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### Skate Life

### Re-imagining White Masculinity

**University of Michigan Press** An in-depth look at skateboarding culture by a promising young scholar

### Le Book New York 2009

Art and designs by Stephen Sprouse.

### The Shoe Diaries

**Harlequin** It's never too late to put your best foot forward From the outside, Reagan "Rae" Doucet has it all: a coveted career in Washington, DC, a tight circle of friends and a shoe closet to die for. When one of her crew falls ill, however, Rae is done playing it safe. The talented but unfulfilled writer makes a "risk list" to revamp her life. But forgiving her ex, Jake Saunders, might be one risk too many... From Harlequin Special Edition: Believe in love. Overcome obstacles. Find happiness. The Friendship Chronicles Book 1: The Shoe Diaries

### Photographic Rendering with V-Ray for SketchUp

**Packt Publishing Ltd** This book is filled with examples explaining the theoretical concepts behind them. Filled with sample screenshots, diagrams, and final rendered images, this book will help readers develop an understanding of photographic rendering with V-Ray. If you are a SketchUp user who would love to turn your favourite modelling application into a 'virtual photography studio', then this book has been designed and written for you. Existing V-Ray users will also find plenty to enjoy and benefit from in this book. Some basic experience with SketchUp and familiarity with photography will be helpful, but is not mandatory.

### Consultants & Consulting Organizations Directory, 1999

### A Reference Guide to More Than 22,000 Concerns and Individuals Engaged in Consultation for Business, Industry, and Government

### A Standard Dictionary of the English Language

### The Language of African Literature

**Africa World Press** In this unprecedented anthology, some of the most prolific and widely read African novelists are analysed.

### African Languages

### An Introduction

**Cambridge University Press** An accessible introduction to African languages and linguistics, covering language typology, linguistic structures and sociolinguistics.

### Twelve Years a Slave

**Prabhat Prakashan** "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

## Growing Apart

### Oil, Politics, and Economic Change in Indonesia and Nigeria

**University of Michigan Press** "Growing Apart is an important and distinguished contribution to the literature on the political economy of development. Indonesia and Nigeria have long presented one of the most natural opportunities for comparative study. Peter Lewis, one of America's best scholars of Nigeria, has produced the definitive treatment of their divergent development paths. In the process, he tells us much theoretically about when, why, and how political institutions shape economic growth." —Larry Diamond, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution "Growing Apart is a careful and sophisticated analysis of the political factors that have shaped the economic fortunes of Indonesia and Nigeria. Both scholars and policymakers will benefit from this book's valuable insights." —Michael L. Ross, Associate Professor of Political Science, Chair of International Development Studies, UCLA "Lewis presents an extraordinarily well-documented comparative case study of two countries with a great deal in common, and yet with remarkably different postcolonial histories. His approach is a welcome departure from currently fashionable attempts to explain development using large, multi-country databases packed with often dubious measures of various aspects of 'governance.'" —Ross H. McLeod, Editor, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies "This is a highly readable and important book. Peter Lewis provides us with both a compelling institutionalist analysis of economic development performance and a very insightful comparative account of the political economies of two highly complex developing countries, Nigeria and Indonesia. His well-informed account generates interesting findings by focusing on the ability of leaders in both countries to make credible commitments to the private sector and assemble pro-growth coalitions. This kind of cross-regional political economy is often advocated in the profession but actually quite rare because it is so hard to do well. Lewis's book will set the standard for a long time." —Nicolas van de Walle, John S. Knight Professor of International Studies, Cornell University Peter M. Lewis is Associate Professor and Director of the African Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies.

## Modern Climatology

**Allied Publishers** Climate study appears to be closely related to the environmental studies. In a degrading environment climate conditions, particularly changing situation happens to be of a great concern for sustainable future. In this context the book has been written understanding the tenets of underlying principles and processes of global climate

## Straight from the Book

**Amer Mathematical Society** This book is a compilation of many suggestions, much advice, and even more hard work. Its main objective is to provide solutions to the problems which were originally proposed in the first 12 chapters of Problems from the Book. The volume is far more than a collection of solutions. The solutions are used as motivation for the introduction of some very clear mathematical expositions. This is absolutely state-of-the-art material. Everyone who loves mathematics and mathematical thinking should acquire this book.

## Surfer

## Historical Dictionary of Austria

**Scarecrow Press** Austrians today often seem to believe that they have two histories. One is their republican present; the other, the centuries that their forebears spent as part of the multi-ethnic Habsburg Empire. Contemporary Austria is a fixture among Europe's democracies. Yet, it did not achieve this state easily: World War I, the unification with Germany in 1938, and World War II were catastrophes for Austria. In 1995, it became part of the European Union, and its government, culture, and egalitarian economy are far cries from the monarchical and highly stratified society of the old Empire. The second edition of the Historical Dictionary of Austria has been thoroughly updated and greatly expanded. Through its chronology, introductory essay, appendix, bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries, greater attention has been given to foreign affairs, economic institutions and policies, social issues, religion, and politics.

