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A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating the Wedding You Want with the Budget You've Got (without Losing Your Mind in the Process)

Da Capo Lifelong Books **The author of A Practical Wedding offers a no-nonsense wedding planner, with all the tools, tips, and strategies to get the celebration you want, on a budget you can actually afford Whether you're newly engaged or haven't quite made anything official yet, but you know you want to spend your lives together, you're going to need help planning your wedding. When you're ready to take a deep breath and start, this is the book you want--need--to have. From figuring out what you really want--as opposed to what everyone else thinks you should want--to helping you keep an eye on the ceremony itself and the vows, Meg Keene, founder of apracticalwedding.com, covers all the essentials. With checklists (such as flowers, food, final venue walk-through) and key spreadsheets (guest list and seating chart, budget, venue search, and more), A Practical Wedding Planner helps you: Set a budget--and stick to it Choose a venue: traditional, non-traditional, and everything in between Hire good vendors and keep your friendors (and tells you why DIY doesn't always save money) Figure out catering, rentals, and everything else Pinterest forgot to tell you Reality-check wedding décor Create and write a ceremony that really represents both of you Get everyone to show up...and have a good time**

Doing Case Study Research

A Practical Guide for Beginning Researchers, Third Edition

Teachers College Press **Reflecting recent knowledge and developments in the field, this very practical, easy-to-use guide emphasizes learning how to do case study research--from the first step of deciding whether a case study is the way to go to the last step of verifying and confirming findings before disseminating them. The authors show students how to: determine an appropriate research design; conduct informative interviews; record**

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Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City

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Writing Case Reports

A Practical Guide from Conception through Publication

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A Practical Guide to Finding Treatments That Work for People with Autism

Academic Press **A Practical Guide to Finding Treatments That Work for People with Autism provides a logical, culturally sensitive, and values-based resource to aid practitioners in making informed decisions on the most effective treatment for any given client at any given time. By providing multiple illustrative examples, practitioners will learn to use their professional judgment to integrate the best available evidence with client values and context. This will increase the efficacy of autism treatments, with the goal of producing meaningful gains across a range of skills. Presents a detailed description of the evidence-based practice of applied behavior analysis as it applies to ASD Offers a decision-making framework that helps clinicians integrate the best available evidence with client values and context Guides practitioners through the process of assessing treatment outcomes that fit with client values and contextual variables Provides concrete examples for various age groups**

Case Management in Healthcare

A Practical Guide

Saunders **This hands-on manual covers the increasingly important area of case management in comprehensive, up-to-the-minute detail! It not only offers the field's most clinically focused coverage of the subject, but also provides practical details on a range of specific diagnoses. CASE MANAGEMENT IN HEALTHCARE focuses on the case management processes, interventions, and collaborations that are vital to guiding patients through the continuum of care. This book emphasizes the how-tos needed in specific clinical situations. It also prepares students to manage the pitfalls and barriers that are frequently encountered in practice.**

Managing Projects

A Practical Guide for Learning

Professionals

John Wiley & Sons **Managing Projects offers a hands-on resource for building practical competencies for anyone who must manage one or more small- to mid-size projects. The book is filled with targeted processes, tools, techniques, and influencing skills that address the more difficult "people" side of project management. The author shows how to: influence stakeholders 360 degrees around you; encourage accountability from others who do not work for you and have plenty of projects to juggle without adding your priority; negotiate time, cost, quality, and scope with executives; and courageously tell the truth and get the help you need early enough. Praise for Managing Projects "No one knows more about project management than Lou Russell. Her easy coaching style paired with specific methods makes this book a real winner. This is one book all leaders, managers, supervisors, and project leads will use as their essential 'go to' resource."—Elaine Biech, ebb associates inc.; bestselling author, The Business of Consulting "Lou Russell has done it again! Managing Projects is comprehensive, practical, and easy to understand and apply to your projects, big or small. The book gives helpful tips and definitions that will enable the reader to move through the project management process with ease. Thanks, Lou, for creating such a great resource." —Amy L. Dinning, manager of Leadership and Talent Development, Saint-Gobain North America "Managing Projects is more than a book. It is a workshop between the covers, with one of the finest learning facilitators as your guide. If you find yourself dealing with projects in your work (and whether you know it or not, this is you), using the techniques in this book will make you less stressed and more successful." —Kevin Eikenberry, bestselling author, Remarkable Leadership "As the leader of an international logistics company, I know how critical project management is to meeting the needs of our customers. To hit their due dates we have to hit our own, with no excuses. Lou's practical approach to project management fits well into our time-constrained, date-focused workplace. It's simple, it's real, and it works." —Cathy Langham, CEO, Langham Logistics**

