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The Shaolin Temple, the birthplace of Kung Fu and modern Chinese Buddhism, is the oldest and most mysterious Kung Fu school in the world. It is an exotic and mythical destination of daydreams to millions of people. In the history of the temple, very few foreigners have ever had a chance to study there. Foreigners have been allowed to study in many of the Shaolin schools, near the temple, which have taken the Shaolin name as a marketing ploy, but less than fifty foreigners have studied at the original Shaolin Temple. Antonio Graceffo was lucky enough to be one of the few, and this is the chronicle of his experience. Antonio has twenty-five years of experience with martial arts, so it is with a knowing eye that he observed the training at the temple. But it is his background that gives him a very unique perspective. An Italian-American from Brooklyn, New York, and a former investment banker, Antonio was educated in some of the best universities that Europe and Asia had to offer. His articles are informative, humorous, and irreverent. He doesn't pull any punches writing about the filthy conditions and the diminished mental capacities of people who spent a lifetime learning to kick, but never bothered to learn to read and write. The title says it all. Put a Chinese-speaking Italian-American, from Brooklyn in the holiest of Buddhist temples, and watch the racial harmony flow.

The Routledge Language Family Series is aimed at undergraduates and postgraduates of linguistics and language, or those with an interest in historical linguistics, linguistics anthropology and language development. With close to 100 million speakers, Tai-Kadai constitutes one of the world's major language families. The Tai-Kadai Languages provides a unique, comprehensive, single-volume tome covering much needed grammatical descriptions in the area. It presents an important overview of Thai that includes extensive cross-referencing to other sections of the volume and sign-posting to sources in the bibliography. The volume also includes much new material on Lao and other Tai-Kadai languages, several of which are described here for the first time. Much-needed and highly useful, The Tai-Kadai Languages is a key work for professionals and students in linguistics, as well as anthropologists and area studies specialists. ANTHONY V. N. DILLER is Foundation Director of the National Thai Studies Centre, at the Australian National University. JEROLD A. EDMONDSON is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Texas Arlington and a member of the Academy of Distinguished Scholars. YONGXIAN LUO is Senior Lecturer in the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne and a member of the Australian Linguistic Society.

with simulations and illustrations by Richard Gray Problem solving is an indispensable part of learning a quantitative science such as neurophysiology. This text for graduate and advanced undergraduate students in neuroscience, physiology, biophysics, and computational neuroscience provides comprehensive, mathematically sophisticated descriptions of modern principles of cellular neurophysiology. It is the only neurophysiology text that gives detailed derivations of equations, worked examples, and homework problem sets (with complete answers). Developed from notes for the course that the authors have taught since 1983, Foundations of Cellular Neurophysiology covers cellular neurophysiology (also some material at the molecular and systems levels) from its physical and mathematical foundations in a way that is far more rigorous than other commonly used texts in this area.

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.

The growth and development witnessed today in modern science, engineering, and technology owes a heavy debt to the rare, refractory, and reactive metals group, of which niobium is a member. Extractive Metallurgy of Niobium presents a vivid account of the metal through its comprehensive discussions of properties and applications, resources and resource processing, chemical processing and compound preparation, metal extraction, and refining and consolidation. Typical flow sheets adopted in some leading niobium-producing countries for the beneficiation of various niobium sources are presented, and various chemical processes for producing pure forms of niobium intermediates such as chloride, fluoride, and oxide are discussed. The book also explains how to liberate the metal from its intermediates and describes the physico-chemical principles involved. It is an excellent reference for chemical metallurgists, hydrometallurgists, extraction and process metallurgists, and minerals processors. It is also valuable to a wide variety of scientists, engineers, technologists, and students interested in the topic.

