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This book explores the main challenges and trends related to the use of blockchain technology for digital business innovation with the aim of providing practitioners with stimulating insights and ideas. Readers will find a unified survey of current scientific work on blockchain and related phenomena, such as bitcoin, from a range of perspectives, including information systems, technology management, innovation research, computer science, and engineering. In this way, the book links research and industry practices suitable for use by practitioners in their day-to-day activities and also provides an update on what academia may offer in terms of industry proposals. The contents are divided into three parts. After discussion of blockchain technology and management, including impacts on value chains and systems, governance, and security issues, the bitcoin phenomenon and main technological trends in the use of blockchain are addressed. The final part presents examples of business innovation using blockchain that are drawn from across the globe. Throughout, the author adopts a methodologically rigorous approach while ensuring that the text is readily understandable for readers, regardless of their degree of acquaintance with blockchain.

Trees Up Close offers an intimate, revealing look at the beauty of leaves, flowers, cones, fruits, seeds, buds, bark, and twigs of the most common trees. With more than 200 dazzling photos, you will be amazed by the otherworldly beauty of the acorns from a sawtooth oak, enchanted by the immature fruits of a red maple, and dazzled by the delicate emerging flowers of the American elm.

“A classic novel of both feminism and the Civil Rights movement” in 1960s Atlanta by the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *The Color Purple* (Ms.). As she approaches the end of her teen years, Meridian Hill has already married, divorced, and given birth to a son. She’s looking for a second chance, and at a small college outside Atlanta, Georgia, in the early 1960s, Meridian discovers the civil rights movement. So fully does the cause guide her life that she’s willing to sacrifice virtually anything to help transform the conditions of a people whose subjugation she shares. Meridian draws from Walker’s own experiences working alongside some of the heroes of the civil rights movement, and the novel stands as a shrewd and affecting document of the dissolution of the Jim Crow South. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alice Walker including rare photos from the author’s personal collection.

Korean: A Comprehensive Grammar is a reference to Korean grammar, and presents a thorough overview of the language, concentrating on the real patterns of use in modern Korean. The book moves from the alphabet and pronunciation through morphology and word classes to a detailed analysis of sentence structures and semantic features such as aspect, tense, speech styles and negation. Updated and revised, this new edition includes lively descriptions of Korean grammar, taking into account the latest research in Korean linguistics.

More lower-frequency grammar patterns have been added, and extra examples have been included throughout the text. The unrivalled depth and range of this updated edition of *Korean: A Comprehensive Grammar* makes it an essential reference source on the Korean language.

"Strategies, practice & review with 6 practice tests"--Cover.

Principles of Physics is a well-established popular textbook which has been completely revised and updated.

"You can be lonely anywhere, but there is a particular flavor to the loneliness that comes from living in a city, surrounded by thousands of strangers. *The Lonely City* is a roving cultural history of urban loneliness, centered on the ultimate city: Manhattan, that teeming island of gneiss, concrete, and glass. What does it mean to be lonely? How do we live, if we're not intimately involved with another human being? How do we connect with other people, particularly if our sexuality or physical body is considered deviant or damaged? Does technology draw us closer together or trap us behind screens? Olivia Laing explores these questions by travelling deep into the work and lives of some of the century's most original artists, among them Andy Warhol, David Wojnarowicz, Edward Hopper, Henry Darger and Klaus Nomi. Part memoir, part biography, part dazzling work of cultural criticism, *The Lonely City* is not just a map, but a celebration of the state of loneliness. It's a voyage out to a strange and sometimes lovely island, adrift from the larger continent of human experience, but visited by many - millions, say - of souls"--

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The Wish is a short, sharp, chilling story from Roald Dahl, the master of the shocking tale. In *The Wish*, Roald Dahl, one of the world's favourite authors, tells a sinister story about the darker side of human nature. Here, an imaginative boy plays a game that quickly gets out of hand . . . *The Wish* is taken from the short story collection *Someone Like You*, which includes seventeen other devious and shocking stories, featuring the wife who serves a dish that baffles the police; a curious machine that reveals the horrifying truth about plants; the man waiting to be bitten by the venomous snake asleep on his stomach; and others. 'The absolute master of the twist in the tale.' (Observer) This story is also available as a Penguin digital audio download read by the sublime Stephen Mangan. Roald Dahl, the brilliant and worldwide acclaimed author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, and many more classics for children, also wrote scores of short stories for adults. These delightfully disturbing tales have often been filmed and were most recently the inspiration for the West End play, *Roald Dahl's Twisted Tales* by Jeremy Dyson. Roald Dahl's stories continue to make readers shiver today.