International Arbitration and Mediation

A Practical Guide

Kluwer Law International B.V. **This book is intended as an easily accessible desktop resource for lawyers who regularly counsel businesses when negotiating international deals, and for those who represent the same clients in achieving a successful resolution when disputes emerge. The text**

is divided into chapters that follow the life cycle of an international commercial dispute as seen through the eyes of the parties, from when they agree how to resolve disputes in their contracts to the endgame of enforcement. Additionally, the appendices include a number of model submissions for further reference.--Provided by publisher.

A Practical Guide to Drug Development in Academia

The SPARK Approach

Springer Science & Business Media "**A lot of hard-won knowledge is laid out here in a brief but informative way. Every topic is well referenced, with citations from both the primary literature and relevant resources from the internet." Review from Nature Chemical Biology Written by the founders of the SPARK program at Stanford University, this book is a practical guide designed for professors, students and clinicians at academic research institutions who are interested in learning more about the drug development process and how to help their discoveries become the novel drugs of the future. Often many potentially transformative basic science discoveries are not pursued because they are deemed 'too early' to attract industry interest. There are simple, relatively cost-effective things that academic researchers can do to advance their findings to the point that they can be tested in the clinic or attract more industry interest. Each chapter broadly discusses an important topic in drug development, from preclinical work in assay design through clinical trial design, regulatory issues and marketing assessments. After the practical overview provided here, the reader is encouraged to consult more detailed texts on specific topics of interest. "I would actually welcome it if this book's intended audience were broadened even more. Younger scientists starting out in the drug industry would benefit from reading it and getting some early exposure to parts of the process that they'll eventually have to understand. Journalists covering the industry (especially the small startup companies) will find this book a good reality check for many an over-hopeful press release. Even advanced investors who might want to know what really happens in the labs will find information here that might otherwise be difficult to track down in such a concentrated form."**

Studying Early Printed Books,

1450-1800

A Practical Guide

John Wiley & Sons **A comprehensive resource to understanding the hand-press printing of early books Studying Early Printed Books, 1450 - 1800 offers a guide to the fascinating process of how books were printed in the first centuries of the press and shows how the mechanics of making books shapes how we read and understand them. The author offers an insightful overview of how books were made in the hand-press period and then includes an in-depth review of the specific aspects of the printing process. She addresses questions such as: How was paper made? What were different book formats? How did the press work? In addition, the text is filled with illustrative examples that demonstrate how understanding the early processes can be helpful to today's researchers. Studying Early Printed Books shows the connections between the material form of a book (what it looks like and how it was made), how a book conveys its meaning and how it is used by readers. The author helps readers navigate books by explaining how to tell which parts of a book are the result of early printing practices and which are a result of later changes. The text also offers guidance on: how to approach a book; how to read a catalog record; the difference between using digital facsimiles and books in-hand. This important guide: Reveals how books were made with the advent of the printing press and how they are understood today Offers information on how to use digital reproductions of early printed books as well as how to work in a rare books library Contains a useful glossary and a detailed list of recommended readings Includes a companion website for further research Written for students of book history, materiality of text and history of information, Studying Early Printed Books explores the many aspects of the early printing process of books and explains how their form is understood today.**

The Four Agreements

A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom

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A Practical Guide to Acute Care Case Management

The Day to Day How to Be an Acute Care Case Manager Resource

A Practical Guide to TPM 2.0

Using the Trusted Platform Module in the New Age of Security

Apress **A Practical Guide to TPM 2.0: Using the Trusted Platform Module in the New Age of Security is a straight-forward primer for developers. It shows security and TPM concepts, demonstrating their use in real applications that the reader can try out. Simply put, this book is designed to empower and excite the programming community to go out and do cool things with the TPM. The approach is to ramp the reader up quickly and keep their interest.A Practical Guide to TPM 2.0: Using the Trusted Platform Module in the New Age of Security explains security concepts, describes the TPM 2.0 architecture, and provides code and pseudo-code examples in parallel, from very simple concepts and code to highly complex concepts and pseudo-code. The book includes instructions for the available execution environments and real code examples to get readers up and talking to the TPM quickly. The authors then help the users expand on that with pseudo-code descriptions of useful applications using the TPM.**

