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Data on water quality and other environmental issues are being collected at an ever-increasing rate. In the past, however, the techniques used by scientists to interpret this data have not progressed as quickly. This is a book of modern statistical methods for analysis of practical problems in water quality and water resources. The last fifteen years have seen major advances in the fields of exploratory data analysis (EDA) and robust statistical methods. The 'real-life' characteristics of environmental data tend to drive analysis towards the use of these methods. These advances are presented in a practical and relevant format. Alternate methods are compared, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of each as applied to environmental data. Techniques for trend analysis and dealing with water below the detection limit are topics covered, which are of great interest to consultants in water-quality and hydrology, scientists in state, provincial and federal water resources, and geological survey agencies. The practising water resources scientist will find the worked examples using actual field data from case studies of environmental problems, of real value. Exercises at the end of each chapter enable the mechanics of the methodological process to be fully understood, with data sets included on diskette for easy use. The result is a book that is both up-to-date and immediately relevant to ongoing work in the environmental and water sciences.

This report considers the biological and behavioral mechanisms that may underlie the pathogenicity of tobacco smoke. Many Surgeon General's reports have considered research findings on mechanisms in assessing the biological plausibility of associations observed in epidemiologic studies. Mechanisms of disease are important because they may provide plausibility, which is one of the guideline criteria for assessing evidence on causation. This report specifically reviews the evidence on the potential mechanisms by which smoking causes diseases and considers whether a mechanism is likely to be operative in the production of human disease by tobacco smoke. This evidence is relevant to understanding how smoking causes disease, to identifying those who may be particularly susceptible, and to assessing the potential risks of tobacco products.

Do you cringe when a student declares "cross multiply!" as soon as they see a problem involving fractions? It doesn't matter whether you teach elementary or high school, whether you're a parent or a tutor, having a student yell out a trick without stopping to think is painful. This book is filled with alternatives to the shortcuts so prevalent in mathematics education and explains exactly why the tricks are so bad for understanding math.

The Demon Inside is about an ordinary man whose childhood trauma at the hands of a sadistic killer causes him to create the Zone to escape from pain and anguish in real life.

Over the past 25 years, there has been an explosion of interest in the area of random tilings. The first book devoted to the topic, this timely text describes the mathematical theory of tilings. It starts from the most basic questions (which planar domains are tileable?), before discussing advanced topics about the local structure of very large random tessellations. The author explains each feature of random tilings of large domains, discussing several different points of view and leading on to open problems in the field. The book is based on upper-division courses taught to a variety of students but it also serves as a self-contained introduction to the subject. Test your understanding with the exercises provided and discover connections to a wide variety of research areas in mathematics, theoretical physics, and computer science, such as conformal invariance, determinantal point processes, Gibbs measures, high-dimensional random sampling, symmetric functions, and variational problems.

The idea of "The Green Book" is to give the Motorist and Tourist a Guide not only of the Hotels and Tourist Homes in all of the large cities, but other classifications that will be found useful wherever he may be. Also facts and information that the Negro Motorist can use and depend upon. There are thousands of places that the public doesn't know about and aren't listed. Perhaps you know of some? If so send in their names and addresses and the kind of business, so that we might pass it along to the rest of your fellow Motorists. You will find it handy on your travels, whether at home or in some other state, and is up to date. Each year we are compiling new lists as some of these places move, or go out of business and new business places are started giving added employment to members of our race.

Get Better Results with high quality content, exercise sets, and step-by-step pedagogy! Tyler Wallace continues to offer an enlightened approach grounded in the fundamentals of classroom experience in Beginning and Intermediate Algebra. The text reflects the compassion and insight of its experienced author with features developed to address the specific needs of developmental level students. Throughout the text, the author communicates to students the very points their instructors are likely to make during lecture, and this helps to reinforce the concepts and provide instruction that leads students to mastery and success. The exercises, along with the number of practice problems and group activities available, permit instructors to choose from a wealth of problems, allowing ample opportunity for students to practice what they learn in lecture to hone their skills. In this way, the book perfectly complements any learning platform, whether traditional lecture or distance-learning; its instruction is so reflective of what comes from lecture, that students will feel as comfortable outside of class as they do inside class with their instructor.

