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Vagos, Mongols, and Outlaws

My Infiltration of America's Deadliest Biker Gangs

Macmillan The basis for the hit TV series *Gangland Undercover!* The gripping account from an ex-con who went undercover to help the ATF infiltrate three of America's most violent biker gangs Despite lacking any experience with motorcycle gangs, Charles Falco infiltrated three of America's deadliest biker gangs: the Vagos, Mongols, and Outlaws. In separate investigations that spanned years and coasts, Falco risked his life, suffering a fractured neck and a severely torn shoulder, working deep under cover to bring violent sociopaths to justice. His dedication was profound; Falco spent almost three years infiltrating the Vagos gang and rose to second in command of the Victorville, California chapter. He even served time in San Bernardino's Murder Unit and endured solitary confinement to protect his cover and the investigations. Falco recorded confessions of gangland-style killings and nearly became a target himself before he sought refuge in the Witness Protection Program. But discontent to remain on the sidelines and motivated by a strong sense of duty, Falco eventually left the Program and volunteer his talents again to infiltrate the Mongols and Outlaws, rising in rank to Vice President of the Petersburg, Virginia Outlaws chapter. His efforts culminated in sixty two arrests of members for various crimes, including assault and murder. Executing one of this country's most successful RICO prosecutions and effectively crippling the criminal enterprise, Falco's engrossing narrative of the dangers of the biker underworld harkens back to Hunter S. Thompson's classic *Hell's Angels*, vividly recounting a life undercover.

Seattle Stairway Walks

An Up-and-Down Guide to City Neighborhoods

Mountaineers Books [CLICK HERE to download Jake and Cathy Jaramillo's favorite walk from the book, "The Olmstead Vision"](#) (Provide us with a little information and we'll send your download directly to your inbox) * The only guidebook to stairway walks in Seattle * Explore Seattle neighborhoods in a new way with these interesting walks in Seattle * Written for people of all ages who want to get outside, exercise, and explore Often called a "city of neighbor-hoods," Seattle is shaped by soaring mounds like Queen Anne and Capitol Hill and by indentations such as Ravenna Ravine and Deadhorse Canyon. Weaving together the hills, bluffs, and canyons are stairs -- lots and lots of stairs. In fact, there are over 600 publicly accessible Seattle stairways within the city limits! And to explore Seattle by these stairs opens up stunning views and a whole new, intimate side of the Emerald City. *Seattle Stairway Walks: An Up-and-Down Guide to City Neighborhoods* is the city's first guidebook to 25 of the best neighborhood walks that feature public Seattle stairways. Each route description includes driving and public transit directions to the starting point, full-color photos, a detailed map, QR codes for saving abbreviated directions on your smart phone, tips on sections that are family-friendly, suggestions for cafes and pubs for that perfect espresso and sandwich en route, fascinating sidebars on Seattle's neighborhood history and community anecdotes, and much, much more.

The Lost

Celestial Blues Book Two

Harper Collins New York Times bestselling author Vicki Pettersson is back with *The Lost*, the second spine-tingling entry in her supernatural noir trilogy, *Celestial Blues*. Fallen angel Griffin "Grif" Shaw and his mortal lover, reporter Katherine Craig, are trying to learn the truth about Grif's death a half a century earlier. This quest will lead them to discover that the Pures might have their own agenda—one that will have Grif and Kit scrambling to stay alive, to stay together, and to choose their fate...before it's chosen for them. Blending paranormal romance, thrilling action, and a captivating mystery, *The Lost*, is an urban fantasy sure to please fans of Jeaniene Frost, Kim Harrison, and Charlaine Harris.

The Mushroom Hunters

On the Trail of an Underground America

A culinary and natural history of mushroom foraging subculture juxtaposes the experiences of savvy mushroom-hunting iconoclasts and loners against the high-priced capitalism of four-star kitchens.

