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River Cafe Italian Kitchen Mar 06 2021 The RIVER CAFE COOKBOOKS are a publishing phenomenon, with over a quarter of a million sold. Following a successful pilot on BBC, Rose Gray and Ruth Rogers were asked by Channel 4 to make a series in which they showed how to make some of their fantastic dishes and explained why they cook how they do. This unique book, which is photographed at both the River Cafe and in Italy, complements the existing cookbooks, contains all the recipes shown in the series 1 and 2 of ITALIAN KITCHEN and provides a platform for the authors to explain the philosophy behind their food with passion and verve.

Risk, Courage, and Women Oct 01 2020 A collection of writings, including narratives, poems, and essays, in which influential women share how they built up the courage to take risks and change their lives.

Roadtesting Happiness Jun 28 2020 We are constantly being told that happiness should be our goal, and how we can achieve it. But does the advice of happiness 'experts' really work? Sophie Scott, the ABC's medical reporter, roadtests the most popular methods to find out. We are constantly told that happiness should be our goal, but how can we achieve it? Does the advice of happiness 'experts' really work? that is what Sophie Scott decides to find out.

Exploring the science of happiness, the ABC's award-winning medical reporter gets inside the ideas of leading happiness experts, including Buddhist monk Mathieu Ricard (the 'world's happiest man'), psychologist Dr tim Sharp (aka 'Dr Happy') from the Happiness Institute, and Assistant Professor Alice Domar from the Harvard Medical School, to discover the best ways to achieve and maintain happiness. then she tries it all out. Using each approach suggested by the experts, she 'roadtests' her way from depression to happiness, sampling techniques such as cognitive behaviour therapy; meditation, mindfulness and spirituality; acceptance and gratitude; altruism and volunteering; food choices and exercise. If you want to become happier than you are right now and stay that way, here are the tools - and shortcuts - to make it happen.

Risk Theory and Reinsurance Jan 04 2021 Reinsurance is an important production factor of non-life insurance. The efficiency and the capacity of the reinsurance market directly regulate those of insurance markets. The purpose of this book is to provide a concise introduction to risk theory, as well as to its main application procedures to reinsurance. The first part of the book covers risk theory. It presents the most prevalent model of ruin theory, as well as a discussion on insurance premium calculation principles and the mathematical tools that enable portfolios to be ordered according to their risk levels. The second part describes the institutional context of reinsurance. It first strives to clarify the legal nature of reinsurance transactions. It describes the structure of the reinsurance

market and then the different legal and technical features of reinsurance contracts, known as reinsurance ' treaties ' by practitioners. The third part creates a link between the theories presented in the first part and the practice described in the second one. Indeed, it sets out, mostly through examples, some methods for pricing and optimizing reinsurance. The authors aim is to apply the formalism presented in the first part to the institutional framework given in the second part. It is reassuring to find such a relationship between approaches seemingly abstract and solutions adopted by practitioners. Risk Theory and Reinsurance is mainly aimed at master's students in actuarial science but will also be useful for practitioners wishing to revive their knowledge of risk theory or to quickly learn about the main mechanisms of reinsurance.

Capote in Kansas Sep 12 2021 Murder. Not intricately plotted "whodunit." Not fiery passionate fury. But dirty, sad, disturbing actions from real people. That's what Truman Capote decided to use for In Cold Blood—his bold experiment in the realm of the non-fiction "novel." Following in that legacy is CAPOTE IN KANSAS, a fictionalized tale of Capote's time in Middle America researching his classic book. Capote's struggles with the town, the betrayal, and his own troubled past make this book a compelling portrait of one of the greatest literary talents of the 20th century. A new edition of the critically acclaimed graphic novel by Ande Parks (LONE RANGER) and Chris Samnee (DAREDEVIL).

Samsung Electronics Aug 11 2021 This book views

Samsung Electronics in terms of corporate life cycle as well as product portfolio and strategy. It also examines the issues Samsung faces as it proceeds further into the 21st century. Written from the perspective of an experienced commentator on Korean and global business, this book presents not simply a narrative or an adulatory and uncritical account of Samsung's rise, but a considered analysis of the secrets of success that both business students and CEOs will want to read and consider applying to their own companies.

Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing Jan 16 2022 This two-volume set of LNAI 11838 and LNAI 11839 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th CCF Conference on Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing, NLPCC 2019, held in Dunhuang, China, in October 2019. The 85 full papers and 56 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 492 submissions. They are organized in the following topical sections: Conversational Bot/QA/IR; Knowledge graph/IE; Machine Learning for NLP; Machine Translation; NLP Applications; NLP for Social Network; NLP Fundamentals; Text Mining; Short Papers; Explainable AI Workshop; Student Workshop: Evaluation Workshop.

Risk Tolerance in Financial Decision Making Jan 24 2020 This book sheds light on the emotional side of risk taking behaviour using an innovative cross-disciplinary approach, mixing financial competences with psychology and affective neuroscience. In doing so, it shows the implications for market participants and regulators in terms of transparency

and communication between intermediaries and customers.

Rising from the Plains Nov 02 2020 Pulitzer Prize-winning author John McPhee continues his Annals of the Former World series about the geology of North America along the fortieth parallel with Rising from the Plains. This third volume presents another exciting geological excursion with an engaging account of life—past and present—in the high plains of Wyoming. Sometimes it is said of geologists that they reflect in their professional styles the sort of country in which they grew up. Nowhere could that be more true than in the life of a geologist born in the center of Wyoming and raised on an isolated ranch. This is the story of that ranch, soon after the turn of the twentieth century, and of David Love, the geologist who grew up there, at home with the composition of the high country in the way that someone growing up in a coastal harbor would be at home with the vagaries of the sea.

Risk Analysis VI Feb 05 2021 Covering a series of important topics which are of current research interest and have practical applications, this book examines all aspects of risk analysis and hazard mitigation, ranging from specific assessment of risk to mitigation associated with both natural and anthropogenic hazards.

Robert Browning: Selected Poems Apr 07 2021 Robert Browning (1812 – 1889) was one of the defining figures of the Victorian age. Famous in his lifetime for his elopement and marriage to Elizabeth Barratt, his critical reputation grew steadily in the years following her early death. Browning ' s mastery of dramatic verse was evident

throughout his career, from such chillingly unforgettable monologues as ' My Last Duchess ' and ' Porphyria ' to the mature work included in his collection *Dramatis Personae*. This selection, chosen by leading scholars, reveals the innovation, complexity and profound psychological insight that have ensured Browning ' s enduring reputation and his continuing appeal to readers today. *Browning: Selected Poems* results from a completely fresh appraisal of the canon, text and context of the writer ' s work. The poems are presented in the order of their composition and in the text in which they were first published, giving a unique insight into the development of Browning ' s art. An introduction and chronology offer useful background material, whilst annotations and headnotes provide details of composition, publication, sources and contemporary reception. This authoritative yet accessible selection should become the first point of reference for scholar, student and general reader alike.

Super Pro K.O. Vol. 3: Gold for Glory Oct 25 2022 In the rough and tumble world of Super Pro K.O., professional wrestling is no joke. With contenders of every kind battling for glory on a nightly basis, there's tons of drama inside and outside the ring! Current SPKO champion and arrogant heel King Crown Jr prepares for a match against mysterious newcomer Bad Bad Butch O'Rowdy, who may care more about settling a personal score with Crown than the title itself. Meanwhile, hotshot Joe Somiano is getting used to the spotlight as his career takes off, but will it be stopped with the arrival of baseball superstar turned wrestler Romeo

Colossus?

Handbook of Humanitarian Health Care Logistics Oct 13 2021

Rising Summer Aug 19 2019 Are you looking for an engaging novel with a warm sense of humour and loveable characters? Mary Jane Staples has provided just that. Perfect for fans of Maggie Ford, Kitty Neale and Katie Flynn. READERS ARE LOVING TWO FOR THREE FARTHINGS 'Brilliantly written, I couldn't put it down' - 5 STAR REVIEW 'Another well written and observed story' - 5 STAR REVIEW 'Another great story by Mary Jane Staples' - 5 STAR REVIEW