Soon to be a Netflix Original Series! "War of the Worlds for the 21st century." – Wall Street Journal The Three-Body Problem is the first chance for English-speaking readers to experience the Hugo Award-winning phenomenon from China's most beloved science fiction author, Liu Cixin. Set against the backdrop of China's Cultural Revolution, a secret military project sends signals into space to establish contact with aliens. An alien civilization on the brink of destruction captures the signal and plans to invade Earth. Meanwhile, on Earth, different camps start forming, planning to either welcome the superior beings and help them take over a world seen as corrupt, or to fight against the invasion. The result is a science fiction masterpiece of enormous scope and vision. The Three-Body Problem Series The Three-Body Problem The Dark Forest Death's End Other Books Ball Lightning Supernova Era To Hold Up The Sky (forthcoming) At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The series builds an extensive collection of high quality descriptions of languages around the world. Each volume offers a comprehensive grammatical description of a single language together with fully analyzed sample texts and, if appropriate, a word list and other relevant information which is available on the language in question. There are no restrictions as to language family or area, and although special attention is paid to hitherto undescribed languages, new and valuable treatments of better known languages are also included. No theoretical model is imposed on the authors; the only criterion is a high standard of scientific quality.

Thank you for checking out this book by Theophania Publishing. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you soon. We have thousands of titles available, and we invite you to search for us by name, contact us via our website, or download our most recent catalogues. The articles in this book represent a large part of Mr. Bengtson's work in historical linguistics and paleolinguistics over the past few years. The first two articles concern the worldwide picture of a human language family: global etymologies. The third is a brief summary of Mr. Bengtson's current view of the Austric macrofamily. The next six articles are concerned with the so called "isolates," Basque and Burushaski, and Mr. Bengtson's view that they are just members of a larger macrofamily, Dene-Caucasian. The two essays with titles beginning "The Problem of 'Isolates'..." approach the issues in a narrative, minimally technical style, while the other four papers are more detail-oriented and technical. The last two articles concentrate on the Na-Dene family, which Mr. Bengtson's considers an integral part of Dene-Caucasian. It hardly needs saying that much of the content of this book is out of the mainstream of historical linguistic work.

This book presents new understandings from recent research in archaeology, linguistics, & experimental ethnology regarding the prehistoric settlement of the Pacific Islands. It reviews evidence of a locally developed, food producing economy & maritime trade in western Melanesia of great antiquity. It discusses evidence of the coming of traders & colonizers from southern China & Taiwan who spoke

Austronesian languages into the same area about 4,000 years ago & their subsequent spread into remoter Oceania about 3,500 years ago. It reviews what has been learned from experimental voyaging in replicas of ancient double-hulled sailing vessels without navigational instruments & about how eastern Polynesia could have been settled by deliberate exploration. It shows what historical linguistics reveals about proto-Austronesian society & culture & relates it to the archaeological record of southern China. Finally, it presents challenging hypotheses regarding the emergence & spread of neolithic rice cultivators throughout Southern China, a development that laid the foundation for the subsequent spread of Austronesian people into the outer Pacific.

This first ever ethnography of a remarkable Chinese/Thai minority convincingly argues that Hmong culture cannot be understood in isolation from Chinese culture. It deals with major issues concerning their mixed Southeast Asian/Chinese identity, and covers subjects such as the interpretation of their cultural borrowings as signs of envy or subversion, farming and kinship relations, shamanism and ancestral worship, and, in part three, the legends of the Orphan, who achieves sovereignty through a mystic marriage. It is made clear that agency redefines context, through the power of imagination. This publication has also been published in paperback, please click here for details.

The winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics upend the most common assumptions about how economics works in this gripping and disruptive portrait of how poor people actually live. Why do the poor borrow to save? Why do they miss out on free life-saving immunizations, but pay for unnecessary drugs? In *Poor Economics*, Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo, two award-winning MIT professors, answer these questions based on years of field research from around the world. Called "marvelous, rewarding" by the *Wall Street Journal*, the book offers a radical rethinking of the economics of poverty and an intimate view of life on 99 cents a day. *Poor Economics* shows that creating a world without poverty begins with understanding the daily decisions facing the poor.

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This volume presents the most comprehensive collection of research on Hmong culture and life in Asia yet to be published. It compliments the abundant material on the Hmong diaspora by focusing instead on the Hmong in their Asian homeland. The contributors are scholars from a number of different backgrounds with a deep knowledge of Hmong society and culture, including several Hmong. The first group of essays addresses the fabric of Hmong culture by considering issues of history, language, and identity among the Hmong/Miao from Laos to China. The second part introduces the challenges faced by the Hmong in contemporary Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. Nicholas Tapp is senior fellow in anthropology at the Australian National University. Jean Michaud is associate researcher in Asian studies at University de Montreal. Christian Culas is a member of the National Center for Scientific Research in Marseille. Gary Yia Lee is senior ethnic liaison officer for New South Wales.