U Can: Algebra I For Dummies John Wiley & Sons

Larson IS student success. ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA: ALGEBRA WITHIN REACH owes its success to the hallmark features for which the Larson team is known: learning by example, a straightforward and accessible writing style, emphasis on visualization through the use of graphs to reinforce algebraic and numeric solutions and to interpret data, and comprehensive exercise sets. These pedagogical features are carefully coordinated to ensure that students are better able to make connections between mathematical concepts and understand the content. With a bright, appealing design, the new Sixth Edition builds on the Larson tradition of guided learning by incorporating a comprehensive range of

student success materials to help develop students' proficiency and conceptual understanding of algebra. The text also continues coverage and integration of geometry in examples and exercises. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Quantum computing explained in terms of elementary linear algebra, emphasizing computation and algorithms and requiring no background in physics. This introduction to quantum algorithms is concise but comprehensive, covering many key algorithms. It is mathematically rigorous but requires minimal background and assumes no knowledge of quantum theory or quantum mechanics. The book explains quantum computation in terms of elementary linear algebra; it assumes the reader will have some familiarity with vectors, matrices, and their basic properties, but offers a review of all the relevant material from linear algebra. By emphasizing computation and algorithms rather than physics, this primer makes quantum algorithms accessible to students and researchers in computer science without the complications of quantum mechanical notation, physical concepts, and philosophical issues. After explaining the development of quantum operations and computations based on linear algebra, the book presents the major quantum algorithms, from seminal algorithms by Deutsch, Jozsa, and Simon through Shor's and Grover's algorithms to recent quantum walks. It covers quantum gates, computational complexity, and some graph theory. Mathematical proofs are generally short and straightforward; quantum circuits and gates are used to illuminate linear algebra; and the discussion of complexity is anchored in computational problems rather than machine models. Quantum Algorithms via Linear Algebra is suitable for classroom use or as a reference for computer scientists and mathematicians.

Maloof has built a stellar career by farming for-sale-by-owner listings. He made six figures his first year as a real estate agent using his prospecting plan. Now, he shows other agents how they can do the same.

Oehlert's text is suitable for either a service course for non-statistics graduate students or for statistics majors. Unlike most texts for the one-term grad/upper level course on experimental design, Oehlert's new book offers a superb balance of both analysis and design, presenting three practical themes to students: • when to use various designs • how to analyze the results • how to recognize various design options Also, unlike other older texts, the book is fully oriented toward the use of statistical software in analyzing experiments.

A comprehensive and practical guide to the stock market from a successful fund manager—filled with case studies, important background information, and all the tools you'll need to become a stock market genius. Fund manager Joel Greenblatt has been beating the Dow (with returns of 50 percent a year) for more than a decade. And now, in this highly accessible guide, he's going to show you how to do it, too. You're about to discover investment opportunities that portfolio managers, business-school professors, and top investment experts regularly miss—uncharted areas where the individual investor has a huge advantage over the Wall Street wizards. Here is your personal treasure map to special situations in which big profits are possible, including: • Spin-offs • Restructurings • Merger Securities • Rights Offerings • Recapitalizations • Bankruptcies • Risk Arbitrage

Talking math with your child is simple and even entertaining with this better approach to shapes! Written by a celebrated math educator, this innovative inquiry encourages critical thinking and sparks memorable mathematical conversations. Children and their parents answer the same question about each set of four shapes: "Which one doesn't belong?" There's no one right answer--the important thing is to have a reason why. Kids might describe the shapes as squished, smooshed, dented, or even goofy. But when they justify their thinking, they're talking math! Winner of the Mathical Book Prize for books that inspire children to see math all around them. "This is one shape book that will both challenge readers' thinking and encourage them to think outside the box."--Kirkus Reviews, STARRED review

