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Национальная библиография Н.Р.А - 1970

The International Who's Who of Women 2002 - Elizabeth Sleeman 2001

Over 5,500 detailed biographies of the most eminent, talented and distinguished women in the world today.

The Forty Rules of Love - Elif Shafak
2010-02-18

In this lyrical, exuberant tale, acclaimed Turkish author Elif Shafak, author of *The Island of Missing Trees* (a Reese's Book Club Pick), incarnates Rumi's timeless message of love. *The Forty Rules of Love* unfolds two tantalizing parallel narratives—one contemporary and the other set in the thirteenth century, when Rumi encountered his spiritual mentor, the whirling dervish known as Shams of Tabriz—that together explore the enduring power of Rumi's work. Ella Rubenstein is forty years old and unhappily married when she takes a job as a reader for a literary agent. Her first assignment is to read and report on *Sweet Blasphemy*, a novel written by a man named Aziz Zahara. Ella is mesmerized by his tale of Shams's search for Rumi and the dervish's role in transforming the successful but unhappy cleric into a committed mystic, passionate poet, and advocate of love. She is also taken with Shams's lessons, or rules, that offer insight into an ancient philosophy based on the unity of all people and religions, and the presence of love in each and every one of us. As she reads on, she realizes that Rumi's story mirrors her own and that Zahara—like Shams—has come to set her free.

Atlas Shrugged - Ayn Rand 2005-04-21

Peopled by larger-than-life heroes and villains, charged with towering questions of good and evil, *Atlas Shrugged* is Ayn Rand's magnum opus: a philosophical revolution told in the form of an action thriller—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*. Who is John Galt? When he says that he will stop the motor of the world, is he a destroyer or a liberator? Why does he have to fight his battles not against his enemies but against those who need him most? Why does he fight his hardest battle against the woman he loves? You will know the answer to these questions when you discover the reason behind the baffling events that play havoc with the lives of the amazing men and women in this book. You will discover why a productive genius becomes a worthless playboy...why a great steel industrialist is working for his own destruction...why a composer gives up his career on the night of his triumph...why a beautiful woman who runs a transcontinental railroad falls in love with the man she has sworn to kill. *Atlas Shrugged*, a modern classic and Rand's most extensive statement of Objectivism—her groundbreaking philosophy—offers the reader the spectacle of human greatness, depicted with all the poetry and power of one of the twentieth century's leading artists.

How to Tell If Your Cat Is Plotting to Kill You - The Oatmeal 2012-10-09

Jesus Rollerblading Christ--another helping of *The Oatmeal!* Mrow, MOAR kitty comics. Mr. Oats delivers a sidesplitting serving of cat humor in his new book, *How to Tell If Your Cat Is Plotting to Kill You*. If your cat is kneading you,

that's not a sign of affection. Your cat is actually checking your internal organs for weakness. If your cat brings you a dead animal, this isn't a gift. It's a warning. *How to Tell If Your Cat Is Plotting to Kill You* is a hilarious, brilliant offering of comics, facts, and instructional guides about crazy cat behaviors from the creative wonderland at TheOatmeal.com. *How to Tell If Your Cat Is Plotting to Kill You* presents fan favorites, such as "Cat vs. Internet," "How to Pet a Kitty," and "The Bobcats," plus 17 brand-new, never-before-seen cat-themed comic strips. This Oatmeal collection is a must-have for cat-lovers from Mr. Oats!

Level Up Your Life - Steve Kamb 2016-01-12

In 5 years, Steve Kamb has transformed himself from wanna-be daydreamer into a real-life superhero and actually turned his life into a gigantic video game: flying stunt planes in New Zealand, gambling in a tuxedo at the Casino de Monte-Carlo, and even finding Nemo on the Great Barrier Reef. To help him accomplish all of these goals, he built a system that allowed him to complete quests, take on boss battles, earn experience points, and literally level up his life. If you have always dreamed of adventure and growth but can't seem to leave your hobbit-hole, *Level Up Your Life* is for you. Kamb will teach you exactly how to use your favorite video games, books, and movies as inspiration for adventure rather than an escape from the grind of everyday life. Hundreds of thousands of everyday Joes and Jills have joined Steve's Rebellion through his popular website, NerdFitness.com, and leveled up their lives—losing weight, getting stronger, and living better. In *Level Up Your Life*, you'll meet more than a dozen of these members of The Rebellion: men and women, young and old, single and married, from all walks of life who have created superhero versions of themselves to live adventurously and happily. Within this guide, you'll follow in their footsteps and learn exactly how to:

- Create your own "Alter Ego" with real-life super powers
- Build your own Epic Quest List, broken into categories and difficulty levels
- Hack your productivity habits to start making progress
- Train your body for any adventure
- Build in rewards and accountability that will actually motivate you to succeed
- Travel the world freely (and cheaply)
- Recruit the right

allies to your side and find powerful mentors for guidance Adventure is out there, and the world needs more heroes. Will you heed the call?

