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A Little History of the World - E. H. Gombrich
2014-10-01

E. H. Gombrich's *Little History of the World*, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the *Little History* brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from

paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

Busting Vegas - Ben Mezrich 2006-08-22

He played in casinos around the world with a plan to make himself richer than anyone could possibly imagine -- but it would nearly cost him his life. Semyon Dukach was known as the Darling of Las Vegas. A legend at age twenty-one, this cocky hotshot was the biggest high roller to appear in Sin City in decades, a mathematical genius with a system the casinos had never seen before and couldn't stop -- a system that has never been revealed until now; that has nothing to do with card counting, wasn't illegal, and was more powerful than anything that had been tried before. Las Vegas. Atlantic City. Aruba. Barcelona. London. And the jewel of

the gambling crown -- Monte Carlo. Dukach and his fellow MIT students hit them all and made millions. They came in hard, with stacks of cash; big, seemingly insane bets; women hanging on their arms; and fake identities. Although they were taking classes and studying for exams during the week, over the weekends they stormed the blackjack tables only to be harassed, banned from casinos, threatened at gunpoint, and beaten in Vegas's notorious back rooms. The stakes were high, the dangers very real, but the players were up to the challenges, consequences be damned. There was Semyon Dukach himself, bored with school and broke; Victor Cassius, the slick, brilliant MIT grad student who galvanized the team; Owen Keller, with stunning ability but a dark past that would catch up to him; and Allie Simpson, bright, clever, and a feast for the eyes. In the classroom, they were geeks. On the casino floor, they were unstoppable. Busting Vegas is Dukach's unbelievably true story; a riveting account of

monumental greed, excess, hubris, sex, love, violence, fear, and statistics that is high-stakes entertainment at its best.

The New Yorker - Harold Wallace Ross 2006

The Extraordinarily Lucky Day in the Unlucky Life of David Pryce - Howard Gardos 2017-01-02
Poor David Pryce. His entire life has been plagued by misfortune. From a childhood in foster care, shuttled from one home to the next ("Dennis, if you don't eat dinner NOW, you don't eat DINNER!"), to adulthood riddled with debt, loss, and dashed hopes, David's life has been one series of disasters after another. Hope crushed, happiness thwarted, mundanity accepted. Nothing had ever gone David's way...until now. Until today. In one magical twenty four hour period, that is all about to change. David wakes up and from the moment he sees an e mail flashing the word WINNER at him he realizes this is the day he has been waiting for his entire life. David is spending the day in Las Vegas, and

what better place to be lucky. The reaction of the casino at David's luck starts as incredulous, as every bet, no matter how asinine or ridiculous, wins. Soon their attitude turns to panic and they dispatch a young and good hearted employee, James Sun, to speak to David, to get him off the tables. David and Jimmy sits down and David starts to tell the young man his story. We see in flashback David as a small child with his loving but mentally ill mother, then his life in the system when at ten years of age his mother almost dies of a drug overdose. We see David's attempt to be a hero when, as a teenager, he discovers a child in the home is being abused...and the disastrous results. His dabbling with being a villain, when, in his early twenties, he decided he was furious at a world that had turned its back on him. His failed attempt to find meaning through a career. And the story of his one love, his lost love. But in between the stories we revisit David and Jimmy, walking through the casino, interacting with

others. David is touching other people's lives and no matter how small his interaction we then watch as that moment, that tiny exposure to the day he is having continues to rub off on others: every person he encounters has his or her day improved because of that interaction. Sometimes the improvement is minor, but sometimes it is monumental. And all the while the clock is ticking away, midnight is nearing. It is not just any day in Las Vegas, it is New Year's Eve, but David knows his day is coming to an end when the New Year arrives. And will David be able to set things right before the clock strikes twelve? Will he be able to find meaning in his life, to find peace, to find the strength to move forward even as he accepts the past? The Extraordinarily Lucky Day in the Unlucky Life of David Pryce is both heart breaking and heart aching, a story that will bring out strong emotions in the reader as they both feel the pain of a person who has gone through life feeling nothing but lost hope and disappointment...but also the joy of seeing

the people and lives David touches, as well as David himself, as he searches for peace, for happiness, for meaning..

