

that a South Korean company that used to sell fish and fruit (Samsung) would one day give Apple a run for its money? And just how does South Korea plan to use pop culture to beat America at its own game. Welcome to South Korea: The Brand. In *The Birth of Korean Cool* journalist Euny Hong uncovers the roots of the 'Korean Wave': a fanaticism for South Korean pop culture that has enabled them to make the rest of the world a captive market for their products by first becoming the world's number one pop culture manufacturer. South Korea's economic development has been nothing short of staggering - leapfrogging from third-world to first-world in just a few years and continuing to grow at a rapid and unprecedented rate - and for the first time *The Birth of Korean Cool* will give readers exclusive insight into the inner workings of this extraordinary country; its past, present and future.

Aesthetic Capitalism offers an innovative analysis of contemporary capitalism and its use of image, symbolism, creativity and other aesthetic elements to produce economic value.

Since the dawn of time, the Izuna wolves have been entrusted as guardians against Japan's evil spirits. Set in the wondrous world of "Legend of the Scarlet Blades."

He died at only 37 but his fans are legion. INXS singer/songwriter Michael Hutchence was the celebrated frontman of a band that was the biggest in the world. Michael's big sister, Tina, adored him from the start. From a twelve-year-old holding him in her arms as a newborn, to being his teenage nanny, Tina remained Michael's trusted confidant until his sudden death. Tina's intimate and detailed telling of her brother's story - from faltering teenager with a lisp to raging rock star - blazes with love and adventure and includes the acquired brain injury that changed everything for Michael; the risky schemes that saw him named in the *Paradise Papers* expose of 2017; his secret philanthropy in support of East Timor; and his bliss at the birth of his only child, Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily. 'My brother roamed the world with a book in his hand and one in his suitcase,' Tina writes, and throughout Michael a paper trail of the literature he loved gives clues to the man many see as an enigma. A cry from the heart celebrating the 'lost boy of INXS', Michael Hutchence, this personal and heartfelt biography reveals the incredible, rollercoaster life of Australia's most enduring superstar and shares the private moments of an adored brother, son and father. 'Lost boy Michael, who was my dear friend, and who is very much missed. All respect and thanks to Tina for sharing these stories and keeping the memory alive.' Simon le Bon, songwriter / singer, Duran Duran

Charts the major events and memorable dates in the political histories of the countries of the region. * Alphabetically listed individual country chapters * Chronologically lists the major events of each country * Covers the economic, social and cultural developments that have affected the political history of each country

Sahoko Narita is enjoying the perks of finally being one of the popular girls in high school. One summer day, however, she encounters the athletic and tomboyish Aoi Koshiba and her world is thrown into disarray. Their growing friendship is tested when Aoi Koshiba confides in Sahoko about an upcoming date with a fellow classmate, Shoji Miwa. Sahoko,

unable to hide her surprise, must come to grips with her own feelings for Aoi before it's too late...

This is the most complete and compelling account of idols and celebrity in Japanese media culture to date. Engaging with the study of media, gender and celebrity, and sensitive to history and the contemporary scene, these interdisciplinary essays cover male and female idols, production and consumption, industrial structures and fan movements.

"When you're dumb enough for long enough, you're gonna meet someone too smart to love you, and they're gonna love you anyway, and it's gonna go so poorly," Neil Hilborn writes in his debut full-length collection, *OUR NUMBERED DAYS*. In 2013, Hilborn's poem "OCD" went viral, and has amassed over 11 million views to date. While this collection ruminates on love, heartbreak, and mental illness, these poems are anything but saccharine. Hilborn uses the same humor and self-deprecation that propelled "OCD" to success in order to make his unmatched vulnerability all the more powerful. Ultimately, Hilborn is a poet of the people: his work is accessible, honest, and entertaining; a revitalizing entry in contemporary poetry.

