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Cracking the Cube-Ian Scheffler 2017-07-04 Ian Scheffler, journalist and aspiring “speedcuber,” attempts to break into the international phenomenon of speedsolving the Rubik’s Cube—think chess played at the speed of Ping-Pong—while exploring the greater lessons that can be learned through solving it. When Hungarian professor Ernő Rubik invented the Rubik’s Cube (or, rather, his Cube) in 1974 out of wooden blocks, rubber bands, and paper clips, he didn’t even know if it could be solved, let alone that it would become the world’s most popular puzzle. Since its creation, the Cube has become many things to many people: one of the bestselling children’s toys of all time, a symbol of intellectual prowess, a frustrating puzzle with 43.2 quintillion possible permutations, and now a worldwide sporting phenomenon that is introducing the classic brainteaser to a new generation. In *Cracking the Cube*, Ian Scheffler reveals that cubing isn’t just fun and games. Along with participating in speedcubing competitions—from the World Championship to local tournaments—and interviewing key figures from the Cube’s history, he journeys to Budapest to seek a meeting with the legendary and notoriously reclusive Rubik, who is still tinkering away with puzzles in his seventies. Getting sucked into the competitive circuit himself, Scheffler becomes engrossed in solving Rubik’s Cube in under twenty seconds, the quasi-mystical barrier known as “sub-20,” which is to cubing what four minutes is to the mile: the difference between the best and everyone else. As Scheffler learns from the many gurus who cross his path, from pint-sized kids to engineering professors, it’s not just about memorizing algorithms or even solving all six sides—it’s about discovering how to solve yourself.

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Born on a Rotten Day-Hazel Dixon-Cooper 2009-12-01 In this wickedly funny guide, professional astrologer Hazel Dixon-Cooper casts off sugar-coated astrology in favor of exploring the maladjusted side of the universe. If you want the inside scoop, the real deal, the lowdown on each sun sign, then look no further. It's time to forget those traditional astrology books where Sagittarians are gregarious, Capricorns are ambitious, and Pisceans are dreamers. Instead, enter a world where Archers are loud-mouthed bores, Goats are pompous social climbers, and Fish are chronically helpless. Dixon-Cooper debunks the myths, reveals the flaws, and examines the dubious virtues of each sun sign. Discover how to use your own inner brat to outwit bullies, outmaneuver manipulators, and win those endless games that lovers play. Learn how to deal with those dysfunctional people you encounter every day, including how to: contain a Ram's oversized ego calm a raging Bull keep a fickle Twin faithful Irreverent, biting, and laugh-out-loud funny, Born on a Rotten Day exaggerates the bad, exorcises the good, and puts a new spin on the age-old question -- what's your sign?

Rubik's Cube Best Algorithms-Daniel Ross 2017-03-03 The Rubik's Cube Best Algorithms Top 5 methods for Speed-solving the Cube! Available To Read On Your Computer, MAC, Smartphone, Kindle Reader, iPad, or Tablet! Can you solve Rubik's Cube? If the answer is yes, do you want to become faster at it? The "Rubik's Cube Best Algorithms" teaches you the hacks you need to solve Rubik's Cube quickly and confidently, creating solid blocks of each color, even if you have never solved the puzzle before. The brightly colored, three-dimensional puzzle invented in 1974 by Ernő Rubik reached its first peak of popularity in the 1980s. It is now a favorite puzzle for speedcubers, who compete to see who can solve the twisty challenge the fastest. Daniel Ross spent hundreds of hours studying the fastest, easiest methods used by world champions and other top players. With photos and step-by-step instructions, the author walks you through the top five methods for solving the puzzle quickly and the finger tricks used by champion speed solvers. The book includes: The history of Rubik's Cube and the reasons for its popularity The math permutations involved in solving the cube The easiest and quickest method for beginners The advanced Fridrich Method The advanced Roux Method The advanced ZZ Method The advanced God's Number Method An explanation of how the game improves your brain's activity level The finger tricks that can help you become a speedcuber Much, Much More! No Kindle device? No problem! Download the Kindle app to your device. Free download with a Kindle Unlimited membership! Get your copy today! Cubed-Erno Rubik 2020-09-15 The first book by the reclusive inventor of the world’s most iconic puzzle THE RUBIK’S CUBE. Erno Rubik inspires us with what he’s learned in a lifetime of creating, curiosity, and