A History of the Rectangular Survey System

- C. Albert White 1983

Charlie Numbers and the Woolly Mammoth -

Ben Mezrich 2020-11-03

Charlie and the Whiz Kids discover a prehistoric mammoth tusk and stumble right into the nefarious clutches of an eccentric billionaire in this hilarious third novel of the Charlie Numbers series. Charlie Numbers and his gang of Whiz Kids—along with a few new allies—are on another mission: this time, to uncover the truth behind the mysterious mammoth tusk they found buried in the Boston Public Gardens. Their hunch? Blake Headstrom, eccentric billionaire, philanthropist, and collector of some renown, has been smuggling mammoth tusks into the city. The only question is: Why? Selling woolly mammoth tusks isn't illegal...but selling

elephant ivory is. And Charlie's certain Headstrom's plans are more sinister than they seem. But Headstrom is a powerful man, with powerful connections. If the Whiz Kids want to expose him for the criminal they know he is, they're going to have to catch him red-handed. Now if only Headstrom's henchmen weren't lurking at every turn...

Bobby Dazzler - Bobby George 2008-09-18

The autobiography of one of the most charismatic figures in darts history, who has so much more to tell... When Bobby George first appeared on the darts scene, he immediately caught the eye: well built (he was the only darts player ever to be approached to take part in TV's Superstars), good looking and with plenty of bling, he was a natural showman. He could play a bit too, as he showed by reaching the final of the world championship in both 1980 and 1994. But that is only the beginning of the story. Before the darts came his time as a doorman at various East End pubs and bars just after the era

of the Krays and Richardsons, when baseball bats and knuckle dusters would often come in handy. He also helped build the Victoria line. Since he retired from full-time darts, he has appeared in gangster films such as *Dog*, on TV programmes such as *Celebrity Fit Club*, and in videos with *The Streets*. Now best known as a commentator on the BBC, George relives the excitement of the last thirty years of the world of darts, with plenty of insider gossip and stories about all the most famous players in the TV era of the sport.

The Unseen - Heather Graham 2021-12-06

A Texas Ranger and a U.S. Marshal take on a mystery that stretches back centuries as they help the FBI's Krewe of Hunters stop a serial killer, in book 5 in the beloved suspense series, only from New York Times bestselling author Heather Graham. San Antonio, Texas, 1800s: In room 207 at the Longhorn Saloon, in the long shadow of the Alamo, a woman was brutally murdered. Her killer was never found. One year

ago, in that same historic room, another woman vanished without a trace. Now, San Antonio has become a dumping ground for battered bodies. When Texas Ranger Logan Raintree is approached to lead a group of elite paranormal investigators working the case, he accepts the challenge. And with it, his powerful ability to commune with the dead. U.S. Marshal Kelsey O'Brien has been waiting all her life to work with someone who can understand her ability to "see" the past. Now she has her chance. Together, Kelsey and Logan follow their instincts to the Alamo and to the newly reopened Longhorn, which once tempted heroes with drink, cards and women. If the spirits of those long-dead Texans are really appearing to the victims before their deaths, only Kelsey and Logan have the skills to find out why....

Breaking Vegas - Ben Mezrich 2011-12-31

For nearly five years, he was known as the 'Darling Of Las Vegas'; the biggest high roller to hit Sin City in decades, a hotshot, twenty one

year-old kid with a seemingly unlimited bankroll and an even more unlimited lust for big money action. His name was Semyon Dukatch, and stories swirled in his wake. Some said he was a Russian arms dealer, others a pop star from Eastern Europe. But the truth was even more unlikely: he was a twenty-one year old graduate student who had a plan that would one day make him richer than anyone could possibly imagine. The Darling of Las Vegas quickly became a legend in the casino world. He is the only person banned from the island of Aruba. He was held, at gunpoint, in a cave in Monte Carlo and told that if he ever returned, he'd be murdered. And he made millions of dollars playing blackjack, using three simple techniques that gave him the edge, techniques that are revealed in this book for the first time. This is his story, the ultimate true story of Las Vegas, the book Vegas doesn't want you to read...

Charlie Numbers and the Man in the Moon -
Ben Mezrich 2017-11-28

Charlie is recruited to use his mathematical prowess to discover what happened to a box of stolen moon rocks in this follow up to Bringing Down the Mouse. The Kid: Charlie Lewis, a.k.a. Numbers. The smartest kids in sixth grade. Charlie sees the world as a series of math problems—ones that can be solved, if you know the right equations. The Team: The Whiz Kids. Charlie's best friends are joining him undercover to recover missing moon rocks, which have disappeared from NASA's vaults. The Target: Aerospace Infinity, the company owned by former astronaut Buzz Caldwell and hosting organization of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum's paper airplane contest. Working together, the Whiz Kids must master the principles of aerodynamics, wind science, and gravity to win the contest to get closer to their target. The Catch: Nothing is ever as it seems, and Charlie suspects the mission is being led by someone who isn't what she claims to be. And messing with the government could jeopardize

their futures...