Research to Revenue

A Practical Guide to University Start-Ups

UNC Press Books **University start-ups are unique in the world of business and entrepreneurship, translating research conducted at and owned by universities into market-ready products--a complex process that requires a combination of scientific, technical, legal, business, and financial skills to be successful. Start-ups have the potential to generate revenue for universities, enhance faculty recruitment and retention, create jobs, and create investment opportunities for venture capitalists and entrepreneurs. Research to Revenue presents the first-ever comprehensive guide to understanding, starting, and managing university startups. By systematically describing the process of translating academic research into commercial enterprises, Don Rose and Cam Patterson give a thorough, process-oriented, and practical set of guidelines that cover not only best practices but also common--and avoidable--mistakes. They detail the key factors and components that contribute to a successful start-up, explain what makes university start-ups unique, delineate the steps of building and managing them, and describe how to foster and maintain start-ups at a university. Written for faculty and staff working on campus, tech-transfer officers, university administrators, and venture capitalists unfamiliar with university structures, Research to Revenue ensures that any reader unfamiliar with technology commercialization and entrepreneurship will understand the fundamentals of the process, including intellectual property rights, fund-raising, and business models. This work is an invaluable resource for the successful formation and well-managed operation of university start-ups.**

A Practical Guide to Writing a Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Grant

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Thyroid Disease

A Case-Based and Practical Guide for Primary Care

Springer Science & Business Media **Thyroid Disease: A Case-Based and Practical Guide for Primary Care, by Dr. Emanuel Brams, is a supremely readable cased-based approach to understanding the myriad of disorders that encompass thyroid disease. Using cases derived from his busy practice, Dr. Brams gives us the history and physical examination details of each case, along with test results. Then, through a series of questions similar to that which any good clinician asks while caring for a patient, Dr. Brams explains an optimal approach to diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of thyroid disease, with an emphasis on the practical and common issues that primary care physicians see in their offices. This is an important book for primary care physicians because thyroid disease is common in the population we take care of and accounts for 3–5% of primary care visits. It is often cited as an area that primary care phy- cians find confusing. Dr. Brams clarifies thyroid disease and, through his generous sharing of cases, allows us to join him in making clear diagnoses as well as share in the ambiguity and decisions about approach when the diagnoses and course of treatment are not clear. In this way, the book is honest, and deals directly with the issues of thyroid disease as they are seen by us as physicians, not as we sometimes may wish they were seen if patients presented with the clarity of walking textbooks. Dr.**

Guide for Journalists

A Practical Guide on how to Cover Stories about Trans People, Or about Issues which Affect Trans

People, in a Fair and Respectful Manner

Teaching with Cases

A Practical Guide

Harvard Business Review Press **Case method teaching immerses students in realistic business situations--which include incomplete information, time constraints, and conflicting goals. The class discussion inherent in case teaching is well known for stimulating the development of students' critical thinking skills, yet instructors often need guidance on managing that class discussion to maximize learning. Teaching with Cases focuses on practical advice for instructors that can be easily implemented. It covers how to plan a course, how to teach it, and how to evaluate it. The book is organized by the three elements required for a great case-based course: 1) advance planning by the instructor, including implementation of a student contract; 2) how to make leading a vibrant case discussion easier and more systematic; and 3) planning for student evaluation after the course is complete. Teaching with Cases is ideal for anyone interested in case teaching, whether basing an entire course on cases, using cases as a supplement, or simply using discussion facilitation techniques. To learn more about the book, and to see resources available, visit teachingwithcases.hbsp.harvard.edu.**

Art Therapy Research

A Practical Guide

Routledge **Art Therapy Research is a clear and intuitive guide for educators, students, and practitioners on the procedures for conducting art therapy research. Presented using a balanced view of paradigms that reflect the pluralism of art therapy research, this exciting new resource offers clarity while maintaining the complexity of research approaches and considering the various epistemologies and their associated methods. This text brings research to life through the inclusion of sample experientials in every chapter and student worksheets, as well as a full chapter on report writing that includes a completed sample report. This comprehensive guide is essential reading for educators looking to further the application of learning outcomes such as teamwork, communication, and critical thinking in their practice.**