discovery. Erno Rubik was a child when he first became obsessed with puzzles of all kinds. "Puzzles," he writes, "bring out important qualities in each of us: concentration, curiosity, a sense of play, the eagerness to discover a solution." To Rubik puzzles aren't just games—they're creativity machines. He encourages us to embrace our inner curiosity and find the puzzles that surround us in our everyday lives. "If you are determined, you will solve them," he writes. Rubik's own puzzle, the Cube, went on to be solved by millions worldwide for over forty years, become one of the bestselling toys of all time, and to be featured as a global symbol of intelligence and ingenuity. In *Cubed*, Rubik covers more than just his journey to inventing his eponymous cube. He makes a case for always being an amateur—something he has always considered himself to be. He discusses the inevitability of problems during any act of invention. He reveals what it was like to experience the astonishing worldwide success of an object he made purely for his own play. And he offers what he thinks it means to be a true creator (hint: anyone can do it). Steeped in the wisdom and also the humility of a born inventor, *Cubed* offers a unique look at the imperfect science of creation.

The City of Ember-Jeanne DuPrau 2003-05-13 A modern-day classic. This highly acclaimed adventure series about two friends desperate to save their doomed city has captivated kids and teachers alike for almost fifteen years and has sold over 3.5 MILLION copies! The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues before the lights go out on Ember forever! Nominated to 28 State Award Lists! An American Library Association Notable Children's Book A New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing Selection A Kirkus Reviews Editors' Choice A Child Magazine Best Children's Book A Mark Twain Award Winner A William Allen White Children's Book Award Winner "A realistic post-apocalyptic world. DuPrau's book leaves Doon and Lina on the verge of undiscovered country and readers wanting more." —USA Today "An electric debut." —Publishers Weekly, Starred "While Ember is colorless and dark, the book itself is rich with description." —VOYA, Starred "A harrowing journey into the unknown, and cryptic messages for readers to decipher." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred

Cooking for Geeks-Jeff Potter 2010-07-20 Presents recipes ranging in difficulty with the science and technology-minded cook in mind, providing the science behind cooking, the physiology of taste, and the techniques of molecular gastronomy.

Beck-Julian Palacios 2000 Beck Hansen's single "Loser" was the anthem of the slacker generation and since then he has had two million-selling albums "Mellow Gold", and "Odelay", both considered to be amongst the best albums of the 90s, and won a handful of Grammys and Brits. His concerts are always sell-outs. Beck's life story is as extraordinary as the records he produces. His grandfather was one of the leaders of the 1960s avant-garde movement Fluxus, his mother was a Warhol starlet and his father a bluegrass musician. His childhood and adolescence spent in LA, Bible-belt Kansas, and the bohemian scene of Cologne led to the huge range of influences in his music, from hip-hop and punk to blues and spirituals. "Beautiful Monstrosity" tells the full story of Beck Hansen and explores the mythology that already surrounds this young man.

