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In *Reconstructing the Native South*, Melanie Benson Taylor examines the diverse body of Native American literature in the contemporary U.S. South—literature written by the descendants of tribes who evaded Removal and have maintained ties with their southeastern homelands. In so doing Taylor advances a provocative, even counterintuitive claim: that the U.S. South and its Native American survivors have far more in common than mere geographical proximity. Both cultures have long been haunted by separate histories of loss and nostalgia, Taylor contends, and the moments when those experiences converge in explicit and startling ways have yet to be investigated by scholars. These convergences often bear the scars of protracted colonial antagonism, appropriation, and segregation, and they share preoccupations with land, sovereignty, tradition, dispossession, subjugation, purity, and violence. Taylor poses difficult questions in this work. In the aftermath of Removal and colonial devastation, what remains—for Native and non-Native southerners—to be recovered? Is it acceptable to identify an Indian "lost cause"? Is a deep sense of hybridity and intercultural affiliation the only coherent way forward, both for the New South and for its oldest inhabitants? And in these newly entangled, postcolonial environments, has global capitalism emerged as the new enemy for the twenty-first century? *Reconstructing the Native South* is a compellingly original work that contributes to conversations in Native American, southern, and transnational American studies.

When Good Things Happen To Bad Boys CRC Press
 Need a little encouragement today? Find it in the beautiful truths of God's Word and the beloved inspirational verse of Helen Steiner Rice. *Heart to Heart—A Daily Devotional* offers brief but power-packed readings for every day of the year. Each entry features a carefully-translated poem from the "poet laureate of inspirational verse," a scripture from the Nueva Versión Internacional, and a concise, encouraging devotional thought to tie it all together. When you need a spiritual pick-me-up, turn to Helen Steiner Rice's *Heart to Heart—A Daily Devotional!*
 ¿Necesitas un poco de entusiasmo hoy? Encuéntralo en las hermosas verdades de la Palabra de Dios y los apreciados versos inspiradores de Helen Steiner Rice. De corazón a corazón: Un devocional diario ofrece lecturas breves pero llenas de poder para cada día del año. Cada anotación presenta un poema cuidadosamente traducido de la «laureada poetisa de versos inspirativos», un pasaje de la Nueva Versión Internacional, y un pensamiento devocional conciso y alentador para unirlos todo. Cuando necesites un estímulo espiritual, ¡vuélvete a De corazón a

corazón: Un devocional diario, de Helen Steiner Rice!

Liars, Lovers, and Heroes Kensington Books

Can machines write books? Can artificial intelligence be used for business? Will touch screens be around, or will they be replaced by voice recognition? What are deepfakes? How do self-driving cars work, and are they going to be a reality soon? These questions all come to light in this brief but informational book about artificial intelligence. Society is changing quickly because of automated systems in place that either benefit or undermine people's living style, jobs, and brains. Today, we explore what that future may hold. We will also look into options for civilians in today's modern world to adapt more quickly. Don't underestimate the rise of artificial intelligence. Understand the future. Begin reading or listening now!

A Valuable Guide to Better Golf Knopf

"Based on the American Chemical Society's Second Symposium on Advances in Hydrotreating Catalysts, held in Washington, D.C. Offers comprehensive coverage of the most recent progress in catalysis by transition metal sulfides for the creation of more environmentally safe catalysts and processes. Written by over 70 acclaimed experts from various fields."

Every Blue Moon Harvard University Press

Learn step by step to develop applications for Android mobile devices using Android Studio. 257 pages full color, with theory, exercises and images for easy learning .

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This book provides an invaluable resource for school teachers, administrators, board members, policy makers, and citizens who would like to understand what's behind performance pay, what might work and what will not, and how to build a school improvement effort that includes teacher compensation as one of its strategies.

