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Offers information & advice to help consumers gain knowledge about their rights & about how to make the right choices. Includes: corporate consumer contacts; better business bureaus; trade association & other dispute resolution programs; state, county & city government consumer offices; selected federal agencies; military commissary & exchange contacts; media programs; occupational & professional licensing boards; legal help; consumer credit counseling services; consumer groups & much more. Especially helpful for consumer complaints or problems. Backed by the resources of Independent Feature Project/West, co-authors Nicole Shay LaLoggia and Eden H. Wurmfeld have written the definitive low-budget production manual. Using examples from the Swingers and Kissing Jessica Stein, this comprehensive manual offers the independent filmmaker a single volume reference covering every aspect of making a film: script rights and rewrites, financing, breakdown, scheduling and budgeting, pre-production, production, postproduction, and distribution. A resource guide listing useful references and organizations, as well as a glossary, complete this guide. The downloadable resources feature interviews with important figures in the independent film industry, including Billy Bob Thornton and Ang Lee. Forms that are illuminated in the text are also included on the downloadable resources for ease of use. The new edition is updated with thorough coverage of digital and HD-how to decide which to shoot on, what the financial impact is, and the effect on preproduction. There is also a new chapter on distribution and expanded material on postproduction. This overview of interactive videodisc technology is designed to assist educators in finding the appropriate equipment and software for any specific application. The handbook may also serve as a starting point for many educators who know nothing of the technology and assist them in deciding whether this technology is worth pursuing as an educational tool in specific situations. Although not comprehensive, the listings reflect a good portion of the videodisc-related products available today and the prices provide a good indication of the general price range of specific items. The handbook contains 10 chapters: (1) Introduction to Videodiscs; (2) Overview of Laser Disc Systems; (3) Selecting a Laser Videodisc Player; (4) Video Playback Units; (5) Videodisc Interface Units; (6) Disc Player Peripherals; (7) Videodisc System Packages; (8) Educational Videodisc Software; (9) Interactive Videodisc Authoring Languages; and (10) Videodisc Care and Maintenance. Appendices include directories of laser disc players; television monitors and projects; laser disc interfaces; laser disc peripherals; laser disc system packages; videodisc software (listed by subject area); videodisc mastering options; interactive authoring languages; service information; and videodisc resources, which includes a manufacturer's index. (DJR) Addresses the cataloging of videos and films of multifaceted performances and presentations where music is an important component of the production. Now in its thoroughly revised, updated Seventh Edition, this Spiral® Manual provides practical, easily accessible information on management of the pregnant patient. Major sections cover obstetric care, obstetric complications, maternal complications, fetal assessment, fetal complications, and neonatal care. This edition's chapters have a new consistent outline structure, more tables, and more figures. Coverage includes a new

chapter on obstetric anesthesia and new information on drugs for cardiovascular, neurologic, and endocrine conditions, including oral agents for gestational diabetes. The chapter on genetic counseling has been completely rewritten. This edition also addresses controversies regarding surgical births and vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC). Books on intercultural communication are rarely written with an intercultural readership in mind. In contrast, this multinational team of authors has put together an introduction to communicating across cultures that uses examples and case studies from around the world. The book further covers essential new topics, including international conflict, social networking, migration, and the effects technology and mass media play in the globalization of communication. Written to be accessible for international students too, this text situates communication theory in a truly global perspective. Each chapter brings to life the links between theory and practice and between the global and the local, introducing key theories and their practical applications. Along the way, you will be supported with first-rate learning resources, including:

- theory corners with concise, boxed-out digests of key theoretical concepts
- case illustrations putting the main points of each chapter into context
- learning objectives, discussion questions, key terms and further reading framing each chapter and stimulating further discussion
- a companion website containing resources for instructors, including multiple choice questions, presentation slides, exercises and activities, and teaching notes.

