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Amazon.co.uk's armchair guide to the election

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Did things get better? by Polly Toynbee and David Walker (£5.59)--New Labour came into office on a wave of popular support and as politicians and the electorate prepare themselves for another general election--what has happened in between times is the subject of the authors' audit of the Blair Government's achievements

Tony Blair by John Rentoul (£16.00)--This is Rentoul's new, updated edition of his bestselling biography with a fresh approach to his subject. The book includes much new material in its account of a man whose potential has now been put to the biggest test of all: power.

The Guardian Companion to the Election 2001 (£12.99)--the programme to the event itself--this companion to the first General Election post-devolution contains profiles of each constituency in Great Britain, analyses the key battleground constituencies and provides a guide to tactical voting and key marginal constituencies.

The Blair Effect by Anthony Seldon (£11.99)--This is a collection of (reasonably) unpartisan commentaries on the first administration of Tony Blair as it approaches a General Election. The authors aim to demonstrate that it is possible to write contemporary history about even the most recent past in an accessible yet scrupulously objective manner.

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Amazon.co.uk's armchair guide to crucial issues

The Great Food Gamble by John Humphrys (£10.39)-- John Humphrys examines today's travesties of factory farming, and pouring chemicals into the land.

Democracy in Europe by Larry Siedentop (£15.19)--Siedentop sets out the key issues for those who wish to construct a Europe that is prosperous, fair and free

The Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain--The Parekh Report (£8.79)--this is the report of the Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain, launched by the Home Secretary in 1997.

Captive State by George Monbiot (£10.39)--Monbiot takes a close look at how this green and pleasant isle has been delivered into unaccountable corporate control with disastrous results for local communities and for democracy itself.

Amazon.co.uk's armchair guide to biographies

Mandelson and the Making of New Labour by Donald MacIntyre (£5.59)

Alastair Campbell: New Labour and the Rise of the Media Class by Peter Osborne (£16.14)

The Ashdown Diaries Vol. 1--Paddy Ashdown (£16.00)

Life in the Jungle--Michael Heseltine (£12.00)

An Accidental MP--Martin Bell (£8.09)

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