***** AS WAR CONTINUES, WILL LOVE BLOOM? Tim Parkes was three when his parents were killed in a train crash and he went to live with his Aunt May. They managed splendidly - and then came the war. When Tim enlists and is posted to Suffolk, he isn't too pleased - Suffolk is Country, not like South London at all. But the City had followed him in the shape of evacuees, and those of them that weren't creating havoc in the Suffolk village were creating havoc in Tim's life. Minnie Beavers - ex-Camberwell - was fifteen, pert, pretty, and wildly in love with Tim. She was determined to marry him the minute she was old enough. Tim was equally determined to escape and find another girl. By the time Tim had gone away to fight and Minnie had joined the WAAF, a great many things had changed in both their lives...

Robert E. Lee: Lessons in Leadership Aug 31 2020
General Robert E. Lee was a complicated man and military

figure. In Robert E. Lee, the 11th book in the critically acclaimed Great Generals Series, Noah Andre Trudeau follows the general's Civil War path with a special emphasis on Lee's changing set of personal values as the conflict wended through four bloody years and by exploring his famous skills as a crafty and daring tactician. Trudeau adds a fresh perspective toward understanding a major figure in American history who remains decidedly an enigma.

Automobile Electrical and Electronic Systems Dec 15 2021
This textbook will help you learn all the skills you need to pass all Vehicle Electrical and Electronic Systems courses and qualifications. As electrical and electronic systems become increasingly more complex and fundamental to the workings of modern vehicles, understanding these systems is essential for automotive technicians. For students new to the subject, this book will help to develop this knowledge, but will also assist experienced technicians in keeping up with recent technological advances. This new edition includes information on developments in pass-through technology, multiplexing, and engine control systems. In full colour and covering the latest course specifications, this is the guide that no student enrolled on an automotive maintenance and repair course should be without. Designed to make learning easier, this book contains: Photographs, flow charts, quick reference tables, overview descriptions and step-by-step instructions. Case studies to help you put the principles covered into a real-life context. Useful margin features throughout, including definitions, key facts and ' safety first ' considerations.

Risk and Acceptability Nov 21 2019 First published in 1985, Mary Douglas intended *Risk and Acceptability* as a review of the existing literature on the state of risk theory. Unsatisfied with the current studies of risk, which she found to be flawed by individualistic and psychologistic biases, she instead uses the book to argue risk analysis from an anthropological perspective. Douglas raises questions about rational choice, the provision of public good and the autonomy of the individual.

Rival to the Queen Jul 30 2020 From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Wife of Henry VIII* comes a novel about the bitter rivalry between Queen Elizabeth I and her fascinating cousin, Lettice Knollys, for the love of one extraordinary man. Powerful, dramatic and full of the rich history that has made Carolly Erickson's novels perennial bestsellers, this is the story of the only woman to ever stand up to the Virgin Queen—her own cousin, Lettie Knollys. Far more attractive than the queen, Lettie soon won the attention of the handsome and ambitious Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, a man so enamored of the queen and determined to share her throne that it was rumored he had murdered his own wife in order to become her royal consort. The enigmatic Elizabeth allowed Dudley into her heart, and relied on his devoted service, but shied away from the personal and political risks of marriage. When Elizabeth discovered that he had married her cousin Lettie in secret, Lettie would pay a terrible price, fighting to keep her husband's love and ultimately losing her beloved son, the Earl of Essex, to the queen's headsman. This is the

unforgettable story of two women related by blood, yet destined to clash over one of Tudor England's most charismatic men.