Unbreakable-Jenni Rivera 2013-07-02 A New York Times bestseller, this is the official biography from the beloved Mexican-American singer who lost her life in a tragic plane crash. The only autobiography authorized by Jenni Rivera "I can't get caught up in the negative because that destroys you. Perhaps trying to move away from my problems and focus on the positive is the best I can do. I am a woman like any other, and ugly things happen to me like any other woman. The number of times I have fallen down is the number of times I have gotten up." These are the last words that beloved Mexican American singer Jenni Rivera spoke publicly before boarding the plane that would crash and cut her life short on December 9, 2012. However, they are not the final words that La Diva de la Banda had for the world. Those are found in the pages you hold in your hands, Jenni's own account of the highs and lows of her extraordinary journey. She became the most acclaimed Spanish-language singer in the United States and sold more than 15 million records worldwide. A single mother of five and grandmother of two, she was also an actress, a television producer, the star of her own reality show, and an entrepreneur. But for all its immense success, Jenni's life often seemed to be a series of personal battles in which perseverance was her only weapon. As her fame grew, she made it her mission to speak about her struggles, forging an intimate connection with her fans. She became a figure of strength and a source of encouragement to women of all ages. In *Unbreakable*, Jenni recounts the crucial moments in her past, revealing her experiences with domestic and sexual abuse, divorce, body image issues, making her way in a male-dominated industry,

raising her children as a single mother, and learning that she could depend only on herself. Though she is no longer with us, Jenni will always be the "Rivera rebel from Long Beach," the girl who maintained her sense of humor and fighting spirit in every circumstance. In this remarkable memoir, Jenni leaves behind a legacy of inspiration and determination that will forever live on through her precious family, friends, and fans.

Calculus and Crack-Keith Daniel Person 2014-11-03 The location is South Central Los Angeles, 1985, and every kid on the block is getting paid in full selling crack cocaine, but not DAIQUAN JOHNSON. He's a slow to learn but good with his hands kind of kid whose dream is to become an engineer one day. DAIQUAN is hard working and doesn't give in easily, but all the determination in the world may not prove enough for a passing grade in a major they said he had no business in. Academic probation, a teenage father, and below average math skills are just part of his problems. DAIQUAN'S worse fear is soon realized when he finds that his confederate battle flag waving Calculus professor, GODDAME has a hatred for the color black. The continuously applied stress-strain curve of life events diverts DAIQUAN'S attention away from higher education while he contemplates a potentially lucrative and illicit offer from his best friend back in the hood, Michael Miller, nicknamed Deadly Paws. But if DAIQUAN decides to challenge the Jim Crow calculus instructor, he must get a perfect score on his final exam or dwell in a world where crack is king.

The Glass Castle-Jeannette Walls 2006-01-02 Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

Speak-Laurie Halse Anderson 2011-05-10 The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. Speak was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

Children in the Holocaust and World War II-Laurel Holliday 2014-02-04 Children in the Holocaust and World War II is an extraordinary, unprecedented anthology of diaries written by children all across Nazi-occupied Europe and in England. Twenty-three young people, ages ten through eighteen, recount in vivid detail the horrors they lived through, day after day. As powerful as The Diary of Anne Frank and Zlata's Diary, here are children's experiences—all written with an unguarded eloquence that belies their years. The diarists include a Hungarian girl, selected by Mengele to be put in a line of prisoners who were tortured and murdered; a Danish Christian boy executed by the Nazis for his partisan work; and a twelve-year-old Dutch boy who lived through the Blitzkrieg in Rotterdam. In the Janowska death camp, eleven-year-old Pole Janina Heshel so inspired her fellow prisoners with the power of her poetry that they found a way to save her from the Nazi ovens. Mary Berg was imprisoned at sixteen in the Warsaw ghetto even though her mother was American and Christian. She left an eyewitness record of ghetto atrocities, a diary she was able to smuggle out of captivity. Moshe Flinker, a sixteen-year-old Netherlander, was betrayed by an informer who led the Gestapo to his family's door; Moshe and his parents died in Auschwitz in 1944. They come from Czechoslovakia, Austria, Israel, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, Lithuania, Russia, England, and Denmark. They write in spare, searing prose of life in ghettos and concentration camps, of bombings and Blitzkriegs, of fear and courage, tragedy and transcendence. Their voices and their vision

ennoble us all.

How to Solve the Rubik's Cube-Egmont Books 2018-06-28 The Rubik's Cube is the world's best-known puzzle, a magical object that has baffled and fascinated the world for more than 40 years. This clearly-illustrated step-by-step guide teaches you a foolproof beginners' method for solving the Cube, plus advanced techniques if you want to learn to solve it in seconds.