Elayn Martin-Gay's developmental math program is motivated by her firm belief that every student can succeed. Martin-Gay's focus on the student shapes her clear, accessible writing, inspires her constant pedagogical innovations, and contributes to the popularity and effectiveness of her video resources. This revision of Martin-Gay's algebra series continues her focus on students and what they need to be successful. This program provides a better teaching and learning experience, for you and your students. Here's how: The new Martin-Gay Student Success Program provides an integrated teaching and learning system--combining the textbook, MyMathLab®, student and video organizers, and the video program--which is designed to help students gain the math and study skills they need for success in developmental math and beyond. Note: You are purchasing a standalone product; MyMathLab does not come packaged with this content. MyMathLab is not a self-paced technology and should only be purchased when required by an instructor. If you would like to purchase both the physical text and MyMathLab, search for: 0321983130 / 9780321983138 Developmental Mathematics Plus NEW MyMathLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package Package consists of: 0321431308 / 9780321431301 MyMathLab -- Glue-in Access Card 0321654064 / 9780321654069 MyMathLab Inside Star Sticker 0321936876 / 9780321936875 Developmental Mathematics

The study of Euclidean distance matrices (EDMs) fundamentally asks what can be known geometrically given only distance information between points in Euclidean space. Each point may represent simply location or, abstractly, any entity expressible as a vector in finite-dimensional Euclidean space. The answer to the question posed is that very much can be known about the points; the mathematics of this combined study of geometry and optimization is rich and deep. Throughout we cite beacons of historical accomplishment. The application of EDMs has already proven invaluable in discerning biological molecular conformation. The emerging practice of localization in wireless sensor networks, the global positioning system (GPS), and distance-based pattern recognition will certainly simplify and benefit from this theory. We study the pervasive convex Euclidean bodies and their various representations. In particular, we make convex polyhedra, cones, and dual cones more visceral through illustration, and we study the geometric relation of polyhedral cones to nonorthogonal bases biorthogonal expansion. We explain conversion between halfspace- and vertex-descriptions of convex cones, we provide formulae for determining dual cones, and we show how classic alternative