Political Action

A Practical Guide to Movement Politics

New York Review of Books **Political theorist Michael Walzer's classic guide is a perfect introduction to social activism, including what-to-do advice for deciding which issues to take on, organizing, fundraising, and providing effective leadership Political Action is a how-to book for activists that was written at one of the darkest moments of the Nixon administration and remains no less timely and intelligent and useful today. Michael Walzer draws on his extensive engagement in the civil rights and antiwar movements of the 1960s to lay out the practical steps necessary to keep movement politics alive both in victory and in defeat. What do people need to do when out of outrage or fear of looming disaster they come together to demand change? Should they focus on one or several issues? Should they form coalitions? What can and can't be accomplished through electoral politics? How can movements operate democratically? What is effective leadership? Walzer addresses such questions with clarity, concision, wisdom, and wit in a book that everywhere insists not only on the centrality of movement politics to the health of democratic societies but on the deep satisfaction that is to be found there. Political Action is both an indispensable resource for activists and a lasting and inspiring summons to arms.**

A Practical Guide to SysML

The Systems Modeling Language

Morgan Kaufmann **A Practical Guide to SysML: The Systems Modeling Language is a comprehensive guide to SysML for systems and software engineers. It provides an advanced and practical resource for modeling systems with SysML. The source describes the modeling language and offers information about employing SysML in transitioning an organization or project to model-based systems engineering. The book also presents various examples to help readers understand the OMG Systems Modeling Professional (OCSMP) Certification Program. The text is organized into four parts. The first part provides an overview of systems engineering. It explains the model-based approach by comparing it with the document-based approach and providing the modeling principles. The overview of SYsML is also discussed. The second part of the book covers a comprehensive description of the language. It discusses the main concepts**

of model organization, parametrics, blocks, use cases, interactions, requirements, allocations, and profiles. The third part presents examples that illustrate how SysML supports different model-based procedures. The last part discusses how to transition and deploy SysML into an organization or project. It explains the integration of SysML into a systems development environment. Furthermore, it describes the category of data that are exchanged between a SysML tool and other types of tools, and the types of exchange mechanisms that can be used. It also covers the criteria that must be considered when selecting a SysML. Software and systems engineers, programmers, IT practitioners, experts, and non-experts will find this book useful. *The authoritative guide for understanding and applying SysML *Authored by the foremost experts on the language *Language description, examples, and quick reference guide included

Overseas Research

A Practical Guide

Routledge **When conducting research in developing countries, an ability to negotiate a bewildering array of cultural and logistical obstacles is essential. Overseas Research: A Practical Guide distills essential lessons from scores of students and scholars who have collected data and done fieldwork abroad, including how to prepare for the field, how and where to find funding for one's fieldwork, issues of personal safety and security, and myriad logistical and relational issues. By encouraging researchers to think through the challenges of research before they begin it, Overseas Research will help prepare fieldworkers for the practical, logistical, and psychological considerations of very demanding work, help save valuable time, make the most of scarce financial resources, and enhance the quality of the field research. This third edition contains new material on social media, including representation of research subjects/collaborators, students' digital branding and image, and representing universities abroad when posting publicly. It also covers emerging technologies such as solar panels for power in remote locations, new ways of digitally sending and receiving money, and incorporates more perspectives of women, LGBTQ+ people, and people of color researching abroad. The book will be of interest to overseas fieldworkers, and also to undergraduates in subjects such as anthropology, economics, geography, history, international studies, politics, sociology, and development studies.**

Medical Treatment of ADHD

A Practical Guide for Clinicians, Counselors, and Parents

This practical and easily navigable book covers the gamut of issues that need to be understood to provide excellent medical care for those with ADHD. Outside of mental health professionals, those who most often treat ADHD are primary care providers such as family practitioners, pediatricians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and school personnel. Based on clinical conversations with patients with ADHD and their families, this book provides concise, useful, up to date information of a practical nature for most, if not all of the problems, associated conditions and questions that arise when an individual has concerns about ADHD. Treatments discussed include a thorough review of medication options, with expected results and side effects, as well as other recommended treatments including a variety of therapeutic modalities, and a review of less commonly considered but important interventions regarding general health, sleep, diet, exercise, and school interventions. Readers will gain an understanding of what ADHD is, practical reviews of the literature that will help in discussion with patients and their families the importance of intervention, and all the resources and options available to provide the best treatment strategies for anyone who has ADHD as well as the commonly associated conditions.

