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Reality Is Broken - Jane McGonigal 2011-01-20

"McGonigal is a clear, methodical writer, and her ideas are well argued. Assertions are backed by countless psychological studies." —The Boston Globe "Powerful and provocative . . . McGonigal makes a persuasive case that games have a lot to teach us about how to make our lives, and the world, better." —San Jose Mercury News "Jane McGonigal's insights have the elegant, compact, deadly simplicity of plutonium, and the same explosive force." —Cory Doctorow, author of Little Brother A visionary game designer reveals how we can harness the power of games to boost global happiness. With 174 million gamers in the United States alone, we now live in a world where every generation will be a gamer generation. But why, Jane McGonigal asks, should games be used for escapist entertainment alone? In this groundbreaking book, she shows how we can leverage the power of games to fix what is wrong with the real world—from social problems like depression and obesity to global issues like poverty and climate change—and introduces us to cutting-edge games that are already changing the business, education, and nonprofit worlds. Written for gamers and non-gamers alike, Reality Is Broken shows that the future will belong to those who can understand, design, and play games. Jane McGonigal is also the author of SuperBetter: A Revolutionary Approach to Getting Stronger, Happier, Braver and More Resilient.

Half World - Hiromi Goto 2011-01-25

Melanie Tamaki is an outsider. The only child of a loving but neglectful mother is just barely coping with school and with life. But everything changes on the day she returns home to find her mother is missing, lured back to Half World by the vindictive Mr. Glueskin. Soon Melanie begins an epic and darkly fantastical journey to save her parents. What she does not yet realize is that the future of the universe depends upon her success.

Unhooked - Lisa Maxwell 2016-02-02

"Gwen is kidnapped to an island inhabited by fairies, a roguish ship captain, and bloodthirsty beasts--and she must save their Queen before it's too late."--

Superman: Dawnbreaker - Matt de la Peña 2019-03-05

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES! DC Icons continues with the coming-of-age story of the world's first super hero, SUPERMAN, from Newbery award-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author MATT DE LA PEÑA. When the dawn breaks, a hero rises. Clark Kent has always been faster, stronger--better--than everyone around him. But it's not like he's earned his powers . . . yet. Lately it's difficult to hold back and keep his heroics in the shadows. When Clark follows the sound of a girl crying, he comes across Gloria Alvarez and learns that people are disappearing from the Mexican-American and undocumented worker community in Smallville. Teaming up with his best friend, Lana Lang, Clark discovers that before he can save the world, he must save

Smallville. "In his brilliant take on Superman, de la Peña shows us that there's a chance we'll all need to step up like Clark Kent—with or without a cape." —Jason Reynolds, New York Times bestselling author of *Miles Morales: Spider-Man* and *Long Way Down* "A wonderful, bold interpretation of a DC icon that aspires to embrace all readers, new and old." —Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW "Matt de la Peña's Superman is the quintessential American alien. Despite being caught between two worlds, he's everything we love about the Man of Steel: courageous, compassionate, and full of hope." —Gene Luen Yang, author of *New Super-Man* and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Act fast! The first printing includes a poster of Clark Kent! Each first printing in the DC Icons series has a limited-edition poster--collect them all to create the full image! Don't miss the rest of the DC Icons series! Read the books in any order you choose: * *Wonder Woman: Warbringer* by Leigh Bardugo * *Batman: Nightwalker* by Marie Lu * *Catwoman: Soulstealer* by Sarah J. Maas

Estan - David J Pearson 2020-02

Book two in *The Lucid Chronicles*; *HOPE IS MEMORY*. Join Estan Harvey as she leads her friends back to the suffocating, dying world they call home. Armed with the truth of the Eclipse they mean to overthrow Unity and bring down the regime. Little do they know, a terror chases that could spell the end of the human race. With the Buyer's return Estan and her people find themselves asking the hardest question of all. Do they reveal the truth of the Eclipse, and in turn bring down Unity, the only power strong enough on Earth to stand up to the Buyer's threat? Or is it sometimes better the devil you know? A war is coming, and with a Lion at their front and a wolf at their heels the Liberation of the Eclipse appears to have only been the start... *SURVIVING THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...*