This book will not merely guide you to success in your studies, but will teach you to become a more critical consumer of information and understand the influence of your own culture on how you view yourself and others. This practical surgical atlas focuses on a variety of surgical procedures in a portable format, allowing students, residents and even attending surgeons to carry it around with them throughout the day to check up on operations at any given time. The comprehensive illustrations help the reader to understand the procedures described, thanks to inter-operative photographs which provide accurate representations of the various techniques of the operations. The wide scope of this book ensures coverage of the most common general surgery procedures and the most common operations that faculty, residents and students encounter. The bestselling author of *No Logo* shows how the global "free market" has exploited crises and shock for three decades, from Chile to Iraq. In her groundbreaking reporting, Naomi Klein introduced the term "disaster capitalism." Whether covering Baghdad after the U.S. occupation, Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami, or New Orleans post-Katrina, she witnessed something remarkably similar. People still reeling from catastrophe were being hit again, this time with economic "shock treatment," losing their land and homes to rapid-fire corporate takeovers. The Shock Doctrine retells the story of the most dominant ideology of our time, Milton Friedman's free market economic revolution. In contrast to the popular myth of this movement's peaceful global victory, Klein shows how it has exploited moments of shock and extreme violence in order to implement its economic policies in so many parts of the world from Latin America and Eastern Europe to South Africa, Russia, and Iraq. At the core of disaster capitalism is the use of cataclysmic events to advance radical privatization combined with the privatization of the disaster response itself. Klein argues that by capitalizing on crises, created by nature or war, the disaster capitalism complex now exists as a booming new economy, and is the violent culmination of a radical economic project that has been incubating for fifty years. The theme of the symposium is "Women and Technology: Historical, Societal and Professional Perspectives." The roles of women in technology are more diverse, controversial, and important today than ever before. Since the 1950s women have tried to technologically empower themselves, particularly by entering the engineering profession. They have done so in great numbers, although today it is glaringly obvious that women are still underrepresented in engineering. Women in the field still face gender-based obstacles, expectations, and biases despite decades of efforts to eradicate these problems. These issues are addressed. Flexible, easy to use, just enough detail? and now the number-one best seller. With just enough detail ? and color-coded links that send students to more detail if they need it ? this is the rhetoric that tells students what they need to know and resists the temptation to tell them everything there is to know. Designed for easy reference ? with menus, directories, and a combined glossary/index. The Third Edition has new chapters on academic writing, choosing genres, writing online, and choosing media, as well as new attention to multimodal writing. The Norton Field Guide to Writing is available with a handbook, an anthology, or both ? and all versions are now available as low-cost ebooks. The International Film & TV Production Directory & Guide for professional Motion Picture, Broadcast-TV, Feature Films, Commercials, Cable/Satellite, Digital and Videotape Industries. It covers the latest annual updates in production and logistic information for all major production centers in the United States (all states), Canada (all provinces), the United Kingdom, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Europe, Israel, Jordan, Australia (all states), New Zealand, Morocco, South Africa, India, Japan, South America the Far East, and many more. Edited for those responsible for film & videotape productions, and for the purchasing of production equipment and services. Contains comprehensive compilation of production information, featuring 8 major sections: (1) Professional Information: Production Contracts, Insurance, Completion Bonds, Copyright Registration, Distribution, The Rating System, Location Scouting & Management, Use of Firearms Regulations, Use of Animal Guidelines, Weather Forecasting, etc.; (2) Financial Information: Financing Sources, Production Packaging, Licensing & Merchandising Rights, Distribution Methods, etc.; (3) Production Information: Location Logistics, Shooting-Permit requirements, Government Filming Regulations, etc (4) Union & Guilds Agreements: Latest & updated