Anatomy of an Epidemic

Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America

Crown Updated with bonus material, including a new foreword and afterword with new research, this New York Times bestseller is essential reading for a time when mental health is constantly in the news. In this astonishing and startling book, award-winning science and history writer Robert Whitaker investigates a medical mystery: Why has the number of disabled mentally ill in the United States tripled over the past two decades? Interwoven with Whitaker's groundbreaking analysis of the merits of psychiatric medications are the personal stories of children and adults swept up in this epidemic. As *Anatomy of an Epidemic* reveals, other societies have begun to alter their use of psychiatric medications and are now reporting much improved outcomes . . . so why can't such change happen here in the United States? Why have the results from these long-term studies—all of which point to the same startling conclusion—been kept from the public? Our nation has been hit by an epidemic of disabling mental illness, and yet, as *Anatomy of an Epidemic* reveals, the medical blueprints for curbing that epidemic have already been drawn up. Praise for *Anatomy of an Epidemic* "The timing of Robert Whitaker's *Anatomy of an Epidemic*, a comprehensive and highly readable history of psychiatry in the United States, couldn't be better."—Salon "Anatomy of an Epidemic offers some answers, charting controversial ground with mystery-novel pacing."—TIME "Lucid, pointed and important, *Anatomy of an Epidemic* should be required reading for anyone considering extended use of psychiatric medicine. Whitaker is at the height of his powers." —Greg Critser, author of *Generation Rx*

Quitting Crystal Meth

What to Expect & what to Do : a Handbook for the First Year If Recovery from Crystal Methamphetamine Addiction

Createspace Independent Pub "Quitting Crystal Meth: What to Expect & What to Do is divided along the five stages of meth recovery. Additional chapters look at "Crystal Meth Anonymous Meetings - What It's All About" and "What About Relapse?" Upbeat and positive, *Quitting Crystal Meth: What to Expect & What to Do* approaches the reader with respect and the disease of addiction with dignity." -- publisher website.

The Apple Revolution

Steve Jobs, the Counterculture and How the Crazy Ones Took over the World

Random House On 26 May, 2010 Apple Inc. passed Microsoft in valuation as the world's largest technology company. Its consumer electronic products - ranging from computers to mobile phones to portable media devices, not to mention its iTunes, iBook and App Store - have influenced nearly every facet of our lives, and it shows no sign of slowing down. But how did Apple - a company set up in the back room of a house by two friends, and one that always marketed itself as the underdog - become the marketplace leader (and the world's second largest company overall), and is it a good thing to have one company hold so much power? In *The Apple Revolution* Luke Dormehl shares the inside story of how Apple Inc. came to be; from the formation of the company's philosophies and user-friendly ethos, to the "iPod moment" and global domination, leaving you with a deep understanding of how it was created, why it has flourished, and where it might be going next.

You Are a Badass®

How to Stop Doubting Your Greatness and Start Living an Awesome Life

Running Press Adult Packed with humor, inspiration, and advice, *You Are a Badass* is the #1 New York Times bestselling self-help book that teaches you how to get better without getting busted. In this refreshingly entertaining how-to guide, bestselling author and world-traveling success coach, Jen Sincero, serves up twenty-seven bite-sized chapters full of hilariously inspiring stories, sage advice, easy exercises, and the occasional swear word, helping you to: Identify and change the self-sabotaging beliefs and behaviors that stop you from getting what you want, Create a life you totally love. And create it NOW, and Make some damn money already. The kind you've never made before. By the end of *You Are a Badass*, you'll understand why you are how you are, how to love what you can't change, how to change what you don't love, and how to use The Force to kick some serious ass.

Smells Like

Drugs, Music, and Life in The 90's

Mosh pits, Venice Beach, raves, mind-blowing concerts, snowboarding, hipster record stores...This was the 90's for Becky Asbury. She was part of Generation X, the MTV generation. They were the first generation to be heavily affected by divorce and broken homes. They were the generation whose mothers went back to work in droves. The generation of many latch-key kids, raised in after-school programs. They grew up searching for their identity. They were numb, they were bored, they were angry, cynical, and alienated. They were called unfocused, uncommitted, apathetic slackers. But the truth was, they were lost. *SMELLS LIKE* is a true story about a girl who came from a typical eighties middle-class family and what happened after her home life was shattered. Some kids ran off and caused chaos, but Becky Asbury turned quietly to drugs, namely Crystal Meth. How did she get drugs? What did it feel like to do them? What did it do to her physically and mentally? Read true diary entries from the life of a girl in 1990's Los Angeles trying to figure out who she was; working in record stores, listening to Grunge, and all the while wishing she could get it together and become a ballet dancer. Grab your flannel shirt and put in your nose ring, it's time to dive back into the decade that reminded us that sometimes you have to lose yourself in order to find yourself.

