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With *A Natural History of the Senses*, Diane Ackerman let her free-ranging intellect loose on the natural world. Now in *Deep Play* she tackles the realm of creativity, by exploring one of the most essential aspects of our characters: the ability to play. "Deep play" is that more intensified form of play that puts us in a rapturous mood and awakens the most creative, sentient, and joyful aspects of our inner selves. As Ackerman ranges over a panoply of artistic, spiritual, and athletic activities, from spiritual rapture through extreme sports, we gain a greater sense of what it means to be "in the moment" and totally, transcendently human. Keenly perceived and written with poetic exuberance, *Deep Play* enlightens us by revealing the manifold ways we can enhance our lives.

In *The Art of Worldly Wisdom* Baltasar Gracian gives us pertinent and pithy advice on friendship, leadership, and success. Think of it as Machiavelli with a soul. This book is for those who wish to have an ambitious plan for success without compromising their integrity or losing their way. Audacious and captivating!

Written over 350 years ago, *The Pocket Oracle and the Art of Prudence* is a charming collection of 300 witty and thought-provoking aphorisms. From the art of being lucky to the healthy use of caution, these elegant maxims were created as a guide to life, with further suggestions given on cultivating good taste, knowing how to refuse, the foolishness of complaining and the wisdom of controlling one's passions. Baltasar Gracian intended that these ingenious aphorisms would encourage each reader to challenge themselves both in understanding and applying each axiom.

Review: "Unlike Machiavelli-inveterate dreamer and cynic-Guicciardini's mind is remarkable for the balance and masterly coolness of its judgment."-Federico Chabod
"In the history of Renaissance thought, Guicciardini's *Ricordi* occupy a place of singular importance. Few works of the sixteenth century allow us so penetrating an insight into the views and sentiments of its author as these reflections of the great Italian historian. . . . Like Machiavelli's *Prince*, the *Ricordi* form one of the outstanding documents of a time of crisis and transition; but unlike the *Prince*, they range over a wide field of private as well as public life. In doing so, they reveal the man as well as the political theorist."-Nicolai Rubenstein, from the Introduction.

The remarkable best-seller -- a long-lost, 300-year-old book of wisdom on how to live successfully yet responsibly in a society governed by self-interest -- as acute as Machiavelli yet as humanistic and scrupulously moral as Marcus Aurelius.

Maybe you're stressed out and tired, and have put on a little weight. Or you have persistent pain you and your doctor can't explain. Man or woman, you may be fighting fluctuating hormone levels. Or maybe you snore like a freight train. Anything that narrows the throat and interrupts sleep, particularly breathing problems brought on by sleep position, illness, life changes, or your anatomy, may be key to understanding a host of common health issues. In this groundbreaking book, Dr. Steven Park outlines a simple, rational explanation for what's making you sick, and provides guidance for treatment options that address specific health problems.

The words *Tong Sing* mean 'know everything book'. No wonder the traditional Chinese almanac contains information on everything from astrology to herbal remedies, Taoist philosophy to the interpretation of dreams. Drawing his inspiration from this centuries-

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old work, but using his own research and adapting the contents to appeal to a modern audience, Charles Windridge has compiled a fully updated book that will answer every question the reader can ask about the ancient Chinese way of life. Whether you want to know the best time to conceive a child, understand more about Confucianism or prepare your own dim sum, Tong Sing can tell you how. Inspired by one of the most successful books ever published in China, this book will appeal to anyone who wants to learn more about Tong Sing.

What Nietzsche Really Said gives us a lucid overview -- both informative and entertaining -- of perhaps the most widely read and least understood philosopher in history. Friedrich Nietzsche's aggressive independence, flamboyance, sarcasm, and celebration of strength have struck responsive chords in contemporary culture. More people than ever are reading and discussing his writings. But Nietzsche's ideas are often overshadowed by the myths and rumors that surround his sex life, his politics, and his sanity. In this lively and comprehensive analysis, Nietzsche scholars Robert C. Solomon and Kathleen M. Higgins get to the heart of Nietzsche's philosophy, from his ideas on "the will to power" to his attack on religion and morality and his infamous Übermensch (superman). What Nietzsche Really Said offers both guidelines and insights for reading and understanding this controversial thinker. Written with sophistication and wit, this book provides an excellent summary of the life and work of one of history's most provocative philosophers.