Rock and a Heart Place traces the rise, fall, and redemption of famous entertainers who were brought to their knees a great place to meet God. Join award-winning producer and music executive Ken Mansfield and biographer Marshall Terrill on a spiritual journey down the secluded halls of the music industry. *Rock and a Heart Place* is your backstage pass to never before-heard secrets, stories, and testimonies from some of rock music's greatest legends including members of Buffalo Springfield, The Byrds, Collective Soul, England Dan & John Ford Coley, Grand Funk Railroad, Kansas, Korn, Ozzy Osbourne, Pointer Sisters, Prince, The Ronettes, and The Turtles. **ARTISTS FEATURED** (hardcover edition) **MARK VOLMAN** was cofounder of The Turtles, a 1960s pop-rock band that has sold more than forty million records. He was also a core member of Frank Zappa's The Mothers of Invention and the dynamic duo Flo & Eddie. **RUTH POINTER** is one of the legendary Pointer Sisters who scored dozens of hits in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, and sold close to forty million records, making them one of the most successful female groups of all time. **BRIAN "HEAD" WELCH** is the lead guitarist for the nu metal band Korn. In addition to chart-topping, million-selling records and two GRAMMY awards, their shows fill up arenas and stadiums worldwide. **CHRIS HILLMAN** helped define the country rock genre by his groundbreaking work with The Byrds, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Manassas, and the Desert Rose Band. **JOHN ELEFANTE** was the lead singer of the multiplatinum-selling Kansas from 1981 to 1985 and wrote two of their highest charting singles. After leaving Kansas, he became one of the most successful Christian producers of all time. **RUDY SARZO** has been a professional recording artist for more than thirty years and a member of Ozzy Osbourne, Quiet Riot, Whitesnake, Blue Oyster Cult, Yngwie Malmsteen, and DIO. England Dan & **JOHN FORD COLEY** waved the soft-rock banner loudly in the 1970s, releasing several platinum and gold records in their decade-long partnership and

Top 10 hits that are staples of classic rock radio today. With DEZ DICKERSON at his side from 1978 to 1983, Prince became a household name, selling more than one hundred million albums, earning seven Grammys, a Golden Globe, and an Academy Award. SHANE EVANS of Collective Soul dominated 1990s rock and alternative radio, charting an astounding seven number-one hits, nineteen Top 40 singles, and ten million in worldwide sales. NEDRA ROSS and The Ronettes were the first bad girls of rock and roll, racially indefinable, and one of the most exciting acts of their era, ruling the airwaves in the early '60s with a string of girl-group classics and mini rock operas. RICHIE FURAY of Buffalo Springfield was a major catalyst for the 1960s country folk rock sound. Richie's repeat performance as cofounder of Poco carried on this tradition of great music. MARK FARNER of Grand Funk Railroad earned eleven consecutive RIAA Gold/Platinum Record Awards from 1969 to 1975. They surpassed The Beatles in record sales in 1970. Artists featured exclusively in the e-book are: JERRY NAYLOR is a sixty-year veteran of the music scene and the former lead singer of The Crickets. Naylor witnessed the birth of rock and roll with fellow innovators Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, and Waylon Jennings—all changing the face of popular music. RICK CUA of The Outlaws helped create the Southern rock sound of the '70s. In its heyday the band played major stadiums and arenas, reveling in the rock and roll lifestyle that included limos, chartered planes, and the crazy fan scene. CHUCK GIRARD was a valuable pioneer in the California sound of the early 1960s and contemporary Christian music of the 1970s. In his teens, Girard formed The Castells, which had two Top 20 hits. A decade later he formed Love Song, the first mainstream Christian rock band. KEN HENSLEY of Uriah Heep is regarded as one of the seminal hard-rock acts of the early 1970s. Extremely popular in Europe, the Heep are considered by music historians as one of "The Big Four" of hard rock with sales of more than forty million albums worldwide.

Applied Ergonomics Handbook is a procedural guide that includes forms, protocols, and "real life" suggestions for preventing musculoskeletal trauma in the workplace. The book is based on the results of years of job site analysis experience using various techniques to find out which procedures are least cumbersome, most practical, and still remain objective. The book's step-by-step format lends itself to selecting the procedures, forms, and advice that are most appropriate to a wide array of groups. Readers can use the techniques presented as is or customize them to fit their personal or professional philosophies. Applied Ergonomics Handbook is perfect for health and safety professionals, physical therapists, occupational therapists, occupational health nurses and physicians, occupational health center directors, industrial hygienists and engineers, ergonomists, human factors professionals, insurance risk managers, and human resource administrators.