The Accidental Administrator - Don R. Crawley 2012-09-25

Your easy-to-follow step-by-step guide to configuring a Cisco router from the ground up *The Accidental Administrator*tm: Cisco Router Step-by-Step Configuration Guide is packed with more than 30 easy-to-follow interactive exercises, loads of screen captures, and lots of step-by-step

examples to help you build a working router from scratch. Easily the most straightforward approach to learning how to configure a Cisco router, this book is filled with practical tips and secrets learned from years of Don's teaching and consulting on Cisco network devices. As a bonus, you won't waste your time on boring theory. All the essentials are covered in chapters on installing, backups and restores, and TCP/IP. You'll learn the nitty-gritty on subnetting, remote administration, routing protocols, static routing, access-control lists, site-to-site VPNs, network address translation (NAT), DHCP, password recovery, and security. There's even an entire chapter on the new Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). Here's just some of what you'll find: How to configure and manage access lists How to set up a site-to-site VPN How to implement IPv6 All the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. With *The Accidental Administrator: Cisco Router Step-by-Step Configuration Guide* you'll be able to sit down with your routers and build a working configuration in a matter of minutes. Of course, some of the more advanced configs may take a little longer, but even so, you'll be able to "get 'er done" in a minimal amount of time In addition, there are supporting videos and a supporting webpage to provide even more help and updated information.

Lost Connections - Johann Hari 2020-11-12

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER 'A book that could actually make us happy' SIMON AMSTELL 'This amazing book will change your life' ELTON JOHN 'One of the most important texts of recent years' BRITISH JOURNAL OF GENERAL PRACTICE 'Brilliant, stimulating, radical' MATT HAIG 'The more people read this book, the better off the world will be' NAOMI KLEIN 'Wonderful' HILLARY CLINTON 'Eye-opening' GUARDIAN 'Brilliant for anyone wanting a better understanding of mental health' ZOE BALL 'A game-changer' DAVINA MCCALL 'Extraordinary' DR MAX PEMBERTON 'Beautiful' RUSSELL BRAND Depression and anxiety are now at epidemic levels. Why? Across the world, scientists have uncovered evidence for nine different causes. Some are in our biology, but most are in the way we are living today. *Lost Connections* offers a radical new way of thinking about this crisis. It

shows that once we understand the real causes, we can begin to turn to pioneering new solutions - ones that offer real hope.

The Locked Ward - Dennis O'Donnell 2012-01-05

An extraordinary account of a nurse's life behind the locked doors of a secure psychiatric ward. Dennis O'Donnell started work as an orderly in the Intensive Psychiatric Care Unit of a large hospital in Scotland in 2000. In his daily life he encountered fear, violence and despair but also a considerable amount of care and compassion. Recounting the stories of the patients he worked with, and those of his colleagues on the ward, here he examines major mental health conditions, methods of treatment - medication, how religion, sex, wealth, health and drugs can bear influence on mental health, the prevailing attitudes to psychiatric illness, the authorities, the professionals & society. What emerges is a document of humanity and humour, a remarkable memoir that sheds light on a world that still remains largely unknown. 'This is a superb study of people whose minds have gone wrong, and the art of caring for them' Evening Standard

Cape - Kate Hannigan 2019-08-06

"Readers...will be enamored by this blend of history, mystery, and superpowered action." —Booklist (starred review) "Has the exciting pace of a superhero adventure." —Kirkus Reviews Hidden Figures meets Wonder Woman in this action-packed, comic-inspired adventure about a brilliant girl puzzler who discovers she's part of a superhero team—the first in a new series! Josie O'Malley does a lot to help out Mam after her father goes off to fight the Nazis, but she wishes she could do more—like all those caped heroes who now seem to have disappeared. If Josie can't fly and control weather like her idol, Zenobia, maybe she can put her math smarts to use cracking puzzles for the government. After an official tosses out her puzzler test because she's a girl, it soon becomes clear that an even more top-secret agency has its eye on Josie, along with two other applicants: Akiko and Mae. The trio bonds over their shared love of female superhero celebrities, from Hauntima to Zenobia to Hopscotch. But during one extraordinary afternoon, they find themselves transformed into the newest (and youngest!) superheroes in town. As the

girls' abilities slowly begin to emerge, they learn that their skills will be crucial in thwarting a shapeshifting henchman of Hitler, and, just maybe, in solving an even larger mystery about the superheroes who've recently gone missing. Inspired by remarkable real-life women from World War II—the human computers and earliest programmers called "the ENIAC Six"—this pulse-pounding adventure features bold action and brave thinking, with forty-eight pages of comic book style graphic panels throughout the book. Readers will want to don their own capes for an adventure, and realize they have the power to be a superhero, too!