Electronic Security Systems Oxford University Press, USA

In a universe filled by chaos and disorder, one physicist makes the radical argument that the growth of order drives the passage of time -- and shapes the destiny of the universe. Time is among the universe's greatest mysteries. Why, when most laws of physics allow for it to flow forward and backward, does it only go forward? Physicists have long appealed to the second law of thermodynamics, held to predict the increase of disorder in the universe, to explain this. In *The Janus Point*, physicist Julian Barbour argues that the second law has been misapplied and that the growth of order determines how we experience time. In his view, the big bang becomes the "Janus point," a moment of minimal order from which time could flow, and order increase, in two directions. The Janus Point has remarkable implications: while most physicists predict that the universe will become mired in disorder, Barbour sees the possibility that order -- the stuff of life - can grow without bound. A major new work of physics, *The Janus*

Point will transform our understanding of the nature of existence.

A Thriller IAP

This book consists of two titles, which are the following: Book 1: In this guide, you will learn about all the basics of artificial intelligence. You'll learn what it is, how it works, and where it came from (or, in other words, how it all started). Aside from that, we'll dive into some data analytics and examples of artificial intelligence. We'll cover several steps in the analytical process, and see what it takes for artificial intelligence to be effective. Last but not least, safety and privacy issues will be brought to light, since today's age is full of hacking, spying, and theft. Therefore, it is mandatory that these devices and systems are kept safe and secure. Book 2: Many people have unanswered questions about artificial intelligence. Today, the majority of those questions will likely be answered. Concerns will be addressed, and examples will be given. This book starts off with a question and answer section about artificial intelligence. It then proceeds to cover specific artificially intelligent applications, such as chatbots and robotics. These pages will show details of things that puzzle many people's minds. But you won't be left in the dark and will enjoy the full benefits of this knowledge.

Technology and the Management of Instruction - Monograph 4 Barbour Publishing

It took all of thirty seconds for two shots to bring the world of Margaret Tabaaha crashing down around her. After losing her husband in Afghanistan during the first year of Operation Enduring Freedom, her two sons were all she had left. Now they had been taken from her violently, deliberately, plunging her into a whiskey bottle and stripping away her reason for living. When Arthur Nakai receives a call from his first love, Margaret, her voice pleading for his help, it comes as he is attending a wake for one of the men he considered a brother from his days in the Marines 6th LAR Wolf Pack Battalion. Feeling a deep and responsible obligation to help her, Arthur soon finds himself involved in the multi-billion-dollar world of the oil and gas industry and coming face-to-face with an old adversary, Elias Dayton. Their paths had crossed when Arthur was a member of the Shadow Wolves, an elite tactical unit within US Customs and Border Protection. Now Dayton runs Patriot Security, a Blackwater-type firm that keeps the oil rigs, gas wells, and man camps secure from the Water Protectors, protesters pushing to stop the fracking and poisoning of Native lands. As Arthur works through the case from his end, Navajo police chief Jake Bilagody tackles it from another angle, looking into the strained relationship between the oil company and the Navajo people, all while searching for a missing Navajo man that may have become an unwilling piece on the reservation checkerboard. But when Arthur learns the identity of the boys' killer, he struggles to make sense of it. Because if the clues are right, he will be forced to make a decision that will haunt him for

the rest of his life.

Becoming a Woman of Extraordinary Faith Lindsay Buroker
Although the book concerns electronics, there are no circuit diagrams. The whole emphasis is on how to apply electronics as an aid to security. In addition to how it works, guidance, case histories, anecdotes and examples of security problems are given from the viewpoints of trainees, designers, surveyors, installers and users. The interests of the Police and methods of reducing false alarms are treated as paramount throughout.