## Retail Market Study 2012

**The Location Group** The first Worldwide Retail Market Study carried out by the Location Group examined the 65 most noteworthy international fashion capitals, together with Switzerland, Germany and Austria on 500 pages. As part of this study, 850 retailers, 600 High Streets and 450 shopping centres were put under the microscope. 53 newcomers to Zurich's Bahnhofstrasse were described in the 10-year report.

## Gateway B1 Student Book

Gateway is an academically-rich five-level course designed to lead teenage students to success in school-leaving and university entrance exams and prepare them for university and the world of work.

## Huichol Mythology

**University of Arizona Press** Best known for their ritual use of peyote, the Huichol people of west-central Mexico carried much of their original belief system into the twentieth century unadulterated by the influence of Christian missionaries. Among the Huichol, reciting myths and performing rituals pleases the ancestors and helps maintain a world in which abundant subsistence and good health are assured. This volume is a collection of myths recorded by Robert Zingg in 1934 in the village of Tuxpan and is the most comprehensive record of Huichol mythology ever published. Zingg was the first professional anthropologist to study the Huichol, and his generosity toward them and political advocacy on their behalf allowed him to overcome tribal sanctions against divulging secrets to outsiders. He is fondly remembered today by some Huichols who were children when he lived among them. Zingg recognized that the alternation between dry and wet seasons pervades Huichol myth and ritual as it does their subsistence activities, and his arrangement of the texts sheds much light on Huichol tradition. The volume contains both aboriginal myths that attest to the abiding Huichol obligation to serve ancestors who control nature and its processes, and Christian-inspired myths that document the traumatic effect that silver mining and Franciscan missions had on Huichol society. First published in 1998 in a Spanish-language edition, Huichol Mythology is presented here for the first time in English, with more than 40 original photographs by Zingg accompanying the text. For this volume, the editors provide a meticulous historical account of Huichol society from about 200 A.D. through the colonial era, enabling readers to fully grasp the significance of the myths free of the sensationalized interpretations found in popular accounts of the Huichol. Zingg's compilation is a landmark work, indispensable to the study of mythology, Mexican Indians, and comparative religion.

## The Climate of Darkness

## World Product Casts

## One Thousand Languages

## Living, Endangered, and Lost

**Univ of California Press** Presents an overview of the living, endangered, and extinct languages of the world, providing the total number of speakers of the language, its history, and maps of the geographic areas where it is presently spoken or where it was spoken in the past.

## The Habsburg Monarchy, 1809-1918

## A History of the Austrian Empire and Austria-Hungary

**University of Chicago Press** History of the Austrian empire and Austria-Hungary.

## People of the Peyote

## Huichol Indian History, Religion & Survival

**UNM Press** The first substantial study of a Mexican Indian society that more than any other has preserved much of its ancient way of life and religion.

## The Groomer

**Independently Published** Andrew McCarthy grows concerned for his family after he catches a young man, Zachary Denton, photographing his daughter, Grace McCarthy, and other children at a park. To his dismay, Zachary talks his way out of trouble when he's confronted by the police. He hopes that's the end of it. Then he finds Zachary at a diner and then at a grocery store. He knows their encounters aren't coincidences. And just as Andrew prepares to defend his family, Grace vanishes. As the police search stalls and the leads dry up, Andrew decides to take matters into his own hands. He starts by searching for sex offenders in the area and researching enhanced interrogation techniques... He convinces himself he'll do anything to rescue his daughter, unaware of the pure evil he'll face in his journey. He's willing to hurt-to torture-anyone to save his family. Jon Athan, the author of Into the Wolves' Den and The Abuse of Ashley Collins, delves into the underworld of internet predators in this disturbing horror novel. Are your children safe? WARNING: This book contains graphic content. Reader discretion is advised.

## Fast Fashion, Fashion Brands and Sustainable Consumption

**Springer** This book discusses the connection between fast fashion brands and customer-centric sustainability. It highlights what consumers can do with fast fashion and the important aspects that need to be addressed to make fast fashion sustainable. Fast fashion is an inevitable element in today's fashion business cycle and its adverse impacts on sustainable fashion are a major issue.

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## Echocardiography in Acute Coronary Syndrome

## Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

**Springer Science & Business Media** Coronary artery disease is the most commonly encountered problem in adult cardiology in the world. Echocardiography is the most commonly used imaging modality encountered in cardiology practice in the world. Even though there are many Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) reference books and echocardiography reference books, there is no single practical book so far in the literature with focus on the combined topics. The authors believe that this will be the first book to provide information on how echocardiography can be used in, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ACS.