When All Is Said - Anne Griffin 2019-03-05

One of Goodreads' 43 Most Anticipated Reads of 2019 "Beautiful. Intimate. Tearful. Aching and lyrical. So simply and beautifully told." —Louise Penny, #1 New York Times bestselling author "I'm here to remember—all that I have been and all that I will never be again." If you had to pick five people to sum up your life, who would they be? If you were to raise a glass to each of them, what would you say? And what would you learn about yourself, when all is said? At the bar of a grand hotel in a small Irish town sits 84-year-old Maurice Hannigan. He's alone, as usual - though tonight is anything but. Pull up a stool and charge your glass, because Maurice is finally ready to tell his story. Over the course of this evening, he will raise five toasts to the five people who have meant the most to him. Through these stories - of unspoken joy and regret, a secret tragedy kept hidden, a fierce love that never found its voice - the life of one man will be powerful and poignantly laid bare. Beautifully heart-warming and powerfully felt, the voice of Maurice Hannigan will stay with you long after all is said and done.

Inventing Ourselves - Sarah-Jayne Blakemore 2018-05-15

A tour through the groundbreaking science behind the enigmatic, but crucial, brain developments of adolescence and how those translate into teenage behavior The brain creates every feeling, emotion, and desire we experience, and stores every one of our memories. And yet, until very recently, scientists believed our brains were fully developed from childhood on. Now, thanks to imaging technology that enables us to look inside the living human brain at all ages, we know that this isn't so.

Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, one of the world's leading researchers into adolescent neurology, explains precisely what is going on in the complex and fascinating brains of teenagers--namely that the brain goes on developing and changing right through adolescence--with profound implications for the adults these young people will become. Drawing from cutting-edge research, including her own, Blakemore shows: How an adolescent brain differs from those of children and adults Why problem-free kids can turn into challenging teens What drives the excessive risk-taking and all-consuming relationships common among teenagers And why many mental illnesses--depression, addiction, schizophrenia--present during these formative years Blakemore's discoveries have transformed our understanding of the teenage mind, with consequences for law, education policy and practice, and, most of all, parents.

The Oracle Code - Marieke Nijkamp 2020-03-10

The #1 New York Times bestselling author Marieke Nijkamp and artist Manuel Preitano unveil a graphic novel that explores the dark corridors of Barbara Gordon's first mystery: herself. After a gunshot leaves her paralyzed below the waist, Barbara Gordon must undergo physical and mental rehabilitation at Arkham Center for Independence. She must adapt to a new normal, but she cannot shake the feeling that something is dangerously amiss. Strange sounds escape at night while patients start to go missing. Is this suspicion simply a result of her trauma? Or does Barbara actually hear voices coming from the center's labyrinthine hallways? It's up to Barbara to put the pieces together to solve the mysteries behind the walls. In *The Oracle Code*, universal truths cannot be escaped, and Barbara Gordon must battle the phantoms of her past before they consume her future.

Geeks - Jon Katz 2001-02-20

"A story of triumph, friendship, love, and above all, about being human and reaching for dreams in a hard-wired world."—Seattle Times "Too often, writing about the online world lacks emotional punch, but Katz's obvious love for his 'lost boys' gives his narrative a rich taste."—The New York Times Book Review Jesse and Eric were geeks: suspicious of

authority figures, proud of their status as outsiders, fervent in their belief in the positive power of technology. High school had been an unbearable experience and their small-town Idaho families had been torn apart by hard times. On the fringe of society, they had almost no social lives and little to look forward to. They spent every spare cent on their computers and every spare moment online. Nobody ever spoke of them, much less for them. But then they met Jon Katz, a roving journalist who suggested that, in the age of geek impresario Bill Gates, Jesse and Eric had marketable skills that could get them out of Idaho and pave the way to a better life. So they bravely set out to conquer Chicago—geek style. Told with Katz's trademark charm and sparkle, *Geeks* is a humorous, moving tale of triumph over adversity and self-acceptance that delivers two irresistible heroes for the digital age and reveals the very human face of technology. Praise for *Geeks* "Ultimately, *Geeks* is not a story about the Internet or computers or techies. It is a story about personal bonds, optimism, access to opportunity, and the courage to dream."—Salon "An uplifting and hugely compassionate book."—Philadelphia Inquirer "A story of friendship, optimism, social despair, and an updated version of that American icon, the tinkerer."—USA Today