The Girls of Atomic City-Denise Kiernan 2013-03-05 The New York Times bestseller, now available in paperback—an incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb. “The best kind of nonfiction: marvelously reported, fluidly written, and a remarkable story...As meticulous and brilliant as it is compulsively readable.” —Karen Abbott, author of *Sin in the Second City* At the height of World War II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was home to 75,000 residents, and consumed more electricity than New York City, yet it was shrouded in such secrecy that it did not appear on any map. Thousands of civilians, many of them young women from small towns across the U.S., were recruited to this secret city, enticed by the promise of solid wages and war-ending work. What were they actually doing there? Very few knew. The purpose of this mysterious government project was kept a secret from the outside world and from the majority of the residents themselves. Some wondered why, despite the constant work and round-the-clock activity in this makeshift town, did no tangible product of any kind ever seem to leave its guarded gates? The women who kept this town running would find out at the end of the war, when Oak Ridge’s secret was revealed and changed the world forever. Drawing from the voices and experiences of the women who lived and worked in Oak Ridge, *The Girls of Atomic City* rescues a remarkable, forgotten chapter of World War II from obscurity. Denise Kiernan captures the spirit of the times through these women: their pluck, their desire to contribute, and their enduring courage. “A phenomenal story,” and Publishers Weekly called it an “intimate and revealing glimpse into one of the most important scientific developments in history.” “Kiernan has amassed a deep reservoir of intimate details of what life was like for women living in the secret city...Rosie, it turns out, did much more than drive rivets.” —The Washington Post

Rubik's Brainteasers-Egmont Books 2018-06-29 Beaten Rubik's Cube? Test your wits against 60 mind-bending logic problems set by puzzle experts, from Sudoku and Hanjie to mazes and pattern-matching. Train your brain and take up Rubik's next challenge!

The Wednesday Wars-Gary D. Schmidt 2009-05-18 A 2008 Newbery Honor Book In this Newbery Honor-winning novel, Gary D. Schmidt offers an unforgettable antihero. *The Wednesday Wars* is a wonderfully witty and compelling story about a teenage boy’s mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year in Long Island, New York. Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn’t like Holling—he’s sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation—the Big M—in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

The Magical Slow Cooker-Sarah Olson 2015-03-01 From breakfast to dessert, these recipes are perfect for busy moms who want something that's quick and wholesome. Contains tips on how to prepare ahead and save time.

At My Table-Nigella Lawson 2018-04-10 Nigella Lawson, the international bestselling author of such classic cookbooks as *How to Be a Domestic Goddess* and *Simply Nigella: Feel Good Food*, shares recipes of the meals that she loves to cook for friends and family. Warm, comforting, and inspiring, Nigella’s *At My Table: A Celebration of Home Cooking* offers a collection of recipes that are simple to prepare, giving you an opportunity to enhance your culinary skills and create a variety of delicious dishes—featuring a host of new ingredients to enrich classic flavors and tastes. From main courses including Chicken Fricassee, Hake with Bacon, Peas and Cider, and Chili Mint Lamb Cutlets through colorful vegetable dishes such as Eastern Mediterranean Chopped Salad and Carrots and Fennel with Harissa to treats of Emergency Brownies, Sticky Toffee Pudding, and White Chocolate Cheesecake, Nigella will help you serve up savory and sweet foods for a fine dining experience straight from your own kitchen. Includes more than 100 color photographs of dishes to whet your appetite.

The Little Cracked Pot-Shaun Patterson 2013-09-17 *The Little Cracked Pot* is a story inspired by an

ancient Chinese proverb. The story speaks to the value of diversity and the flawed idea of what is "perfect." This is a simple, yet powerful message which all children should hear.