Disparities - Slavoj Žižek 2016-10-20

The concept of disparity has long been a topic of obsession and argument for philosophers but Slavoj Žižek would argue that what disparity and negativity could mean, might mean and should mean for us and our lives has never been more hotly debated. *Disparities* explores contemporary 'negative' philosophies from Catherine Malabou's plasticity, Julia Kristeva's abjection and Robert Pippin's self-consciousness to the God of negative theology, new realisms and post-humanism and draws a radical line under them. Instead of establishing a dialogue with these other ideas of disparity, Slavoj Žižek wants to establish a definite departure, a totally different idea of disparity based on an imaginative dialectical materialism. This notion of rupturing what has gone before is based on a provocative reading of how philosophers can, if they're honest, engage with each other. Slavoj Žižek borrows Alain Badiou's notion that a true idea is the one that divides. Radically departing from previous formulations of negativity and disparity, Žižek employs a new kind of negativity: namely positing that when a philosopher deals with another philosopher, his or her stance is never one of dialogue, but one of division, of drawing a line that separates truth from falsity.

The Autobiography of the People in Verse - Ismail Kadare 1987

The Siege - Ismail Kadare 2010-02-12

From Ismail Kadare, winner of the inaugural Man Booker International Prize - a novelist in the class of Coetzee, Pamuk, Márquez, and Rushdie - the stunning new translation of one of his major works. In the early fifteenth century, as winter falls away, the people of Albania know that their fate is sealed. They have refused to negotiate with the Ottoman Empire, and war is now inevitable. Soon enough, dust kicked up by Turkish horses is spotted from a citadel. Brightly coloured banners, hastily constructed minarets, and tens of thousands of men fill the plain below. From this moment on, the world is waiting to hear that the fortress has fallen. *The Siege* tells the enthralling story of the weeks and months

that follow - of the exhilaration and despair of the battlefield, the constantly shifting strategies of war, and those whose lives are held in the balance, from the Pasha himself to the artillerymen, astrologer, blind poet, and harem of women who accompany him. "Believe me," the general said. "I've taken part in many sieges but this," he waved towards the castle walls, "is where the most fearful carnage of our times will take place. And you surely know as well as I do that great massacres always give birth to great books. You really do have an opportunity to write a thundering chronicle redolent with pitch and blood, and it will be utterly different from the graceful whines composed at the fireside by squealers who never went to war." Brilliantly vivid, as insightful as it is compelling, *The Siege* is an unforgettable account of the clash of two great civilisations, and a portrait of war that will resonate across the centuries.

Rusty Nailed - Alice Clayton 2014-06-24

In this sequel to *Wallbanger*, fan favorites Caroline Reynolds and Simon Parker negotiate the roller coaster of their new relationship while house-sitting in Sausalito. Playing house was never so much fun—or so confusing. With her boss on an extended honeymoon, Caroline's working crazy-long hours to keep the interior design company running—especially since she's also the lead designer for the renovation of a gorgeous old hotel. And with Simon, her hotshot photographer boyfriend, gallivanting all over the world for his job, the couple is heavy-duty into "absence makes the heart grow fonder" mode. No complaints about the great reunion sex, though! Then a trip back east to his childhood home has Simon questioning his nomadic lifestyle. He decides to be home more. A lot more. And he wants Caroline home more, too. Though their friends' romantic lives provide plenty of welcome distraction, eventually Caroline and Simon have to sort out their relationship. Sure, more togetherness is a good thing—but does less traveling and working have to mean the other extreme? Apple pie and picket fences? With this second book in the *Cocktail* series, USA TODAY bestselling author Alice Clayton delivers another delicious, frothy confection of a book, shaking up her characters, stirring in laugh-out-loud humor, and serving sizzling romance straight up!