contracts, wage scales & working conditions, for all craft classifications; (5) Commercials, Videotape & Music Productions: AICP, AICE, ITS & AMP Music standard working guidelines, covering Production Budget Forms and Bidding Procedures with advertising agencies; (6) Major International Festivals & Awards: Entry Regulations, Competition Procedures, Nomination Categories, etc., covering all major international events (Oscar, Emmy, Cannes, Clio, etc.); (7) Major International Markets: AFM (American Film Market), Cannes Market, MIFED, NATPE, MIP-TV, and NAB; (8) Classified Production Directory: Over 30,000 listings of Production Companies, Services & Professionals, in more than 200 classified categories. This excellent textbook provides up-to-date information on all aspects of pelvic floor disorders. After an opening section on anatomy and physiology, it explains the methodology, role and application of the integrated imaging approach in detail, including the most advanced 3D, 4D, and dynamic ultrasound techniques, illustrated with hundreds of images. It then discusses in depth the epidemiology, etiology, assessment, and management of the full range of pelvic floor disorders from multidisciplinary and practical perspectives. The book also provides information on the various forms of obstetric perineal trauma, urinary incontinence and voiding dysfunction, anal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, constipation and obstructed defecation, pelvic pain and sexual dysfunction, and fistulas, and includes treatment algorithms as well as helpful guidance on what to do when surgical treatment goes wrong. The authors are leading experts in the field from around the globe. Since the first edition from 2010 (more than 200,000 chapter downloads), the book has been extensively rewritten and features numerous additional topics. The result is a comprehensive textbook that is invaluable for gynecologists, colorectal surgeons, urologists, radiologists, and gastroenterologists, beginners and veterans alike. Critical insights for savvy financial analysts Financial Planning & Analysis and Performance Management is the essential desk reference for CFOs, FP&A professionals, investment banking professionals, and equity research analysts. With thought-provoking discussion and refreshing perspective, this book provides insightful reference for critical areas that directly impact an organization's effectiveness. From budgeting and forecasting, analysis, and performance management, to financial communication, metrics, and benchmarking, these insights delve into the cornerstones of business and value drivers. Dashboards, graphs, and other visual aids illustrate complex concepts and provide reference at a glance, while the author's experience as a CFO, educator, and general manager leads to comprehensive and practical analytical techniques for real world application. Financial analysts are under constant pressure to perform at higher and higher levels within the realm of this consistently challenging function. Though areas ripe for improvement abound, true resources are scarce—until now. This book provides real-world guidance for analysts ready to: Assess performance of FP&A function and develop improvement program Improve planning and forecasting with new and provocative thinking Step up your game with leading edge analytical tools and practical solutions Plan, analyze and improve critical business and value drivers Build analytical capability and effective presentation of financial information Effectively evaluate capital investments in uncertain times The most effective analysts are those who are constantly striving for improvement, always seeking new solutions, and forever in pursuit of enlightening resources with real, useful information. Packed with examples, practical solutions, models, and novel approaches, Financial Planning & Analysis and Performance Management is an invaluable addition to the analyst's professional library. Access to a website with many of the tools introduced are included with the purchase of the book. This is the first textbook dedicated to explaining how artificial intelligence (AI) techniques can be used in and for games. After introductory chapters that explain the background and key techniques in AI and games, the authors explain how to use AI to play games, to generate content for games and to model players. The book will be suitable for undergraduate and graduate courses in games, artificial intelligence, design, human-computer interaction, and computational intelligence, and also for self-study by industrial game developers and practitioners. The authors have developed a website (<http://www.gameaibook.org>) that complements the material covered in the book with up-to-date exercises, lecture slides and reading. Gathers information on business law, communications, administration, finance, human resources, international trade, manufacturing, and more The human Race is at war with the Vicious Dalki and when they needed help more than ever, THEY started to come forward. Humans who had hidden in the shadows for hundreds of years, people with abilities. Some chose to share their knowledge to the rest of the world in hopes of winning the war, while others kept their abilities to themselves. Quinn had lost everything to the war, his home, his family and the only thing he had inherited was a crummy old book that he couldn't even open. But when the book had finally opened, Quinn was granted a system and his whole life was turned around. He completed quest after quest and became more powerful, until one day the system gave him a quest he wasn't sure he could complete. "It is time to feed!" "You must drink human blood within 24 hours" "Your HP will continue to decrease until the task has been completed" More info, visit: <https://www.webnovel.com/> NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AMAZON BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR Unlikely pig owners Steve and Derek got a whole lot more than they bargained for when the designer micro piglet they adopted turned out to be a full-sized 600-pound sow! This funny, inspirational story shows how families really do come in all shapes and sizes. In the summer of 2012, Steve Jenkins was contacted by an old friend about adopting a micro piglet. Though he knew his partner Derek wouldn't be enthusiastic, he agreed to take the adorable little pig anyway, thinking he could care for her himself. Little did he know,

