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 Science Publishers  
 Nematology being an established  
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 ranging from basic aspect to the advanced  
 and applied aspects involving recent  
 advances in molecular techniques. This  
 book discusses the following topics: the  
 role of nematodes in our life (in  
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 biocontrol), identification of GRSPs in  
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techniques, other methodologies for  
 successful control of termites, evolution of  
 plant-parasitic nematodes, viability of  
 adult filarial nematode parasites, the  
 impact of plant-parasitic nematodes on  
 crops, and harnessing useful rhizosphere  
 microorganisms for nematode control. The  
 book also encompasses on classical study,  
 molecular study, bioinformatics in  
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 Industrial Product-Service Systems (IPS2),  
 which is defined as "an integrated  
 industrial product and service offering that  
 delivers value in use," has expanded  
 rapidly over the last decade. IPS2 has  
 allowed us to achieve both high added  
 value and high productivity and has

enriched our QOL by improving the  
 performance of products and services. We  
 are now struggling with many awkward  
 issues related to sustainability, but IPS2 is  
 expected to be the "philosopher's stone"  
 for solving these issues. Following the  
 pattern of conferences held in Cranfield in  
 2009, Linköping in 2010, and  
 Braunschweig in 2011, the fourth  
 International CIRP Conference on Industrial  
 Product-Service Systems, held on  
 November 8-9, 2012, in Tokyo, will cover  
 various aspects of IPS2. Topics planned for  
 this year's conference reflect the latest  
 IPS2 information in both the natural  
 sciences and humanities and include case  
 studies from various industries. IPS2 is still  
 a relatively new field, so it is important to  
 keep track of the entire context in order to  
 promote more cross-sectional cooperation

between multimodal fields and disciplines. The fourth International CIRP Conference on Industrial Product-Service Systems will serve as a vital platform for such collaborations and the discussion of new scientific ideas.

With the 1st Marine Division in Desert Shield and Desert Storm John Wiley & Sons  
When Lexus launched fifteen years ago, the idea of a Japanese brand that would compete fender to fender with Mercedes-Benz, BMW, and Cadillac seemed preposterous. But Lexus' first sedan shocked the world. The result of hundreds of prototypes, the work of more than 1,000 engineers, and some \$1 billion, the Lexus LS 400 pioneered new ground. Within just a few years, Lexus had transformed itself from an unlikely outsider into one of the industry's leaders as it redefined the idea of the luxury vehicle while also building a dealer network that gave unprecedented attention to service. The Lexus Story describes the brand's rapid ascent and its travails along the way. The Lexus Story is the first journalistic telling of the history of this extraordinary company. And it is the only account afforded full access to the designers, engineers, dealers, and company leaders who molded the cars and the brand. The Lexus Story takes readers deep inside the making of first-class automobiles, from the creative sparks kindled in Lexus' far-flung design studios to the engineering refinements that translate ideals of performance and luxury into steel, glass, and rubber. Designed to be both readable and visually welcoming with more than 200 full-color photographs, The Lexus Story is a compelling history of a world-class brand.

*Sheet Metal Fabrication* Hachette UK  
Here's the ultimate guide to being the best—and safest—driver possible. And an absolute must for everyone with a learner's permit. Former Top Gear Stig and professional driver Ben Collins shares expert skills culled from a twenty year career as one of the best drivers in the world, famous for racing in the Le Mans series and NASCAR, piloting the Batmobile, and dodging bullets with James Bond. Refined over thousands of hours of elite-level performance in the physics of driving, his philosophy results in greater control and safer, more efficient and fun driving for all skill levels.

*Automotive Systems* CRC Press  
This book brings value to anyone working with or designing natural fiber composite structures. It helps readers understand the value these materials can add to projects, how to choose the best materials and treatments, how to safely design and

fabricate products made of natural fiber composites, and how to test them for safety. It covers the characterization of natural fibers, matrices and respective composites, and how to enhance their performance and processing as well as testing and degradation issues.