systems of linear inequalities or linear matrix inequalities and optimality conditions can be explained by generalized inequalities in terms of convex cones and their duals. The conic analogue to linear independence, called conic independence, is introduced as a new tool in the study of classical cone theory; the logical next step in the progression: linear, affine, conic. Any convex optimization problem has geometric interpretation. This is a powerful attraction: the ability to visualize geometry of an optimization problem. We provide tools to make visualization easier. The concept of faces, extreme points, and extreme directions of convex Euclidean bodies is explained here, crucial to understanding convex optimization. The convex cone of positive semidefinite matrices, in particular, is studied in depth. We mathematically interpret, for example, its inverse image under affine transformation, and we explain how higher-rank subsets of its boundary united with its interior are convex. The Chapter on "Geometry of convex functions", observes analogies between convex sets and functions: The set of all vector-valued convex functions is a closed convex cone. Included among the examples in this chapter, we show how the real affine function relates to convex functions as the hyperplane relates to convex sets. Here, also, pertinent results for multidimensional convex functions are presented that are largely ignored in the literature; tricks and tips for determining their convexity and discerning their geometry, particularly with regard to matrix calculus which remains largely unsystematized when compared with the traditional practice of ordinary calculus. Consequently, we collect some results of matrix differentiation in the appendices. The Euclidean distance matrix (EDM) is studied, its properties and relationship to both positive semidefinite and Gram matrices. We relate the EDM to the four classical axioms of the Euclidean metric; thereby, observing the existence of an infinity of axioms of the Euclidean metric beyond the triangle inequality. We proceed by deriving the fifth Euclidean axiom and then explain why furthering this endeavor is inefficient because the ensuing criteria (while describing polyhedra) grow linearly in complexity and number. Some geometrical problems solvable via EDMs, EDM problems posed as convex optimization, and methods of solution are presented; e.g., we generate a recognizable isotonic map of the United States using only comparative distance information (no distance information, only distance inequalities). We offer a new proof of the classic Schoenberg criterion, that determines whether a candidate matrix is an EDM. Our proof relies on fundamental geometry; assuming, any EDM must correspond to a list of points contained in some polyhedron (possibly at its vertices) and vice versa. It is not widely known that the Schoenberg criterion implies nonnegativity of the EDM entries; proved here. We characterize the eigenvalues of an EDM matrix and then devise a polyhedral cone required for determining membership of a candidate matrix (in Cayley-Menger form) to the convex cone of Euclidean distance matrices (EDM cone); i.e., a candidate is an EDM if and only if its eigenspectrum belongs to a spectral cone for EDM^N . We will see spectral cones are not unique. In the chapter "EDM cone", we explain the geometric relationship between the EDM cone, two positive semidefinite cones, and the ellipsope. We illustrate geometric requirements, in particular, for projection of a candidate matrix on a positive semidefinite cone that establish its membership to the EDM cone. The faces of the EDM cone are described, but still open is the question whether all its faces are exposed as they are for the positive semidefinite cone. The classic Schoenberg criterion, relating EDM and positive semidefinite cones, is revealed to be a discretized membership relation (a generalized inequality, a new Farkas-like lemma) between the EDM cone and its ordinary dual. A matrix criterion for membership to the dual EDM cone is derived that is simpler than the Schoenberg criterion. We derive a new concise expression for the EDM cone and its dual involving two subspaces and a positive semidefinite cone. "Semidefinite programming" is reviewed with particular attention to optimality conditions of prototypical primal and dual conic programs, their interplay, and the perturbation method of rank reduction of optimal solutions (extant but not well-known). We show how to solve a ubiquitous platonic combinatorial optimization problem from linear algebra (the optimal Boolean solution x to $Ax=b$) via semidefinite program relaxation. A three-dimensional polyhedral analogue for the positive semidefinite cone of 3×3 symmetric matrices is introduced; a tool for visualizing in 6 dimensions. In "EDM proximity" we explore methods of solution to a few fundamental and prevalent Euclidean distance matrix proximity problems; the problem of finding that Euclidean distance matrix closest to a given matrix in the Euclidean sense. We pay particular attention to the problem when compounded with rank minimization. We offer a new geometrical proof of a famous result discovered by Eckart & Young in 1936 regarding Euclidean projection of a point on a subset of the positive semidefinite cone comprising all positive semidefinite matrices having rank not exceeding a prescribed limit ρ . We explain how this problem is transformed to a convex optimization for any rank ρ .

Compilers and operating systems constitute the basic interfaces between a programmer and the machine for which he is developing software. In this book we are concerned with the construction of the former. Our intent is to provide the reader with a firm theoretical basis for compiler construction and sound engineering principles for selecting alternate methods, implementing them, and integrating them into a reliable, economically viable product. The emphasis is upon a clean decomposition employing modules that can be re-used for many compilers, separation of concerns to facilitate team programming, and flexibility to accommodate hardware and system constraints. A reader should be able to understand the questions he must ask when designing a compiler for language X on machine Y , what tradeoffs are possible, and what performance might be obtained. He should not feel that any part of the design rests on whim; each decision must be based upon specific, identifiable characteristics of the source and target languages or upon design goals of the compiler. The vast majority of computer professionals will never write a compiler. Nevertheless, study of compiler technology provides important benefits for almost everyone in the field. • It focuses attention on the basic relationships between languages and machines. Understanding of these relationships eases the inevitable transitions to new hardware and programming languages and improves a person's ability to make appropriate tradeoffs in design and implementation. Do you love stories with sexy, romantic heroes who have it all—wealth, status, and incredibly good looks? Harlequin® Desire brings you all this and more with these three new full-length titles in one collection! #2576 A CONVENIENT TEXAS WEDDING Texas Cattleman's Club: The Impostor by Sheri WhiteFeather A Texas millionaire must change his