Charlie Numbers and the UFO Bash - Ben Mezrich 2023-08-08

Charlie and the Whiz Kids must separate fact from otherworldly fiction when Charlie sees a UFO in this hilarious fourth novel of the Charlie Numbers Adventures series. Charlie Lewis has always been a practical, logical kid, driven by his love of math and science. But when he witnesses a mysterious light in the woods, he becomes convinced that there are UFOs among us. In the midst of the yearly UFO New Year's bash, Charlie and his gang of Whiz Kids—plus a few old friends—race to uncover the true aliens among partygoers in costume. And, of course, nefarious villains emerge to stop them in their tracks...

Once Upon a Time in Russia - Ben Mezrich 2015-06-02

The New York Times bestselling author of *Bringing Down the House* and *The Accidental Billionaires* tells his most incredible story yet: A

true drama of obscene wealth, crime, rivalry, and betrayal from deep inside the world of billionaire Russian oligarchs that Booklist called “one more example of just how talented a storyteller [Mezrich] is.” Meet two larger-than-life Russians: former mathematician Boris Berezovsky, who moved into more lucrative ventures as well as politics, becoming known as the Godfather of the Kremlin; and Roman Abramovich, a dashing young entrepreneur who built one of Russia's largest oil companies from the ground up. After a chance meeting on a yacht in the Caribbean, the men became locked in a complex partnership, surfing the waves of privatization after the fall of the Soviet regime and amassing mega fortunes while also taking the reins of power in Russia. With Berezovsky serving as the younger entrepreneur's krysha—literally, his roof, his protector—they battled their way through the “Wild East” of Russia until their relationship soured when Berezovsky attacked President Vladimir Putin in

the media. Dead bodies trailed Berezovsky as he escaped to London, where an associate died painfully of Polonium poisoning, creating an international furor. As Abramovich prospered, Berezovsky was found dead in a luxurious London town house, declared a suicide. With unprecedented, exclusive first-person sourcing, Mezrich takes us inside a world of unimaginable wealth, power, and corruption to uncover this exciting story, a true-life thriller epic for our time—“Wolf Hall on the Moskva” (Bookpage).

Time Out Las Vegas - Editors of Time Out
2012-07-13

Time Out Las Vegas is the only crib sheet travelers need to the world's most outlandish city. Whether going for a short or extended visit, this guide is an invaluable companion through the neon maze that awaits in Las Vegas. With the lowdown on all the hotels and casinos, money-saving tips, extensive restaurant reviews, hints on the hottest nightlife, and a full guide to gambling, it leaves nothing to chance. This

seventh edition proves that there is more to Sin City than just sequins and slots — the dramatic expansion in hotel accommodations, fine dining, and shopping is attracting tourists from every economic strata, not just those with gambling as their sole agenda. The guide contains a detailed explanation of what games are available in the casinos, as well as tips on how to play them. There is also a chapter on suggested side trips to Hoover Dam, as well as other sights in Nevada and Arizona.

21: Bringing Down the House - Movie Tie-In
- Ben Mezrich 2008-02

Recounts the story of how a notorious gang of MIT blackjack savants devised and received backing for a system for winning at the world's most sophisticated casinos, an endeavor that earned them more than three million dollars. Originally published as *Bringing Down the House*. Reissue. (A Columbia Pictures film, written by Peter Steinfeld & Allan Loeb, directed by Robert Luketic, releasing March 2008,

starring Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Jim Sturgess, & others) (Current Affairs)