'Janey is like a whirlwind of selflessness. A beautiful spirit in a beautiful country doing a beautiful thing. I encourage my children to be more 'Janey'. With more positive spirits like Janey, the world would be a better place.' - Ben Fogle In 2014 and in her mid-twenties, Janey Lowes had been a vet for just two years when she left her home in County Durham and went travelling. Visiting Sri Lanka, she was horrified to see the state of so many of the island's dogs, in particular the three million strays. Over 5,000 miles from home, Janey decided there and then that she was going to move to the island indefinitely and do everything within her power to help them. She raised £10,000 to get started, setting up a charity called WECare Worldwide, and began work. Frightened, determined and excited all at the same time, she found a local who was willing to work with her and began scouring the streets for dogs in need. Some she patched up as best she could at the roadside, others she brought back and treated in a makeshift surgery she had cobbled together in her new home. With very little equipment, she and her small team came up with new and ingenious ways to treat the animals. In this highly

inspiring and heartfelt book full of challenges and adventure, Janey introduces us to her world and the tireless work she carries out. As she says, 'I feel as though all these dogs are my dogs and I have a responsibility to them.' In it, we meet many of the colourful characters who have come to offer help, along with innumerable street dogs who have suffered all sorts of trauma and injury, only to be scooped up by Janey and her team and saved.

A STAND ALONE story in the bestselling SIX PACK RANCH series by New York Times Bestselling Author Vivian Arend ----- Three hurting hearts. Too many secrets. One chance to conquer their fears. Over the past year, Travis Coleman lost the two people he allowed closest to his heart. Both gave him ultimatums—then left. Hell if he needs that kind of pain again. Time to move forward without the friends he thought might save him from his dangerous cravings. When Ashley Sims returns to Rocky Mountain House, her rambling lifestyle isn't all she's hoping to change. Travis snagged a piece of her, and while getting tangled in his issues again might be crazy, she hasn't given up on him. Nine months ago, Cassidy Jones walked away to stop his best friend from making a huge mistake. Temptation lingers, though, and when Travis shows up on his turf accompanied by a sensually uninhibited woman, the combination tosses fuel on the banked fire. Passion flares among the three of them, as hot as the summer days. But are they willing to push the limits, and fight for love? Warning: Dirty fighting, dirty talk, dirtier sex—secrets are coming out. Get ready for ménage a trois and cowboy-on-cowboy action, with ropes and crops and the kind of relentless love strong enough to set a man free. Keywords: Canadian Author, cowboy, western, contemporary, small town For readers who enjoy: Jennifer Ryan, Joan Johnston, Kate Pearce, Linda Lael Miller, Lindsay McKenna, Diana Palmer, Maisey Yates, Vicki Lewis Thompson, Lorelei James.

Peterson's® Master the(tm) SSAT® is the guide for preparing students and their parents for the SSAT® exam. Complete with the most up-to-date information on the upper-level exam, this guide is vitally important to anyone preparing for private secondary school admissions testing. Students have access to test-taking strategies for each of the question types, along with specific advice for exam day. Four practice tests, plus a diagnostic test, provide students with a realistic idea of what to expect when the test date arrives. In addition, students and parents both benefit from expert tips on all aspects of the private secondary school search process: how to identify schools that are a good fit, how to apply for financial aid, and all of the other challenges of finding the right private secondary school. 4 full-length practice tests with detailed answer explanations Diagnostic test to determine strengths and weaknesses Complete review of all exam subjects: Verbal Ability, Quantitative Ability, Reading Comprehension, and Writing Expert advice on SSAT® exam question formats, scoring, and what to expect on test day

This book identifies and discusses the main challenges facing digital business innovation and the emerging trends and practices that will define its future. The book is divided into three sections covering trends in digital systems, digital management, and digital innovation. The opening chapters consider the issues associated with machine intelligence, wearable technology, digital currencies, and distributed ledgers as their relevance for business grows. Furthermore, the strategic role of data visualization and trends in digital security are extensively discussed. The subsequent section on digital management focuses on the impact of neuroscience on the management of information systems, the role of IT ambidexterity in managing digital transformation, and the way in which IT alignment is being reconfigured by digital business. Finally, examples of digital innovation in practice at the global level are presented and reviewed. The book will appeal to both practitioners and academics. The text is supported by informative illustrations and case studies, so that practitioners can use the book as a toolbox that enables easy understanding and assists in exploiting business opportunities involving digital business innovation.