that decision would change his and Derek's lives forever. It turned out there was nothing "micro" about Esther, and Steve and Derek had actually signed on to raise a full-sized commercial pig. Within three years, Tiny Esther grew to a whopping 600 pounds. After some real growing pains and a lot of pig-sized messes, it became clear that Esther needed much more space, so Steve and Derek made another life-changing decision: they bought a farm and opened the Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary, where they could care for Esther and other animals in need. Funny, heartwarming, and utterly charming, ESTHER THE WONDER PIG follows Steve and Derek's adventure--from reluctant pig parents to farm-owning advocates for animals. This Surfing notebook / Journal makes an excellent gift for any occasion . Lined - Size: 6 x 9" - Notebook - Journal - Planner - Dairy - 110 Pages - Classic White Lined Paper - For Writing, Sketching, Journals and Hand Lettering This book is the third volume in the Handbook of Zoology series which treats the systematics and biology of Coleoptera. With approximately 350,000 described species, Coleoptera are by far the most species-rich order of insects and the largest group of animals of comparable geological age. This third Coleoptera volume completes the Morphology and Systematics volumes with 43 chapters and covers one of the largest radiations of beetles, the mainly plant-feeding Phytophaga, with information on world distribution, biology, morphology of all life stages (including anatomy), phylogeny and comments on taxonomy. The Craft and Science of Coffee follows the coffee plant from its origins in East Africa to its current role as a global product that influences millions of lives through sustainable development, economics, and consumer desire. For most, coffee is a beloved beverage. However, for some it is also an object of scientific study, and for others it is approached as a craft, both building on skills and experience. By combining the research and insights of the scientific community and expertise of the crafts people, this unique book brings readers into a sustained and inclusive conversation, one where academic and industrial thought leaders, coffee farmers, and baristas are quoted, each informing and enriching each other. This unusual approach guides the reader on a journey from coffee farmer to roaster, market analyst to barista, in a style that is both rigorous and experience based, universally relevant and personally engaging. From on-farming processes to consumer benefits, the reader is given a deeper appreciation and understanding of coffee's complexity and is invited to form their own educated opinions on the ever changing situation, including potential routes to further shape the coffee future in a responsible manner. Presents a novel synthesis of coffee research and real-world experience that aids understanding, appreciation, and potential action. Includes contributions from a multitude of experts who address complex subjects with a conversational approach. Provides expert discourse on the coffee value chain, from agricultural and production practices, sustainability, post-harvest processing, and quality aspects to the economic analysis of the consumer value proposition. Engages with the key challenges of future coffee production and potential solutions. Many texts are excellent sources of knowledge about individual statistical tools, but the art of data analysis is about choosing and using multiple tools. Instead of presenting isolated techniques, this text emphasizes problem solving strategies that address the many issues arising when developing multivariable models using real data and not standard textbook examples. It includes imputation methods for dealing with missing data effectively, methods for dealing with nonlinear relationships and for making the estimation of transformations a formal part of the modeling process, methods for dealing with "too many variables to analyze and not enough observations," and powerful model validation techniques based on the bootstrap. This text realistically deals with model uncertainty and its effects on inference to achieve "safe data mining". Offers advice on installing and testing a satellite receiver, and lists stations and satellites The entertainment industry has long been dominated by legendary screenwriter William Goldman's "Nobody-Knows-Anything" mantra, which argues that success is the result of managerial intuition and instinct. This book builds the case that combining such intuition with data analytics and rigorous scholarly knowledge provides a source of sustainable competitive advantage – the same recipe for success that is behind the rise of firms such as Netflix and Spotify, but has also fueled Disney's recent success. Unlocking a large repertoire of scientific studies by business scholars and entertainment economists, the authors identify essential factors, mechanisms, and methods that help a new entertainment product succeed. The book thus offers a timely alternative to "Nobody-Knows" decision-making in the digital era: while coupling a good idea with smart data analytics and entertainment theory cannot guarantee a hit, it systematically and substantially increases the probability of success in the entertainment industry. Entertainment Science is poised to inspire fresh new thinking among