Only on a rare occasion does a book come along that contains the potential to change the consciousness of our entire planetary culture.

Many have talked about the ascension process, but very few really understand what it means. Who is really out there? Where are we going? What are our choices? What has to be done to prepare for this event? Is everyone ascending to the same place? What happened to the fourth dimension? How can we understand the fifth dimension? What does it feel like? How does it operate? What are fifth-dimensional beings like? How do they live? This book explains all of these questions in a way that we can easily understand. It explains what our relationships are to known extraterrestrial groups and what they are doing to help Earth and her people in this crucial galactic moment in time. It explains how we can raise our vibration now, and begin the process of integrating higher-dimensional energies into our third-dimensional world.

Japanese Robot Culture examines social robots in Japan, those in public, domestic, and artistic contexts. Unlike other studies, this book sees the robot in relation to Japanese popular culture, and argues that the Japanese 'affinity' for robots is the outcome of a complex loop of representation and social expectation in the context of Japan's continuing struggle with modernity. Considering Japanese robot culture from the critical perspectives afforded by theatre and performance studies, this book is concerned with representations of robots and their inclusion in social and cultural contexts, which science and engineering studies do not address. The robot as a performing object generates meaning in staged events and situations that make sense for its Japanese observers and participants. This book examines how specific modes of encounter with robots in carefully constructed mises en scène can trigger reflexive, culturally specific, and often ideologically-inflected responses.

A fun and feisty comedy drama from master storyteller Jean Ure – with a gorgeous cover look to appeal to all girls who love real-life stories. Crack, crack, crack! The cookies snap open and the family's fortunes are revealed. Mei Mei wants to know how hers will come true. Jie Jie scoffs—they never come true. But Pacy isn't so sure. As she waits and watches, she notices magical things happening in her family. Could the fortunes really be right? And what about Pacy's fortune: "You will see the world in a new way"? Well, yes, it's true! Pacy has been seeing the world through fortune cookies! This exuberantly illustrated story about every kid's favorite part of a Chinese meal also includes a brief history of the fortune cookie. What will your fortune be? Crack! Open up a cookie and find out.

Drawing on more than a decade of research in Japan and the United States, David Novak traces the "cultural feedback" that generates and sustains Noise, an underground music genre combining distortion and electronic effects.

Travel through the love journey of a young girl named Cadence. After a bad break up, she takes a trip down memory lane to discover the real reasons behind her misfortunes with love. Through her journey, the root of her misfortunes is soon revealed. Experience her thoughts, emotions, and reactions through both poems and songs. A combination of love, music and poetry. Cadence story is expressed in a way that you can relate in hopes that you can find the answers you seek just as she will. A love story expressed through the words displayed and the tunes that play.

This book provides a first systematic and comprehensive account of English in East and South Asia (EESA) based on current research by scholars in the field. It has several unique features. Firstly, it provides a rigorous theoretical overview that is necessary for the understanding of EESA in relation to the burgeoning works on World Englishes as a discipline. Secondly, in the section on linguistic features, a systematic template was made available to the contributors so that linguistic coverage of the variety/varieties is similar. Thirdly, the vibrancy of the sociolinguistic and pragmatic realities that govern actual English in use in a wide variety of domains such as social media, the Internet and popular culture/music are discussed. Finally, this volume includes an extensive bibliography of works on EESA, thus providing a useful and

valuable resource for language researchers, linguists, classroom educators, policymakers and anyone interested in the topic of EESA or World Englishes. This volume hopes to advance understanding of the spread and development of the different sub-varieties reflecting both the political developments and cultural norms in the region.