Speedsolving the Rubiks Cube Solution Book For Kids-David Goldman 2019-05-27 [SPEEDSOLVING THE RUBIKS CUBE SOLUTION BOOK FOR KIDS - NOW IN COLOR!!!](#) You may have already purchased the first edition to the series "Rubik's Cube Solution Book For Beginners: How to Solve the Rubik's Cube for Kids with Step-by-Step Instructions Made Easy" and began your journey to solving the Rubik's Cube or you may already have an idea of how to solve the Rubik's Cube in your own way. You may have finally learnt how to solve the Rubik's Cube, but you are still not satisfied. You now want more and are determined to shave those minutes into seconds! In order to progress to faster solving times, you will need to learn new methods that effectively shortcut your way to solving the Rubik's Cube. This book is not going to overwhelm you with many different types of speed solving methods like other books do. This book is only going to focus on 1 speed solving method which happens to be the best method to learn for beginners as it is the fastest and easiest to understand. Most of the fastest speed cubers in the world use this method or have used this method as the building blocks to their own intuitive method. This book is perfect for anyone who has a basic understanding on how to solve the Rubik's Cube but now wants to start their Speed solving journey. Speed solving the Rubiks Cube Solution Book for Kids includes: An Introduction to Speed Solving the Rubiks Cube History of the Speed solving Method The single best Speed solving method for beginners The 4 stages to Speed solving the Rubiks Cube Broken down, easy to understand explanations for each stage Wonderfully explained images to help guide you through the process What are you waiting for? Scroll up and click the 'add to cart' button to be on your way to becoming a Speed solving master.

The Art of Game Design-Jesse Schell 2008-08-04 Anyone can master the fundamentals of game design - no technological expertise is necessary. The Art of Game Design: A Book of Lenses shows that the same basic principles of psychology that work for board games, card games and athletic games also are the keys to making top-quality videogames. Good game design happens when you view your game from many different perspectives, or lenses. While touring through the unusual territory that is game design, this book gives the reader one hundred of these lenses - one hundred sets of insightful questions to ask yourself that will help make your game better. These lenses are gathered from fields as diverse as psychology, architecture, music, visual design, film, software engineering, theme park design, mathematics, writing, puzzle design, and anthropology. Anyone who reads this book will be inspired to become a better game designer - and will understand how to do it.

Futoshiki-Courtney Cheatham 2016-09-14 Futoshiki is a board-based puzzle game, also known under the name Unequal. It is playable on a square board having a given fixed size (4x4 for example). The purpose of the game is to discover the digits hidden inside the board's cells; each cell is filled with a digit between 1 and the board's size. On each row and column each digit appears exactly once; therefore, when revealed, the digits of the board form a so-called Latin square. At the beginning of the game some digits might be revealed. The board might also contain some inequalities between the board cells; these inequalities must be respected and can be used as clues in order to discover the remaining hidden digits. Each puzzle is guaranteed to have a solution and only one. In order to indicate a move, click the desired square and select a digit or the delete sign (X); you can also use the digits on your keyboard (in this case, the digit 0 is equivalent to the delete sign).

The Help-Kathryn Stockett 2009-02-10 The #1 New York Times bestselling novel and basis for the Academy Award-winning film—a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read. Aibileen is a black maid in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, who's always taken orders quietly, but lately she's unable to hold her bitterness back. Her friend Minny has never held her tongue but now must somehow keep secrets about her employer that leave her speechless. White socialite Skeeter just graduated college. She's full of ambition, but without a husband, she's considered a failure. Together, these seemingly different women join together to write a tell-all book about work as a black maid in the South, that could forever alter their destinies and the life of a small town...