Process Steam Systems: A Practical Guide for Operators, Maintainers, Designers, and Educators

John Wiley & Sons **A comprehensive and accessible handbook for process steam systems The revised second edition of Process Steam Systems: A Practical Guide for Operators, Maintainers, Designers, and Educators delivers a practical guide to ensuring steam systems are properly and efficiently designed, operated, and maintained. The book provides comprehensive information designed to improve process steam system knowledge, reliability, and integration into current manufacturing processes. The most up-to-date version of this volume includes brand-new coverage of current codes, sustainability measures, and updated applications. Heat transfer theory and thermodynamics are tied into practical applications with new practice problems ideal for both professionals seeking to improve their skills and engineers-in training. Readers will also find: Thorough design criteria for process steam systems, complete with detailed illustrations for piping and controls An entirely new**

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A Practical Guide to Textile Testing

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An a to Z Practical Guide to Learning Difficulties

Accessing up-to-date information about general and specific learning difficulties is made easy, with this indispensable reference book. Covering difficulties that relate to children, adolescents and adults, it includes: crucial legislation to keep practitioners 'in the know' useful addresses, telephone numbers and websites It also includes explanations of leaning difficulties including those less than well-known syndromes such as semantic pragmatic difficulties.

How to Rule an Empire and Get Away with It

Hachette UK **"Full of invention and ingenuity . . . Great fun." - SFX on Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City This is the history of how the City was saved, by Notker the professional liar, written down because eventually the truth always seeps through. The City may be under siege, but everyone still has to make a living. Take Notker, the acclaimed playwright, actor, and impresario. Nobody works harder, even when he's not working. Thankfully, it turns out that people enjoy the theater just as much when there are big rocks falling out of the sky. But Notker is a man of many talents, and all the world is, apparently, a stage. It seems that the empire needs him -- or someone who looks a lot like him -- for a role that will call for the performance of a lifetime. At least it will guarantee fame, fortune, and immortality. If it doesn't kill him first. In the follow up to the acclaimed Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City, K. J. Parker has created one of fantasy's greatest heroes, and he might even get away with it. For more from K. J. Parker, check out:Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled City The Two of SwordsThe Two of Swords: Volume OneThe Two of Swords Volume TwoThe Two of Swords: Volume Three The Fencer TrilogyColours in the SteelThe Belly of the BowThe Proof House The Scavenger TrilogyShadowPatternMemory Engineer TrilogyDevices and DesiresEvil for EvilThe EscapementThe CompanyThe Folding KnifeThe HammerSharps**

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Pearson Education **Writers investigate and learn about the processes of essay writing - from collecting information, identifying an argument and designing a plan to editing, proof-reading and referencing.**

A Practical Guide to Financial Services

Knowledge, Opportunities and Inclusion

Routledge **Financial services are an ever increasing part of the infrastructure of everyday life. From banking to credit, insurance to investment and mortgages to advice, we all consume financial services, and many millions globally work in the sector. Moreover, the way we consume them is changing with the growing dominance of fintech and Big Data. Yet, the part of financial services that we engage with as consumers is just the tip of a vast network of markets, institutions and regulators – and fraudsters too. Many books about financial services are designed to serve corporate finance education, focusing on capital structures, maximising shareholder value, regulatory compliance and other business-oriented topics. A Practical Guide to Financial Services: Knowledge, Opportunities and Inclusion is different: it swings the perspective towards the end-user, the customer, the essential but often overlooked participant without whom retail financial services markets would not exist. While still introducing all the key areas of financial services, it explores how the sector serves or sometimes fails to serve consumers, why consumers need protection in some areas and what form that protection takes, and how consumers can best navigate the risks and uncertainties that are inherent in financial products and services. For consumers, a greater understanding**

of how the financial system works is a prerequisite of ensuring that the system works for their benefit. For students of financial services – those aspiring to or those already working in the sector – understanding the consumer perspective is an essential part of becoming an effective, holistically informed and ethical member of the financial services community. A Practical Guide to Financial Services: Knowledge, Opportunities and Inclusion will equip you for both these roles. The editors and authors of A Practical Guide to Financial Services: Knowledge, Opportunities and Inclusion combine a wealth of financial services, educational and consumer-oriented practitioner experience.