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is the premier public resource on scientific and technological developments that impact global security. Founded by Manhattan Project Scientists, the Bulletin's iconic "Doomsday Clock" stimulates solutions for a safer world.

*Tone: A Linguistic Survey* is a nine-chapter text that considers the phonetics and phonology of tone from both a synchronic and a diachronic point of view. The first chapters deal with the physiological and perceptual correlations of tone. These chapters also describe the interactions of tonal and nontonal features. The succeeding chapters provide the phonetic basis for phonological tonal phenomena. These topics are followed by discussions of the physical and physiological aspects of tone, the number of possible contrastive tones in a language, and a suprasegmental representation of tones based on linguistic evidence. This text also summarizes the kinds of tone rules found in languages and the important syntactic function played by tone in a number of the world's languages, particularly those in Africa. The final chapters look into the general and specific principles that constrain historical tone change. This book will prove useful to students with phonology course.

The phonological history of Chinese can be traced back to two main traditions: one starting with the *Qieyun* of 601, and the other starting with the *Zhongyuan Yinyun* of 1324. The former marks the beginning of Middle Chinese, and the latter marks the beginning of Old Mandarin. Both of these systems, as well as reconstructed Old Chinese, should be understood as ideal phonological standards and composite in nature. Until modern times, phonological standards were never based strictly on the phonology of a single dialect. This book provides the first study written in English, of the phonological history of Chinese. It provides information about the standard phonological systems for each of the language's major historical periods, drawing on a range of historical materials such as dictionaries, rhyming tables and poetry, and is the reference book for understanding the key developments in the Chinese sound system.

This book describes and analyzes the situation of minority languages in China.

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Granet's original work delves deep into the religious and spiritual customs of ancient China by analysing their festivals and songs from the *Book of Odes* including the original Chinese script. This translation, originally published in 1932, aimed to present Granet's observations to a wider English readership by omitting the Chinese characters and providing an in-depth insight into one of the most important early civilisations. This title will be of interest to students of Asian studies.

Folding and refolding origami frogs, extracting the symmetrical veins from leaves, retreating to an imaginary world in his closet: after Teresa walked out the door one July afternoon in 1994, her son filled the void she left with a series of unusual rituals. Twenty-three years later, he lies in bed, reconstructing the events surrounding his mother's disappearance. Did she actually join the Zapatistas in the jungles of Chiapas, as he was led to believe? He dissects his memories of that fateful summer until a startling discovery shatters his conception of his family's story. Daniel Saldaña París (*Among Strange Victims*) returns with an emotionally rich anti-coming-of-age novel that wrestles with the inherited privileges and crimes of masculinity.

*Lupo Giocondo e i Sette Porcellini* è una divertente storia scaturita dalla penna del nostro autore Giovanni Lodi. I suoi personaggi descritti a meraviglia da ogni punto di vista appaiono tanto emozionanti quanto profondamente umani e, di pagina in pagina, la loro storia segue un corso imprevedibile e tutt'altro che scontato. Il protagonista Lupo Giocondo è alla caccia degli ultimi sette Porcellini delle "Terre d'Abruzzo e d'Intorni". Si mimetizza nella foresta, attraversa il mare, svetta sulle cime delle montagne, cambia identità, si traveste e muta: da lupo socievole e spensierato, in lupo cattivo, feroce e bramoso di assaporare porcellini teneri teneri. Il nostro Lupo Biondo è un profeta del travestimento e s'inventa canzoni, ritornelli e gag umoristiche tanto da divenire mago e poeta con giri di parole, di foresta, d'aria e