**How to Drive** Kogan Page Publishers  
Based on hundreds of oral interviews and unclassified documents, this study offers a comprehensive chronological narrative of the first four years of Operation Enduring Freedom.

*U.S. Marines in Afghanistan, 2001-2009* Springer Science & Business Media  
With ever increasing concern on environmental protection and energy conservation, there is a fast growing interest in electric vehicles (EVs) from automakers, governments and customers. As electric propulsion is the core of EVs, there is a pressing need for researchers to develop advanced electric motor drives for various classes of EVs, including the battery, hybrid and fuel cell vehicles. Such issues are addressed in this book. The development and use of a fuel cell based power system for propulsion of electric aircrafts is discussed. A study done on the flight mechanics of the new aircraft, to verify the new flight performance, is also examined. Electric powered two-wheelers have risen in popularity in China over the past several years. This book investigates the growth of these electric two-wheelers in China and compares their environmental and safety impacts to those of alternative modes of transportation. Furthermore, the design and implementation of a hardware-in-the-loop system for the development, verification, and validation of algorithms used to construct state estimators for batteries and supercapacitors is addressed. There are several different kinds of devices that can be used to achieve electrochemical energy conversion. Some of these conversion technologies are reviewed, as well as their impact on the environment. The method used to control a power-train of a hybrid electric vehicle is discussed as well as how both the engine and the electric machine may achieve respective higher efficiencies after using this method. The regulated and unregulated emissions of diesel engines operating on different sulfur content fuels are also looked at. Energy efficiency issues include research and development priorities, funding for climate-related efficiency programs, implementation of equipment efficiency standards, regulation of vehicle fuel efficiency, and electricity industry ratemaking for energy efficiency profitability. Such issues are addressed in

this book.

Watershed IDRC

This volume presents a collection of 38 articles, interviews, and speeches describing many aspects of the U.S. Marine Corps' participation in Operation Enduring Freedom from 2001 to 2009. This work is intended to serve as a general overview and provisional reference to inform both Marines and the general public until the History Division completes monographs dealing with major Marine Corps operations during the campaign. The accompanying annotated bibliography provides a detailed look at selected sources that currently exist until new scholarship and archival materials become available. From the Preface - From the outset, some experts doubted that the U.S. Marines Corps would play a major role in Afghanistan given the landlocked nature of the battlefield. Naval expeditionary Task Force 58 (TF-58) commanded by then-Brigadier General James N. Mattis silenced naysayers with the farthest ranging amphibious assault in Marine Corps/Navy history. In late November 2001, Mattis' force seized what became Forward Operating Base Rhino, Afghanistan, from naval shipping some 400 miles away. The historic assault not only blazed a path for follow-on forces, it also cut off fleeing al-Qaeda and Taliban elements and aided in the seizure of Kandahar. While Corps doctrine and culture advocates Marine employment as a fully integrated Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF), deployments to Afghanistan often reflected what former Commandant General Charles C. Krulak coined as the "three-block war." Following TF-58's deployment during the initial take down of the Taliban regime, the MAGTF made few appearances in Afghanistan until 2008. Before then, subsequent Marine units often deployed as a single battalion under the command of the U.S. Army Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) to provide security for provincial reconstruction teams. The Marine Corps also provided embedded training teams to train and mentor the fledgling Afghan National Army and Police. Aviation assets sporadically deployed to support the U.S.-led coalition mostly to conduct a specific mission or to bridge a gap in capability, such as close air support or electronic warfare to counter the improvised explosive device threat. From 2003 to late 2007, the national preoccupation with stabilizing Iraq focused most Marine Corps assets on stemming the insurgency, largely centered in the restive al-Anbar Province. As a result of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) taking over command of Afghan

operations and Marine Corps' commitments in Iraq, relatively few Marine units operated in Afghanistan from late 2006 to 2007. Although Marines first advocated shifting resources from al-Anbar to southern Afghanistan in early 2007, the George W. Bush administration delayed the Marine proposal for fear of losing the gains made as a result of Army General David H. Petraeus' "surge strategy" in Iraq. By late 2007, the situation in Afghanistan had deteriorated to the point that it inspired Rolling Stone to later publish the story "How We Lost the War We Won." In recognition of the shifting tides in both Iraq and Afghanistan, the Bush administration began to transfer additional resources to Afghanistan in early 2008. The shift prompted senior Marines to again push for a more prominent role in the Afghan campaign, even proposing to take over the Afghan mission from the Army. . . .