The Compassionate Geek - Don Crawley 2016-05

"Our work, in Information Systems and Technology, is about helping our end users do their jobs more productively, efficiently, and creatively. IT (Information Technology) is all about crafting creative technical solutions to perplexing human problems in the workplace." This is the understanding of the IT superstars. It is also the basis of this, the most recent of *The Compassionate Geek* series of books. In *The Compassionate Geek: The 5 Principles of IT Customer Service Success*, author Don R. Crawley explores the five characteristics which are common among IT customer service superstars. In plain language, he reveals the five principles, shows common roadblocks to success, and lays out simple and realistic steps you can take to implement the five principles in both your professional and personal life. You'll learn how to put humanity into our world of technology. Written in Crawley's conversational style with personal anecdotes, logic and reason, and a

takeaway at the end of each chapter, *The Compassionate Geek: The 5 Principles of IT Customer Service Success* is not just your guidebook to elevating your customer service success, it's your guidebook to a new, more self-confident and compassionate way of living.

The Compassionate Geek - Don R. Crawley 2013-10

Newly expanded edition. A real-world, plain-language how-to guide for delivering amazing customer service to customers and end-users. Now in its third edition, *The Compassionate Geek* is the definitive guide for delivering amazing customer service to customers and end-users. Filled with practical tips, best practices and real-world techniques, *The Compassionate Geek* is a quick read with equally fast results. Each chapter contains a reflection and discussion section to help improve customer service skills. Inside are lots of personal stories and examples of mistakes made and lessons learned in addition to an entire chapter on overcoming personal and professional obstacles. All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that can be understood and used right away. There's nothing foo-foo, just down-to-earth tips and technical support best practices learned from years of working with technical staff and demanding customers and end-users. Here's what you'll find: The four intrinsic qualities of great customer service providers Customer service tips on how to say no without alienating your customer or end user Best practices for communicating with email, including examples Best practices for communicating using chat and texting Ten tips for being a good listener Two practical ways to keep your emotions in check using emotional intelligence (eq) techniques A six-step flow chart for handling customer and end user calls Customer service skills to use when the customer or end user is wrong How to work with the different generations in the workplace Motivational stories of human triumph with reflection and discussion questions Techniques for overcoming personal and professional obstacles All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. There's nothing "foo-foo," just down-to-earth tips and technical support best practices learned from years of working with technical staff and demanding customers and end users.

Geek Heresy - Kentaro Toyama 2015-05-26

In 2004, Kentaro Toyama, an award-winning computer scientist, moved to India to start a new research group for Microsoft. Its mission: to explore novel technological solutions to the world's persistent social problems. Together with his team, he invented electronic devices for under-resourced urban schools and developed digital platforms for remote agrarian communities. But after a decade of designing technologies for humanitarian causes, Toyama concluded that no technology, however dazzling, could cause social change on its own. Technologists and policy-makers love to boast about modern innovation, and in their excitement, they exuberantly tout technology's boon to society. But what have our gadgets actually accomplished? Over the last four decades, America saw an explosion of new technologies - from the Internet to the iPhone, from Google to Facebook - but in that same period, the rate of poverty stagnated at a stubborn 13%, only to rise in the recent recession. So, a golden age of innovation in the world's most advanced country did nothing for our most prominent social ill. Toyama's warning resounds: Don't believe the hype! Technology is never the main driver of social progress. *Geek Heresy* inoculates us against the glib rhetoric of tech utopians by revealing that technology is only an amplifier of human conditions. By telling the moving stories of extraordinary people like Patrick Awuah, a Microsoft millionaire who left his lucrative engineering job to open Ghana's first liberal arts university, and Tara Sreenivasa, a graduate of a remarkable South Indian school that takes children from dollar-a-day families into the high-tech offices of Goldman Sachs and Mercedes-Benz, Toyama shows that even in a world steeped in technology, social challenges are best met with deeply social solutions.

The Secret Loves of Geek Girls: Expanded Edition - Margaret Atwood 2016-10-18

The Secret Loves of Geek Girls is a non-fiction anthology mixing prose, comics, and illustrated stories on the lives and loves of an amazing cast of female creators. Featuring work by Margaret Atwood (*The Heart Goes Last*), Mariko Tamaki (*This One Summer*), Trina Robbins (*Wonder Woman*), Marguerite Bennett (*Marvel's A-Force*), Noelle Stevenson

(Nimona), Marjorie Liu (Monstress), Carla Speed McNeil (Finder), and over fifty more creators. It's a compilation of tales told from both sides of the tables: from the fans who love video games, comics, and sci-fi to those that work behind the scenes: creators and industry insiders.