Billion Dollar Whale - Tom Wright 2018-09-18

Named a Best Book of 2018 by the Financial Times and Fortune, this "thrilling" (Bill Gates) New York Times bestseller exposes how a "modern Gatsby" swindled over \$5 billion with the aid of Goldman Sachs in "the heist of the century" (Axios). Now a #1 international bestseller, BILLION DOLLAR WHALE is "an epic tale of white-collar crime on a global scale" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), revealing how a young social climber from Malaysia pulled off one of the biggest heists in history. In 2009, a chubby, mild-mannered graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business named Jho Low set in motion a fraud of unprecedented gall and magnitude--one that would come to symbolize the next great threat to the global financial system. Over a decade, Low, with the aid of Goldman Sachs and others,

siphoned billions of dollars from an investment fund--right under the nose of global financial industry watchdogs. Low used the money to finance elections, purchase luxury real estate, throw champagne-drenched parties, and even to finance Hollywood films like *The Wolf of Wall Street*. By early 2019, with his yacht and private jet reportedly seized by authorities and facing criminal charges in Malaysia and in the United States, Low had become an international fugitive, even as the U.S. Department of Justice continued its investigation. BILLION DOLLAR WHALE has joined the ranks of *Liar's Poker*, *Den of Thieves*, and *Bad Blood* as a classic harrowing parable of hubris and greed in the financial world.

The 37th Parallel - Ben Mezrich 2016-09-06

This real-life *The X-Files* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* tells the true story of a computer programmer who tracks paranormal events along a 3,000-mile stretch through the heart of America and is drawn deeper and

deeper into a vast conspiracy. Like “Agent Mulder” of The X-Files, computer programmer and sheriff’s deputy Zukowski is obsessed with tracking down UFO reports in Colorado. He would take the family with him on weekend trips to look for evidence of aliens. But this innocent hobby takes on a sinister urgency when Zukowski learns of mutilated livestock, and sees the bodies of dead horses and cattle—whose exsanguination is inexplicable by any known human or animal means. Along an expanse of land stretching across the southern borders of Utah, Colorado, and Kansas, Zukowski discovers multiple bizarre incidences of mutilations, and suddenly realizes that they cluster around the 37th Parallel or “UFO Highway.” So begins an extraordinary and fascinating journey from El Paso and Rush, Colorado, to a mysterious space studies company and MUFON, from Roswell and Area 51 to the Pentagon and beyond; to underground secret military caverns and Indian sacred sites; beneath strange, unexplained lights

in the sky and into corporations that obstruct and try to take over investigations. Inspiring and terrifying, this true story will keep you up at night, staring at the sky, and wondering if we really are alone...and what could happen next.

Million Dollar Video Poker - Bob Dancer
2003-03

Bob Dancer, the world's best known video poker player and writer, came to Vegas with \$6,000 and won more than \$1 million in six years playing beatable machines. Million Dollar Video Poker recounts the events of those six years, with stories about his meteoric ups and downs, and lessons for players of all skill levels. Video poker is one of those rare casino games that can be beaten by a talented and informed player, and Dancer explains how it's done. Never before has a top video poker professional shared so many of his winning secrets.

The Midnight Ride - Ben Mezrich 2022-02-22

From the celebrated, New York Times bestselling author comes a commercial thriller of

an MIT grad student who unwittingly uncovers the hidden connection between the Gardner Museum heist and the most fascinating secret in American history. **THE CARD SHARK:** Hailey Gordon is looking to make some fast cash to help pay her tuition when she's caught counting cards at the Encore casino in Boston. She grabs her winnings and makes her escape. With guards closing in, she dives into an unlocked room to hide . . . only to find a dead body. **THE EX-CON:** Recently released from prison, Nick Patterson hasn't felt hope in a long time, but the job he "inherited" in prison promises to change that. He enters hotel room 633 to find that the person he was supposed to meet has been murdered. Next to the corpse stands a terrified young woman—Hailey Gordon. **THE PROFESSOR:** American history professor Adrian Jensen learns of the death of his professional nemesis, Charles Walker, the night after he received Walker's latest research. Skeptical at first, Adrian nearly deletes the file. But when

one small, new detail catches his eye, he makes it his mission to uncover what could be one of the biggest secrets of the Revolutionary War. All three strangers find themselves on the cusp of an incredible discovery—one that someone is willing to kill to keep buried.

Reading Fiction with Lucian - Karen ní Mheallaigh 2014-11-10

A captivating new interpretation of Lucian as a fictional theorist and writer to stand alongside the novelists of the day.

Monuments, Empires, and Resistance - Tom D. Dillehay 2007-04-30

From AD 1550 to 1850, the Araucanian polity in southern Chile was a center of political resistance to the intruding Spanish empire. In this 2007 book, Tom D. Dillehay examines the resistance strategies of the Araucanians and how they used mound building and other sacred monuments to reorganize their political and culture life in order to unite against the Spanish. Drawing on anthropological research conducted

over three decades, Dillehay focuses on the development of leadership, shamanism, ritual, and power relations. His study combines developments in social theory with the archaeological, ethnographic, and historical records. Both theoretically and empirically informed, this book is a fascinating account of the only indigenous ethnic group to successfully resist outsiders for more than three centuries and to flourish under these conditions.

