honey-sweet flavor, and because truly ripe figs are highly perishable, they are only available to those who grow their own. By choosing the right cultivars and techniques, figs can be grown across cool and cold growing zones of North America, Europe, and beyond, putting them within reach of

almost every gardener. Easy and delicious — if you can grow a houseplant, you can grow a fig.

A Place of My Own by Mocktime Publication “Unlike any other gardening book I know, with its Old World charm, its down-to-earth practicality, its whimsy and sophistication.” —Brook e Astor, The New York Times Book Review A classic in the literature of the garden, *Green Thoughts* is a beautifully written and highly original collection of seventy-two essays, alphabetically arranged, on topics ranging from “Annuals” and “Artichokes” to “Weeds” and “Wildflowers.” An amateur gardener for over thirty years, Eleanor Perényi draws

upon her wide-ranging knowledge of gardening lore to create a delightful, witty blend of how-to advice, informed opinion, historical insight, and philosophical musing. There are entries in praise of earthworms and in protest of rock gardens, a treatise on the sexual politics of tending plants, and a paean to the salubrious effect of gardening (see "Longevity"). Twenty years after its initial publication, *Green Thoughts* remains as much a joy to read as ever. This Modern Library edition is published with a new Introduction by Allen Lacy, former gardening columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times* and the author of numerous gardening books. "You

do not have to be a good gardener to fall in love with *Green Thoughts*. It reads with the intrepid assurance of a classic."—Mary McCarthy, *The New York Review of Books* "One of those dangerous reference works that you reach for at a moment of horticultural crisis or indecision only to find yourself an hour later browsing far beyond the page where you began."—*The New Yorker*

Long Distance

Random House Trade Paperbacks

"This richly illustrated book provides an in-depth natural history of the most poisonous plants on earth, covering everything from the lethal effects of hemlock and deadly nightshade to the uses of such plants in

medicine, ritual, and chemical warfare"--
 Dust jacket.
Mostly Plants Columbia University Press
 Despite their conceptual allergy to vegetal life, philosophers have used germination, growth, blossoming, fruition, reproduction, and decay as illustrations of abstract concepts; mentioned plants in passing as the natural backdrops for dialogues, letters, and other compositions; spun elaborate allegories out of flowers, trees, and even grass; and recommended appropriate medicinal, dietary, and aesthetic approaches to select species of plants. In this book, Michael Marder illuminates the elaborate vegetal centerpieces and

hidden kernels that have powered theoretical discourse for centuries. Choosing twelve botanical specimens that correspond to twelve significant philosophers, he recasts the development of philosophy through the evolution of human and plant relations. A philosophical history for the postmetaphysical age, *The Philosopher's Plant* reclaims the organic heritage of human thought. With the help of vegetal images, examples, and metaphors, the book clears a path through philosophy's tangled roots and dense undergrowth, opening up the discipline to all readers.

The Little Book of Cannabis Cornell

University Press
The instant New York
Times bestseller | A
Washington Post
Notable Book | One of
NPR's Best Books of
the Year "Expert
storytelling . . . [Pollan]
masterfully elevates a
series of big questions
about drugs, plants
and humans that are
likely to leave readers
thinking in new ways."
—New York Times Book
Review From #1 New
York Times bestselling
author Michael Pollan,
a radical challenge to
how we think about
drugs, and an
exploration into the
powerful human
attraction to
psychoactive
plants—and the equally
powerful taboos. Of all
the things humans rely
on plants
for—sustenance,
beauty, medicine,
fragrance, flavor,

fiber—surely the most
curious is our use of
them to change
consciousness: to
stimulate or calm,
fiddle with or
completely alter, the
qualities of our mental
experience. Take
coffee and tea: People
around the world rely
on caffeine to sharpen
their minds. But we do
not usually think of
caffeine as a drug, or
our daily use as an
addiction, because it is
legal and socially
acceptable. So, then,
what is a "drug"? And
why, for example, is
making tea from the
leaves of a tea plant
acceptable, but making
tea from a seed head
of an opium poppy a
federal crime? In *This
Is Your Mind on Plants*,
Michael Pollan dives
deep into three plant
drugs—opium,
caffeine, and

mescaline—and throws the fundamental strangeness, and arbitrariness, of our thinking about them into sharp relief.