Bibliografia kombëtare e Republikës Popullore Socialiste të Shqipërisë - 1985

Game of Thrones: The Noble Houses of Westeros
- Running Press 2015-12-08

An essential guide to *Game of Thrones* seasons 1-5, profiling the noble houses of Westeros through their history, family tree, character profiles, photos, and much more. *Game of Thrones: The Noble Houses of Westeros* Seasons 1-5 serves as a guide to the key houses as their constant struggle for power persists and as the hierarchical structure of the kingdom evolves. The book is filled with essential information including each house's sigil, history, home, family tree, character profiles, and is fully illustrated with series photography throughout. *Cien Años de Soledad* - Gabriel García Márquez 1997-01-01

Gabriel Garcia Marquez is a gifted writer, and nowhere does he write with the fervor that he does in "*One Hundred Years of Solitude*," a pleasurable ride unmatched in modern literature.

Marina - Carlos Ruiz Zafon 2013-09-26

'Fifteen years on, the remembrance of that day has returned to me. I have seen that boy wandering through the mist of the railway station, and the name of Marina has flared up again like a fresh wound. We all have a secret buried under lock and key in the attic of our soul. This is mine...' In May 1980, 15-year-old Óscar Draí suddenly vanishes from his boarding school in the old quarter of Barcelona. For seven days and nights no one knows his whereabouts... His story begins in the heart of old Barcelona, when he meets Marina and her father German Blau, a portrait painter. Marina takes Óscar to a cemetery to watch a macabre ritual that occurs on the fourth Sunday of each month. At 10 a.m. precisely a coach pulled by black horses appears. From it descends a woman dressed in black, her face shrouded, wearing gloves, holding a single rose. She walks over to a gravestone that bears no name, only the mysterious emblem of a black butterfly with open wings. When Óscar and Marina decide to follow her they begin a journey that will take them to the heights of a forgotten, post-war Barcelona, a world of aristocrats and actresses, inventors and tycoons; and a dark secret that

lies waiting in the mysterious labyrinth beneath the city streets. Carlos Ruiz Zafón was born in Barcelona and is the author of seven novels including *THE SHADOW OF THE WIND*. He is one of the world's most read and best-loved writers. His work has been translated into more than 40 languages and published around the world, garnering numerous international prizes and reaching millions of readers. He divides his time between Barcelona and Los Angeles.

Homo Deus - Yuval Noah Harari 2017-02-21

Official U.S. edition with full color illustrations throughout. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Yuval Noah Harari, author of the critically-acclaimed New York Times bestseller and international phenomenon *Sapiens*, returns with an equally original, compelling, and provocative book, turning his focus toward humanity's future, and our quest to upgrade humans into gods. Over the past century humankind has managed to do the impossible and rein in famine, plague, and war. This may seem hard to accept, but, as Harari explains in his trademark style—thorough, yet riveting—famine, plague and war have been transformed from incomprehensible and uncontrollable forces of nature into manageable challenges. For the first time ever, more people die from eating too much than from eating too little; more people die from old age than from infectious diseases; and more people commit suicide than are killed by soldiers, terrorists and criminals put together. The average American is a thousand times more likely to die from bingeing at McDonalds than from being blown up by Al Qaeda. What then will replace famine, plague, and war at the top of the human agenda? As the self-made gods of planet earth, what destinies will we set ourselves, and which quests will we undertake? *Homo Deus* explores the projects, dreams and nightmares that will shape the twenty-first century—from overcoming death to creating artificial life. It asks the fundamental questions: Where do we go from here? And how will we protect this fragile world from our own destructive powers? This is the next stage of evolution. This is *Homo Deus*. With the same insight and clarity that made *Sapiens* an international hit and a New York Times bestseller, Harari maps out our future.

The Outsider - Albert Camus 1982

Fletore E Modeluar Per Abetaren - Rexhina Pajo 2021-04-26

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Baudolino - Umberto Eco 2014-08-28

An extraordinary epic, brilliantly-imagined, new novel from a world-class writer and author of *The Name of the Rose*. Discover the Middle Ages with *Baudolino* - a wondrous, dazzling, beguiling tale of history, myth and invention. It is 1204, and Constantinople is being sacked and burned by the knights of the fourth Crusade. Amid the carnage and confusion *Baudolino* saves a Byzantine historian and high court official from certain death at the hands of the crusading warriors, and proceeds to tell his own fantastical story.