How Not to Be Wrong

The Power of Mathematical Thinking

Penguin "Witty, compelling, and just plain fun to read . . ." —Evelyn Lamb, *Scientific American* The Freakonomics of math—a math-world superstar unveils the hidden beauty and logic of the world and puts its power in our hands The math we learn in school can seem like a dull set of rules, laid down by the ancients and not to be questioned. In *How Not to Be Wrong*, Jordan Ellenberg shows us how terribly limiting this view is: Math isn't confined to abstract incidents that never occur in real life, but rather touches everything we do—the whole world is shot through with it. Math allows us to see the hidden structures underneath the messy and chaotic surface of our world. It's a science of not being wrong, hammered out by centuries of hard work and argument. Armed with the tools of mathematics, we can see through to the true meaning of information we take for granted: How early should you get to the airport? What does "public opinion" really represent? Why do tall parents have shorter children? Who really won Florida in 2000? And how likely are you, really, to develop cancer? *How Not to Be Wrong* presents the surprising revelations behind all of these questions and many more, using the mathematician's method of analyzing life and exposing the hard-won insights of the academic community to the layman—minus the jargon. Ellenberg chases mathematical threads through a vast range of time and space, from the everyday to the cosmic, encountering, among other things, baseball, Reaganomics, daring lottery schemes, Voltaire, the replicability crisis in psychology, Italian Renaissance painting, artificial languages, the development of non-Euclidean geometry, the coming obesity apocalypse, Antonin Scalia's views on crime and punishment, the psychology of slime molds, what Facebook can and can't figure out about you, and the existence of God. Ellenberg pulls from history as well as from the latest theoretical developments to provide those not trained in math with the knowledge they need. Math, as Ellenberg says, is "an atomic-powered prosthesis that you attach to your common sense, vastly multiplying its reach and strength." With the tools of mathematics in hand, you can understand the world in a deeper, more meaningful way. *How Not to Be Wrong* will show you how.

How to Make a Noise

A Comprehensive Guide to Synthesizer Programming

Simon Cann *How To Make A Noise*—perhaps the most widely read book about synthesizer programming—is a comprehensive, practical guide to sound design and synthesizer programming techniques using subtractive (analog) synthesis, frequency modulation synthesis, additive synthesis, wave-sequencing, and sample-based synthesis. The book looks at programming using examples from six software synthesizers: Cameleon 5000 from Camel Audio, Rhino 2 from BigTick, Surge from Vember Audio, Vanguard from reFX, Wusikstation from Wusik dot com, and Z3TA+ from Cakewalk. Simon Cann is a musician and writer based in London. He is author of *Cakewalk Synthesizers: From Presets to Power User*, *Building a Successful 21st Century Music Career*, and *Sample This!!* (with Klaus P Rausch). You can contact Simon through his website: www.noisesculpture.com.

Manager's Guide to Preventive Building Maintenance

CRC Press This book is a comprehensive guide for developing an effective preventive maintenance program for any facility. Topics include facility inspection and assessment, effective lubrication practices, commercial roofing repair, indoor air quality management, applicable government codes, standards and regulations, detailed preventive maintenance procedures, and maintenance scheduling. Specific maintenance approaches are examined for more than 100 types of equipment and building components. Also discussed are the economic value of preventive maintenance, management and motivation of the preventive maintenance team, and setting up a computerized maintenance management system (CMMS).

My Kid Is Doing Drugs and Got Arrested: Now What?