#### **Intertwined Lives** Springer

India is facing its worst water crisis ever, and some believe that by 2030 it will fail to meet half its water demand. Water availability per person in India has been decreasing for decades, leaving parts of the country in a cruel Day Zero situation, shuttering factories and pushing farmers over the brink. As the climate heats up, it is likely that swathes of land will be submerged, water-related extremes will reshape industry and famine will revisit the country. In this fascinating, deeply researched book Mridula Ramesh takes us through 4,000 years of history to track how India's water has reached this critical point. From stories of ancient water-engineering marvels in the Indus Valley and Tamil Nadu to how water shaped medieval Delhi; from the burning fields of the country's north-west to the hilsa's curtailed journey; and from the forests of Kanha and dams in Arunachal to Kanpur's tanneries, *Watershed* uncovers how India's fate is gradually being sealed by the extremes of drought and floods. Armed with this understanding, Mridula Ramesh lays out pragmatic, scalable solutions that can work for both India's temperamental water and its democratic exigencies. She describes how determined water warriors are showing the way forward - from the fields of Bihar and Maharashtra to communities within Bengaluru's apartments and in the arid tracts of Rajasthan - and asserts that managing our water will usher in not just resilience but also the jobs India needs. Sobering and persuasive, *Watershed* is an urgent call to action to every Indian citizen to do what it takes to secure our shared future.

*The Hot Zone* IET

For manufacturers of complex engineering equipment, the focus on service and achieving outcomes for customers is the key to growth. Yet, the capability to provide service for complex engineered products is less understood. Taking a trans-disciplinary approach, *Complex Engineering Service Systems* covers various aspects of service in complex engineering systems, with perspectives from engineering, management, design, operations research, strategy, marketing and operations management that are relevant to different disciplines, organisation functions, and geographic locations. The focus is on the many facets of complex engineering service systems around a core integrative framework of three value transformations - that of material/equipment, information and people. *Complex Engineering Service Systems* is the outcome of the EPSRC/BAE Systems S4T (Service Support Solutions: Strategy and Transition) research programme of 10 universities and 27 researchers, which examined how high-value manufacturers of complex engineering products adapt to a multi-partnered environment to design and deliver value in a service system. *Complex Engineering Service Systems* aims to be the main source of knowledge for academics and professionals in the research and practice of contracting, managing, designing, leading, and delivering complex engineering service systems. The book takes a value-based approach to integrating equipment and human factors into a total service provision. In doing so, it aims to advance the field of service systems and engineering.

*Complex Engineering Service Systems* U.S. Government Printing Office

This is the first definitive biography of arguably India's most influential and powerful civil servant: P.N. Haksar, Indira Gandhi's alter ego during her period of glory. Educated in the sciences and trained in law, Haksar was a diplomat by profession and a communist-turned-democratic socialist by conviction. He had known Indira Gandhi from their student days in London in the late-1930s, even though family links predated this friendship. They kept in touch, and in May 1967, she plucked him out of his diplomatic career and appointed him secretary in the prime minister's Secretariat. This is when he emerged as her ideological beacon and moral compass, playing a pivotal role in her much-heralded achievements including the nationalization of banks, abolition of privy purses and princely privileges, the