Alcoholics Anonymous-Alcoholics Anonymous 2012-08

The Smartest Book in the World-Greg Proops 2015-05-05 From the bold, beloved comic and podcast star Greg Proops comes a "terrifically random appreciation of cultural touchstones" (Publishers Weekly) that is electrifying, thought-provoking, and unrelenting, full of rapid-fire references, historical name-checking, Satchel Paige bon mots, and genuine wisdom. Greg Proops is an internationally renowned comedian, best known for starring on the hit improv-comedy show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and for his popular award-

winning podcast, “The Smartest Man in the World,” which Rolling Stone called “some of the boldest comedy on the podcasting frontier right now.” But Proops is also a fountain of historical knowledge, a wealth of pop culture trivia, and a generally charming know-it-all. The Smartest Book in the World is a rollicking reference guide to the most essential areas of knowledge in Proops’s universe, from history’s juiciest tales and curious backstories to the movies you must see and the albums you must hear. Full of eclectic and humorous knowledge, it is a concentrated collection and comic cultural dictionary of the essential Proops topics including poetry, proper punctuation, and Satchel Paige, all delivered with his signature style, making the full Proops experience complete. So if you’re stuck wondering why Alexander was so Great (well, he did conquer the world), which cinema bombshell would be the best shortstop (Hedy Lamarr, of course), what great work of art would be the best to steal (not that you would), or the finest way to prepare vodka-flavored vodka (add vodka), don’t fret, pumpkin butter—The Smartest Book in the World has what you need right now.

The Messenger Within-P. G. Harding 2016-05 When the world teeters on the brink of destruction, a group of strangers is tasked with saving it. Can they warn humanity before it is too late?

Rubik's Cube-Clark Cornell 2020-01-21 The Rubik's Cube seems like an innocent, colorful and perfect gift for kids, something that will keep them busy for hours on end... Until you're faced with helping them solve it a few minutes later. That's when you realize the fiendish difficulty involved and feel a rising sense of panic as your plan backfires.

Slow Cooker Central-Paulene Christie 2015-06-01 More than 250 recipes from the massively popular Slow Cooker Central website and Slow Cooker Recipes 4 Families Facebook page When Paulene Christie started a Facebook group to share her slow cooker recipes, she had no idea that within eighteen months she would have an active community of more than 270,000 members. SLOW COOKER CENTRAL is a fantastic collection of dishes that have been created and shared by Paulene and this passionate network of slow cooker devotees - proving just how deliciously easy and versatile this style of cooking can be. With just a few simple ingredients in the slow cooker, you can make a huge variety of meals for the whole family, as well as soups and sides, desserts, cakes, sweets and preserves - almost anything you want to eat can be cooked in a slow cooker. Tried and tested, these recipes not only taste great, they will also save you time and money. No wonder there are slow cookers on kitchen benches all around the world!

Guide to Concrete Repair-Glenn Smoak 2002-04 This manual was prepared for the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior. It discusses the Bureau of Reclamation's methodology for concrete repair, addresses the more common causes of damage to concrete, and identifies the methods and materials most successful in repairing concrete damage. This guide contains the expertise of numerous individuals who have directly assisted the author on many concrete repair projects or freely shared their concrete repair knowledge whenever requested.

Expanded Cinema-Gene Youngblood 2020-03-03 Fiftieth anniversary reissue of the founding media studies book that helped establish media art as a cultural category. First published in 1970, Gene Youngblood’s influential Expanded Cinema was the first serious treatment of video, computers, and holography as cinematic technologies. Long considered the bible for media artists, Youngblood’s insider account of 1960s counterculture and the birth of cybernetics remains a mainstay reference in today’s hypermediated digital world. This fiftieth anniversary edition includes a new Introduction by the author that offers conceptual tools for understanding the sociocultural and sociopolitical realities of our present world. A unique eyewitness account of burgeoning experimental film and the birth of video art in the late 1960s, this far-ranging study traces the evolution of cinematic language to the end of fiction, drama, and realism. Vast in scope, its prescient formulations include “the paleocybernetic age,” “intermedia,” the “artist as design scientist,” the “artist as ecologist,” “synaesthetics and kinesthetics,” and “the technosphere: man/machine symbiosis.” Outstanding works are analyzed in detail. Methods of production are meticulously described, including interviews with artists and technologists of the period, such as Nam June Paik, Jordan Belson, Andy Warhol, Stan Brakhage, Carolee Schneemann, Stan VanDerBeek, Les Levine, and Frank Gillette. An inspiring Introduction by the celebrated polymath and designer R. Buckminster Fuller—a perfectly cut gem of countercultural thinking in itself—places Youngblood’s radical observations in comprehensive perspective. Providing an unparalleled historical documentation, Expanded Cinema clarifies a chapter of countercultural history that is still not fully represented in the arthistorical record half a century later. The book will also inspire the current generation of artists working in ever-newer expansions of the cinematic environment and will prove invaluable to all who are concerned with the technologies that are reshaping the nature of human communication.