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas - Hunter S. Thompson 2010-09-29

50th Anniversary Edition • With an introduction by Caitly Weaver, acclaimed New York Times journalist This cult classic of gonzo journalism is the best chronicle of drug-soaked, addle-brained, rollicking good times ever committed to the printed page. It is also the tale of a long weekend road trip that has gone down in the annals of American pop culture as one of the strangest journeys ever undertaken. Also a major motion picture directed by Terry Gilliam,

starring Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro.
Mathematical Modelling - Jagat Narain Kapur 1988

Each Chapter Of The Book Deals With Mathematical Modelling Through One Or More Specified Techniques. Thus There Are Chapters On Mathematical Modelling Through Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry And Calculus, Through Ordinary Differential Equations Of First And Second Order, Through Systems Of Differential Equations, Through Difference Equations, Through Partial Differential Equations, Through Functional Equations And Integral Equations, Through Delay-Differential, Differential-Difference And Integro-Differential Equations, Through Calculus Of Variations And Dynamic Programming, Through Graphs, Through Mathematical Programming, Maximum Principle And Maximum Entropy Principle. Each Chapter Contains Mathematical Models From Physical, Biological, Social, Management Sciences And Engineering And Technology And Illustrates

Unity In Diversity Of Mathematical Sciences. The Book Contains Plenty Of Exercises In Mathematical Modelling And Is Aimed To Give A Panoramic View Of Applications Of Modelling In All Fields Of Knowledge. It Contains Both Probabilistic And Deterministic Models. The Book Presumes Only The Knowledge Of Undergraduate Mathematics And Can Be Used As A Textbook At Senior Undergraduate Or Post-Graduate Level For A One Or Two- Semester Course For Students Of Mathematics, Statistics, Physical, Social And Biological Sciences And Engineering. It Can Also Be Useful For All Users Of Mathematics And For All Mathematical Modellers.

Hip Hop America - Nelson George 2005-04-26
From Nelson George, supervising producer and writer of the hit Netflix series, "The Get Down, Hip Hop America is the definitive account of the society-altering collision between black youth culture and the mass media.

Elvis in Vegas - Richard Zoglin 2020-11-10

"Outstanding pop-culture history." —Newsday
The "smart and zippy account" (The Wall Street Journal) of how Las Vegas saved Elvis and Elvis saved Las Vegas in the greatest musical comeback of all time. Elvis's 1969 opening night in Vegas was his first time back on a live stage in more than eight years. His career had gone sour—bad movies, mediocre pop songs that no longer made the charts—and he'd been dismissed by most critics as over-the-hill. But in Vegas he played the biggest showroom in the biggest hotel in the city, drawing more people for his four-week engagement than any other show in Vegas history. His performance got rave reviews; "Suspicious Minds," the song he introduced there, gave him his first number-one hit in seven years; and Elvis became Vegas's biggest star. Over the next seven years, he performed more than 600 shows there, and sold out every one. Las Vegas was changed, too. By the end of the '60s, Vegas' golden age—when the Rat Pack led a glittering array of stars who

made it the nation's premier live-entertainment center—was losing its luster. Elvis created a new kind of Vegas show: an over-the-top, rock-concert extravaganza. He set a new bar for Vegas performers, with the biggest salary, the biggest musical production, and the biggest promotion campaign the city had ever seen. He opened the door to a new generation of pop/rock artists and brought a new audience to Vegas—not the traditional well-heeled older gamblers, but a mass audience from Middle America that Vegas depends on for its success to this day. At once “a fascinating history of Vegas as gambling capital, celebrity playground, mob hangout, [and] entertainment Valhalla” (Rolling Stone) and the incredible “tale of how the King got his groove back” (Associated Press), Elvis in Vegas is a classic feel-good story for the ages.

The Mammoth Book of Pirates - Jon E. Lewis
2011-08-04

A rollicking tour of the history of the high seas with Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, 'Calico Jack'

Rackham, Anne Bonney and other figures of maritime legend. Includes Francis 'The Scourge of Spain' Drake's audacious night-time treasure raid on Nombre de Dios; Alexander Exquemelin's fly-on-the-wall account of the 'wicked order of pirates, or robbers of the sea'; the journal of William Dampier, found stashed in a hollow bamboo tube, and much more. Witness skulduggery and malice, terror and excitement -- a colourful and always entertaining collection.