Sapiens - Yuval Noah Harari 2015-02-10

New York Times Bestseller A Summer Reading Pick for President Barack Obama, Bill Gates, and Mark Zuckerberg From a renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution—a #1 international bestseller—that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be "human." One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one—*homo sapiens*. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us? Most books about the history of humanity pursue either a historical or a biological approach, but Dr. Yuval Noah Harari breaks the mold with this highly original book that begins about 70,000 years ago with the appearance of modern cognition. From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecosystem to charting the rise of empires, *Sapiens* integrates history and science to reconsider accepted narratives, connect past developments with contemporary concerns, and examine specific events within the context of larger ideas. Dr. Harari also compels us to look ahead, because over the last few decades humans have begun to bend laws of natural selection that have governed life for the past four billion years. We are acquiring the ability to design not only the world around us, but also

ourselves. Where is this leading us, and what do we want to become? Featuring 27 photographs, 6 maps, and 25 illustrations/diagrams, this provocative and insightful work is sure to spark debate and is essential reading for aficionados of Jared Diamond, James Gleick, Matt Ridley, Robert Wright, and Sharon Moalem.

Microelectronic Circuits and Devices - Mark N. Horenstein 1996

This introduction to microelectronic circuits and devices views a circuit as an entire electronic system, rather than as a collection of individual devices. Providing students with the tools necessary to make intelligent choices in the design of analogue and digital systems, it introduces the MOSFET, BJT, and JFET in a single chapter on device properties; covers the non-ideal properties of op-amps using an approach that can be understood by those with little prior knowledge of transistor theory; and contains an optional discussion of photonic devices - including the photodiode, phototransistor, light-emitting diode, and laser diode.

Practice and Law of Banking in Pakistan - Asrar H. Siddiqi 2015

Spark 2 - Virginia Evans 2010

Science Focus 3 - Greg Rickard 2009

The Science Focus Second Edition is the complete science package for the teaching of the New South Wales Stage 4 and 5 Science Syllabus. The Science Focus Second Edition package retains the identified strengths of the highly successful First Edition and includes a number of new and exciting features, improvements and components.

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Slowly We Die - Emelie Schepp 2018-07-01

2017 SWEDISH CRIME WRITER OF THE YEAR
AN ACCIDENTAL SLIP OF A BLADE... A tragic incident on the operating table leaves a patient damaged for life and leads a young surgeon to abandon his profession as a physician... Now, years later, a series of senseless, gruesome murders are rocking the same medical community. THEN MURDEROUS REVENGE... The weapon? A surgical scalpel. But who exactly

is preying on these victims? And why? What does this grisly pattern reveal? And who will be the one to stop it? Special prosecutor Jana Berzelius, who has her own dark secrets to hide, is in charge of the investigation. What she can't know, until she is finally closing in on the murderer, is just how her own mother's recent death is intimately connected. This intricately plotted and relentlessly suspenseful medical thriller keeps everyone guessing until the bitter end.

Interpreting Official Statistics - Will Guy 2005-08-04

Interpreting Official Statistics examines the official statistics produced about the current state of British society. It documents some of the ways in which information has been suppressed, manipulated and misinterpreted since 1979. This invaluable guide is designed to help students know what figures are available, and to discover when and how politicians are misusing statistics. Data sets covered include: * Households below average income * Administrative and survey methods of unemployment and crime * Population census data on ethnicity * Data sources on women and work * Data on the relationship between class and health, and safety at work * New data sources on disability * Labour Force Survey.

Seven Days in Fiji - Travelers Edition - Steve Glines 2011-06-17

An eye opening account of a trip to Fiji just before Christmas 2005. With Black & White illustrations.

Anything You Want - Derek Sivers 2015-09-15

You can follow the beaten path and call yourself an entrepreneur or you can blaze your own trail and really be one. When Derek Sivers started CD Baby, he wasn't planning on building a major business. He was a successful independent musician who just wanted to sell his CDs online. When no one would help him do it, he set out on his own and built an online store from scratch. He started in 1998 by helping his friends sell their CDs. In 2000, he hired his first employee. Eight years later, he sold CD Baby for \$22 million. Sivers didn't need a business plan, and neither do you. You don't need to think big; in fact, it's better if you don't. Start with what you have, care about your customers more than yourself, and run your business like you don't

need the money.