d'acqua per percorrere una favola leggendaria mai immaginata. L'esagerazione e l'immedesimazione fa di Lupo Giocondo una garanzia di infinita fantasia, verso i lettori di ogni età, per potersi immergere in un viaggio avventuroso e indimenticabile tra terre incantate e incontri pericolosi. Buona lettura a tutti! Giovanni Lodi nasce a Rieti nel 1964 da una famiglia di ristoratori. A 11 anni scrive una commedia teatrale in vernacolo reatino. Nel 1981 si trasferisce a Pedaso nelle Marche. Nel 1990 consegue la laurea in Scienze Politiche all'Alma Mater Studiorum Università degli Studi di Bologna con una tesi sperimentale sul IX Parlamento della Repubblica Italiana in Psicologia del Lavoro, frequenta l'Università Cattolica di Nimega - Nederland - con il III Programma Europeo Erasmus e si occupa di Psicologia Clinica e di studi di microbiologia e biologia molecolare sugli stressori e le malattie in ambito statistico. Negli anni '90 frequenta la Scuola di Giornalismo di Roma con il settimanale "Avvenimenti" e la Scuola di Teatro di Bologna. è vignettista, scrittore di poesie e di racconti brevi. Si sposa, ha un figlio e fa una serie infinita di esperienze lavorative dal bagnino al cuoco, dal cameriere al venditore porta a porta, dal mediatore civile e commerciale all'operaio chimico e metalmeccanico, dall'istruttore di nuoto all'operatore cinematografico, dal formatore aziendale all'addetto alla qualità, dall'assistente universitario al consulente del lavoro. è ideatore di giochi di logica e di unità didattiche per la pedagogia speciale e presenza assidua al Convegno Nazionale "Incontri con la matematica" di Castel San Pietro Terme di Bologna dove è stato espositore e promotore del Manifesto di Pace di Teoria Geometrica nel 2015. Su Facebook, da dicembre 2020, ha più di 25.000 amici con 6 profili. Pubblica finalmente il suo primo libro Lupo Giocondo e i Sette Porcellini con Europa Edizioni nel 2021.

"Fascinating.... Lays a foundation for understanding human history."—Bill Gates In this "artful, informative, and delightful" (William H. McNeill, New York Review of Books) book, Jared Diamond convincingly argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. Societies that had had a head start in food production advanced beyond the hunter-gatherer stage, and then developed religion --as well as nasty germs and potent weapons of war --and adventured on sea and land to conquer and decimate preliterate cultures. A major advance in our understanding of human societies, Guns, Germs, and Steel chronicles the way that the modern world came to be and stunningly dismantles racially based theories of human history. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science, the Rhone-Poulenc Prize, and the Commonwealth club of California's Gold Medal.

For two thousand years the disparate groups that now reside in Zomia (a mountainous region the size of Europe that consists of portions of seven Asian countries) have fled the projects of the organized state societies that surround them--slavery, conscription, taxes, corvee labor, epidemics, and warfare. This book, essentially an anarchist history, is the first-ever examination of the huge literature on state-making whose author evaluates why people would deliberately and reactively remain stateless. Among the strategies employed by the people of Zomia to remain stateless are physical dispersion in rugged terrain; agricultural practices that enhance mobility; pliable ethnic identities; devotion to prophetic, millenarian leaders; and maintenance of a largely oral culture that allows them to reinvent their histories and genealogies as they move between and around states. In accessible language, James Scott, recognized worldwide as an eminent authority in Southeast Asian, peasant, and agrarian studies, tells the story of the peoples of Zomia and their unlikely odyssey in search of self-determination. He redefines our views on Asian politics, history, demographics, and even our fundamental ideas about what constitutes civilization, and challenges us with a radically different approach to history that presents events from the perspective of stateless peoples and redefines state-making as a form of internal colonialism. This new perspective requires a radical reevaluation of the civilizational narratives of the lowland states. Scott's work on Zomia represents a new way to think of area studies that will be applicable to other runaway, fugitive, and marooned communities, be they Gypsies, Cossacks, tribes fleeing slave raiders, Marsh Arabs, or San-Bushmen.