Exploring and participating in the cultures that have grown up around these drugs while consuming (or, in the case of caffeine, trying not to consume) them, Pollan reckons with the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants. Why do we go to such great lengths to seek these shifts in consciousness, and then why do we fence that universal desire with laws and customs and fraught feelings? In this unique blend of history, science, and memoir, as well as participatory journalism, Pollan examines and

experiences these plants from several very different angles and contexts, and shines a fresh light on a subject that is all too often treated reductively—as a drug, whether licit or illicit. But that is one of the least interesting things you can say about these plants, Pollan shows, for when we take them into our bodies and let them change our minds, we are engaging with nature in one of the most profound ways we can. Based in part on an essay published almost twenty-five years ago, this groundbreaking and singular consideration of psychoactive plants, and our attraction to them through time, holds up a mirror to our fundamental human needs and

aspirations, the operations of our minds, and our entanglement with the natural world. The Philosopher's Plant Running Press Adult "Pollan shines a light on our own nature as well as on our implication in the natural world." —The New York Times "A wry, informed pastoral." —The New Yorker The book that helped make Michael Pollan, the New York Times bestselling author of *How to Change Your Mind*, *Cooked* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, one of the most trusted food experts in America Every schoolchild learns about the mutually beneficial dance of honeybees and flowers: The bee collects nectar and

pollen to make honey and, in the process, spreads the flowers' genes far and wide. In *The Botany of Desire*, Michael Pollan ingeniously demonstrates how people and domesticated plants have formed a similarly reciprocal relationship. He masterfully links four fundamental human desires—sweetness, beauty, intoxication, and control—with the plants that satisfy them: the apple, the tulip, marijuana, and the potato. In telling the stories of four familiar species, Pollan illustrates how the plants have evolved to satisfy humankind's most basic yearnings. And just as we've benefited from these plants, we have also done well by them. So

who is really domesticating whom?

We Are the Weather

Random House

Challenges readers to reconsider the moral standing of plants.

Fruit from the Sands

Penguin

In *Anatomy of a Rose*, Sharman Apt Russell eloquently unveils the "inner life" of flowers. From their diverse fragrances to their nasty deceptions, Russell proves that, where nature is concerned, "wonder is not only our starting point, it can also be our destination."

Throughout this botanical journey, she reveals that the science behind these intelligent plants-how they evolved, how they survive, how they heal-is even more awe-inspiring than their fleeting beauty. Russell

helps us imagine what a field of snapdragons looks like to a honeybee, and she introduces us to flowers that regulate their own temperature, attract pollinating bats, even smell like a rotting corpse. She also delves into cutting-edge research on everything from flower senses to their healing power. Long used to ease everything from depression to childbirth, flowers are now our main line of defense against childhood leukemia and the deadly Ebola virus. In this poetic rumination, which combines graceful writing with a scientist's clarity, Russell brings together the work of botanists around the globe, and illuminates a world at once familiar and

exotic.

Plants That Kill Frances
Lincoln Limited

A revised and updated edition of the internationally bestselling classic Anna Pavord's now classic, internationally bestselling sensation, The Tulip, is not a gardening book. It is the story of a flower that has driven men mad. Greed, desire, anguish and devotion have all played their part in the development of the tulip from a wild flower of the Asian steppes to the worldwide phenomenon it is today. No other flower carries so much baggage; it charts political upheavals, illuminates social behaviour, mirrors economic booms and busts, plots the ebb and flow of religious

persecution. Why did the tulip dominate so many lives through so many centuries in so many countries? Anna Pavord, a self-confessed tulipomaniac, spent six years looking for answers, roaming through eastern Turkey and Central Asia to tell how a humble wild flower made its way along the Silk Road and eventually took the whole of Western Europe by storm. Sumptuously illustrated from a wide range of sources, this irresistible volume has become a bible, a unique source book, a universal gift and a joy to all who possess it. This beautifully redesigned edition features a new Preface by the author, a revised listing of the best varieties of this

incomparable flower to choose for your garden and a reorganised listing of tulip species to reflect the latest thinking by taxonomists.

Seeds of Change

Speedy Publishing LLC

A new edition of a classic McKibben book about what it takes to be a world-class athlete and where the true meaning of endurance can be found. At 37, the celebrated writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben took a break from the life of the mind to put himself to the ultimate test: devoting a year to train as a competitive cross-country skier. Consulting with personal trainers, coaches, and doctors at the US Olympic Center, he followed the rigorous training

regimen of a world-class athlete. Along the way, he learned to cope with his physical limitations and, when his father was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor, discovered something about the real meaning of endurance. Told with his trademark intelligence, humor, and honesty, *Long Distance* is an insightful examination of the culture and mind-set of endurance athletes, and a moving and inspiring meditation on finding balance in our often harried lives.