playboy image or lose everything he's worked for. An innocent Irish miss needs a green card immediately after her ex's betrayal. The rule for their marriage of convenience: don't fall in love. For these two opposites, rules are made to be broken... #2577 THE DOUBLE DEAL Alaskan Oil Barons by Catherine Mann Wild child Naomi Steele chose to get pregnant with twins, and she'll do anything to earn a stake for them in her family's oil business. Even if that means confronting an isolated scientist in a blizzard. But the man is sexier than sin and the snowstorm is moving in... Dare she mix business with pleasure? #2578 LONE STAR LOVERS Dallas Billionaires Club by Jessica Lemmon PR consultant Penelope Brand vowed to never, ever get involved with a client again. But then her latest client turns out to be her irresistible one-night stand, and he introduces her as his fiancée. Now she's playing couple, giving in to temptation...and expecting the billionaire's baby. Look for Harlequin® Desire's March 2018 Box set 2 of 2, filled with even more scandalous stories and powerful heroes!

Since the first edition of *A Guide to Faculty Development* was published in 2002, the dynamic field of educational and faculty development has undergone many changes. Prepared under the auspices of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD), this thoroughly revised, updated, and expanded edition offers a fundamental resource for faculty developers, as well as for faculty and administrators interested in promoting and sustaining faculty development within their institutions. This essential book offers an introduction to the topic, includes twenty-three chapters by leading experts in the field, and provides the most relevant information on a range of faculty development topics including establishing and sustaining a faculty development program; the key issues of assessment, diversity, and technology; and faculty development across institutional types, career stages, and organizations. "This volume contains the gallant story of the emergence of a movement to sustain the vitality of college and university faculty in difficult times. This practical guide draws on the best minds shaping the field, the most productive experience, and elicits the imagination required to reenvision a dynamic future for learning societies in a global context." —R. Eugene Rice, senior scholar, Association of American Colleges and Universities "Across the country, people in higher education are thinking about how to prepare our graduates for a rapidly changing world while supporting our faculty colleagues who grew up in a very different world. Faculty members, academic administrators, and policymakers alike will learn a great deal from this volume about how to put together a successful faculty development program and create a supportive environment for learning in challenging times." —Judith A. Ramaley, president, Winona State University "This is the book on faculty development in higher education. Everyone involved in faculty development—including provosts, deans, department chairs, faculty, and teaching center staff—will learn from the extensive research and the practical wisdom in the Guide." —Peter Felten, president, The POD Network (2010–2011), and director, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Elon University

Hard math for elementary school is a math enrichment textbook, providing ideas to provide children with lessons that are harder, deeper, and more fun. It has chapters to supplement most textbook topics as well as chapters on topics, such as making polyhedra out of marshmallows and toothpicks, that make the book more fun and develop higher reasoning skills. Summary R in Action, Second Edition presents both the R language and the examples that make it so useful for business developers. Focusing on practical solutions, the book offers a crash course in statistics and covers elegant methods for dealing with messy and incomplete data that are difficult to analyze using traditional methods. You'll also master R's extensive graphical capabilities for exploring and presenting data visually. And this expanded second edition includes new chapters on time series analysis, cluster analysis, and classification methodologies, including decision trees, random forests, and support vector machines. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the Technology Business pros and researchers thrive on data, and R speaks the language of data analysis. R is a powerful programming language for statistical computing. Unlike general-purpose tools, R provides thousands of modules for solving just about any data-crunching or presentation challenge you're likely to face. R runs on all important platforms and is used by thousands of major corporations and institutions worldwide. About the Book R in Action, Second Edition teaches you how to use the R language by presenting examples relevant to scientific, technical, and business developers. Focusing on practical solutions, the book offers a crash course in statistics, including elegant methods for dealing with messy and incomplete data. You'll also master R's extensive graphical capabilities for exploring and presenting data visually. And this expanded second edition includes new chapters on forecasting, data mining, and dynamic report writing. What's Inside Complete R language tutorial Using R to manage, analyze, and visualize data Techniques for debugging programs and creating packages OOP in R Over 160 graphs About the Author Dr. Rob Kabacoff is a seasoned researcher and teacher who specializes in data analysis. He also maintains the popular Quick-R website at statmethods.net. Table of Contents PART 1 GETTING STARTED Introduction to R Creating a dataset Getting started with graphs Basic data management Advanced data management PART 2 BASIC METHODS Basic graphs Basic statistics PART 3 INTERMEDIATE METHODS Regression Analysis of variance Power analysis Intermediate graphs Resampling statistics and bootstrapping PART 4 ADVANCED METHODS Generalized linear models Principal components and factor analysis Time series Cluster analysis Classification Advanced methods for missing data PART 5 EXPANDING YOUR SKILLS Advanced graphics with ggplot2 Advanced programming Creating a package Creating dynamic reports Advanced graphics with the lattice package available online only from manning.com/kabacoff2