Siapa yang tidak kenal AKB48, SKE48, HKT48, NMB48, SDN48, JKT48, SNH48, dan TPE48? Mereka inilah yang disebut 48 Family. Semuanya berawal dari kemunculan AKB48 di Tokyo, Jepang. Namun, sekarang sister group AKB48 bukan hanya berada di Jepang, tapi juga di Jakarta (Indonesia), Shanghai (China), dan Taipe (Taiwan). 48 Family terdiri dari idol group yang memiliki konsep "idola yang dapat kamu temui" (idol you can meet). Mereka memiliki banyak member, tampil setiap hari di teater, dan meluluskan member tertentu (graduate), dan menerapkan sistem kompetisi untuk memilih member baru. Semua idol group ini menggemparkan industri musik dan dunia hiburan karena sangat populer. Konsepnya yang unik membuat mereka berbeda dari girl band. Mau tahu lebih lanjut tentang 48 Family? Bacalah buku yang berisi kisah lengkap tentang semua idol group dalam 48 Family. Dari buku ini, kamu akan mengetahui sejarah kelahiran, profil member, debut dan perjalanan karier, fakta-fakta unik, serta diskografi mereka. Kamu juga bisa melihat foto-foto keren dari setiap aksi mereka. Yuk dimulai! Be a Wota and love 48 Family!

Imagine a young boy who has never had a loving home. His only possessions are the old, torn clothes he carries in a paper bag. The only world he knows is one of isolation and fear. Although others had rescued this boy from his abusive alcoholic mother, his real hurt is just beginning -- he has no place to call home. This is Dave Pelzer's long-awaited sequel to *A Child Called "It"*. In *The Lost Boy*, he answers questions and reveals new adventures through the compelling story of his life as an adolescent. Now considered an F-Child (Foster Child), Dave is moved in and out of five different homes. He suffers shame and experiences resentment from those who feel that all foster kids are trouble and unworthy of being loved just because they are not part of a "real" family. Tears, laughter, devastation and hope create the journey of this little lost boy who searches desperately for just one thing -- the love of a family.

Riko Kunimi is trying to lead a normal high school life when Ran Tachibana bursts into her classroom carrying a gun and tells her that her life is now his. Ran, the richest, most powerful 17-year-old in Japan wants her as his wife, and he's not taking no for an answer! If Ran can't capture her by five o'clock the next day, he'll give up on her, but he has all that money can buy at his disposal. However, Riko has one trick up her sleeve--she has superpowers! -- VIZ Media

"The schoolgirl is the main driver of Japan's Gross National Cool, and Brian Ashcraft's book is the best source for those hoping to understand why." —Chris Baker, *WIRED Magazine*

Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential takes you beyond the realm of everyday girls to the world of the iconic Japanese schoolgirl craze that is sweeping the globe. For years, Japanese schoolgirls have appeared in hugely-popular anime and manga series such as *Dragon Ball*, *Sailor Moon*, *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*, and *Blood: The Last Vampire*. These girls are literally showing up everywhere—in movies, magazines, video games, advertising, and music. *WIRED Magazine* has kept an eye on the trends emerging

from these stylish teens, following kick-ass schoolgirl characters in videogames like Street Fighter and assassin schoolgirls in movies like Quentin Tarantino's Kill Bill. By talking to Japanese women, including former and current J-Pop idols, well-known actresses, models, writers, and artists—along with famous Japanese film directors, historians and marketers—authors Brian Ashcraft and Shoko Ueda (who have both contributed to WIRED's "Japanese Schoolgirl Watch" columns) reveal the true story behind Japan's schoolgirl obsessions. You'll learn the origins of the schoolgirls' unusual attire, and how they are becoming a global brand used to sell everything from kimchi to insurance. In Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential, you'll discover: Sailor-suited pop-idols Cult movie vixens Schoolgirl shopping power The latest uniform fashions Japanese schoolgirls are a symbol of girl empowerment. Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential shows why they are so intensely cool. Don't miss this essential book on the Japanese youth culture craze that is driving today's pop culture worldwide. "Whether your preferred schoolgirl is more the upstanding heroine Sailor Moon or the vengeful, weapon-wielding Gogo Yubari of Quentin Tarantino's Kill Bill, Vol. 1, you'll come away well versed." —Publishers Weekly Now that the tournament is over, Negi wants to find his missing students and take them home. But first, he's confronted by a sinister man who claims to know the answers to all of Negi's questions. He promises to share those answers-but only if Negi will join his cause. ? Available on DVD from FUNimation Entertainment ? Includes special extras after the story!