The 36 Stratagems is a Chinese essay used to illustrate a series of stratagems used in politics and in war, as well as in civilian life, often through unorthodox means. Approximately 300 years ago an unknown scholar compiled the stratagems, a strangely seductive meditation on deception. The stratagems are ordered in categories according to your current position. 'Advantageous Stratagems', 'Opportunistic Stratagems' and 'Attacking Stratagems' are used when you are in a winning situation. 'Confusion Stratagems', 'Deception Stratagems' and 'Desperate Stratagems' are used when you are in a disadva.

A vivid, contemporary translation of the greatest Greek love poet by the prize-winning poet and translator. Sappho's lyric love poems, composed in the seventh century B.C.E., transcend time and place and continue to enchant readers today. Though her extant work consists only of a collection of fragments and a handful of complete poems, the passionate elegance of her musings on life and death, loss and longing, desire, and nature speak volumes. Willis Barnstone's vivid, contemporary translation, along with his introduction and notes, sheds new light on the spirit and mystique of this ancient Greek poet. This edition is an abridgment of The Complete Poems of Sappho.

This perennially popular book of advice on how to achieve personal and professional success is treasured for its timeless insights on how to make one's way in the world. Written in the seventeenth century by Spanish Jesuit scholar Baltasar Gracián, the teachings are strikingly modern in tone and address universal concerns such as friendship, morality, effective leadership, and managing emotions. An enlightening guide for life, this edition also includes an informative introduction by Willis Barnstone that explores Gracián's background and provides insightful historical and literary context. This book is part of the Shambhala Pocket Library series. The Shambhala Pocket Library is a collection of short, portable teachings from notable figures across religious traditions and classic texts. The covers in this series are rendered by Colorado

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artist Robert Spellman. The books in this collection distill the wisdom and heart of the work Shambhala Publications has published over 50 years into a compact format that is collectible, reader-friendly, and applicable to everyday life.

A compilation of the essential works of Plato in one paperback volume: The Republic, The Symposium, Parmenides, Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, and Phaedo.

Only by adopting a new style of high-performance union management can labor recover and revitalize itself, says Thomas A. Hannigan, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. His book offers a practical, common sense understanding of how a successful management works and how it can be used in day-to-day union activities. "Think with the few and speak with the many," "Friends are a second existence," and "Be able to forget" are among this volume's 300 thought-provoking maxims on politics, professional life, and personal development. Published in 1637, it was an instant success throughout Europe. The Jesuit author's timeless advice, focusing on honesty and kindness, remains ever popular. A perfect browsing book of mental and spiritual refreshment, it can be opened at random and appreciated either for a few moments or for an extended period

Say your name aloud to yourself in a quiet room. Imagine peeling an apple in your mind. Take the subway without trying to get anywhere. The simple meditations in this book have the potential to shake us awake from our preconceived certainties: our own identity, the stability of the outside world, the meanings of words. At once entertaining and startling, irreverent and wise, this book will provoke moments of awareness for readers in any situation and in all walks of life. Enter the space of your favorite painting. Watch someone sleeping. The world won't look the same again.

In Defence of the Ordinary is laced with light humour, soaked in serious sarcasm and powered with poetic polemics. It is a sociologist's sincere ruminations on a wide range of aspects related to ordinariness. Informed by sources like psychoanalysis, philosophy, yoga, anthropology, popular cinema, folk songs, and everything that is part of ordinary living, Pathak invites readership in contemporary India to rethink the ways of seeing, understanding, enacting, emoting and relating. This is not blind to the burning issues of human ordinariness, for example, developmentalist mindset of consumers, violence of sexual desires, interpersonal relations in the age of mediations, emotions in the time of vulnerable sentiments, memory and forgetting, complexity of living and dying inter alia. Yet, the author underlines the humanistic possibility in the domain of the ordinary. Mixing wit and wisdom, traditional and modern, and mythological and historical, In Defence of the Ordinary provides a rare reading of Indian ordinariness. The provocative ideas, such as why don't we value ordinariness, how is our pursuit of extraordinary misleading us into mishaps, are at the core of this volume. The key objective of human existence becomes that of the book, namely, awakening the dormant potentials of emancipation every day rather than waiting for an occasional charisma induced by a holy book, or a secular gimmick or an orchestrated leadership.