A Guide for Parents and Others Who Love a Teenage Drug User

AuthorHouse *My Kid is Doing Drugs and Got Arrested: Now What?* is my story of hope and success. The book gives information about the widespread societal problem of teen substance abuse. It explains how teens become hopelessly addicted to drugs and the horrible feeling of craving that drives the teen to use drugs. It alerts parents to the subtle signs of substance abuse and explains the connection with co-existing mental illness. More importantly, I tell my personal story of my son, Matts rock bottom drive into the depths of addiction and his coexisting bipolar disorder, and how as a family we dealt with it. You will learn about Matts arrest, rehab, and recovery told from my perspective as a mother and health care provider. I offer insight into the feelings of fear, hopelessness, and failure as a parent. You will learn how this problem affected my family and how we weathered the storm. I use stories that illustrate important issues for parents to recognize in their teens. Suggestions for treatment are offered

Gods of Mischief

My Undercover Vendetta to Take Down the Vagos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang

Simon and Schuster Relates the undercover work of George Rowe, who infiltrated the Vagos motorcycle gang, spending three years working to take down the gang from the inside.

Windows 10 For Dummies

John Wiley & Sons Illustrates the new features of Windows 10.

The Last of the Smoking Bartenders

The Last of the Smoking Bartenders follows a drifter traversing the Arizona desert, leaving behind a path of destruction. Tom believes he is a secret agent deep undercover racing to stop terrorists from blowing up the Hoover Dam. Forced to live off the grid, without paper money because of tracking devices in the watermarks, and aided by a homeless raft guide and a band of meth dealing Navajos, he hunts down a terrorist network one Molotov cocktail at a time. But is it all a delusion? Are they actually killing innocent people? Chased by a beautiful but damaged FBI agent and a crossbow wielding psychopath, Tom must stay one step ahead of his pursuers and save the country he loves, all on less than a dollar a day.

Race Tech's Motorcycle Suspension Bible

Motorbooks Suspension is probably the most misunderstood aspect of motorcycle performance. This book, by America's premier suspension specialist, makes the art and science of suspension tuning accessible to professional and backyard motorcycle mechanics alike. Based on Paul Thede's wildly popular Race Tech Suspension Seminars, this step-by-step guide shows anyone how to make their bike,

or their kid's, handle like a pro's. Thede gives a clear account of the three forces of suspension that you must understand to make accurate assessments of your suspension's condition. He outlines testing procedures that will help you gauge how well you're improving your suspension, along with your riding. And, if you're inclined to perfect your bike's handling, he even explains the black art of chassis geometry. Finally, step-by-step photos of suspension disassembly and assembly help you rebuild your forks and shocks for optimum performance. The book even provides detailed troubleshooting guides for dirt, street, and supermoto--promising a solution to virtually any handling problem.

The Maid's Version

A Novel

Little, Brown The American master's first novel since *Winter's Bone* tells of a deadly dance hall fire and its impact over several generations. Alma DeGeer Dunahew, the mother of three young boys, works as the maid for a prominent citizen and his family in West Table, Missouri. Her husband is mostly absent, and, in 1929, her scandalous, beloved younger sister is one of the 42 killed in an explosion at the local dance hall. Who is to blame? Mobsters from St. Louis? The embittered local gypsies? The preacher who railed against the loose morals of the waltzing couples? Or could it have been a colossal accident? Alma thinks she knows the answer and that its roots lie in a dangerous love affair. Her dogged pursuit of justice makes her an outcast and causes a long-standing rift with her own son. By telling her story to her grandson, she finally gains some solace and peace for her sister. He is advised to "Tell it. Go on and tell it"-tell the story of his family's struggles, suspicions, secrets, and triumphs.