A novel about love and support, and learning that with enduring friendships, no woman is ever

alone. Robin Sinclair is young, determined, and has a promising career at a small publishing house in Seattle. Even though she considers herself unlucky in love, Robin still dreams of eventually meeting Mr. Right and having a happily-ever-after kind of life. And at twenty-five, the world of opportunity is wide. But it's been a difficult year filled with trials...and it's only just begun. While long-time friendships are finally on the mend, and things are starting to look up again, Robin is faced with her biggest challenge yet. She's single and pregnant. Uncertain now of her future and scared of being alone, Robin must re-examine her life and choices, and summon the courage to step up. With the love and support of her best girlfriends from college, especially her best friend and roommate, Lara, Robin will learn that when the going gets tough, the best of friends become family. And, perhaps, with their encouragement, Robin can mature and gain the confidence needed to become a single mother. And, who knows about being unlucky in love. Things are suddenly getting interesting with Robin's attractive co-worker, Bobby. This is the endearing sequel to *When Girlfriends Break Hearts* about maturity and perseverance. It's a story about friends coming together as family, about finding the strength within and around, and about writing your own happily-ever-after. About what happens when girlfriends step up.

Portrays the migration of a Puerto Rican family from the countryside to the San Juan ghetto and eventually to Spanish Harlem in New York City.

Includes one copy each of the *The Student EQ Edge* book and *Student Workbook*.

A collection of four erotic short stories about Matt, the experience captain, and Jake, a bratty superstar rookie on a professional hockey team. Matt loves to tease Jake about his age, push his buttons, and put him in his place, but deeply cares about his rookie. After their first sexual experience one night on a road trip, the two athletes have become more bold about how and where they fuck, and continue to create a stronger bond.

Hidden in the mountains of East Tennessee, an eleven-year old goes about the business of being a boy during the summer of 1970. Within a balance of terror and innocence, he bears silent witness to ghosts of the dead and the cruelties of a teenage killer while local justice plays out in a community carved from legacies of coal mining and religion.

The QRI-5 has long led the field in offering students and teachers alike a reliable and easy-to-use informal assessment instrument. This Fifth Edition continues to emphasize authentic assessment of children's reading abilities, from the most emergent readers to advanced readers. One of the keys to the success of the QRI-5 is that it contains narrative and expository passages at each pre-primer through high school level. All are self-contained selections highly representative of the structure and topic of materials found in basal readers and content-area textbooks. This new edition includes new narrative texts that are even easier than the pre-primer passages previously included. At the same time, it provides graded word lists and numerous passages designed to assess the oral reading, silent reading, or listening comprehension of a student as well as questions to assess prior knowledge. Instructors can measure comprehension by retelling passages, using implicit and explicit questions, and using other devices.

What's New in the QRI-5? # Narrative texts even easier than the pre-primer passages previously included, as well as another narrative to all primary grade levels. # Passages at pre-primer through second grade levels that are presented with and without pictures. # Map and illustrations as part of expository selections at fourth through high school levels. # Accompanying DVD content has been expanded to include * Examples of

students reading orally * Scored protocols to accompany readings * Directions for administering each segment of the QRI * Tables/Charts that increase consistency of administration, scoring, and interpretation * All student and examiner copies

Excerpt from *Dry Stories* When Anne Winter looked down at the face of her first-born, she felt that motherhood was the supreme event of a woman's existence. She had been a clever artist in her time; had painted some pictures that people talked of noisily, had decorated the ceiling of a big church in a big town, and done a portrait in oil of one of the ladies of the cabinet. But on a certain January morning all this seemed mere nothingness to the light touch of tiny pink fingers like a drift of rose leaves on her breast. The babe had wailed because it had come into this big, brutal world, and when she had hushed its wailing, it seemed to her that she, Anne Winter, for the first time counted for something in this world. For the first time, she was. a real factor in the history of humanity. Her psychic senses seemed so quickened that the simplest things had a new significance, and everything in earth or heaven circled about that infant's head.

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An anthology of writings on atheism, agnosticism, and skepticism by some of the world's most celebrated thinkers.

Young readers will love to feel the different textures and hear the truck sounds on every page of this interactive, sturdy board book designed for children ages 3 and up.

Includes an on/off switch on the back cover to extend battery life. Touch, feel, and hear the trucks on every page of this sturdy board book. Engaging photographs and appealing textures encourage young readers to explore the exciting world of trucks.

Rice is one of the most versatile and delicious foods in the world. From risottos to nasi goreng, pilaf to pies, puddings to snack bars, this extraordinary grain is an essential ingredient in so many classic dishes. *Posh Rice* offers over 70 brand new recipe ideas for rice, with sections on soups & snacks (pakoras, béchamel fritters, sticky rice summer rolls), salads & bowls (sesame, avocado and salmon rice bowl, chicken burrito bowls, Persian rice salad), main courses (bibimbap, risi e bisi, lamb Hyderabad biryani, seafood paella, Hong Kong claypot rice), side dishes (coconut and cashew rice, mudajahhra) and desserts and sweets (Belgian rice tart, Balinese black rice pudding, summer berry rice cream). With tips on storecupboard essentials and a guide to types of rice, and with a photograph of every single recipe, *Posh Rice* gives you a wealth of fast and tasty meal solutions.

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