Ready Player One-Ernest Cline 2011-08-16 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion

picture directed by Steven Spielberg. “Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets The Matrix.”—USA Today • “As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates.”—Entertainment Weekly A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he’s jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he’s beset by rivals who’ll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The AV Club “Delightful . . . the grown-up’s Harry Potter.”—HuffPost “An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part romance, and all heart.”—CNN “A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader.”—Boston Globe “Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that’s both hilarious and compassionate.”—NPR “[A] fantastic page-turner . . . starts out like a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own.”—iO9

Escape Your Shape-Edward Jackowski 2001-08-20 The Individualized Fitness Prescription for Your Body Type Do you wonder why the latest fitness fad doesn't work for you? Have you lifted weights for months, dreaming of toned, defined muscles, with no results? Have you exercised regularly for months -- or even years -- without seeing any changes in your body? If you answered yes to any of these questions, chances are your exercise routine is incomplete and wrong for your body type. Everyone -- men and women alike -- has a natural shape: Hourglass® Spoon® Ruler® Cone® And there's a right and a wrong way to exercise for each. By exercising right for your body type you'll finally see stubborn problem areas start to change in a matter of weeks -- the kind of change that will motivate you to continue until you meet your goals and beyond. You don't need to buy expensive equipment or devote hours a day to this program. Whether you're twenty-two or seventy-two, a regular at the gym or making a serious commitment to exercise for the first time in your life, the man Fit magazine calls the "Shape Master" puts the most important tool for success in your hands: a detailed step-by-step workout for your body type that you can perform anywhere. With consistent workouts fueled by quantifiable results, you will dramatically change your body for the better and for the rest of your life.

To Live and Defy in LA-Felicia Angeja Viator 2020-02-25 How gangsta rap shocked America, made millions, and pulled back the curtain on an urban crisis. How is it that gangsta rap—so dystopian that it struck aspiring Brooklyn rapper and future superstar Jay-Z as “over the top”—was born in Los Angeles, the home of Hollywood, surf, and sun? In the Reagan era, hip-hop was understood to be the music of the inner city and, with rare exception, of New York. Rap was considered the poetry of the street, and it was thought to breed in close quarters, the product of dilapidated tenements, crime-infested housing projects, and graffiti-covered subway cars. To many in the industry, LA was certainly not hard-edged and urban enough to generate authentic hip-hop; a new brand of black rebel music could never come from La-La Land. But it did. In *To Live and Defy in LA*, Felicia Viator tells the story of the young black men who built gangsta rap and changed LA and the world. She takes readers into South Central, Compton, Long Beach, and Watts two decades after the long hot summer of 1965. This was the world of crack cocaine, street gangs, and Daryl Gates, and it was the environment in which rappers such as Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and Eazy-E came of age. By the end of the 1980s, these self-styled “ghetto reporters” had fought their way onto the nation’s radio and TV stations and thus into America’s consciousness, mocking law-and-order crusaders, exposing police brutality, outraging both feminists and traditionalists with their often retrograde treatment of sex and gender, and demanding that America confront an urban crisis too often ignored. Houston Rap Tapes-Lance Scott Walker 2019-01-29 The neighborhoods of Fifth Ward, Fourth Ward, Third Ward, and the Southside of Houston, Texas, gave birth to Houston rap, a vibrant music scene that has produced globally recognized artists such as Geto Boys, DJ Screw, Pimp C and Bun B of UGK, Fat Pat, Big Moe, Z-Ro, Lil’ Troy, and Paul Wall. Lance Scott Walker and photographer Peter Beste spent a decade documenting Houston’s scene, interviewing and photographing the people—rappers, DJs, producers, promoters, record label owners—and places that give rap music from the Bayou City its distinctive character. Their collaboration produced the books *Houston Rap* and *Houston Rap Tapes*. This second edition of *Houston Rap Tapes* amplifies the city’s hip-hop history through new interviews with Scarface, Slim Thug, Lez Moné, B L A C K I E, Lil’ Keke, and Sire Jukebox of the original Ghetto Boys. Walker groups the interviews into sections that track the different eras and movements in Houston rap, with new