The Philosopher's Table

How to Start Your Philosophy Dinner Club - Monthly Conversation, Music, and Recipes

Penguin "Talk doesn't cook rice." —Chinese Proverb According to Socrates, knowledge is "food for the soul." That's all well and good for the Socratic but, according to Maslow, food for the stomach is a far more pressing matter. But why can't you have your talk, and cook rice too? With *The Philosopher's Table*, Marietta McCarty shows you that you can. In this book, you will find all of the necessary ingredients to start a Philosophy Dinner Club, taking a monthly tour around the world with friends to sample hors d'oeuvres of succulent wisdom and fill your plate with food from each philosopher's home country. With recipes, theories, and insights both old and new—all peppered with McCarty's charming and informative prose—you and your friends will: —Enjoy fresh homemade lamb meatballs and tzatziki, and the simple pleasures of life in Epicurus's ancient Greek garden. —Practice nonviolence (in life and at the dinner table) while sharing tofu curry with Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi. —Learn the fundamentals of rational decision-making with a mouthful of bratwurst from Germany's Immanuel Kant —In the spirit of accepting change, ditch the familiar take-out containers and dine on homemade shrimp dumplings with China's Lao Tzu. —And so much more! Complete with McCarty's recommendations for ethnic music from each region to enjoy during your gatherings and discussion questions to prompt debate, *The Philosopher's Table* contains everything you need to leave your host's home brimming with both nutritional and mental satisfaction.

Woe to Live On

A Novel

Little, Brown Set in the border states of Kansas and Missouri, *WOE TO LIVE ON* explores the nature of lawlessness and violence, friendship and loyalty, through the eyes of young recruit Jake Roedel. Where he and his fellow First Kansas Irregulars go, no one is safe, no one can be neutral. Roedel grows up fast, experiencing a brutal parody of war without standards or mercy. But as friends fall and families flee, he questions his loyalties and becomes an outsider even to those who have become outlaws.

Tales from the Slot Floor

Casino Slot Managers in Their Own Words

Gambling Studies For those interested in becoming slot managers, or those just curious about how casinos work, *Tales from the Slot Floor* gives you the inside story of slot operations, from those who do it.

Dirty Rocker Boys

Gallery Books An uncensored Hollywood tell-all filled with explicit tales of love, sex, and revenge from the video vixen made famous by Warrant's rock anthem "Cherry Pie." Who could forget the sexy "Cherry Pie" girl from hair metal band Warrant's infamous music video? Bobbie Brown became a bona fide vixen for her playful role as the object of lead singer Jani Lane's desires. But the wide-eyed Louisiana beauty queen's own dreams of making it big in Los Angeles were about to be derailed by her rock-and-roll lifestyle. After her tumultuous marriage to Jani imploded, and her engagement to fast-living Mötley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee ended in a drug haze—followed by his marriage later to Pamela Anderson—Bobbie decided it was time Hollywood's hottest bachelors got a taste of their own medicine. Step one: get high. Step two: get even. In a captivating, completely uncensored confessional, Bobbie explicitly recounts a life among some of the most famous men in Hollywood: Leonardo DiCaprio, Kevin Costner, Mark McGrath, Dave Navarro, Sebastian Bach, Ashley Hamilton, Rob Pilatus of Milli Vanilli, Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, Orgy's Jay Gordon, and many more. No man was off limits as the fun-loving bombshell spiraled into excess, anger, and addiction. Bobbie survived the party—barely—and her riveting, cautionary comeback tale is filled with the wildest stories of sex, drugs, and rock and roll ever told.

Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Assessment and Remediation Guidance

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Four Fish

The Future of the Last Wild Food

Penguin "A necessary book for anyone truly interested in what we take from the sea to eat, and how, and why." —Sam Sifton, *The New York Times* Book Review Acclaimed author of *American Catch* and *The Omega Principle* and life-long fisherman, Paul Greenberg takes us on a journey, examining the four fish that dominate our menus: salmon, sea bass, cod, and tuna. Investigating the forces that get fish to our dinner tables, Greenberg reveals our damaged relationship with the ocean and its inhabitants. Just three decades ago, nearly everything we ate from the sea was wild. Today, rampant overfishing and an unprecedented biotech revolution have brought us to a point where wild and farmed fish occupy equal parts of a complex marketplace. *Four Fish* offers a way for us to move toward a future in which healthy and sustainable seafood is the rule rather than the exception.

From Speech Acts to Lay Understandings of Politeness

Multilingual and Multicultural Perspectives

Cambridge University Press Illustrates the latest trends in politeness research from a multilingual and multicultural perspective, through the application of diverse methodologies.