Kronos Rising: Kraken (Volume 1) - Max Hawthorne 2016-04-24
"People's Choice Award - 2016 Book of the Year" -Geek Ireland
Thirty years have passed since the destruction of Paradise Cove. Since then, pliosaurs the size of whales have wreaked havoc on the world's oceans. Despite tragic losses, Garm Braddock and his brother Dirk wage a bloody war of attrition against the voracious marine reptiles: Garm from the helm of the anti-biologic submarine Gryphon and his brother from the top-secret military research facility known as TARTARUS. In spite of ongoing attempts to destroy them, the prehistoric predators that rose from the ashes of Diablo Caldera continue to multiply. They are bringers of death, and via more than just their deadly jaws. Their blood contains a primeval pathogen so virulent that, left unchecked, could spell the end of mammalian life. Meanwhile, in the icy darkness of the deep, an evil as ancient as the dinosaurs stirs in response to the changes in Earth's oceans. Rising hungrily to the surface, it brings with it an intellect as cold as the abyss and an irrepressible need to destroy and devour. And conquer.

Just a Geek - Wil Wheaton 2004-06-22

The actor covers his life after leaving the television series "Star Trek: the Next Generation," describing the pitfalls associated with being a former child star and his decision to launch his weblog in 2001.

This Book Is Feminist - Jamia Wilson 2021-06-29

A vibrantly illustrated introduction to intersectional feminism for next-generation changemakers. Who has power? Who creates the rules? How do identities intersect? In this next book in the Empower the Future series, explore the points where gender, race, class, ability, sexuality, and culture meet. Learn from author Jamia Wilson's lived experience, read the statistics, and gain strength in quotes from feminist firebrands and activists. Along the way, respond to calls to action and form your own views on the 'F' word. This book is for everyone. Discover the

history and meaning of the feminist movement through 15 reasons why feminism improves life for everyone. By exploring who has been left out of the movement historically, this book makes sure everybody is included. "I am a feminist. I've been female for a long time now. It'd be stupid not to be on my own side." —Maya Angelou
What have you been taught about who has power and who makes the rules? Have you ever been lost for words at an old-school family friend's 'kind' but sexist comments? Do you agree with equality and strive for justice, but struggle to take on the name 'Feminist'? Then read on. In this new feminist classic, the focus is intersectional from the beginning, not just as an add-on. Using the framework of 'personal is political,' Jamia Wilson—former director of the Feminist Press—analyzes her own experiences, before expanding outwards and drawing on stats, quotes, and luminaries to gain strength from. Expand what feminism means to you, your community, and society by examining these 15 themes: feminism, identity, justice, education, money, power, health, wellness, freedom, relationships, media, safety, activism and movements, innovation, and an interactive exploration of what feminism means to you. You will close the book with an understanding that history and culture play a role in shaping systems of power and of what we can do with our strengths, community, and values to help change course when needed. You won't have read a feminist tome like this before. Other inspiring books authored by Jamia Wilson: *Young Gifted and Black*, *Step Into Your Power*, and *Big Ideas for Young Thinkers*.

On My Own Country - 1880*

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 The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie 2012-01-10

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

Never Split the Difference - Chris Voss 2016-05-17

A former international hostage negotiator for the FBI offers a new, field-tested approach to high-stakes negotiations—whether in the boardroom

or at home. After a stint policing the rough streets of Kansas City, Missouri, Chris Voss joined the FBI, where his career as a hostage negotiator brought him face-to-face with a range of criminals, including bank robbers and terrorists. Reaching the pinnacle of his profession, he became the FBI's lead international kidnapping negotiator. *Never Split the Difference* takes you inside the world of high-stakes negotiations and into Voss's head, revealing the skills that helped him and his colleagues succeed where it mattered most: saving lives. In this practical guide, he shares the nine effective principles—counterintuitive tactics and strategies—you too can use to become more persuasive in both your professional and personal life. Life is a series of negotiations you should be prepared for: buying a car, negotiating a salary, buying a home, renegotiating rent, deliberating with your partner. Taking emotional intelligence and intuition to the next level, *Never Split the Difference* gives you the competitive edge in any discussion.