This Is Your Mind on Plants

Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

"Outstanding . . . a wide-ranging invitation to think through the moral ramifications of our eating habits."

—The New Yorker One of the New York Times Book Review's Ten Best Books of the Year and Winner of the James Beard Award Author of This is Your Mind on Plants, How to Change Your Mind and the #1 New York Times Bestseller In Defense of Food and Food Rules What should we have for dinner? Ten years ago, Michael Pollan confronted us with this seemingly simple question and, with *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, his brilliant and eye-opening exploration of our food choices, demonstrated that how we answer it today may determine not only our health but our survival as a species. In the years since, Pollan's revolutionary examination has changed the way Americans think about

food. Bringing wide attention to the little-known but vitally important dimensions of food and agriculture in America, Pollan launched a national conversation about what we eat and the profound consequences that even the simplest everyday food choices have on both ourselves and the natural world. Ten years later, *The Omnivore's Dilemma* continues to transform the way Americans think about the politics, perils, and pleasures of eating.

**The Botany of Desire
Young Readers**

Edition Penguin

Parts are very important to all life on Earth. They provide food, clothing, shelter and even the oxygen that we breathe to live. This book discusses

how plants grow, which provides the foundation of knowledge on caring for them. Help your child fall in love with reading one topic at a time. Grab a copy today!

The Botany of Desire
Penguin

Michael Pollan, the bestselling author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, *Food Rules*, *How to Change Your Mind*, and *This is Your Mind on Plants* explores the previously uncharted territory of his own kitchen in *Cooked*. "Having described what's wrong with American food in his best-selling *The Omnivore's Dilemma* (2006), New York Times contributor Pollan delivers a more optimistic but equally fascinating account of how to do it right. . . . A

delightful chronicle of the education of a cook who steps back frequently to extol the scientific and philosophical basis of this deeply satisfying human activity."

—Kirkus (starred review) *Cooked* is now a Netflix docuseries based on the book that focuses on the four kinds of "transformations" that occur in cooking. Directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney and starring Michael Pollan, *Cooked* teases out the links between science, culture and the flavors we love. In *Cooked*, Pollan discovers the enduring power of the four classical elements—fire, water, air, and earth—to transform the stuff of nature into delicious things to eat and drink.

Apprenticing himself to a succession of culinary masters, Pollan learns how to grill with fire, cook with liquid, bake bread, and ferment everything from cheese to beer. Each section of *Cooked* tracks Pollan's effort to master a single classic recipe using one of the four elements. A North Carolina barbecue pit master tutors him in the primal magic of fire; a Chez Panisse-trained cook schools him in the art of braising; a celebrated baker teaches him how air transforms grain and water into a fragrant loaf of bread; and finally, several mad-genius "fermentos" (a tribe that includes brewers, cheese makers, and all kinds of picklers) reveal how fungi and bacteria can

perform the most amazing alchemies of all. The reader learns alongside Pollan, but the lessons move beyond the practical to become an investigation of how cooking involves us in a web of social and ecological relationships. Cooking, above all, connects us. The effects of not cooking are similarly far reaching. Relying upon corporations to process our food means we consume large quantities of fat, sugar, and salt; disrupt an essential link to the natural world; and weaken our relationships with family and friends. In fact, *Cooked* argues, taking back control of cooking may be the single most important step anyone can take to help make the

American food system healthier and more sustainable.

Reclaiming cooking as an act of enjoyment and self-reliance, learning to perform the magic of these everyday transformations, opens the door to a more nourishing life.

Cannabis, Forgetting, and the Botany of Desire Penguin

"A comprehensive and entertaining historical and botanical review, providing an enjoyable and cognitive read."—Nature The foods we eat have a deep and often surprising past. From almonds and apples to tea and rice, many foods that we consume today have histories that can be traced out of prehistoric Central Asia along the tracks of the Silk Road to

kitchens in Europe, America, China, and elsewhere in East Asia.

The exchange of goods, ideas, cultural practices, and genes along these ancient routes extends back five thousand years, and organized trade along the Silk Road dates to at least Han Dynasty China in the second century BC. Balancing a broad array of archaeological, botanical, and historical evidence, *Fruit from the Sands* presents the fascinating story of the origins and spread of agriculture across Inner Asia and into Europe and East Asia. Through the preserved remains of plants found in archaeological sites, Robert N. Spengler III identifies the regions where our most familiar crops

were domesticated and follows their routes as people carried them around the world. With vivid examples, Fruit from the Sands

explores how the foods we eat have shaped the course of human history and transformed cuisines all over the globe.