How We Eat - Paco Underhill 2022-01-04

An entertaining and timely exploration of how our food—from where it's grown to how we buy it—is in the midst of a transformation, showing how this is our chance to do better, for us, for our children, and for our planet, from a global expert on consumer behavior. Our food system—how we produce, process, distribute, and consume food—is broken. But we have the opportunity to do better. Market researcher and bestselling author Paco Underhill sets out to solve these problems and show us where our

eating and driving lives are headed in his newest book, *How We Eat*. Hailed by the San Francisco Chronicle as “a Sherlock Holmes for retailers,” Underhill takes an upbeat, hopeful, and characteristically witty approach to how we can change the way we consume. *How We Eat* reveals the future of food in surprising ways, like how the city is getting country-fied with the rise of farmer’s markets and rooftop farms; how supermarkets are on their way out with their most valuable real estate, their parking lot, for growing their own food and hosting community events; and how marijuana farmers, who have been using artificial light to grow a crop for years, have developed a playbook so mainstream merchants and farmers across the world can grow food in an uncertain future. Paco Underhill is the expert behind the most prominent brands, consumer habits, and market trends and the author of multiple highly acclaimed books, including *Why We Buy*. In *How We Eat*, he shows how food intersects with every major

battle we face today, from political and environmental to economic and racial, and invites you to the market to discover more.

Leadership - Alford L. McMichael 2011-12-06
"Take one look at him, listen to him speak, watch him act, and you'll follow him. Why? Because throughout his life and military career, Sergeant Major Al McMichael has proven himself to be a visionary who develops and nurtures ideas to fruition.... Anyone who is charged with leading, teaching, mentoring, managing or caring for people should read the inspiring story of Al McMichael in *Leadership*." -- Dean Mark Pizzo, National Defense University in Washington, D.C.
There is only one sergeant major of the Marine Corps at any one time. It is the highest rank an enlisted Marine can achieve. From 1999 to 2003 the USMC's 14th sergeant major, and the first African American to attain the position, was Alford L. McMichael. Now, Sergeant Major McMichael shares how the values taught to him around the dinner table and in the hard times of

his dirt-poor Southern childhood took him to the top of his field and made him one of the most respected and valued leaders of our time. This is not a guide that speaks only to military personnel. This is not a guide that only CEOs will cherish. The magic of McMichael's life lessons is that anyone can relate to and build success from them, because McMichael himself learned them in the most modest of beginnings: growing up in the 1950s with nine siblings in a single-parent, one-story home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was the best training he could have received for the Marines, and with down-to-earth practicality and an engaging anecdotal style, McMichael demonstrates how the morals, work ethic and self-discipline he learned from his mother and grandmother gave him the life skills for groundbreaking success. Practice dinner table values...Find your compass...Rely on intelligence over emotion...Prepare so you can prosper...Impress yourself first...Give power to your people...Lead from the heart...These are

among the pragmatic and distinctive nuggets of truth McMichael imparts in *Leadership*, and whatever your walk in life, they are the foundation for making great things happen. Are you ready to experience the phenomenal results when you ask the best of yourself and those around you?

The Big Player How a Team of Blackjack Players Made a Million Dollars - Ken Uston 2011

"The Big Player" deals with the experiences of Ken Uston as a member of the Blackjack card-counting team led by professional gambler Al Francesco. That is only the beginning of the story. The Al Francesco team broke up and later Ken Uston started forming his own teams, first using counters from the original Al Francesco team and then recruiting and adding new players. The original book has been updated with technical information by team member Roy Hoppe explaining how the team and card counting system worked and also explaining the problems the team faced and the difficulties that

led the team eventually to break up.

Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist - Houston Curtis

2020-03-24

“Right out of the gate, the entire game was designed to empty the pockets of those rich, celeb-loving LA suckers.”—Houston Curtis Leonardo DiCaprio. Alex Rodriguez. Tobey Maguire. Ben Affleck. Matt Damon. John Cassavetes. What do these people have in common? Not just fame and fortune; all these men are also alumni of the ultra-exclusive, high-stakes poker ring that inspired Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-nominated film, *Molly’s Game*. But Houston Curtis, the card shark who co-founded the game with Tobey Maguire, knows that Sorkin’s is the whitewashed version. In *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist*, Curtis goes all-in, revealing the true story behind the game. From its origins with Maguire to staking DiCaprio’s first game, installing Molly Bloom, avoiding the hookers and blow down the hall, and weathering the FBI investigation that left Curtis with a lien

on his house, this is the no-holds-barred account of the world’s most exclusive Texas Hold ‘Em game from the man who started it—with all the names and salacious details that *Molly’s Game* left out. With the insider appeal of *Rounders*, more A-listers than *Ocean’s 11*, and the excitement of *The Sting*, *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist* is the untold, insider’s story that makes *Molly’s Game* look tame.