Roar! Apr 26 2020 Can You Tell Me How to Get to Narnia? You don ' t actually have to journey all the way to Narnia to find everything you need to know in one spot (though you might want to anyway)! Roar! A Christian Family Guide to the Chronicles of Narnia is a beautiful volume that unveils a fun-filled world based on intriguing Bible insights for every Narniac! There ' s something for everyone—from elementary aged children to their parents. Packed with fun activities, a “ Narniac ' s Creed, ” tips on speaking like a British schoolboy, games, trivia, and more, it ' s built on solid teaching: chapter by chapter discussion guides, conversation starters for parents and kids, and Bible parallels that will surprise even the most studious Christian. Now you can get the most out of Narnia—even if you don ' t own a wardrobe! “ Tell me more about Narnia! ” Fans ages four to ninety-four just can ' t get enough of C. S. Lewis ' s timeless classic, The Chronicles of Narnia. That ' s why Roar! takes your family on a one-of-a-kind adventure through every chapter in all seven books!* Peek inside to find: • Interactive features like “ Wisdom for Narniacs, ” “ Kid Test, ” “ Let ' s Talk About It, ” “ Grown-up Thoughts, ” and “ Try This at Home ” • Helps for parents on big subjects including mythology, magic, violence, and life after death • Fun articles from “ Oh, I Wish I Were a Dufflepud! ” to “ Creature Hall of Fame & Shame ” • Indexes of creatures, characters, places, and Bible parallels • A glossary of difficult words • A memorable celebration of the

Lord behind the Lion Story Behind the Book C.S. Lewis ' The Chronicles of Narnia have long captivated the hearts, souls, and imaginations of both youth and adults. This December, with the release of Disney ' s The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, a craze among Christians and nonChristians is sure to erupt! Fans will be on the prowl for solid teaching to better understand this make-believe world that holds timeless gems of biblical insight. Now parents, kids, college students, and older Narniacs everywhere will find the answers they need in one convenient source. It ' s unapologetically Christian, because that ' s how C.S. Lewis was. And, true to form, not a tad of adventurous dust is left behind when readers embark on this exciting journey!

The Fragmented Politics of Urban Preservation Dec 27 2022 While urban preservation is almost as old as cities themselves, it has become increasingly controversial in modern cities. In this book, Yue Zhang presents a cross-national comparative analysis of the politics of urban preservation. Based on comprehensive archival research and more than two hundred in-depth interviews in Beijing, Chicago, and Paris, Zhang finds that urban preservation provides a tool for diverse political and social actors to frame their propositions and advance their favored courses of action. In cities from West to East, divergent political and economic interests have caused urban preservation to become contested. Exploring three of the world ' s great cities, Zhang deftly navigates readers through each case study, illustrating the complexities of the politics of urban preservation in each city. In Beijing, urban preservation was

integral to promoting economic growth and enhancing the city ' s image during the lead-up to the 2008 Olympics; in Chicago, it is used to increase property values and revitalize neighborhoods; and in Paris, it offers a channel for national and municipal governments to compete for control over urban space. Although urban preservation serves various purposes in these cities, Zhang explains how different types of political fragmentation have affected the implementation of preservation initiatives in predictable ways, thus generating distinct patterns of urban preservation. A comparative urban politics study of unusual breadth, *The Fragmented Politics of Urban Preservation* gives us insight into the complex policy process of urban preservation through which political institutions are intertwined with interests and inclinations, fundamentally shaping the direction of urban development, the physical forms of cities, and the lives of citizens.

PNG Jun 21 2022 Helps graphic designers get the most out of this nextgeneration graphics file format and programmers who want to add full PNGsupport to their own applications by emphasizing the implementation of PNG with the libng C library and discussing such improvements as gamma correction and standard color spaces. Original. (Intermediate)

Robert E. Lee on Leadership Dec 23 2019 Robert E. Lee was a leader for the ages. The man heralded by Winston Churchill as "one of the noblest Americans who ever lived" inspired an out-manned, out-gunned army to achieve greatness on the battlefield. He was a brilliant strategist and

a man of unyielding courage who, in the face of insurmountable odds, nearly changed forever the course of history. "A masterpiece—the best work of its kind I have ever read. Crocker's Lee is a Lee for all leaders to study; and to work, quite deliberately, to emulate." — Major General Josiah Bunting III, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute

In this remarkable book, you'll learn the keys to Lee's greatness as a man and a leader. You'll find a general whose standards for personal excellence was second to none, whose leadership was founded on the highest moral principles, and whose character was made of steel. You'll see how he remade a rag-tag bunch of men into one of the most impressive fighting forces history has ever known. You'll also discover other sides of Lee—the businessman who inherited the debt-ridden Arlington plantation and streamlined its operations, the teacher who took a backwater college and made it into a prestigious university, and the motivator who inspired those he led to achieve more than they ever dreamed possible. Each chapter concludes with the extraordinary lessons learned, which can be applied not only to your professional life, but also to your private life as well. Today's business world requires leaders of uncommon excellence who can overcome the cold brutality of constant change. Robert E. Lee was such a leader. He triumphed over challenges people in business face every day. Guided by his magnificent example, so can you.