Anne Collins and Linda Dacey provide a set of thirty research-based modules designed to engage all students in mathematical learning that develops conceptual understanding, addresses common misconceptions, and builds key ideas that are essential to future learning. --from publisher description.

Details the different activities of software development with a case-study approach whereby a project is developed through the course of the book The sequence of chapters is essentially the same as the sequence of activities performed during a typical software project.

"The third of a three-year sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a rigorous college preparatory algebra course. It uses a problem-based approach with concrete models. The course helps students to develop multiple strategies to solve problems and to recognize the connections between concepts" -- publisher's website.

Numerical Algorithms: Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics presents a new approach to numerical analysis for modern computer scientists. Using examples from a broad base of computational tasks, including data processing, computational photography, and animation, the textbook introduces numerical modeling and algorithmic design

Introduction to concepts of category theory — categories, functors, natural transformations, the Yoneda lemma, limits and colimits, adjunctions, monads — revisits a broad range of mathematical examples from the categorical perspective. 2016 edition.

Ten Strategies of a World-Class Cyber Security Operations Center conveys MITRE's accumulated expertise on enterprise-grade computer network defense. It covers ten key qualities of leading Cyber Security Operations Centers (CSOCs), ranging from their structure and organization, to processes that best enable smooth operations, to approaches that extract maximum value from key CSOC technology investments. This book offers perspective and context for key decision points in structuring a CSOC, such as what capabilities to offer, how to architect large-scale data collection and analysis, and how to prepare the CSOC team for agile, threat-based response. If you manage, work in, or are standing up a CSOC, this book is for you. It is also available on MITRE's website, www.mitre.org.

Materials, Third Edition, is the essential materials engineering text and resource for students developing skills and understanding of materials properties and selection for engineering applications. This new edition retains its design-led focus and strong emphasis on visual communication while expanding its inclusion of the underlying science of materials to fully meet the needs of instructors teaching an introductory course in materials. A design-led approach motivates and engages students in the study of materials science and engineering through real-life case studies and illustrative applications. Highly visual full color graphics facilitate understanding of materials concepts and properties. For instructors, a solutions manual, lecture slides, online image bank, and materials selection charts for use in class handouts or lecture presentations are available at <http://textbooks.elsevier.com>. The number of worked examples has been increased by 50% while the number of standard end-of-chapter exercises in the text has been doubled. Coverage of materials and the environment has been updated with a new section on Sustainability and Sustainable Technology. The text meets the curriculum needs of a wide variety of courses in the materials and design field, including introduction to materials science and engineering, engineering materials, materials selection and processing, and materials in design. Design-led approach motivates and engages students in the study of materials science and engineering through real-life case studies and illustrative applications. Highly visual full color graphics facilitate understanding of materials concepts and properties. Chapters on materials selection and design are integrated with chapters on materials fundamentals, enabling students to see how specific fundamentals can be important to the design process. For instructors, a solutions manual, lecture slides, online image bank and materials selection charts for use in class handouts or lecture presentations are available at <http://textbooks.elsevier.com>. Links with the Cambridge Engineering Selector (CES EduPack), the powerful materials selection software. See www.grantadesign.com for information. NEW TO THIS EDITION: Text and figures have been revised and updated throughout. The number of worked examples has been increased by 50%. The number of standard end-of-chapter exercises in the text has been doubled. Coverage of materials and the environment has been updated with a new section on Sustainability and Sustainable Technology.