Killer Stripper - James Morris 2017-03-27

His body was left on a hiking trail near Hope, Alaska, an hour from Anchorage. He was discovered by utility workers making their way to a job. But perhaps because of the conditions on that remote hillside, or because of the carefulness of the murderers, no physical evidence was found that could have tied anybody to the crime. What little evidence there was, and common sense, pointed towards roommates Mechele Hughes and John Carlin, but not enough to bring them to trial. Leppink's death, however, was almost overshadowed by Mechele

Hughes' story: a stripper who had perhaps had her boyfriend murdered in cold blood, by her lover. The salacious story gripped headlines around the country when the case went to trial, a full decade after the crime.

The Amityville Horror - Jay Anson 2019-12-03
"A fascinating and frightening book" (Los Angeles Times)—the bestselling true story about a house possessed by evil spirits, haunted by psychic phenomena almost too terrible to describe. In December 1975, the Lutz family moved into their new home on suburban Long Island. George and Kathleen Lutz knew that, one year earlier, Ronald DeFeo had murdered his parents, brothers, and sisters in the house, but the property—complete with boathouse and swimming pool—and the price had been too good to pass up. Twenty-eight days later, the entire Lutz family fled in terror. This is the spellbinding, shocking true story that gripped the nation about an American dream that turned into a nightmare beyond imagining—"this book

will scare the hell out of you" (Kansas City Star).
The Giver of Stars - Jojo Moyes 2022-02-22
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER | A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK "A great narrative about personal strength and really captures how books bring communities together." —Reese Witherspoon From the author of the forthcoming *Someone Else's Shoes*, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond in Depression-era America Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve, hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be

joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. What happens to them--and to the men they love--becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity, and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives. Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic--a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

Straight Flush - Ben Mezrich 2013-06-06

Straight Flush is the true story of a group of University of Montana frat brothers who turned

a weekly poker game in the basement of a local bar into one of the largest online poker companies in the world. At its height, the group's online empire was bringing in revenues of over a million dollars a day. The industry they launched grew so huge so fast, and in such a grey area of US and international law, at first it was never really clear whether their actions were legal or criminal. From setting up their operations in Costa Rica, to their efforts at building a veil of legitimacy in Vancouver; from embracing a hedonistic lifestyle of girls, drugs and money to becoming some of the richest people in the world; from engaging in operations against their competitors that sometimes escalated into near all-out wars to the legal battles that finally resulted in one of them heading to prison and another living life on the run - Straight Flush is an exclusive look behind the headlines of one of the biggest stories of the past decade.

Long Bomb - Brett Forrest 2002

Traces the hype-fueled rise and spectacular fall of the XFL from the perspective of the Outlaws, the league's Las Vegas franchise, offering insightful profiles of such key characters as the WWF's Vince McMahon and NBC's Dick Ebersol, as well as broadcasters, celebrities, league officials, coaches, and players. 25,000 first printing.

Crying in H Mart - Michelle Zauner 2021-04-20
NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • From the indie rock sensation known as Japanese Breakfast, an unforgettable memoir about family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American—"in losing her mother and cooking to bring her back to life, Zauner became herself" (NPR) • CELEBRATING OVER ONE YEAR ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER LIST In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Michelle Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids

at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food. As she grew up, moving to the East Coast for college, finding work in the restaurant industry, and performing gigs with her fledgling band--and meeting the man who would become her husband--her Koreanness began to feel ever more distant, even as she found the life she wanted to live. It was her mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer, when Michelle was twenty-five, that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her. Vivacious and plainspoken, lyrical and honest, Zauner's voice is as radiantly alive on the page as it is onstage. Rich with intimate anecdotes that will resonate widely, and complete with family photos, Crying in H Mart is a book to

cherish, share, and reread.