[Shades of Blue](#) Rutgers University Press

An "eye-opening, sometimes alarming, and ultimately inspiring" natural history of rivers and their complex and ancient relationship with human civilization (Elizabeth Kolbert, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Sixth Extinction*). Rivers, more than any road, technology, or political leader, have shaped the course of human civilization. They have opened frontiers, founded cities, settled borders, and fed billions. They promote life, forge peace, grant power, and can capriciously destroy everything in their path. Even today, rivers remain a powerful global force -- one that is more critical than ever to our future. In *Rivers of Power*, geographer Laurence C. Smith explores the timeless yet underappreciated relationship between rivers and civilization as we know it. Rivers are of course important in many practical ways (water supply, transportation, sanitation, etc). But the full breadth of their influence on the way we live is less obvious. Rivers define and transcend international borders, forcing cooperation between nations. Huge volumes of river water are used to produce energy, raw commodities, and food. Wars, politics, and demography are transformed by their devastating floods. The territorial claims of nations, their cultural and economic ties to each other, and the migrations and histories of their peoples trace back to rivers, river valleys, and the topographic divides they carve upon the world. And as climate change, technology, and cities transform our relationship with nature, new opportunities are arising to protect the waters that sustain us. Beautifully told and expansive in scope, *Rivers of Power* reveals how and why rivers have so profoundly influenced our civilization and examines the importance this vast, arterial power holds for the future of humanity. "As fascinating as it is beautifully written."---Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, *Collapse*, and *Upheaval*

[A Study from a Machian Point of View of the Discovery and the Structure of Dynamical Theories](#) Oxford University Press

When Alice stepped through the looking-glass, she encountered a peculiar world where she meets animated chess pieces, characters from nursery rhymes, and talking animals. Everything there is inside out and upside down: so it is with consciousness. Reflecting on the inception of consciousness, it is natural to suppose that there are just two alternatives. Either consciousness appeared in living beings suddenly, like a light switch turning on, or it appeared gradually, like the biological development of life itself, through borderline cases which became the collective experience over time. For the former theory, consciousness is an on/off matter, but once it was there it became richer over time, like a beam of light becoming brighter and broader in its sweep. For the latter theory this is not the case, and there are shades of grey in how consciousness develops. Unfortunately, both alternatives face deep problems. The solution to these problems lies in the realization, strange as it may be, that a key element of consciousness itself was always here, as a fundamental feature of micro-reality. Varying conscious states were not, however: they appeared gradually. In *Vagueness and the Evolution of Consciousness*, Michael Tye addresses the questions that this raises. Where in the brain is consciousness located? How can consciousness be casually efficacious with respect to behaviour? What is the extent of consciousness in the animal world? How can all of this be so?

[Air Conditioning Service Manual](#) Newnes

Alarm Systems and Theft Prevention, Second Edition, recounts the sometimes sad, sometimes humorous, and nearly always unfortunate experiences of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and individuals who have lost valuable merchandise, money, jewelry, or securities to criminal attacks. In most cases the losses occurred because there was a weak link: a vulnerability in the total security defense. The book presents in practical terms those weaknesses in physical security, alarm systems, or related security procedures that, when blended together, result in vulnerability. In addition to analyzing these cases and identifying the key elements of vulnerability, remedies for curing the weakness are also offered. Other sections of this book deal with the application, strengths, and limitations of security equipment. For the most part, equipment is presented from the practical viewpoint—what a security device or system will do (or not do) and how it should be applied and operated, rather than the detail of mechanical design, electrical circuitry, or laboratory theories. This book is written in layman's language and is intended to be read by people who supply, use, or need security services and equipment.

[Leaving Belief Behind](#) Technology and the Management of Instruction - Monograph 4

This exciting, timely book combines cutting-edge findings in neuroscience with examples from history and recent headlines to offer new insights into who we are. Introducing the new science of cultural biology, born of advances in brain imaging, computer modeling, and genetics, Drs. Quartz and Sejnowski demystify the dynamic engagement between brain and world that makes us something far beyond the sum of our parts. The authors show how our humanity unfolds in precise stages as brain and world engage on increasingly complex levels. Their discussion embraces shaping forces as ancient as climate change over millennia and events as recent as the terrorism and heroism of September 11 and offers intriguing answers to some of our most enduring questions, including why we live together, love, kill -- and sometimes lay down our lives for others. The answers, it turns out, are surprising and paradoxical: many of the noblest aspects of human nature -- altruism, love, courage, and creativity -- are rooted in brain systems so ancient that we share them with insects, and these systems form the basis as well of some of our darkest destructive traits. The authors also overturn popular views of how brains develop. We're not the simple product of animal urges, "selfish" genes, or nature versus nurture. We survive by creating an ingenious web of ideas for making sense of our world -- a symbolic reality called culture. This we endow to later generations as our blueprint for survival. Using compelling examples from history and contemporary life, the authors show how engagement with the world excites brain chemistry, which drives further engagement, which encourages the development of cultural complexity. They also share provocative ideas on how human development may be affected by changes in our culture. Their insights, grounded in science and far-reaching in their implications, are riveting reading for anyone interested in our past, present, and future.