Postsingular

Macmillan After a bizarre scheme on the part of a ruthless computer billionaire and a wacky U.S. president to radically alter the world through sentient nanotechnology goes awry thanks to an autistic boy, mysterious giant humanoids from another quantum universe arrive on Earth with plans to tidy up humankind's mess. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Hinterland

America's New Landscape of Class and Conflict

Reaktion Books Over the last forty years, the human landscape of the United States has been fundamentally transformed. The metamorphosis is partially visible in the ascendance of glittering, coastal hubs for finance, infotech, and the so-called creative class. But this is only the tip of an economic iceberg, the bulk of which lies in the darkness of the declining heartland or on the dimly lit fringe of sprawling cities. This is America's hinterland, populated by towering grain threshers and hunched farmworkers, where laborers drawn from every corner of the world crowd into factories and "fulfillment centers" and where cold storage trailers are filled with fentanyl-bloated corpses when the morgues cannot contain the dead. Urgent and unsparing, this book opens our eyes to America's new heart of darkness. Driven by an ever-expanding socioeconomic crisis, America's class structure is recomposing itself in new geographies of race, poverty, and production. The center has fallen. Riots ricochet from city to city led by no one in particular. Anarchists smash financial centers as a resurgent far right builds power in the countryside. Drawing on his direct experience of recent popular unrest, from the Occupy movement to the wave of riots and blockades that began in Ferguson, Missouri, Phil A. Neel provides a close-up view of this landscape in all its grim but captivating detail. Inaugurating the new

Field Notes series, published in association with the Brooklyn Rail, Neel's book tells the intimate story of a life lived within America's hinterland.

The Death of Sweet Mister

A Novel

Little, Brown Shug Akins is a lonely, overweight thirteen-year-old boy. His mother, Glenda, is the one person who loves him--she calls him Sweet Mister and attempts to boost his confidence and give him hope for his future. Shuggie's purported father, Red, is a brutal man with a short fuse who mocks and despises the boy. Into this small-town Ozarks mix comes Jimmy Vin Pearce, with his shiny green T-bird and his smart city clothes. When he and Glenda begin a torrid affair, a series of violent events is inevitably set in motion. The outcome will break your heart. "This is Daniel Woodrell's third book set in the Ozarks and, like the other two, Give Us a Kiss and Tomato Red, it peels back the layers from lives already made bare by poverty and petty crime." --Otto Penzler, "Penzler Pick, 2001"

The Bayou Trilogy

Under the Bright Lights, Muscle for the Wing, and The Ones You Do

Mulholland Books A hard-hitting, critically acclaimed trilogy of crime novels from an author about whom New York magazine has written, "What people say about Cormac McCarthy . . . goes double for [Woodrell]. Possibly more." In the parish of St. Bruno, sex is easy, corruption festers, and double-dealing is a way of life. Rene Shade is an uncompromising detective swimming in a sea of filth. As Shade takes on hit men, porn kings, a gang of ex-cons, and the ghosts of his own checkered past, Woodrell's three seminal novels pit long-entrenched criminals against the hard line of the law, brother against brother, and two vastly different sons against a long-absent father. The Bayou Trilogy highlights the origins of a one-of-a-kind author, a writer who for over two decades has created an indelible representation of the shadows of the rural American experience and has steadily built a devoted following among crime fiction aficionados and esteemed literary critics alike.

The Emerging Risk of Virtual Societal Warfare

Social Manipulation in a Changing Information Environment

The evolution of advanced information environments is rapidly creating a new category of possible cyberaggression, which RAND researchers are calling virtual societal warfare in an analysis of the characteristics and future of this growing threat.