Indo-Soviet Treaty, the creation of Bangladesh, rapprochement with Sheikh Abdullah, the Simla and New Delhi Agreements with Pakistan, the emergence of the country as an agricultural, space and nuclear power and, later, the integration of Sikkim with India. This power and influence notwithstanding, Haksar chose to walk away from Indira Gandhi in January 1973. She, however, persuaded him to soon return, first as her special envoy and later as deputy chairman of the Planning Commission where he left his distinctive imprint. Exiting government once and for all in May 1977, he then continued to be associated with a number of academic institutions and became the patron for various national causes like protecting India's secular traditions, propagating of a scientific temper, strengthening the public sector and deepening technological self-reliance. Successive prime ministers sought his counsel and in May 1987, he initiated the reconstruction of India's relations with China. He remained an unrepentant Marxist and one of India's most respected elder statesmen and leading public figures till his death in November 1998. Drawing on Haksar's extensive archives of official papers, memos, notes and letters, Jairam Ramesh presents a compelling chronicle of the life and times of a truly remarkable personality who decisively shaped the nation's political and economic history in the 1960s and 1970s that continues to have relevance for today's India as well. Written in Ramesh's inimitable style, this work of formidable scholarship brings to life a man who is fast becoming a victim of collective amnesia.

*Nematology* CRC Press

The use of natural fibres as reinforcements in composites has grown in importance in recent years. *Natural Fibre Composites* summarises the wealth of significant recent research in this area. Chapters in part one introduce and explore the structure, properties, processing, and applications of natural fibre reinforcements, including those made from wood and cellulosic fibres. Part two describes and illustrates the processing of natural fibre composites. Chapters discuss ethical practices in the processing of green composites, manufacturing methods and compression and injection molding techniques for natural fibre composites, and thermoset matrix natural fibre-reinforced composites. Part three highlights and interprets the testing and properties of natural fibre composites including, non-destructive and high strain rate testing. The performance of natural



fibre composites is examined under dynamic loading, the response of natural fibre composites to impact damage is appraised, and the response of natural fibre composites in a marine environment is assessed. *Natural Fibre Composites* is a technical guide for professionals requiring an understanding of natural fibre composite materials. It offers reviews, applications and evaluations of the subject for researchers and engineers. -

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**The Philosopher's Stone for Sustainability** U.S. Government Printing Office

"Fresh and diverting, informative and topical." — Australian Financial Review, Best Books of the Year Night, Sleep, Death and the Stars by Lauren Groff □ The Universe Underground by Paolo Giordano □ We All Hated Each Other So Much by Frank Westermann □ Plus: discovering new planets and destroying satellites; returning to the Moon (this time to stay); the Mars delusion; the hunt for extra-terrestrial life, and much more... In the 1960s, the rivalry between the superpowers brought us into space, adding a whole new dimension to human life. The last frontier was open: between 1969 and 1972 twelve men (but no women) walked on the moon. No one has since. The space race revealed itself for what it really was: a political and military competition. Space agencies, however, have not been idle and the exploration of the solar system has continued with probes and robots. Without politics, science has thrived. But the lack of government funding has opened space exploration to the forces of capitalism: the race has started again, with different rules and different players. For those of us who remain on Earth, space offers a spiritual dimension, and the search for answers to age-old questions. Colonizing Mars might not be the solution to humanity's problems, but the promise of space—whether expressed in a tweet by Elon Musk or a photo taken by a NASA rover on Mars—keeps proving irresistible. [Natural Fiber Composites](#) Woodhead Publishing

This book introduces the principles and

practices in automotive systems, including modern automotive systems that incorporate the latest trends in the automobile industry. The fifteen chapters present new and innovative methods to master the complexities of the vehicle of the future. Topics like vehicle classification, structure and layouts, engines, transmissions, braking, suspension and steering are illustrated with modern concepts, such as battery-electric, hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles and vehicle maintenance practices. Each chapter is supported with examples, illustrative figures, multiple-choice questions and review questions. Aimed at senior undergraduate and graduate students in automotive/automobile engineering, mechanical engineering, electronics engineering, this book covers the following: Construction and working details of all modern as well as fundamental automotive systems Complexities of operation and assembly of various parts of automotive systems in a simplified manner Handling of automotive systems and integration of various components for smooth functioning of the vehicle Modern topics such as battery-electric, hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles Illustrative examples, figures, multiple-choice questions and review questions at the end of each chapter