One of Us Is Lying (TV Series Tie-In Edition) - Karen M. McManus 2021-11-30

All the secrets of the Bayview Four will be revealed in the TV series now streaming on Peacock! THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY • BUZZFEED • POPCRUSH "Pretty Little Liars meets *The Breakfast Club*" (Entertainment Weekly) in this addictive mystery about what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder.

Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them. And don't miss the #1 New York Times bestselling sequel, *One of Us is Next!*

The Mindful Geek - Michael Taft 2015-09-14

The Mindful Geek tells you how to derive the real world benefits of hardcore mindfulness meditation without drinking the metaphysical Kool-Aid. Meditation teacher, Michael W. Taft gives you step-by-step instructions in the powerful and reliable techniques of mindfulness meditation, and outlines the psychological and neuroscientific research underpinning these practices. By treating mindfulness as a scientifically-based, psychological technique, you can keep your atheistic or agnostic secular skepticism and still maintain a powerful, regular, and deeply effective meditation practice. That's because meditation doesn't require you to believe in it to work. Like any good technology, if you use it correctly, it will do the job reliably whether you believe in it or not. And make no mistake—meditation is a kind of technology; a technology for hacking the human wetware in order to improve your life. This book is a practical, hands-on manual about how to make the most of that technology for yourself. If you are smart, skeptical, technically-inclined, and have a desire to see what meditation is really all about, this book is for you. Michael has taught a lot of meditation programs at tech corporations like Google, so this material has been field-tested on some world-class geeks.

Superman and the Authority - Grant Morrison 2022-11-22

Fan-favorites Superman and the Authority are brought together by comics superstars Grant Morrison and Mikel Janin! Collecting Superman and the Authority #1-2.

Superbuns! - Diane Kredensor 2019-07-02

For fans of Fred Rogers in *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* and *Be Kind, a little bunny*, who dreams of being a superhero, proves to her know-it-all older sister that kindness really is a superpower. Some superheroes can leap tall buildings in a single bound, some can crawl up a wall, some grow wolfsharp claws, and some have superhuman speed. And

Superbuns? Her superpower is being kind. Super kind. She can't help but be kind: watering a neighbor's daisies; helping a friend cross the street; feeding a hungry goldfish. *Superbuns's* older sister Blossom is a super know-it-all who doesn't believe kindness is a superpower. Not one bit. And all this kindness is slowing them down on their way to Grammy's house, where a yummy carrot cobbler awaits. But the sisters are being followed by a little fox, and when Blossom learns the fox is not after their cobbler but is lost, she discovers kindness really is a superpower after all.

New Dawn - Christopher Lapidés 2020-09-26

In war, no one is safe. War has come to Thornstone, Tarkin's Point, and Thoriddon, throwing all three nations into chaos. Led by the demon lord Vagborar, the legions of orcs are bent on nothing less than the total annihilation of both human and dwarf. With their demonic allies, they just might succeed. But not without a fight. As Serena tries to find answers and a path to victory, Orin and Brom fight with both sword and spell to turn back the tide of darkness. Beside them are a kingdom of dwarves and a city of humans, but even they may not be enough to beat back such a force. If they hope to survive, they need to come together, but with each nation under siege, uniting as one is easier said than done. When one of them is freed from battle, hope is rekindled, but prejudices rise to the surface, threatening everything. If any of them hope to survive, past actions and old hatreds must be forgotten. Hard decisions and painful sacrifices must be made. And pride and egotism must be set aside for the greater good. If not, a new age of evil will dawn upon the world.

Star Wars: Inner Jedi - Insight Editions 2022-02-08

Discover your inner Jedi and learn the ways of the Force with this yearlong guided journal inspired by the Star Wars galaxy! Embark on your own Jedi path, with this deluxe guided journal filled with the teachings and philosophy of the Jedi Order. • BEGIN YOUR JEDI TRAINING: The Jedi Knights of the Star Wars saga are selfless peacekeepers who master the light side of the Force, defending the helpless and striving for justice all across the galaxy. With this guided

journal, you can develop the key Jedi traits of peacefulness and selflessness. • YEARLONG JOURNALING INSPIRED BY THE JEDI PATH: Through a combination of daily journaling, free-writing prompts, list-making, coloring meditations, and other activities, this journal will show you the ways of the Force. • GREAT FOR ANY STAR WARS FAN: The perfect gift for any Star Wars fan, this journal will serve as a reminder that the Force is with you, always. • FAN-FAVORITE STAR WARS BOOKS: Star Wars: Inner Jedi is the latest book in Insight Editions' fan favorite Star Wars lineup, which includes Star Wars: The Secrets of the Sith, Star Wars: The Lightsaber Collection, Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge: The Official Black Spire Outpost Cookbook, and many more.