Shadow Country - Peter Matthiessen

2008-08-19

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER •

“Altogether gripping, shocking, and brilliantly told, not just a tour de force in its stylistic range, but a great American novel, as powerful a reading experience as nearly any in our literature.”—Michael Dirda, *The New York Review of Books* *Killing Mister Watson, Lost Man’s River, and Bone by Bone*—Peter Matthiessen’s great American epic about Everglades sugar planter and notorious outlaw E. J. Watson on the wild Florida frontier at the turn of the twentieth century—were originally conceived as one vast, mysterious novel. Now, in this bold new rendering, Matthiessen has marvelously distilled a monumental work while deepening the insights and motivations of his characters with brilliant rewriting throughout. Praise for *Shadow Country* “Magnificent . . . breathtaking . . . Finally now we have [this

three-part saga] welded like a bell, and with Watson’s song the last sound, all the elements fuse and resonate.”—*Los Angeles Times* “Peter Matthiessen has done great things with the Watson trilogy. It’s the story of our continent, both land and people, and his writing does every justice to the blood fury of his themes.”—Don DeLillo “The fiction of Peter Matthiessen is the reason a lot of people in my generation decided to be writers. No doubt about it. *Shadow Country* lives up to anyone’s highest expectations for great writing.” —Richard Ford “*Shadow Country*, Matthiessen’s distillation of the earlier Watson saga, represents his original vision. It is the quintessence of his lifelong concerns, and a great legacy.”—W. S. Merwin “[An] epic masterpiece . . . a great American novel.”—*The Miami Herald*

Breaking Point - Martha Nibley Beck 1997

A look at the moment of crisis that many women are forced to confront discusses the conflicting life roles that can lead to this point and suggests

how women can transcend such crises and redefine their lives

The Blackjack Life - Nathaniel Tilton

2012-09-25

Author Nathaniel Tilton was just a regular guy with a regular job when he read Bringing Down the House and decided he wanted to do what the players in that book did. A journey through the inner world of card counting, the lessons of teamwork, and the clandestine pursuit of beating the odds, in The Blackjack Life Tilton relates the story of his personal journey through the smoke-filled casinos in which he and his playing partner gambled, to the seedy backrooms that he hoped he would never see. More than just wins and losses, The Blackjack Life is about the growth of a man who discovered himself through the unlikeliest of places - the world of professional blackjack -- and who now shares his informed view of the opportunities that still exist for skilled players and what it's really like to travel that road today.

Death Waits in the Dark: Six Guns Don't Miss! - Gregory Coker 2021-02

"Death Waits in the Dark - Six Guns Don't Miss" is a thrilling story about a Night Stalker at war. This is the story of an attack helicopter pilot who flew with the renowned 160th Special Operations Regiment (Airborne), and the incredible friendships Greg Coker and his fellow compatriots forged in the heat of combat. The Night Stalkers, officially known as the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, are the best helicopter pilots and crews in the world. These are the crews who fly America's top special operations units to combat. They can reach any target, plus or minus 30 seconds, as they take pride in saying. The Battle of Mogadishu, the Osama bin Laden mission, and the Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi raid are just some of their exploits that have made it through to the public. When you hear about special operations troops doing something incredible on the ground, it's almost always because 160th SOAR

pilots like Gregory "Gravy" Coker flew them in, provided air support, and whisked them back out -- all under cover of darkness. Alexander Hollings writes - "The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, commonly called the Night Stalkers, are widely considered to be among the best military aviators on the planet. Coker's new book, "Death Waits in the Dark: Six Guns Don't Miss" promises to give us a glimpse into this elite and secretive world, and came with some help from Sandboxx's own resident Delta Force legend, George E. Hand IV."

Ugly Americans - Ben Mezrich 2011-12-31
The true story of the Ivy League hedge fund cowboys who gambled with the dangerously high stakes of the Asian stock market. John Malcolm, high school football hero and Princeton

graduate made his millions back in the early '90s, a time when dozens of elite young American graduates made their fortunes in hedge funds in the Far East, beating the Japanese at their own game, riding the crashing waves of the Asian stock markets, gambling at impossibly high stakes and winning. Failure meant not only bankruptcy and disgrace à la Nick Leeson, but potentially even death - at the hands of the Japanese Yakuza: one of the world's most notoriously violent organised crime syndicates. Ugly Americans tells Malcolm's story, and that of others like him, in a high octane book, filled with glamour, money and the dangers these incur, this true story is a cross between Mezrich's own best-selling Bringing Down the House and Michael Lewis' Liar's Poker.