## Guide to Trans

## From Conflict to Autonomy in the Caucasus

## The Soviet Union and the Making of Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno Karabakh

**Routledge** This book is the first historical work to study the creation of ethnic autonomies in the Caucasus in the 1920s – the transitional period from Russian Empire to Soviet Union. Seventy years later these ethnic autonomies were to become the loci of violent ethno-political conflicts which have consistently been blamed on the policies of the Bolsheviks and Stalin. According to this view, the Soviet leadership deliberately set up ethnic autonomies within the republics, thereby giving Moscow unprecedented leverage against each republic. From Conflict to Autonomy in the Caucasus questions this assumption by examining three case studies: Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno Karabakh are placed within the larger socio-political context of transformations taking place in this borderland region during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It examines demographic, social and economic consequences of the Russian colonization and resulting replacement of traditional societies and identities with modern ones. Based on original Russian language sources and archival materials, the book brings together two periods that are usually studied separately – the period of the Russian Civil War 1917–20 and the early Soviet period – in order to understand the roots of the Bolshevik decision-making policy when granting autonomies. It argues that rather than being the product of blatant political manipulation this was an attempt at conflict resolution. The institution of political autonomy, however, became a powerful tool for national mobilization during the Soviet era. Contributing both to the general understanding of the early Soviet nationality policy and to our understanding of the conflicts that have engulfed the Caucasus region since the 1990s, this book will be of interest to scholars of Central Asian studies, Russian/Soviet history, ethnic conflict, security studies and International Relations.

## Mental Mindfulness: a Mental Health Journal for Girls

Today's world is full of ups and downs and young people must guard their mental health. Whether it is dealing with the realities of COVID-19, depression, anxiety, anger, grief, guilt, low self-esteem, or the stresses of everyday life, a person's mental health can suffer. There is no better way to guard mental health than through journaling. Unlike the complexity of other journals that prompt writing about something that is irrelevant to a person's life or steers them away from what they are truly feeling or experiencing, this journal is simple and open. It allows for TRUE expression. This journal was composed by the award-winning team at The Therapy Institute. The Therapy Institute boasts nearly two decades of working with children from all walks of life and their tried-and-true methods have been utilized to maintain the mental and physical health of children from around the world.

## Feet and Footwear

### A Cultural Encyclopedia

**Macmillan** COSTUME, CLOTHES & FASHION. This one-of-a-kind, A-to-Z reference work contains over 150 fascinating entries and intriguing sidebars that look at feet and adornment of feet across the many cultures of the world throughout time. A wide range of international and multicultural topics are covered, including footbinding, fetishes, diseases, customs and beliefs, shoe construction, myths and folktales, the history of footwear, iconic brands and types of shoes, removing shoes upon entering a house, covering feet up for social customs, and the types of footwear worn around the world.

## Gorée

## The Island and the Historical Museum

## The Gathering of the Nations

**DigiCat** This work presents a new perspective on the International Exhibitions one, that is, from the standpoint of a writer who had witnessed the first-ever World Fair held in 1851 and was writing about it right before the Exhibit that was going to be held in 1862. The author writes about how the purpose of that Exhibition was to establish what progress the various countries have made in the industrial, functional, and ornamental arts since the first comparison of national skill. The author also considers the Great London Exposition a promising opportunity to showcase the moral impact of true Christianity. The Great Exhibition or the Crystal Palace Exhibition was an international exhibition that took place in Hyde Park, London, in 1851. It was the first in a series of World's Fairs, exhibitions of culture and industry that became famous in the 19th century. And the International Exhibition of 1862, or the Great London Exposition, was held from 1 May to 1 November 1862, beside the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington, London.

## Peyote Hunt

## The Sacred Journey of the Huichol Indians

**Cornell University Press** "Ramón Medina Silva, a Huichol Indian shaman priest or mara'akame, instructed me in many of his culture's myths, rituals, and symbols, particularly those pertaining to the sacred untiy of deer, maize, and peyote. The significance of this constellation of symbols was revealed to me most vividly when I accompanied Ramón on the Huichol's annual ritual return to hunt the peyote in the sacred land of Wirikuta, in myth and probably in history the place from which the Ancient Ones (ancestors and deities of the present-day Indians) came before settling in their present home in the mountains of the Sierra Madre Occidental in north-central Mexico. My work with Ramón preceded and followed our journey, but it was this peyote hunt that held the key to, and constituted the climax of, his teachings."--from the Preface

## The Ossetes

## Modern-Day Scythians of the Caucasus

**Bloomsbury Publishing** The Ossetes, a small nation inhabiting two adjacent states in the central Caucasus, are the last remaining linguistic and cultural descendants of the ancient nomadic Scythians who dominated the Eurasian steppe from the Balkans to Mongolia for well over one thousand years. A nominally Christian nation speaking a language distantly related to Persian, the Ossetes have inherited much of the culture of the medieval Alans who brought equestrian culture to Europe. They have preserved a rich oral literature through the epic of the Narts, a body of heroic legends that shares much in common with the Persian Book of Kings and other works of Indo-European mythology. This is the first book devoted to the little-known history and culture of the Ossetes to appear in any Western language. Charting Ossetian history from Antiquity to today, it will be a vital contribution to the fields of Iranian, Caucasian, Post-Soviet and Indo-European Studies.