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Throughout history, some books have changed the world. They have transformed the way we see ourselves—and each other. They have inspired debate, dissent, war and revolution. They have enlightened, outraged, provoked and comforted. They have enriched lives—and destroyed them. Now, Penguin brings you the works of the great thinkers, pioneers, radicals and visionaries whose ideas shook civilization, and helped make us who we are. Penguin's Great Ideas series features twelve groundbreaking works by some of history's most prodigious thinkers, and each volume is beautifully packaged with a unique type-drive design that highlights the bookmaker's art. Offering great literature in great packages at great prices, this series is ideal for those readers who want to explore and savor the Great Ideas that have shaped the world. One of the most iconoclastic thinkers of all time, Friedrich Nietzsche continues to challenge the boundaries of conventional religion and morality with his subversive theories of the 'superman', the individual will, the death of God and the triumph of an all-powerful human life force.

The good life. In its simplest form, it is what you wish for those you love and care about, as well as for yourself. But what is it? What's the prescription? The truth of the matter is that no doctor can prescribe a pill that will make every heart content. But through the words of extraordinary men and women who have achieved a level of greatness, we can glean insights into passion, dedication, and wisdom. So, for today's astute students of the good life, you hold in your hands an admit-one ticket?a timeless collection of inspiration and wisdom. What you go on to do with it is up to you. "A man who views the world the same at fifty as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life." ?Muhammad Ali "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." ?Tom Brokaw "Look, I don't want to wax philosophic, but I will say that if you're alive you've got to flap your arms and legs, you've got to jump around a lot, for life is the very opposite of death, and therefore you must at very least think noisy and colorfully, or you're not alive." ?Mel Brooks "Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help." ?Alex Haley "College is something you complete. Life is something you experience. So don't worry about your grade, or the results or success. Success is defined in myriad ways, and you will find it, and people will no longer be grading you, but it will come from your own internal sense of decency." ?Jon Stewart "When the heart is right, the mind and the body will follow. ?Coretta Scott King "My heroes are the ones who survived doing it wrong, who made mistakes, but recovered from them. ?Bono

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The Pocket Oracle and Art of Prudence Penguin UK

A newly translated compilation of poetry by the thirteenth-century Sufi mystic explores the ripening and spiritual maturation of the soul as it grows in love toward God and others. 15,000 first printing.

A humorous philosophical investigation into the existence of Santa from a co-executive producer of *The Big Bang Theory*—the perfect stocking stuffer for the deep thinker on everyone's list. Emmy award-winning comedy writer and philosophy scholar Eric Kaplan brilliantly turns a search for the truth about Santa into a laugh-out-loud metaphysical romp. Surveying everything from the analytic philosophy of Bertrand Russell and Ludwig Wittgenstein to Buddhism, Taoism, and Kabbalah, Kaplan alights on comedy—including *The Big Bang Theory* and Monty Python—as the best way to resolve life's most profound paradoxes, including the existence of perfect moments, Santa, and even God.

A Pocket Mirror for Heroes is a mirror because it reflects "the person you are or the one you ought to be." It is a pocket mirror because its author took the time to be brief. And it is a mirror for heroes because it provides a vivid image of ethical and moral perfection to which all can aspire. *The Art of Worldly Wisdom* by Baltasar Gracian was all but forgotten for three hundred years, until its republication in 1992 turned this lost classic into a *New York Times* bestseller. Now Gracian, the Spanish Jesuit considered Machiavelli's better in strategy and insight, sets a new standard on the art of living and the practice of achieving. That new standard is the art of heroism--how to be "the consummate person, ripe and perfect: accurate in judgment, mature in taste, attentive in listening, wise in sayings, shrewd in deeds, the center of all perfection." Gracian teaches the reader to be "a giant"--"the greatest person possible, a miracle of perfection, a king." Wit, wisdom, courage, elegance, grace, humility, spontaneity--these are the qualities needed to reach heroism in any occupation. But it is not enough to be wise or graceful: one must learn as well how to manage that talent, how to distinguish a quality from its shadow. *A Pocket Mirror for Heroes* provides "a politics for governing oneself, a compass for sailing toward excellence, an art for reaching distinction with just a few rules of discretion," and it will be wise and witty company for anyone who recognizes--and relishes--the challenges of daily life.