Hidden Valley Road - Robert Kolker 2020-04-07

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK • ONE OF GQ'S TOP 50 BOOKS OF LITERARY JOURNALISM IN THE 21st CENTURY • The heartrending story of a midcentury American family with twelve children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease. "Reads like a medical detective journey and sheds light on a topic so many of us face: mental illness." —Oprah Winfrey Don and Mimi Galvin seemed to be living the American dream. After World War II, Don's work with the Air Force brought them to Colorado, where their twelve children perfectly spanned the baby boom: the oldest born in 1945, the youngest in 1965. In those years, there was an established script for a family like the Galvins--aspiration, hard work, upward mobility, domestic harmony--and they worked hard to play their parts. But behind the scenes was a different story: psychological breakdown, sudden shocking violence, hidden abuse. By the mid-1970s, six of the ten Galvin boys, one after another, were diagnosed as schizophrenic. How could all this happen to one family? What took place inside the house on Hidden Valley Road was so extraordinary that the Galvins became one of the first families to be studied by the National Institute of Mental Health. Their story offers a shadow history of the science of schizophrenia, from the era of institutionalization, lobotomy, and the schizophrenogenic mother to the search for genetic markers for the disease, always amid profound

disagreements about the nature of the illness itself. And unbeknownst to the Galvins, samples of their DNA informed decades of genetic research that continues today, offering paths to treatment, prediction, and even eradication of the disease for future generations. With clarity and compassion, bestselling and award-winning author Robert Kolker uncovers one family's unforgettable legacy of suffering, love, and hope.

How to Be a Positive Leader - Jane E. Dutton 2014-06-02

Positive leaders are able to dramatically expand their people's—and their own—capacity for excellence. And they accomplish this without enormous expenditures or huge heroic gestures. Here leading scholars—including Adam Grant, author of the bestselling *Give and Take*; positive organizational scholarship movement cofounders Kim Cameron and Robert Quinn; and thirteen more—describe how this is being done at companies such as Wells Fargo, Ford, Kelly Services, Burt's Bees, Connecticut's Griffin Hospital, the Michigan-based Zingerman's Community of Businesses, and many others. They show that, like the butterfly in Brazil whose flapping wings create a typhoon in Texas, you can create profound positive change in your organization through simple actions and attitude shifts.

Queens of Geek - Jen Wilde 2017-03-14

Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger and actress promoting her first movie at SupaCon, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought. Taylor likes to blend in. Her brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie - no matter how much she may secretly want it to. But when she hears about a fan contest for her favourite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe.

Geek Elders Speak: In Our Own Voices - Maggie Nowakowska 2021-02-22

An anthology of essays and interviews exploring the undeniable history of women creators in Science Fiction/Fantasy & Media fandom during

the latter half of the 20th century. These women were writers. Artists. Costumers. Editors. Gamers. Scientists. Housewives. Despite the odds, they claimed their own voices and creative power, through the years and in their own terms. Each woman's experience is personal and evocative, told in their own voices and each with their own story.

The Compassionate Geek - Don R. Crawley 2011-05-05

Note: There is a newer version of this book available. Please look up ISBN 978-0983660736. A real-world, plain-language how-to guide for delivering amazing customer service to end-users. Now in its second edition, The Compassionate Geek was written by tech people for tech people. There are no frills, just best practices and ideas that actually work! Filled with practical tips, best practices, and real-world techniques, The Compassionate Geek is a quick read with equally fast results. Here's what you'll find: Best practices for communicating with email, including examples The four intrinsic qualities of great service providers Best practices for communicating using chat and texting Ten tips for being a good listener Two practical ways to keep your emotions in check A flow chart for handling user calls What to do when the user is wrong How to work with the different generations in the workplace All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. There's nothing "foo-foo," just down-to-earth tips and best practices learned from years of working with IT pros and end-users.