Risk Analysis in Theory and Practice Mar 26 2020 The objective of Risk Analysis in Theory and Practice is to

present this analytical framework and to illustrate how it can be used in the investigation of economic decisions under risk. In a sense, the economics of risk is a difficult subject: it involves understanding human decisions in the absence of perfect information. How do we make decisions when we do not know some of events affecting us? The complexities of our uncertain world and of how humans obtain and process information make this difficult. In spite of these difficulties, much progress has been made. First, probability theory is the corner stone of risk assessment. This allows us to measure risk in a fashion that can be communicated among decision makers or researchers. Second, risk preferences are now better understood. This provides useful insights into the economic rationality of decision making under uncertainty. Third, over the last decades, good insights have been developed about the value of information. This helps better understand the role of information in human decision making and this book provides a systematic treatment of these issues in the context of both private and public decisions under uncertainty. Balanced treatment of conceptual models and applied analysis Considers both private and public decisions under uncertainty Website presents application exercises in Excel

Today We Have No Plans Jul 10 2021

Radar and ARPA Manual Nov 14 2021 Radar and ARPA (Automatic Radar Plotting Aids) are standard systems on all commercial vessels and are widely used in the leisure maritime sector. This fully revised new edition covers the

complete radar/ARPA installation, including AIS (Automatic Identification System) and ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display & Information Systems). It serves as the most comprehensive and up-to-date reference on equipment and techniques for radar observers using older and newer systems alike. Suitable for use both as a professional user's reference and as a training text, it covers all aspects of radar and ARPA technology, its use and its role in shipboard operations. Reference is made throughout to IMO (International Maritime Organisation) Performance Standards, the role of radar in navigation and in collision avoidance, and to international professional and amateur marine operations qualifications. * The most up-to-date book available, with full coverage of modern radar and ARPA systems, integrated electronic bridge systems and the 2004 IMO Radar regulations * The industry authority text, widely-used * Meets professional, educational and leisure maritime needs, covering both professional and amateur certificate requirements

Called to Freedom Nov 26 2022 The Sixties in Australia was a decade of contrast and change. Beatlemania, Billy Graham Crusades, space exploration, the Vietnam War and the rise in popularity of communism. These were world stage events, yet they deeply affected ordinary people living out their beliefs in everyday Australia. This book focuses on one such family, the Gormleys. Edmond a middle-aged 'Pink Professor', his wife Elsie and their adult children Bob and Sue. In this work of fiction, set in suburban Sydney, the reader gets a personal look at each family member's

conflict of belief as they choose to pursue their idea of Freedom. The sacrifices, the zeal, the disillusionment is all in these pages. Whose journey finds ultimate freedom and who you find has your sympathy are just two of the questions that will be answered.

Risk to Love Oct 21 2019 Stranded! Alix had worked hard to become a top-notch journalist. So she wasn't about to let the interview of a lifetime escape her—even if it meant flying thousands of miles to track down the elusive Jake Hunter. But the cynical tycoon wasn't willing to cooperate—he had no time for pushy reporters. Which left Alix no choice but to force her way on board his yacht. And if a sudden storm hadn't left them stranded on a deserted island, she would have gotten her story without any problem....

Iceland Sep 24 2022 Iceland represents a long-delayed photographic journey to an extraordinary country. Some of the magical wonders of Iceland are captured in this book: glaciers, waterfalls, cliffs, lakes, and, yes, even a troll.