The perfect gift book for the power hungry (and who doesn't want power?) at an excellent price. The Concise Edition of an international bestseller. At work, in relationships, on the street or on the 6 o'clock news: the 48 Laws apply everywhere. For anyone with an interest in conquest, self-defence, wealth, power or simply being an educated spectator, *The 48 Laws of Power* is one of the most useful and entertaining books ever. This book 'teaches you how to cheat, dissemble, feign, fight and advance your cause in the modern world.'

(Independent on Sunday) The distilled wisdom of the masters - illustrated through

the tactics, triumphs and failures from Elizabeth I to Henry Kissinger on how to get to the top and stay there. Wry, ironic and clever this is an indispensable and witty guide to power. The laws are now famous:- Law 1: Never outshine the master Law 2: Never put too much trust in friends; learn how to use enemies Law 3: Conceal your intentions Law 4: Always say less than necessary

In 1244, the brilliant poet Rumi and the wandering dervish Shams of Tabriz met and immediately fell into a deep spiritual connection. The Glance taps a major, yet little explored theme in Rumi's poetry-the mystical experience that occurs in the meeting of the eyes of the lover and the beloved, parent and child, friend and soul mate. Coleman Barks's new translations of these powerful and complex poems capture Rumi's range from the ethereal to the everyday. They reveal the unique place of human desire, love, and ecstasy, where there exists not just the union of two souls, but the crux of the universe. Here is a new kind of love lyric for our time-one of longing, connection, and wholeness.

Best known as the author of twenty-six novels, Iris Murdoch has also made significant contributions to the fields of ethics and aesthetics. Collected here for the first time in one volume are her most influential literary and philosophical essays. Tracing Murdoch's journey to a modern Platonism, this volume includes incisive evaluations of the thought and writings of T. S. Eliot, Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, Simone de Beauvoir, and Elias Canetti, as well as key texts on the continuing importance of the sublime, on the concept of love, and the role great literature can play in curing the ills of philosophy. Existentialists and Mystics not only illuminates the mysticism and intellectual underpinnings of Murdoch's novels, but confirms her major contributions to twentieth-century thought. Discover how great philosophers can help you live a more purposeful and peaceful life. This inspiring new book from the bestselling author of Little Big Minds reveals how the heartbeats of philosophy- clear thinking, quiet reflection, and good conversation- are essential ingredients in a well-lived life. Full of great discussion ideas and activities you can do with a group, How Philosophy Can Save Your Life is framed around ten "big ideas"-themes that, according to McCarty, are necessary to grasp if one wants to live a truly fulfilling life. They are: 1. Simplicity (philosophers include Epicurus and Charlotte Joko Beck) 2. Communication (philosophers include bell hooks and Karl Jaspers) 3. Perspective (philosophers include Bertrand Russell and Mary Wollstonecraft) 4. Flexibility (philosophers include Socrates, Plato and Alan Watts) 5. Empathy (philosophers include the Dalai Lama and Martin Luther King, Jr.) 6. Individuality (philosophers include Jean-Paul Sartre and Elizabeth Spelman) 7. Belonging (philosophers include Albert Camus and Rita Manning) 8. Serenity (philosophers include Epictetus and Lao Tzu) 9. Possibility (philosophers include John Stuart Mill and Simone de Beauvoir) 10. Joy (philosophers include Shunryu Suzuki and Jane Addams) So join the greatest thinkers of all time to discover the ideas that will help you live a happier, healthier life!

'Better mad with the crowd than sane all alone' In these witty, Machiavellian

aphorisms, unlikely Spanish priest Baltasar Gracián shows us how to exploit friends and enemies alike to thrive in a world of deception and illusion.

Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday. Little Black Classics celebrate the huge range and diversity of Penguin Classics, with books from around the world and across many centuries. They take us from a balloon ride over Victorian London to a garden of blossom in Japan, from Tierra del Fuego to 16th-century California and the Russian steppe. Here are stories lyrical and savage; poems epic and intimate; essays satirical and inspirational; and ideas that have shaped the lives of millions. Baltasar Gracián (1601-1658). Gracián's work is available in Penguin Classics in *The Pocket Oracle* and *Art of Prudence*.