The Archer - Paulo Coelho 2020-11-10

From the #1 best-selling author of *The Alchemist* comes an inspiring story about a young man seeking wisdom from an elder, and the practical lessons imparted along the way. Includes stunning illustrations by Christoph Niemann. "A novelist who writes in a universal language." —The New York Times In *The Archer* we meet Tetsuya, a man once famous for his prodigious gift with a bow and arrow but who has since retired from public life, and the boy who comes searching for him. The boy has many questions, and in answering them Tetsuya illustrates the way of the bow and the tenets of a meaningful life. Paulo Coelho's story suggests that living without a connection between action and soul cannot fulfill, that a life constricted by fear of rejection or failure is not a life worth living. Instead one must take risks, build courage, and embrace the unexpected journey fate has to offer. With the wisdom, generosity, simplicity, and grace that have made him an international best seller, Paulo Coelho provides the framework for a rewarding life: hard work, passion, purpose, thoughtfulness, the willingness to fail, and the urge to make a difference.

Prometheus bound - Aeschylus 1890

The Palace of Dreams - Ismail Kadare 1998

Translated from the Jusef Vrioni's French version of the Albanian original, this is the author's own vision of totalitarianism.

Focus AmE 4 Students' Book and

MyEnglishLab Pack - Vaughan Jones
2016-08-10

Focus is a rich, varied and clearly structured upper secondary course that provides motivating content and a reliable exam preparation path. Its methodology is built around the concept of 3Ms - Motivation, Memory and Meaning that underpin the benefits of the course for learners and signal its pedagogical effectiveness to teachers.

The Idiot Factor - Larry Winget 2008-12-30

Read Larry Winget's posts on the Penguin Blog The Pitbull of Personal Development and New York Time bestselling author is back with advice on the dumb things people do to sabotage their success What do people really want? They want what they've got. It's a simple formula. You have

what you want because your actions produced your results. Not your words and certainly not your wants. In his signature caustic yet lovable style, Larry Winget dishes out straight talk on what he calls "life's messes", and offers sound, simple solutions. Taking on business, family, health, being fat, being stupid, success, money, and more, Larry Winget points out exactly which changes have to take place in order for people to turn their lives around. A little bit of business, a little bit of personal development, a little finance, a little parenting, a little health and wellness, The Idiot Factor will help anyone identify his or her own "areas of stupidity" and take action to finally achieve real success.

Arabic Thought and Islamic Societies (RLE Politics of Islam) - Aziz Al-Azmeh 2013-07-18

This is a study of the structure and composition of the official learning current in medieval Arabic culture. This comprises natural sciences both exoteric and esoteric (medicine, alchemy, astrology and others), traditional and religious sciences (such as theology, exegesis and grammar), philosophical sciences such as metaphysics and ethics, in addition to technical disciplines like political theory and medicine, and other fields of intellectual endeavour. The book identifies and develops a number of conceptual elements common to the various areas of official Arabic scientific discourse, and shows how these elements integrate these disparate sciences into an historical epistemic unity. The specific profile of each of these different sciences is described, in terms of its conceptual content, but especially with reference to its historical circumstances. These are seen to be embodied in a number of institutional supports, both intellectual and social: paradigms, schools of thought, institutions of learning, pedagogic techniques, and a body of professionals, all of which combine to form definite, albeit ever renewed, traditions of learning. Finally, an attempt is made to relate Arabic scientific knowledge in the Middle Ages to patterns of scientific and political authority. First published in 1986.

Friend Request - Laura Marshall 2017-09-05

THE #1 INTERNATIONAL KINDLE BESTSELLER A paranoid single mom is forced to confront the unthinkable act she committed as a desperate teenager in this addictive thriller

with a social media twist. Maria Weston wants to be friends. But Maria Weston is dead. Isn't she? 1989. When Louise first notices the new girl who has mysteriously transferred late into their senior year, Maria seems to be everything the girls Louise hangs out with aren't. Authentic. Funny. Brash. Within just a few days, Maria and Louise are on their way to becoming fast friends. 2016. Louise receives a heart-stopping email: Maria Weston wants to be friends on Facebook. Long-buried memories quickly rise to the surface: those first days of their budding friendship; cruel decisions made and dark secrets kept; the night that would change all their lives forever. Louise has always known that if the truth ever came out, she could stand to lose everything. Her job. Her son. Her freedom. Maria's sudden reappearance threatens it all, and forces Louise to reconnect with everyone she'd severed ties with to escape the past. But as she tries to piece together exactly what happened that night, Louise discovers there's more to the story than she ever knew. To keep her secret, Louise must first uncover the whole truth, before what's known to Maria--or whoever's pretending to be her--is known to all.