High Definition: An A To Z Guide To Personal Technology
Mar 18 2022 What ' s the difference between an MP3 and an MP4? How is “ electronic ” different from “ digital ” ? Where, and what, is the “ cell ” in my cell phone? High Definition: An A to Z Guide to Personal Technology provides answers to these and thousands of other questions about the technology we live with and depend on. With more than 3,000 terms, this dictionary brings together both the basic and the not-so-basic vocabularies of computers, phones, the Internet, and other information technology found in

houses, offices, backpacks, and pockets. Both the non-technically minded and the tech-savvy will find the explanations and cross-references helpful, clear, and interesting. The dictionary helps to decipher in straightforward and accessible language the myriad of confusing terms associated with technology. Buyers can bone up on the technical specifications of electronic products and why they matter. With more than 500 abbreviations and acronyms, this is an indispensable reference in a world full of technological shorthand. No other book on the market puts so much information about the technology we use every day into one convenient and thorough volume.

Asian Brand Strategy (Revised and Updated) Jun 09 2021
This second edition of the bestselling Asian Brand Strategy takes a look at how Asian brands continue to gain share-of-voice and share-of-market. Featuring a user-friendly strategic model, new research, and case studies, this book provides a framework for understanding Asian branding strategies and Asian brands.

Robert Ludlum's (TM) The Janus Reprisal May 28 2020
With U.S. intelligence agencies wracked by internal power struggles and paralyzed by bureaucracy, the president was forced to establish his own clandestine group--Covert-One. It is activated only as a last resort, when the threat is on a global scale and time is running out. THE JANUS REPRISAL It begins with a terrorist attack. Covert-One operative Colonel Jon Smith is attending a conference in The Hague on infectious diseases, together with leading

scientists and political figures from around the world. Without warning, the conference hotel is consumed in a bloodbath. Smith is caught in the crossfire and barely escapes . . . but not before discovering a picture of himself and two other targets in the pocket of one of the shooters. But the hotel is not the only location under attack in The Hague. Bombs are going off at the train station, the airport, and the International Criminal Court, where Pakistani warlord Oman Dattar is being held while he's tried for crimes against humanity. In the resulting chaos, the prisoner escapes. Dattar nurses a special hatred for the United States and its allies. With his freedom, and access to a mysterious new weapon, Dattar puts in motion a murderous, ambitious plot to exact his revenge and bring down the West once and for all--unless Covert-One can stop him.

Risk: A Very Short Introduction May 08 2021 Risk is everywhere - from genetically modified crops, dams, and stem-cell therapy to heartbreak, online predators, inflation, and robbery. This Very Short Introduction examines what science has learned about how people deal with risks, what we can learn through decision theory, and how we can evaluate risk in our own lives.

River Angel Feb 23 2020 A haunting and eloquent story of small-town life from the author of Vinegar Hill, the million-copy bestseller and Oprah Book Club Pick. Can one person really make a difference? No one could have known that the small Midwestern town of Ambient would be changed forever by the arrival of young misfit Gabriel Carpenter. But

his short time among them touches the entire community and his shocking death revives the local legend of the river angel. The line between the possible and impossible blurs and everyone ' s fragile hopes are exposed.

Momo Lin Jul 22 2022 This book contains my photography works about Momo Lin during 2010. Photos inside this book are taken in Taiwan with digital or film camera.

Robert B. Parker: The Virgil Cole/Everett Hitch Novels 1 - 4
Dec 03 2020 Four outstanding novels set in the Old West, featuring the "smart and resourceful"* gun-slinging duo Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch--from the New York Times bestselling author of the Spenser, Jesse Stone, and Sunny Randall novels. (*Publishers Weekly) Includes: Appaloosa Resolution Brimstone Blue-Eyed Devil

Introducing ZBrush May 20 2022 If you want to take advantage of one of the hottest CG tools available, Introducing ZBrush is the perfect place to start. Introducing ZBrush helps you jump into this exciting drawing and sculpting software without fear. Learn ZBrush 3.1 basics inside and out and get comfortable sculpting in a digital environment with this relaxed, friendly, and thorough guide. Master these practical techniques and soon you'll be creating realistic, cartoon, and organic models with flair. Introduces you to ZBrush 3.1, the sculpting software that lets you create digital art with a fine-art feel, which you can transfer into Maya or other 3D applications Covers painting, meshes, organic sculpting, hard surface sculpting, textures, lighting, rendering, working with other 3D applications, and scripting Walks you through a series of fun and engaging

tutorials where you can start creating your own work, including human, cartoon, and organic models Learn to create lush, beautiful digital art with ZBrush and this detailed guide.