## The Caucasus - An Introduction

**Routledge** The Caucasus is one of the most complicated regions in the world: with many different peoples and political units, differing religious allegiances, and frequent conflicts, and where historically major world powers have clashed with each other. Until now there has been no single book for those wishing to learn about this complex region. This book fills the gap, providing a clear, comprehensive introduction to the Caucasus, which is suitable for all readers. It covers the geography; the historical development of the region; economics; politics and government; population; religion and society; culture and traditions; alongside its conflicts and international relations. Written throughout in an accessible style, it requires no prior knowledge of the Caucasus. The book will be invaluable for those researching specific issues, as well as for readers needing a thorough introduction to the region.

## Near Abroad

### Putin, the West, and the Contest Over Ukraine and the Caucasus

**Oxford University Press** " Vladimir Putin's intervention into the Georgia/South Ossetia conflict in summer 2008 was quickly recognized by Western critics as an attempt by Russia to increase its presence and power in the "near abroad," or the independent states of the former Soviet Union that Russia still regards as its wards. Though the global economic recession that began in 2008 moved the incident to the back of the world's mind, Russia surged to the forefront again six years later when they invaded the heavily Russian Crimea in Ukraine and annexed it. In contrast to the earlier Georgia episode, this new conflict has generated a crisis of global proportions, forcing European countries to rethink their relationship with Russia and their reliance on it for energy supplies, as Russia was now squeezing natural gas from what is technically Ukraine. In Near Abroad, the eminent political geographer Gerard Toal analyzes Russia's recent offensive actions in the near abroad, focusing in particular on the ways in which both the West and Russia have relied on Cold War-era rhetorical and emotional tropes that distort as much as they clarify. In response to Russian aggression, US critics quickly turned to tried-and-true concepts like "spheres of influence" to condemn the Kremlin. Russia in turn has brought back its long tradition of criticizing western liberalism and degeneracy to grandly rationalize its behavior in what are essentially local border skirmishes. It is this tendency to resort to the frames of earlier eras that has led the conflicts to "jump scales," moving from the regional to the global level in short order. The ambiguities and contradictions that result when nations marshal traditional geopolitical arguments-rooted in geography, territory, and old understandings of distance-further contributes to the escalation of these conflicts. Indeed, Russia's belligerence toward Georgia stemmed from concern about its possible entry into NATO, an organization of states thousands of miles away. American hawks also strained credulity by portraying Georgia as a nearby ally in need of assistance. Similarly, the threat of NATO to the Ukraine looms large in the Kremlin's thinking, and many Ukrainians themselves self-identify with the West despite their location in Eastern Europe. "--

## From a Multiethnic Empire to a Nation of Nations

### Austro-Hungarian Migrants in the US, 1870-1940

**Studien Verlag, Austria** This book describes the transatlantic experience of Austrian and Hungarian migrants from 1870 to 1960. Through socio-economic, demographic, and cultural analyses, the authors recount how newly arrived immigrants struggled to adapt to the new sociocultural mores of America while upholding their own traditions and language. This study breaks new ground by examining migration between the Habsburg Monarchy and North America and return migration to Central Europe, including the study of various ethnic and religious groups.

## Press Play

### A Teenager's Guide to Living an Awesome Life

## Science Focus 3

The Science Focus Second Edition is the complete science package for the teaching of the New South Wales Stage 4 and 5 Science Syllabus. The Science Focus Second Edition package retains the identified strengths of the highly successful First Edition and includes a number of new and exciting features, improvements and components.

## The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets

**A&C Black** You may have watched hundreds of episodes of The Simpsons (and its sister show Futurama) without ever realising that they contain enough maths to form an entire university course. In The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets, Simon Singh explains how the brilliant writers, some of the mathematicians, have smuggled in mathematical jokes throughout the cartoon's twenty-five year history, exploring everything from to Mersenne primes, from Euler's equation to the unsolved riddle of P vs. NP, from perfect numbers to narcissistic numbers, and much more. With wit, clarity and a true fan's zeal, Singh analyses such memorable episodes as 'Bart the Genius' and 'Homer3' to offer an entirely new insight into the most successful show in television history.