This is the fullest collection of La Rochefoucauld's writings ever published in English, and includes the first complete translation of the *Miscellaneous Reflections*. A table of alternative maxim numbers and an index of topics help the reader to locate any maxim quickly.

#1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER TRANSLATED INTO 23 LANGUAGES, WITH MORE THAN ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD What is truth? What is love? Does life have meaning? Bestselling author Richard David Precht, “the Mick Jagger of the nonfiction book” (*Tagesanzeiger Zürich*), has traveled the globe searching for answers—and his odyssey has become one of the most talked-about books around the world. Combining classic philosophy and cutting-edge neuroscience, Precht guides readers through the thickest jungles of academic discourse with the greatest of ease, taking on subjects as challenging and divisive as abortion, cloning, the eating of animals, euthanasia, the ethics of reproductive science, and the very future of humanity. Who knows? By the end of this wildly entertaining journey, you just might be able to answer, *Who Am I?* A fresh, strikingly immediate and elegant verse translation of the classic, with an introduction and helpful guides to each section, by the rising American poet. Born in the United States into a secularized Hindu family, Amit Majmudar puzzled over the many religious traditions on offer, and found that the *Bhagavad Gita* had much to teach him with its “song of multiplicities.” Chief among them is that “its own assertions aren't as important as the relationships between its characters . . . The *Gita* imagined a relationship in which the soul and God are equals”; it is, he believes, “the greatest poem of friendship . . . in any language.” His verse translation captures the many tones and strategies Krishna uses with Arjuna—strict and berating, detached and philosophical, tender and personable. “Listening guides” to each section follow the main text, and expand in accessible terms on the text and what is happening between the lines. *Godsong* is an instant classic in the field, from a poet of skill, fine intellect, and—perhaps most important—devotion.

This original and lucidly written book introduces the reader to the Baroque, the richest period of Spanish literature and culture. Jeremy Robbins shows how its creativity responded directly to the unprecedented sense of uncertainty fostered

by developments across Europe. He argues that it was above all this scepticism which led Spaniards to employ literature and art to question the boundaries of reality and illusion. The result was the creation of some of the most inventive, entertaining, challenging and powerful works of imagination in Europe. Currently there exists no other concise introduction to Spanish Baroque literature and culture. The book considers in detail works by the major novelists, dramatists, poets and painters. Part of its novel approach is the attention the author gives to key issues such as honour and identity, the influence of social and literary institutions like the court and the church, and the place of women as both creators and consumers of culture. It also considers neglected literary forms, such as the aphorism and the emblem, as well as the immensely popular and influential political and moral writings of the day. A comprehensive glossary to major and minor figures is included.

Advice from a seventeenth-century guide to human relations and achieving success is accompanied by an account of the life of the author, a Spanish Jesuit

"Milwaukee - not New York, Chicago or Los Angeles was the scene of a number of television firsts: The Journal Company filed the very first application for a commercial TV license with the FCC in 1938. The first female program director and news director in a major market were both at Milwaukee stations. The city was a major battleground in the VHF vs. UHF war that began in the 1950s. The battle to put an educational TV station on the air was fought at the national, state and local levels by the Milwaukee Vocational School. WMVS-TV was the first educational TV station to run a regular schedule of colorcasts, and WMVT was the site of the first long-distance rest of a digital over-the-air signal." "This detailed story of the rich history of the city's television stations since 1930 is told through facts, anecdotes, and quotations from the on-air talent, engineers, and managers who conceived, constructed, and put the stations on the air. Included are discussions of the many locally-produced shows - often done live - that once made up a large part of a station's broadcast day. Through these stories - some told here for the first time - and the book's extensive photographic images, the history of Milwaukee television comes alive again for the reader." "From the first early tests using mechanical scanning methods in the 1930s, through the first successful digital television tests, the politics, conflicts, triumphs, and failures of Milwaukee's television stations are described in fascinating detail." --Book Jacket.

Describes the social and intellectual life of seventeenth-century France, including gossip about the court of King Louis XIV

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