The Very First Light Harper Collins

Based on the successful *Baby Owner's Manual*, *The Baby Owner's Maintenance Log* presents a refreshing alternative to traditional sugar-sweet baby journals. Hip parents can record all major milestones and measurements in these pages, including the arrival of the unit, fuel preferences and speech activation. Spiral binding, hilarious illustrations and a bound-in envelope for keepsakes make this guided journal a great shower gift.

[Witness to the Birth of the Universe](#) Mitchell Beazley

In the early 1990s, a NASA-led team of scientists changed the way we view the universe. With the COBE (Cosmic Background Explorer) project, they showed that the microwave radiation that fills the universe must have come from the Big Bang—effectively proving the Big Bang theory beyond any doubt. It was one of the greatest scientific findings of our generation, perhaps of all time. In *The Very First Light*, John Mather, one of COBE's leaders, and science writer John Boslough tell the story of how it was achieved. A gripping tale of big money, bigger egos, tense politics, and cutting-edge engineering, *The Very First Light* offers a rare insider's account of the world of big science.

[Rivers of Power](#) Blackstone Publishing

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS

REVIEWS In a memoir of family bonding and cutting-edge physics for readers of Brian Greene's *The Hidden Reality* and Jim Holt's *Why Does the World Exist?*, Amanda Geffer tells the story of how she conned her way into a career as a science journalist—and wound up hanging out, talking shop, and butting heads with the world's most brilliant minds. At a Chinese restaurant outside of Philadelphia, a father asks his fifteen-year-old daughter a deceptively simple question: "How would you define nothing?" With that, the girl who once tried to fail geometry as a conscientious objector starts reading up on general relativity and quantum mechanics, as she and her dad embark on a life-altering quest for the answers to the universe's greatest mysteries. Before Amanda Geffer became an accomplished science writer, she was a twenty-one-year-old magazine assistant willing to sneak her and her father, Warren, into a conference devoted to their physics hero, John Wheeler. Posing as journalists, Amanda and Warren met Wheeler, who offered them cryptic clues to the nature of reality: The universe is a self-excited circuit, he said. And, The boundary of a boundary is zero. Baffled, Amanda and Warren vowed to decode the phrases—and with them, the enigmas of existence. When we solve all that, they agreed, we'll write a book. *Trespassing on Einstein's Lawn* is that book, a memoir of the impassioned hunt that takes Amanda and her father from New York to London to Los Alamos. Along the way, they bump up against quirky science and even quirkier personalities, including Leonard Susskind, the former Bronx plumber who invented string theory; Ed Witten, the soft-spoken genius who coined the enigmatic M-theory; even Stephen Hawking. What they discover is extraordinary: the beginnings of a monumental paradigm shift in cosmology, from a single universe we all share to a splintered reality in which each observer has her own. Reality, the Geffers learn, is radically observer-dependent, far beyond anything of which Einstein or the founders of quantum mechanics ever

dreamed—with shattering consequences for our understanding of the universe's origin. And somehow it all ties back to that conversation, to that Chinese restaurant, and to the true meaning of nothing. Throughout their journey, Amanda struggles to make sense of her own life—as her journalism career transforms from illusion to reality, as she searches for her voice as a writer, as she steps from a universe shared with her father to at last carve out one of her own. It's a paradigm shift you might call growing up. By turns hilarious, moving, irreverent, and profound, *Trespassing on Einstein's Lawn* weaves together story and science in remarkable ways. By the end, you will never look at the universe the same way again. Praise for *Trespassing on Einstein's Lawn* "Nothing quite prepared me for this book. Wow. Reading it, I alternated between depression—how could the rest of us science writers ever match this?—and exhilaration."—*Scientific American* "To Do: Read *Trespassing on Einstein's Lawn*. Reality doesn't have to bite."—*New York* "A zany superposition of genres . . . It's at once a coming-of-age chronicle and a father-daughter road trip to the far reaches of this universe and 10,500 others."—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