The Color Purple - Alice Walker 2011-09-20

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, this novel about a resilient and courageous woman has become a Broadway show and a cultural phenomenon. A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick Celie has grown up poor in rural Georgia, despised by the society around her and abused by her own family. She strives to protect her sister, Nettie, from a similar fate, and while Nettie escapes to a new life as a missionary in Africa, Celie is left behind without her best friend and confidante, married off to an older suitor, and sentenced to a life alone with a harsh and brutal husband. In an attempt to transcend a life that often seems too much to bear, Celie begins writing letters directly to

God. The letters, spanning twenty years, record a journey of self-discovery and empowerment guided by the light of a few strong women. She meets Shug Avery, her husband's mistress and a jazz singer with a zest for life, and her stepson's wife, Sophia, who challenges her to fight for independence. And though the many letters from Celie's sister are hidden by her husband, Nettie's unwavering support will prove to be the most breathtaking of all. The Color Purple has sold more than five million copies, inspired an Academy Award-nominated film starring Oprah Winfrey and directed by Steven Spielberg, and been adapted into a Tony-nominated Broadway musical. Lauded as a literary masterpiece, this is the groundbreaking novel that placed Walker "in the company of Faulkner" (The Nation), and remains a wrenching—yet intensely uplifting—experience for new generations of readers. This ebook features a new introduction written by the author on the twenty-fifth anniversary of publication, and an illustrated biography of Alice Walker including rare photos from the author's personal collection. The Color Purple is the 1st book in the Color Purple Collection, which also includes The Temple of My Familiar and Possessing the Secret of Joy.

Queen of Bad Dreams - Danny Lore 2019-12-17

Sometimes dreams—called figments—escape the dreamer's mind. And it's Daher's job to track them down. When she finds herself caught up in the dreams of politically powerful family, Daher discovers secrets about the origins of figments. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DREAM ESCAPES? When a dream entity known as a figment emerges from a dreamer's mind, it's Daher's job as an IJ to track them down and make the call: reinsert the figment, or grant them agency in our world. After an especially powerful figment escapes the dreams of an even more powerful politician's son, Daher is pulled headlong into an investigation that traces all the way back to the incident that sent dreams, even nightmares, spilling into our reality. Collects the complete five issue series.

Nightmare Alley - William Lindsay Gresham 2011-04-06

Soon to be a major motion picture from Academy Award-winning director Guillermo del Toro and starring Bradley Cooper, Cate Blanchett,

Rooney Mara, and Toni Collette. Nightmare Alley begins with an extraordinary description of a carnival-show geek—alcoholic and abject and the object of the voyeuristic crowd’s gleeful disgust and derision—going about his work at a county fair. Young Stan Carlisle is working as a carny, and he wonders how a man could fall so low. There’s no way in hell, he vows, that anything like that will ever happen to him. And since Stan is clever and ambitious and not without a useful streak of ruthlessness, soon enough he’s going places. Onstage he plays the mentalist with a cute assistant (before long his harried wife), then he graduates to full-blown spiritualist, catering to the needs of the rich and gullible in their well-upholstered homes. It looks like the world is Stan’s for the taking. At least for now.

Bad Taste in Boys - Carrie Harris 2012-06-12

For fans of Buffy the Vampire Slayer comes a teenage zombie assassin who is taking on the humor and horror of high school one monster at a time. Kate Grable is horrified to find out that the football coach is giving

the team steroids. Worse yet, the steroids are having an unexpected effect, turning hot gridiron hunks into mindless flesh-eating zombies. No one is safe--not her cute crush Aaron, not her dorky brother, Jonah . . . not even Kate! She's got to find an antidote--before her entire high school ends up eating each other. So Kate, her best friend, Rocky, and Aaron stage a frantic battle to save their town . . . and stay human.

Geek Girl and the Scandalous Earl - Gina Lamm 2013-03-05

The Stakes Have Never Been Higher... An avid gamer, Jamie Marten loves to escape into online adventure. But when she falls through an antique mirror into a lavish bedchamber—200 years in the past!—she realizes she may have escaped a little too far. Micah Axelby, Earl of Dunnington, has just kicked one mistress out of his bed and isn't looking to fill it with another—least of all this sassy, nearly naked woman who claims to be from the future. Yet something about her is undeniably enticing... Jamie and Micah are worlds apart. He's a peer of the realm. She can barely make rent. He's horse-drawn. She's Wi-Fi. But in the game of love, these two will risk everything to win.