

Franchising Pandora Group

"Tense, involving, Sixers is a smart near-future thriller with a startlingly real sense of plausibility. In a world that's falling apart, can one ordinary person make a difference? Tremendous stuff! Kavanagh can write!" – Hugo Award-winner David Wingrove, author of the Chung Kuo series and the Roads To Moscow trilogy In this near future pop-culture-filled dystopian novel, America is under the dark cloud of a new envirus, Camden-Young's Disease. Unleashed five years earlier from an explosion at a genetic engineering laboratory, the stealth envirus has laid waste to 74% of Caucasians between puberty and their early thirties while the other 26% are mysteriously immune. From flu-like attacks to excruciating fevers, hair loss, blindness, insanity and death, there is no cure; the only respite available being the Febrifuge Blue line of pharmaceuticals controlled by the Southern United Enterprises conglomerate used to treat symptoms of the target population while also used recreationally by the fortunate Sixers. Dr. Arthur Camden, dispatched from the company a year earlier by the powerful and merciless executive Trisha Lane, believes a formula for a cure (which would destroy SUE's incredibly lucrative money machine) is contained in a pair of notebooks seized when he was fired. For their return, Camden's willing to exchange four ounces of the otherwise unobtainable distillate CY6A4 he purloined just before he was dismissed that Lane craves to manufacture an experimental potion of unimaginable potential. David Stonetree, Lane's new administrative assistant, becomes the middleman between the players in this high-stakes chess match, spurred on by the fact that his partner Sharon has just been diagnosed as a CYD-positive. Torn between Lane's seductive wiles and Camden's selfless decency he finally takes a stand that could cost him his job and possibly his and Camden's lives. The story continues in Kavanagh's sequel, Weekend At Prism, with many of the characters returning in Las Vegas for the \$100M World Standoff! Tournament and "the biggest rock concert ever held in the history of the Universe." Praise for Sixers "Terrific." – Scott Turow, author of Presumed Innocent and Burden of Proof "(a) well-wrought debut...both engaging and fun to read." – Publisher's Weekly "A stunning debut novel...skillfully crafted...gripping and disturbing...an important new voice." – Rave Reviews "A writer to reckon with...engrossing and well-written." - West Coast Review of Books "This is a brave, wonderful book." – Arthur Shay, Speaking Volumes BIO: John Patrick Kavanagh, aside from his writing and design projects, is also a member of the Illinois and California Bars. A Chicagoland native, he currently lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania with his wife Susan. JOHNPATRICKKAVANAGH@FACEBOOK.COM JPK@PINKIEFINGER.COM [TWITTER.COM@JOHNPKAVANAGH](https://twitter.com/JOHNPKAVANAGH)

EXCERPT: Febrifuge Blue was the most popular legal drug in the country. For 74% of young adults, it was a state-of-the-art shock absorber that softened the rough road that CYD had paved over the country; over their lives. Febrifuge Blue was the most popular illicit drug in the country. For 26% of young adults, it was a state-of-the-art shock absorber which softened life's hard corners into smooth contours. Sixers used it with impunity; with an almost imperceptible smugness. Febrifuge Blue used by Sixers was reaching epidemic proportions but there was no way it would stop until somebody, somewhere came up with a plausible reason to dissuade its disciples. The Addiction Research Center in Baltimore had recently reported after an exhaustive study that Febrifuge Blue and its chemical cousins had no lasting addictive qualities and caused minimal harm to a typical user. The comfort it provided to three quarters of its customers was simply more consequential than the immoral high it gave to the other quarter. Febrifuge Blue was like a prize bull roaming the streets of Calcutta, going where it wanted and revered by most who came in contact with it. On busy nights the crackles came from everywhere; by midnight the entire place smelled of exhaust. Stonetree felt a little uneasy about using a drug that made him feel wonderful when others needed it to maintain their health, but so much for philosophy. He pushed away his watch to make room for the unit and pressed the button. He stared into the wall of flames, not paying attention to the shapes of those standing at the ledge. The first wave coursed through him, its effect lasting longer than he was accustomed to; a smoother, deeper flow. The furnace grew dim but just to him. He chuckled. Tricked again.

Too many entrepreneurs push off planning for the sale of their business until the last moment. But for a business to sell for what it's really worth—or even more—owners need to prepare for the sale from the very start. In Exit Rich, author and mergers and acquisitions authority Michelle Seiler Tucker joins forces with Sharon Lechter, finance expert and author of Rich Dad Poor Dad, to create a must-have guide for all business owners—whether they're gearing up to sell a business now or just getting started building out their company into something to sell for a profit in the future. Seiler Tucker's twofold approach to selling your business for maximum profit combines two of the most powerful elements of her mergers and acquisitions toolkit: the "ST GPS Exit Model" to help business owners set goals for the sale before their business hit the market, and the "6 P Method" to help them objectively evaluate their business's worth, before their potential buyers do. Combined, these tools provide invaluable insight into the process of preparing a business for sale, finding the right buyers, and staging the sale itself. Throughout the book, Sharon Lechter's wisdom peppers each chapter in the "Mentoring Corner" section, providing forward-thinking entrepreneurs with the perspective that they need to take control of their business's future and exit rich. This book is a rich resource for any business owner looking to:

- Objectively evaluate their business before a sale
- Improve their chances of finding the right buyer
- Sell their business for maximum profit

When the twenty-fourth-century arrival of human colonists in a faraway system unleashes a race of aliens formerly imprisoned within a giant force field, the aliens, having fought for centuries over scarce resources, turn to human space to fulfill their wants. By the author of The Reality Dysfunction and Fallen Dragon. Reprint.