As a creative force, student of the human heart and soul, and champion of living the life you want, Oprah Winfrey stands alone. Over the years, she has made history with a legendary talk show - the highest-rated program of its kind, launched her own television network, become the nation's only African-American billionaire, and been awarded both an honorary degree by Harvard University and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. From all her experiences, she has gleaned life lessons—which, for fourteen years, she's shared in O, The Oprah Magazine's widely popular "What I Know For Sure" column, a monthly source of inspiration and revelation. Now, for the first time, these thoughtful gems have been revised, updated, and collected in What I Know For Sure, a beautiful cloth bound book with a ribbon marker, packed with insight and revelation from Oprah Winfrey. Organized by theme—joy, resilience, connection, gratitude, possibility, awe, clarity, and power—these essays offer a rare, powerful and intimate glimpse into the heart and mind of one of the world's most extraordinary women—while providing readers a guide to becoming their best selves. Candid, moving, exhilarating, uplifting, and frequently humorous, the words Oprah shares in What I Know For Sure shimmer with the sort of truth that readers will turn to again and again.

Offers a decade-by-decade history of American singing groups, from the Ames and Mills Brothers, to the Platters and the Beach Boys, to Destiny's Child, the Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync, and many others, covering more than 380 artists and

furnishing information on each group's career, key members, influences, photos, and discographies. Original. Mayor Dillisch deals with body parts littering his highways. May Tao investigates Lester while Lester investigates May Tao. Em gets an invite to an unusual Church meeting.

Take the following ingredients: A penniless English student - who just happens to be a wonderful artist. Add a beautiful girl who is ridiculed because of her disability. Drop in a corrupt police chief and his two vicious nephews. Introduce Mozzarella Bella, the feline scourge of Naples who has had to run away to the Eternal City to save at least one of her nine lives. Then, sprinkle in a gang of wild street cats who actually talk to each other, and what have you got, signor? Just another day in Rome!

Since its formation as a girl group in 2005, AKB48 has become a phenomenal success and institution in Japan. Having originally recruited fans with photocopied fliers and daily performances in the Akihabara area of Tokyo, AKB48 now saturates Japan. Its members--nearly 800 of them, including five sister groups and four so-called "rival groups" across Japan, as well as six sister groups in other Asian cities--appear in print, broadcast, online, and social media; in advertisements and on products; at home and on the train; on- and off-screen. AKB48's multi-platform omnipresence is characteristic of "idols," whose intimate relationship to fans and appeals to them for support have made the group dominant on the Oricon Yearly Singles Chart in the 2010s; they hold several records, including most consecutive million-selling singles sold in Japan. A unique business model relentlessly monetizes fans' affections through meet-and-greet events and elections, which maximize CD sales, and their saturated presence in the media. At a time when affect is more important than ever in economic, political, and social theory, this book explores the intersection of idols and affect in contemporary Japan and beyond.

(Applause Libretto Library). The libretto to the Tony winning musical featuring a book by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, and lyrics by David Zippel. The book also includes an introduction by Larry Gelbart, illustrations by Al Hirschfeld, production photographs, and original costume designs.

So glamorous . . . so stunning . . . so iconic! From Marilyn Monroe's billowy white halter in *The Seven Year Itch* to Audrey Hepburn's effortlessly chic black number in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, the silver screen's stunning dresses have always left stylish women enchanted. But no matter how many trips they've taken to the mall or even to designer boutiques, it's still always been nearly impossible to find those dream dresses. But now, with *Sew Iconic*, they can finally have the show-stopping outfits they've always wanted! * This amazing guide includes sewing patterns, tips on materials, and clear instructions for making the dresses of Grace Kelly, Rita Hayworth, Kate Winslet, and many more iconic actresses. * Beautiful photographs throughout show the full skirts and fun tops in all their glory and are paired with stories of the