Introducing Linux Distros

Apress Learn the pros and the cons of the most frequently used distros in order to find the one that is right for you. You will explore each distro step by step, so that you don't have to endure hours of web surfing, countless downloads, becoming confused by new concepts and, in the worst cases, reading complex and marathon installation guides. You will benefit from the author's long-term experience working with each distro hands on, enabling you to choose the best distro for your long-term needs. The first barrier that a new Linux user has to face is the overwhelming number of "flavors" that this operating system has. These "flavors" are commonly known as distros (from distribution), and to date there are more than three hundred active distros to choose from. So, how to choose one? You can choose the most popular at the moment, or take heed of what your friend says, but are you sure that this is the one that you need? Making the wrong decision on this matter is behind a good number of disappointments with this operating system. You need to choose the distro that is right for you and your needs. Linux offers us a wonderful open source alternative to proprietary software. With Introducing Linux Distros you can decide how to best make it work for you. Start exploring the open source world today. What You'll learn Review what a Linux distro is and which one to select Decide which criteria to follow to make a right decision Examine the most used Linux distros and their unique philosophies install and maintain different Linux distros Who This Book Is For Newcomers to the Linux world that have to deal with the myriad of distributions.

The Barbarian Nurseries

A Novel

Picador USA After the husband and wife that she works for disappear, live-in maid Araceli takes their two boys on a journey through sprawling Los Angeles to locate their grandfather. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Translation Nation. 75,000 first printing.

Exploring the Boundaries of Big Data

WRR Verkenningen Though the exact nature and delineation of Big Data is still unclear, it seems likely that Big Data will have an enormous impact on our daily lives. 'Exploring the Boundaries of Big Data' serves as preparatory work for The Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy's advice to the Dutch government, which has asked the Council to address questions regarding Big Data, security and privacy. It is divided into five parts, each part engaging with a different perspective on Big Data: the technical, empirical, legal, regulatory and international perspective.

Sketchbook

Takes You Inside the Minds of the World's Best Fantasy and Concept Artists and Illustrators

The sketching stage is integral to any piece of art--it forms the foundations that everything else balances on. Sketches can often provide interesting insights into the processes and thinking behind the finished piece as well as showing off technique and skill. An artist's sketchbook is sacred and personal--often thought of like a diary--filled with uncensored thoughts, emotions and unique flourishes that are special to them. The freewheeling excitement in sketches--where artists don't hold back, don't over-think, don't censor--is hard to beat. Sketchbook is about captured moments bursting with creativity, straight from the minds of the finest illustrators around the world. Whether made by pencil or stylus, sketches may be loose and generous or precise and economic, but all reveal something about the pure fun of creation. Whether you're a practicing fantasy artist, a student or even a hobbyist wanting to take your skills further, there's something here for you: so, dive in and discover crazy creatures, cool futuristic vehicles and stunning expansive environments. Contributors include Randy Bishop, Feng Zhu, Charlie Bowater, Bill Carman, Claire Wendling, Genzoman, Iain McCaig and many more.

Better Work

The Impact of Automation, Flexibilization and Intensification of Work

Springer Nature This Open Access book provides a thorough analysis of the quality of work in the Netherlands, and suggests policy proposals to promote and facilitate good work for more people. New technology, flexibilization and the intensification of work will have significant consequences for all those who will still have jobs in the future, and - much less studied so far - for the quality of their work. Good work is essential for general well-being: for the individual's quality of life, for the economy and for society. Good work for everyone should therefore be seen as an important aspiration for companies, institutions, social partners and governments. An essential read for an international audience of academics in the field of the sociology of work, labor economics and social policy, as well as for policymakers and researchers of trade unions, and representatives of other social movements.

Fun With Problems

HarperCollins In Fun with Problems, Robert Stone demonstrates once again that he is "one of our greatest living writers" (Los Angeles Times). The pieces in this new volume vary greatly in length--some are almost novellas, others no more than a page--but all share the signature blend of longing, violence, black humor, sex and drugs that has helped Stone illuminate the dark corners of the human soul. Entire lives are laid out with remarkable precision, in captivating prose: a screenwriter carries on a decades-long affair with a beautiful actress, whose descent into addiction he can neither turn from nor share; a bored husband picks up a mysterious woman only to find that his ego has led him woefully astray; a world-beating Silicon Valley executive receives an unwelcome guest at his mansion in the hills; a scuba dive guides uneasy newlyweds to a point of no return. Fun with Problems showcases Stone's great gift: to pinpoint and make real the impulses--by turns violently coercive and quietly seductive--that cause us to conceal, reveal, and betray our very selves.