managers, students of entertainment, and scholars alike. Thorsten Hennig-Thurau and Mark B. Houston – two of our finest scholars in the area of entertainment marketing – have produced a definitive research-based compendium that cuts across various branches of the arts to explain the phenomena that provide consumption experiences to capture the hearts and minds of audiences. Morris B. Holbrook, W. T. Dillard Professor Emeritus of Marketing, Columbia University Entertainment Science is a must-read for everyone working in the entertainment industry today, where the impact of digital and the use of big data can't be ignored anymore. Hennig-Thurau and Houston are the scientific frontrunners of knowledge that the industry urgently needs. Michael Kölmel, media entrepreneur and Honorary Professor of Media Economics at University of Leipzig Entertainment Science's winning combination of creativity, theory, and data analytics offers managers in the creative industries and beyond a novel, compelling, and comprehensive approach to support their decision-making. This ground-breaking book marks the dawn of a new Golden Age of

fruitful conversation between entertainment scholars, managers, and artists. Allègre Hadida, Associate Professor in Strategy, University of Cambridge In this irreverent wedding guide, the star of Netflix's "The Wedding Coach" and comedian Jamie Lee offers practical advice and hilarious insights on how to stay sane while planning your "big day." Weddings. What was once a beautiful celebration of a couple coming together for a lifetime of happiness has become a bit ridiculous, complete with the whimsical monogrammed mason jars and unconventional photo shoots. The Epic task of creating that special event can be nightmarish—a dizzying maze of minutiae and seemingly endless choices that might tempt you to say yes to a quickie drive-through chapel in Vegas. But weddings don't have to be stressful. You don't have to give in to the crazy—or give up completely. Famous funny gal Jamie Lee learned much more than she counted on pulling together her own wedding, and in Weddiculous she shares her first-hand experiences and hilarious hard-won insights with every girl who just said "yes." Jamie gives you the real low-down, puts the madness into perspective, and walks you through the process step by step in a calm, realistic, and highly entertaining way. Weddiculous includes helpful checklists, timelines, and suggestions on everything from what questions to ask vendors to how to handle difficult bridesmaids to what's worth the extra cost (and more importantly, what's not). Throughout, Jamie provides guidance on when you should trust your gut and when you need to listen to others. What Amy Sedaris has done for hospitality and crafting, Jamie Lee now does for weddings. Weddiculous will help remind you what's really important about your wedding day: it's just the first day in a long and happy marriage. 1970- issued in 2 vols.: v. 1, General reference, social sciences, history, economics, business; v. 2, Fine arts, humanities, science and engineering. With about 200,000 entries, StarBriefs Plus represents the most comprehensive and accurately validated collection of abbreviations, acronyms, contractions and symbols within astronomy, related space sciences and other related fields. As such, this invaluable reference source (and its companion volume, StarGuides Plus) should be on the reference shelf of every library, organization or individual with any interest in these areas. Besides astronomy and associated space sciences, related fields such as aeronautics, aeronomy, astronautics, atmospheric sciences, chemistry, communications, computer sciences, data processing, education, electronics, engineering, energetics, environment, geodesy, geophysics, information handling, management, mathematics, meteorology, optics, physics, remote sensing, and so on, are also covered when justified. Terms in common use and/or of general interest have also been included where appropriate. Web Programming with HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript is written for the undergraduate, client-side web programming course. It covers the three client-side technologies (HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript) in depth, with no dependence on server-side technologies. This edition of the SAGES Manual of Hernia Surgery aligns with the current version of the new SAGES University MASTERS Program Hernia Surgery pathway. This manual serves as a curriculum for participants in the MASTERS Program as well as a modern text on hernia surgery for all learners. Hernia surgery is one of the fastest developing fields in general surgery today. There have been rapid advancements in hernia techniques in recent years, making most prior texts on the subject obsolete. These advancements involve significant evolution in both the techniques and strategies for hernia repairs, as well as the tools used to achieve these means. This text thoroughly addresses the multiple component separation techniques and options for locations of mesh repairs. It also discusses the revolution of hernia repair being facilitated by robotic surgery, which allows increased access to minimally invasive techniques for surgeons and thus increased access to minimally invasive surgical repairs for patients. This manual will be a valuable resource for interested surgeons to understand the variety of potential approaches to individual hernias, and to individually tailor the care of the hernia patient.

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