Cake Apr 19 2022 Jake McKallister might have been a rock star, but he was no ordinary one. Surviving an unspeakable crime as a young teen had shaped him into a guarded workaholic, and he now lived his life trying to forget. If it hadn't been for music and the redemption he found through it, he might not have survived. Career success came easily for him. Personal connections did not. When outspoken, vivacious college student Casey Caldwell was paired with the famously reserved rockstar for a friend's wedding, she was prepared for the worst. What could they possibly have in common? She was a bubbly talker; he was a reclusive loner. His life was filled with music; she couldn't carry a tune. She'd enjoyed a happy childhood; his was a well-publicized nightmare. Yet despite their obvious differences, Jake and Casey found each other, and her light balanced out his darkness. Would their love be strong enough to survive the weight of his tragic past?

Helheim Book 1: The Witch War Aug 23 2022 “ Once the threshold of Helheim is crossed, not even gods can escape. ” The age of Vikings. Savage wild men, dark creatures, and hideous undead are pawns in the war between witches. A hero named Rikard, pays the ultimate price in this conflict... but his fight is far from over. Raised as a draugr—an undead killing machine—Rikard is meant

to be used as a weapon in the supernatural conflict. But Rikard will not be controlled. And where the draugr treads, death follows.

Riveted: The Science of Why Jokes Make Us Laugh, Movies Make Us Cry, and Religion Makes Us Feel One with the Universe Sep 19 2019 Why do some things pass under the radar of our attention, but other things capture our interest? Why do some religions catch on and others fade away? What makes a story, a movie, or a book riveting? Why do some people keep watching the news even though it makes them anxious? The past 20 years have seen a remarkable flourishing of scientific research into exactly these kinds of questions. Professor Jim Davies' fascinating and highly accessible book, Riveted, reveals the evolutionary underpinnings of why we find things compelling, from art to religion and from sports to superstition. Compelling things fit our minds like keys in the ignition, turning us on and keeping us running, and yet we are often unaware of what makes these "keys" fit. What we like and don't like is almost always determined by subconscious forces, and when we try to consciously predict our own preferences we're often wrong. In one study of speed dating, people were asked what kinds of partners they found attractive. When the results came back, the participants' answers before the exercise had no correlation with who they actually found attractive in person! We are beginning to understand just how much the brain makes our decisions for us: we are rewarded with a rush of pleasure when we detect patterns, as the brain thinks we've

discovered something significant; the mind urges us to linger on the news channel or rubberneck an accident in case it might pick up important survival information; it even pushes us to pick up People magazine in order to find out about changes in the social structure. Drawing on work from philosophy, anthropology, religious studies, psychology, economics, computer science, and biology, Davies offers a comprehensive explanation to show that in spite of the differences between the many things that we find compelling, they have similar effects on our minds and brains.

Robert Ludlum's (TM) The Utopia Experiment Feb 17 2022
With U.S. intelligence agencies wracked by internal power struggles and paralyzed by bureaucracy, the president has been forced to establish his own clandestine group--Covert-One. It's activated only as a last resort, when the threat is on a global scale and time is running out. The Utopia Experiment When Dresner Industries unveils the Merge, a device that is destined to revolutionize the world and make the personal computer and smartphone obsolete, Covert-One operative Colonel Jon Smith is assigned to assess its military potential. He discovers that enhanced vision, real-time battlefield displays, unbreakable security, and near-perfect marksmanship are only the beginning of a technology that will change the face of warfare forever--and one that must be kept out of the hands of America's enemies at all costs. Meanwhile, in the mountains of Afghanistan, CIA operative Randi Russell encounters an entire village of murdered Afghans--all equipped with

enhanced Merge technology that even the Agency didn't know existed. As Smith and Russell delve into the circumstances surrounding the Afghans' deaths, they're quickly blocked by someone who seems to have access to the highest levels of the military--a person that even the president knows nothing about. Is the Merge really as secure as its creator claims? And what secrets about its development is the Pentagon so desperate to hide? Smith and Russell are determined to learn the truth. But they may pay for it with their lives . . .

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