[American Indian Literature and the Lost Cause](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

You know what happens when bad boys get what they wish for? Everything. . . *New York Times* Bestselling Author Lori Foster *Playing Doctor* Attitude makes a huge difference in bed. It could be Axel Dean's motto. The sexy physician likes his women with sensual moxie, and Libby Preston definitely seems to fit that bill. There's that naughty grin. That hot bod. Her eager kisses and cheeky insults. Her. . . admitted virginity. Whoa. Okay, cue cold shower. Axel may not be an honorable man, but he has his limits. Except Libby won't take no for an answer. She's determined to have someone show her what she's been missing, and suddenly, Axel can't bear to think of Libby playing doctor with anyone else. . . *USA Today* Bestselling Author Erin McCarthy *The Lady of the Lake* Pro baseball player Dylan Diaz is pretty sure he's going to hell. When you rescue a drowning woman from a lake your first thought should be, "Are you okay?" not, "Can I make mad, passionate love to you?" But the minute sputtering kindergarten teacher Violet Caruthers is on Dylan's boat, that's all he can think about. Maybe it's the potent combo of a nun's personality inside a stripper's body. Maybe it's the way she drives him crazy with desire and laughter. Or maybe, Dylan's finally found what's been missing in his life, and he's not about to let go. . .

[How a Natural Force Raised Kingdoms, Destroyed Civilizations, and Shapes Our World](#) University of Georgia Press

A vivid forecast of our planet in the year 2050 by a rising star in geoscience, distilling cutting-edge research into four global forces: demographic trends, natural resource demand, climate change, and globalization. The world's population is exploding, wild species are vanishing, our environment is degrading, and the costs of resources from oil to water are going nowhere but up. So what kind of world are we leaving for our children and grandchildren? Geoscientist and Guggenheim fellow Laurence Smith draws on the latest global modeling research to construct a sweeping thought experiment on what our world will be like in 2050. The result is both good news and bad: Eight nations of the Arctic Rim (including the United States) will become increasingly prosperous, powerful, and politically stable, while those closer to the equator will face water shortages, aging populations, and crowded megacities sapped by the rising costs of energy and coastal flooding. *The World in 2050* combines the lessons of geography and history with state-of-the-art model projections and analytical data—everything from climate dynamics and resource stocks to age distributions and economic growth projections. But Smith offers more than a compendium of statistics and studies—he spent fifteen months traveling the Arctic Rim, collecting stories and insights that resonate throughout the book. It is an approach much like Jared Diamond took in *Guns, Germs, and Steel* and *Collapse*, a work of geoscientific investigation rich in the appreciation of human diversity. Packed with stunning photographs, original maps, and informative tables, this is the most authoritative, balanced, and compelling account available of the world of challenges and opportunities that we will leave for our children.

Thinking Penguin

Imperial law enforcer Amaranthe Lokdon is good at her job: she can deter thieves and pacify thugs, if not with a blade, then by toppling an eight-foot pile of coffee canisters onto their heads. But when ravaged bodies show up on the waterfront, an arson covers up human sacrifices, and a powerful business coalition plots to kill the emperor, she feels a tad overwhelmed. Worse, Sicarius, the empire's most notorious assassin, is in town. He's tied in with the chaos somehow, but Amaranthe would be a fool to cross his path. Unfortunately, her superiors order her to hunt him down. Either they have an unprecedented belief in her skills... or someone wants her dead. *The Emperor's Edge* is approximately 105,000 words and is recommended for fans of epic fantasy, sword and sorcery, and steampunk.