The Best Damn Web Marketing Checklist, Period! 2.0

Velocitized Media So you want to build a website, or make your current site better? Where do you start? The Best Damn Web Marketing Checklist, Period! 2.0 answers that question and more. Updated for 2017, it is a comprehensive digital marketing guide that will help any company build or improve their website so that it performs optimally for both search engines and visitors. These web marketing

strategies will not only increase your website traffic but improve your entire web presence as well. This new version of the guide includes 4 new checklists for a total of 39 checklists and more than 675 web marketing action points that deliver online success. The checklist covers web marketing strategies for areas including design considerations, site architecture, conversion optimization, website optimization (SEO), website advertising (pay per click or PPC), content writing and social media strategy. This version also adds checklists on YouTube video optimization, PDF optimization, and more. These comprehensive lists cover all aspects of digital marketing, starting with buying the right domain all the way to web development, promotion and analytics. Get this incredible resource for your web marketing team today!

The Best Damn Website & ECommerce Marketing Optimization Guide, Period!

When it comes to building your online presence there is only one logical place to start: your website. Your website is you. You own it. You control it. Any presence you build outside of your website isn't yours to keep. It may be a reflection of you, but when the lights go out on any entity you don't fully own or control, a piece of you disappears with it. What happens if Facebook cancels your account? Or Twitter bans you from their platform? Can you get your content back? Nope. It's gone forever. And most of the time, without an opportunity to appeal. All your hard work building your web presence is wiped out with a snap of the fingers. This is why you need to have a website to call "home." If your web host turns off the lights, no problem. Take your backups to a new web host and turn them back on again. You control your website. You-and only you-decide your fate. This means you get to decide how deep, how wide, and how tall to build your web presence. You can't do that with any other online platform. Your website is the most critical part of building a successful and effective web presence. Build a Winning Web Presence Anyone who has been involved in digital marketing for any length of time can attest that one of the most critical factors of online success is Search Engine Optimization (SEO). I don't care much for the term SEO because we don't optimize search engines. That's what the algorithm tweakers at Google do. We optimize websites. It just so happens that we optimize them for search engines, but we optimize them for our visitors as well. I would also argue that optimizing for visitors is far more important than optimizing for Google or Bing. That's not to say search engines aren't important. They are. However, search engines are not your customers. They don't buy your products or services or click on your ads, people do. And that makes optimizing your website for people the most important thing you can do. The good news is, it's not an either/or situation. You optimize for both search engines and visitors at the same time. Great search engine optimization is just great visitor optimization. If you think about it, Google's only job is to provide highly relevant links to searchers based on what they are looking for. Or, to put it more succinctly, deliver access to websites that their searchers will love. Historically, digital marketers have considered top rankings to be the goal of their optimization efforts. That's flawed logic. Rankings are not the goal, they are the reward for a job well done. A top search engine ranking is the trophy for having a website that your audience loves. Google doesn't make the winners; it simply rewards them. Want to create a website that resonates? One that searchers and visitors find worthwhile? Then this book is for you. There's not enough paper in the world to cover every aspect of website optimization. Nonetheless, the book you are reading is a comprehensive guide to mastering the art of website optimization. I have no doubt that you will find it valuable as you push forward in your optimization efforts.

One Step Closer

From Xero to #1: Becoming Linkin Park

Permuted Press From the unique perspective of the executive who discovered them, *One Step Closer* reveals how Brad Delson's college internship was a catalyst for a group of young musical visionaries, led by Mike Shinoda, which gave rise to a band that survived countless rejections, exceeded everyone's expectations but their own, and became the voice of a generation. This against-all-odds story chronicles the early days of Linkin Park, from their first demo and Whisky a Go Go performance as Xero, through their tireless efforts to perfect their iconic sound and the discovery of Chester Bennington. Jeff Blue was there when no one else believed—first as their publisher, then as their A&R guy. This is his memoir of that incredible journey. Riveting and inspiring, *One Step Closer* is a testament to perseverance, as well as a detailed behind-the-scenes account of the building of a dream and what it takes to make it.

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