photographs and album art that reveal the evolution of the scene from the 1970s to today's hip-hop generation. The interviews range from the specifics of making music to the passions, regrets, memories, and hopes that give it life. While offering a view from some of Houston's most marginalized areas, these intimate conversations lay out universal struggles and feelings. As Willie D of Geto Boys writes in the foreword, "Houston Rap Tapes flows more like a bunch of fellows who haven't seen each other for ages, hanging out on the block reminiscing, rather than a calculated literary guide to Houston's history."

The Media Student's Book-Gill Branston 2010-05-28 The Media Student's Book is a comprehensive introduction for students of media studies. It covers all the key topics and provides a detailed, lively and accessible guide to concepts and debates. Now in its fifth edition, this bestselling textbook has been thoroughly revised, re-ordered and updated, with many very recent examples and expanded coverage of the most important issues currently facing media studies. It is structured in three main parts, addressing key concepts, debates, and research skills, methods and resources. Individual chapters include: approaching media texts narrative genres and other classifications representations globalisation ideologies and discourses the business of media new media in a new world? the future of television regulation now debating advertising, branding and celebrity news and its futures documentary and 'reality' debates from 'audience' to 'users' research: skills and methods. Each chapter includes a range of examples to work with, sometimes as short case studies. They are also supported by separate, longer case studies which include: Slumdog Millionaire online access for film and music CSI and detective fictions Let the Right One In and The Orphanage PBS, BBC and HBO images of migration The Age of Stupid and climate change politics. The authors are experienced in writing, researching and teaching across different levels of undergraduate study, with an awareness of the needs of students. The book is specially designed to be easy and stimulating to use, with: a Companion Website with popular chapters from previous editions, extra case studies and further resources for teaching and learning, at: www.mediastudentsbook.com margin terms, definitions, photos, references (and even jokes), allied to a comprehensive glossary follow-up activities in 'Explore' boxes suggestions for further reading and online research references and examples from a rich range of media and media forms, including advertising, cinema, games, the internet, magazines, newspapers, photography, radio, and television.

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Mowgli's Brothers-Rudyard Kipling 2017-10-15 When a naked baby boy wanders into the cave of Father Wolf, Mother Wolf and their four cubs, Mother Wolf decides to keep him. Follow this exciting short story by Rudyard Kipling, from his original collection, The Jungle Book. A human boy raised by a family of wolves proves to be an exciting learning experience. This charming classic is recommended by The Gunston Trust for Nonviolence in Children's Literature. Ages 5-12.

Ten Strategies of a World-Class Cybersecurity Operations Center-Carson Zimmerman 2014-07-01 Ten Strategies of a World-Class Cyber Security Operations Center conveys MITRE's accumulated expertise on enterprise-grade computer network defense. It covers ten key qualities of leading Cyber Security Operations Centers (CSOCs), ranging from their structure and organization, to processes that best enable smooth operations, to approaches that extract maximum value from key CSOC technology investments. This book offers perspective and context for key decision points in structuring a CSOC, such as what capabilities to offer, how to architect large-scale data collection and analysis, and how to prepare the CSOC team for agile, threat-based response. If you manage, work in, or are standing up a CSOC, this book is for you. It is also available on MITRE's website, www.mitre.org.

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