*In Contact!* Bloomsbury Publishing Since the mid-1990s, the emergence of a hydrogen economy and the speed with which it will arrive have been vigorously debated. As a disruptive technology, dominant designs for the production, storage and distribution of hydrogen have not yet been established. Neither have performance characteristics been achieved to compete with the existing combustion engine, though the efficiency and durability of hydrogen fuel cells are improving. This publication highlights the uncertainties involved in making choices about hydrogen and fuel cells in planning the development policies on national energy, environment and transport sector.--Publisher's description.

*Transitions to Alternative Vehicles and Fuels* St, John's Press

Case studies include lethal and nonlethal missions performed by soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The events chronicled span the spectrum of participants from officers to noncommissioned officers, and from combat units to support personnel, all in contact with a vicious and unforgiving enemy.

*The Automobile Revolution* Springer Science & Business Media

Contains over 3.000 terms and

abbreviations.

**The Toyota Way** Europa Editions UK The world's bestselling Lean expert shows service-based organizations how to go Lean, gain value, and get results—The Toyota Way. A must-read for service professionals of every level, this essential book takes the proven Lean principles of the bestselling Toyota Way series and applies them directly to the industries where quality of service is crucial for success. Jeff Liker and Karyn Ross show you how to develop Lean practices throughout your organization using the famous 4P model. Whether you are an executive, manager, consultant, or frontline worker who deals with customers every day, you'll learn how take advantage of all Lean has to offer. With this book as your guide, you'll gain a clear understanding of Lean and discover the principles, practices and tools needed to develop people and processes that surprise and delight each of your customers. These ground-tested techniques are designed to help you make continuous improvements in your services, streamline your operations, and add ever-increasing value to your customers. Fascinating case studies of Lean-driven success in a range of service industries, including healthcare, insurance, financial services, and telecommunications, illustrate that Lean principles and practices work as well in services as they do in manufacturing. Drawn from original research and real-world examples, *The Toyota Way to Service Excellence* will help you make the leap to Lean.

[Innovations in Competitive Manufacturing](#) Harper Collins

On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Pininfarina, a marque synonymous with style and elegance applied to car design, Pininfarina is a book that surveys, for the first time, the entire output of the Turin coachbuilder, model by model. Produced in close collaboration with the company, it draws on invaluable photographic material accompanying brief contextualising texts. Tracing the history of Pininfarina from its origins to the present day entails reviewing some of the most iconic models in automotive history: from the numerous Ferraris bodied by the historic partner of the Maranello firm to cars such as the Cisitalia 202, the Lancia Aurelia, the Alfa Romeo Duetto and 164, the Maserati GranTurismo through to the current models born under the aegis of the Indian firm Mahindra. The book also covers the numerous Pininfarina concept cars that have written glorious pages in the history of design, raising the bar every time in terms of the excellence of the car product.

Exploring Innovation DK Publishing  
(Dorling Kindersley)

Over the last 30 years, the 'technical' or armed pick-up truck has become arguably the most ubiquitous military land vehicle of modern warfare. Harking back to the armed Jeeps and Chevrolet trucks of the SAS and Long Range Desert Group in

North Africa in World War II, the world's first insurgent technicals were those of the Sahrawi People's Liberation Army in Algeria in the late 1970s, followed by the Chadian use of technical in the so-called Toyota War against Libya. Since then, technicals have seen use in Somalia, Iraq,

Afghanistan and Libya, as well as being used by Western and Russian Special Forces. Fully illustrated with commissioned artwork and providing rigorous analysis, this is the first history of how this deceptively simple fighting vehicle has been used and developed in conflicts worldwide.