Non importa l'età che hai, grande o piccolo che tu sia, se devi rimanere un po' di tempo in un letto di ospedale i minuti, le ore, i giorni non passano mai. In corsia ci sono tanti dottori e molte medicine, ma a volte non bastano... perché la testa è piena di pensieri bruttissimi. E per i pensieri bruttissimi non esistono medicine. Per fortuna, però, esiste un trucco che è quasi come una super pillola che tutto può: inventare storie e portare la testa e il cuore molto lontano. Le favole dell'attesa è scritto per i bambini di tutte le età. Sedersi sulla sponda di un letto e leggere "insieme" una favola, vuol dire regalare tempo, affetto, attenzioni a una persona cara. La nostra sfida e il nostro atto d'amore sarà portare le favole in quanti più ospedali è possibile in un lungo e instancabile tour, grazie alla disponibilità di medici, direttori sanitari, infermieri, addetti alle relazioni esterne, genitori, associazioni. Ma non solo. Questo progetto nasce anche per portare la lettura e i libri dove c'è tempo per leggere: scuole, asili, ludoteche, supermercati (perché no), tutte le sale d'attesa per chi parte e chi arriva, le stazioni, gli aeroporti. Le favole saranno in ogni posto dove c'è un bambino e dove c'è lo spazio per sedersi, aprire un libro e iniziare un'avventura che porti lontano, per poi tornare nel proprio presente un po' più forti e meno soli. La lettura come diritto, come difesa, come strumento per crescere e lottare anche contro cose più grandi di noi, come la malattia o la solitudine. Segui il cuore, partecipa al nostro esperimento d'amore: acquistando un libro, porti a casa la tua copia e ci aiuti a regalarne un'altra a un ospedale italiano. Gli autori hanno donato racconti e immagini e l'editore si impegna a reinvestire il ricavato della vendita di ogni copia nella pubblicazione di nuovi volumi da distribuire gratuitamente nei reparti pediatrici. Il progetto #sequilcuore nasce dal desiderio di Vincenzo Federico di portare i libri nelle sale d'attesa degli ospedali "per tenere compagnia ai pazienti, aiutarli ad evadere e ad affrontare la malattia con ottimismo". Dal sogno di Vincenzo nel 2013 è nato Racconti in sala d'attesa, donato a oltre 60 ospedali; con Le favole dell'attesa, dedicato ai bambini, il progetto continua a crescere.

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With which are incorporated "The China directory" and "The Hongkong directory and Hong list for the Far East" ...

Graph-structured data is ubiquitous throughout the natural and social sciences, from telecommunication networks to quantum chemistry. Building relational inductive biases into deep learning architectures is crucial for creating systems that can learn, reason, and generalize from this kind of data. Recent years have seen a surge in research on graph representation learning, including techniques for deep graph embeddings, generalizations of convolutional neural networks to graph-structured data, and neural message-passing approaches inspired by belief propagation. These advances in graph representation learning have led to new state-of-the-art results in numerous domains, including chemical synthesis, 3D vision, recommender systems, question answering, and social network analysis. This book provides a synthesis and overview of graph representation learning. It begins with a discussion of the goals of graph representation learning as well as key methodological foundations in graph theory and network analysis. Following this, the book introduces and reviews methods for learning node embeddings, including random-walk-based methods and applications to knowledge graphs. It then provides a technical synthesis and introduction to the highly successful graph neural network (GNN) formalism, which has become a dominant and fast-growing paradigm for deep learning with graph data. The book concludes with a synthesis of recent advancements in deep generative models for graphs—a nascent but quickly growing subset of graph representation learning. Indianapolis Monthly is the Circle City's essential chronicle and guide, an indispensable authority on what's new and what's news. Through coverage of politics, crime, dining, style, business, sports, and arts and entertainment, each issue offers compelling narrative stories and lively, urbane coverage of Indy's cultural landscape.

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Mainland Southeast Asia is one of the most fascinating and complex cultural and linguistic areas in the world. This book provides a rich and comprehensive survey of the history and core systems and subsystems of the languages of this fascinating region. Drawing on his depth of expertise in mainland Southeast Asia, Enfield includes more than a thousand data examples from over a hundred languages from Cambodia, China, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, bringing together a wealth of data and analysis that has not previously been available in one place. Chapters cover the many ways in which these languages both resemble each other, and differ from each other, and the diversity of the area's languages is highlighted, with a special emphasis on minority languages, which outnumber the national languages by nearly a hundred to one. The result is an authoritative treatment of a fascinating and important linguistic area.

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