Handbook of Finite Fields - Gary L. Mullen
2013-06-17

Poised to become the leading reference in the field, the Handbook of Finite Fields is exclusively devoted to the theory and applications of finite fields. More than 80 international contributors compile state-of-the-art research in this definitive handbook. Edited by two renowned researchers, the book uses a uniform style and format throughout and

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AQA Biology: A Level - Glenn Toole 2016-05-05
Please note this title is suitable for any student studying: Exam Board: AQA Level: A Level
Subject: Biology First teaching: September 2015
First exams: June 2017 Fully revised and updated for the new linear qualification, written and checked by curriculum and specification experts, this Student Book supports and extends students through the new course whilst delivering the maths, practical and synoptic skills needed to succeed in the new A Levels and beyond. The book uses clear straightforward

explanations to develop true subject knowledge and allow students to link ideas together while developing essential exam skills.

The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini 2013-03-05
Amir, haunted by his betrayal of his childhood friend, a son of his father's servant, returns to Kabul as an adult after learning Hassan has been killed. Describes Afghanistan's rich culture and beauty. For mature readers.
The Kama Sutra (ANNOTATED) - Mallanaga Vātsyāyana 2020-02-22

This is a great eBook. This is the Summarized Version of the Original Book. We had added almost 48000 words in our long summary and about 7400 words in our short summary of the book. the brief description is written as follows: - Kamasutra is the oldest surviving Hindu text on erotic love. It is a sutra-genre text with terse aphoristic verses that have survived into the modern era with different bhasya (exposition and commentaries). The text is a mix of prose and anustubh-meter poetry verses. The text acknowledges the Hindu concept of Purusharthas, and lists desire, sexuality, and emotional fulfillment as one of the proper goals of life. Its chapters discuss methods for courtship, training in the arts to be socially engaging, finding a partner, flirting, maintaining power in a married life, when and how to commit adultery, sexual positions, and other topics. The majority of the book is about the philosophy and theory of love, what triggers desire, what sustains it, and how and when it is good or bad. The text is one of many Indian texts on Kama Shastra. It is a much-translated work in Indian and non-Indian languages. The Kamasutra has influenced many secondary texts that followed after the 4th-century CE, as well as the Indian arts as exemplified by the pervasive presence Kama-related reliefs and sculpture in old Hindu temples. Of these, the Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh is a UNESCO world heritage site. Among the surviving temples in north India, one in Rajasthan sculpts all the major chapters and sexual positions to illustrate the Kamasutra. According to Wendy Doniger, the Kamasutra became "one of the most pirated books in English language" soon after it was published in 1883 by Richard Burton. This first European edition by Burton does not faithfully reflect much in the Kamasutra because he revised the

collaborative translation by Bhagavanlal Indrajit and Shivaram Parashuram Bhide with Forster Arbuthnot to suit 19th-century Victorian tastes. Vatsyayana Mallanaga is its widely accepted author because his name is embedded in the colophon verse, but little is known about him. Vatsyayana states that he wrote the text after much meditation. In the preface, Vatsyayana acknowledges that he is distilling many ancient texts, but these have not survived. He cites the work of others he calls "teachers" and "scholars", and the longer texts by Auddalaki, Babhravya, Dattaka, Suvarnanabha, Ghotakamukha, Gonardiya, Gonikaputra,

Charayana, and Kuchumara. Vatsyayana's Kamasutra is mentioned and some verses quoted in the Brihatsamhita of Varahamihira, as well as the poems of Kalidasa. This suggests he lived before the 5th-century CE. Human relationships, sex and emotional fulfillment are a significant part of the post-Vedic Sanskrit literature such as the major Hindu epics: the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. The ancient Indian view has been, states Johann Meyer, that love and sex are a delightful necessity. Though she is reserved and selective, "a woman stands in very great need of surata (amorous or sexual pleasure)", and "the woman has a far stronger erotic disposition, her delight in the sexual act is greater than a man's"