Basic Handbook of Police Supervision: A Practical Guide for Law Enforcement Supervisors

Charles C Thomas Publisher **This updated handbook provides reliable guidance on what to do next and offers practical, no-frills advice about what to do to counter the day-to-day challenges and outright calamities that make up the first-line leader's work life. Perhaps even more important, it offers time-proven recommendations on how to prevent a bothersome situation from escalating into crisis proportions in the first place. It will prove equally useful to the veteran, novice or future law enforcement supervisor. Its sound advice will help him retain his emotional as well as physical and moral health in a real-world environment that seems to become more challenging every day. It will help him to lead and bring his people to share his practices and beliefs in doing a very critical job the right way. Just as it should be, the handbook is short on theory and long on "how to" advice. It is literally a resource that the supervisor can tuck into an equipment bag or otherwise keep close at hand. It likewise will aid him in carrying out the very practical tasks of communicating effectively; evaluating employee performance, correcting inappropriate behavior and helping his officers survive both on the street and in the police organization. A new chapter has been added on the topic of how to lead successfully during the current, very challenging environment for law enforcement, entitled "How to Lead During Challenging Times." Summary boxes have been interspersed throughout the text that emphasize important points for police leaders to remember. Meanwhile, the handbook will assist the law enforcement leader in working well with his own boss and planning his own career. There is no job description in the world quite like that of first-line law enforcement boss. The job is as unique as it is difficult and vital to the success of any successful police organization. This book will help them become even better at their very important job.**

A Practical Guide to the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract

John Wiley & Sons **Provides construction industry professionals with a practical and detailed guide to the NEC4 contract The NEC contract takes a collaborative, project management based approach to construction projects, which is very different to the other standard forms of construction contract. This new edition of the book covers all changes in the 4th Edition of the Engineering and Construction Contract, issued in June 2017, and will provide practical guidance to help users transitioning from NEC3 to NEC4. Inside A Practical Guide to the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, readers will find chapters on the background of the NECECC; contract data and other documents; the'spirit of mutual trust'; all of the individuals involved in the process (eg: project managers, clients, supervisors, subcontractors, etc.); communication issues, early warnings and other matters; quality management; titles; dealing with timing; payment processes; cost components; compensation procedures and assessments; dealing with terminations; dispute resolution; completing the contract and more. A practical guide to the application of the procedures contained in the newly issued NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract Provides detailed guidance on the use of the agreement, which is claimed to offer increased flexibility, improved clarity and greater ease of use Written specifically for people actually using and administering the NEC contracts Features 3 appendixes covering tables of clause numbers, case law and statutes; employer's, project manager's, supervisor's, contractor's and adjudicator's actions; and communication forms and their uses. First launched in 1993, the NEC has become one of the UK's leading standard forms of contract for major construction and civil engineering projects, making A Practical Guide to the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract a must-have resource for any contractor using the latest version of this contract.**

A Practical Guide to Red Hat Linux 8

Addison-Wesley Professional **A guide to Linux covers such topics as logging in, compressing files, using the command line, scripting, and security.**

A Practical Guide to Dragons

Mirrorstone **Presents the mythical world of dragons, describing their anatomy, language, rules of combat, life span, society, and the characteristics of the different types of dragons.**

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Saunders **Textbook for Healthcare Customer Service.**

Classroom Assessment

A Practical Guide for Educators

Routledge • **Provides detailed information on · the functions of assessment; · how to construct, administer, and interpret the results of teacher-developed assessment techniques; and · how to interpret the results of externally developed instruments such as standardized tests. • Both traditional and newer, alternative assessment techniques are covered. • Advantages and disadvantages of each assessment technique are discussed. • A companion website helps both instructors and students obtain additional information on topics of special interest to them. • Numerous examples of the principles and procedures make it easy for students to understand the material. • The highly practical nature of this book stems from the focus on how assessment intertwines with other everyday activities in classrooms. • Measurement theory and computational procedures that are unlikely to be used by classroom teachers are de-emphasized, producing a textbook that provides comprehensive coverage without being unnecessarily technical.**