Winner of the Edgar Award: The gripping account of a gruesome mass murder in gritty 1980s New York and the relentless hunt for a coldblooded killer. On a warm spring evening in 1982, thirty-seven-year-old accountant Margaret Barbera left work in New York City and walked to the West Side parking lot where she kept her BMW. Finding the lock on the driver's side door jammed, she went to the passenger's side and inserted her key. A man leaned through the open window of a van parked in the next spot, pressed a silenced pistol to the back of Margaret's head, and fired. She was dead before she hit the pavement. It was a professional hit, meticulously planned—but the killer didn't expect three employees of the nearby CBS television studios to stumble onto the scene of the crime. "You didn't see nothin', did you?" he demanded, before shooting the first eyewitness in the head. After chasing down and executing the other two men, the murderer sped out of the parking lot with Margaret's lifeless body in the back of his van. Thirty minutes later, the first detectives arrived on the scene. Veterans of Midtown North, a sprawling precinct stretching from the exclusive shops of Fifth Avenue to the flophouses of Hell's Kitchen, they thought they'd seen it all. But a bloodbath in the heart of Manhattan was a shocking new level of depravity, and the investigation would unfold under intense media coverage. Setting out on the trail of an assassin, the NYPD uncovered one of the most diabolical criminal conspiracies in the city's history. Richard Hammer's blow-by-blow account of "the CBS Murders" is a thrilling tale of greed, violence, and betrayal, and a fascinating portrait of how a big-city police department solved the toughest of cases.

From a multiple Edgar Award winner: Three gripping accounts of murder, betrayal, and greed that made headlines and shocked the nation. A Pulitzer Prize nominee for his landmark work, *The Court-Martial of Lt. Calley*, Richard Hammer is a fearless chronicler of the dark side of human nature. Here in one volume are three of his most electrifying true crime accounts. *The CBS Murders*: On a warm spring evening in New York City, four people were shot in a parking lot near the CBS television studios in Midtown. But detectives soon discovered that only one victim was the intended target; the others were eyewitnesses who tragically stumbled onto the scene of the crime. In this Edgar Award-winning account, the NYPD sets out on the trail of a merciless assassin, uncovering one of the most diabolical criminal conspiracies in the city's history. "A gripping police procedural." —Kirkus Reviews *Beyond Obsession*: Joyce Aparo seemed to be the perfect single mother, doting on her daughter, Karin. But behind closed doors, Joyce had been viciously abusing the sixteen-year-old violin prodigy for years. Then, Karin met the equally troubled Dennis Coleman, and the two fell head-over-heels into lustful infatuation. Soon after, Joyce's strangled body was found under a bridge. Dennis would eventually confess to the murder, claiming Karin begged him to kill her mother. But Karin had a very different story to tell. Was this really a twisted case of love and obsession, or was Karin now manipulating the police the same way she manipulated her former boyfriend? "This true-crime tale has all the elements of a novel . . . A satisfying read." —Library Journal *The Vatican Connection*: Matteo de Lorenzo was one of the New York mob's top earners when he and his ruthless business partner, Vincent Rizzo, traveled to Europe to discuss a plan to launder millions of dollars worth of phony securities. Their partner in crime? Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the scandal-plagued president of the Vatican Bank. What they didn't know was that Det. Joseph Coffey was already on their trail. The legendary New York policeman worked tirelessly to trace the fraudulent stocks and bonds around the world and deep into the corridors of power in Washington, DC, and Rome. This "explosive" Edgar Award winner has "all the ingredients of a thriller" (San Francisco Chronicle).

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