EBOOK: Principles and Practice of Marketing, 9e

Following in the best-selling tradition of The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World, The Unofficial Guide: The Color Companion to Walt Disney World shows you how to get the inside track on visiting Walt Disney World and how to make the most of your time in the park. Complete with hundreds of full-color photographs, the Color Companion is a visual guide for your Disney vacation, showing you the best that Walt Disney World has to offer. The Color Companion is perfect for pairing with The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World ("the big book") or it can stand alone to provide you with what you need to know in a flash when you're visiting the park. The Unofficial Guide gives you more than 800 pages of highly detailed information on planning, staying, and surviving your visit to Walt Disney World. In The Color Companion the authors Bob Sehlinger and Len Testa also take the "Unofficial" approach, but their book SHOWS you where you'll be staying and what you'll be doing, all in a trim little book that's perfect for tucking into a backpack or totebag.

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Expanding an organisation internationally presents both opportunities and challenges as marketing departments seek to understand different buying behaviours, power relations, preferences, loyalties and norms. International Marketing offers a uniquely adaptable strategy framework for firms of all sizes that are looking to internationalise their business, using Carl Arthur Solberg's tried and tested Nine Strategic Windows model. Compact and readable, this practical text offers the reader insights into: The globalisation phenomenon Partner relations And Strategic positioning in international markets. Solberg has also created a brand new companion website for the text, replete with additional materials and instructor resources. This functional study, complete with case studies that demonstrate how the theory translates to practice, is an ideal introduction to international marketing for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates in business and management. It also

offers a pragmatic toolkit for managers and marketers that are seeking to expand their business into new territories.

This latest edition of Georgia Civil Practice, first published in 1990 and written by distinguished attorney and former Georgia Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hardy, is the only single reference to comprehensively treat both the Uniform Superior Court Rules and the Civil Practice Act. This proven practice tool incorporates the most recent changes in the trial court rules, as well as the subtle common law evolution of the rules and the Civil Practice Act as reflected in case law. Inside you'll find the resources you need on: • Venue, Actions, Process, Time, Appearance of Counsel and Assignment of Cases • Parties, Pleadings and Motions • Pretrial Procedure • Depositions and Discovery • Trials and Judgment • Provisional and Final Remedies, Special Proceedings and Renewal Actions

Today fans still remember and love the British girls' comic Misty for its bold visuals and narrative complexities. Yet its unique history has drawn little critical attention. Bridging this scholarly gap, Julia Round presents a comprehensive cultural history and detailed discussion of the comic, preserving both the inception and development of this important publication as well as its stories. Misty ran for 101 issues as a stand-alone publication between 1978 and 1980 and then four more years as part of Tammy. It was a hugely successful anthology comic containing one-shot and serialized stories of supernatural horror and fantasy aimed at girls and young women and featuring work by writers and artists who dominated British comics such as Pat Mills, Malcolm Shaw, and John Armstrong, as well as celebrated European artists. To this day, Misty remains notable for its daring and sophisticated stories, strong female characters, innovative page layouts, and big visuals. In the first book on this topic, Round closely analyzes Misty's content, including its creation and production, its cultural and historical context, key influences, and the comic itself. Largely based on Round's own archival research, the study also draws on interviews with many of the key creators involved in this comic, including Pat Mills, Wilf Prigmore, and its art editorial team Jack Cunningham and Ted Andrews, who have never previously spoken about their work. Richly illustrated with previously unpublished photos, scripts, and letters, this book uses Misty as a lens to explore the use of Gothic themes and symbols in girls' comics and other media. It surveys existing work on childhood and Gothic and offers a working definition of Gothic for Girls, a subgenre which challenges and instructs readers in a number of ways.

At last, a comprehensive, systematically organized Handbook which gives a reliable and critical guide to all aspects of one of the world's leading industries: the hospitality industry. The book focuses on key aspects of the hospitality management curriculum, research and practice bringing together leading scholars throughout the world. Each essay examines a theme or functional aspect of hospitality management and offers a critical overview of the principle ideas and issues that have contributed, and continue to contribute, within it. Topics include: • The nature of hospitality and hospitality management • The relationship of hospitality management to tourism, leisure and education provision • The current state of development of the international hospitality business • The core activities of food, beverage and accommodation management • Research strategies in hospitality management • Innovation and entrepreneurship trends • The role of information technology The SAGE Handbook of Hospitality Management constitutes a single, comprehensive source of reference which will satisfy the information needs of both specialists in the field and non-specialists who require a contemporary introduction to the hospitality industry and its analysis. Bob Brotherton formerly taught students of Hospitality and Tourism at Manchester Metropolitan University. He has also taught Research Methods to Hospitality and Tourism students at a number of international institutions as a visiting lecturer; Roy C. Wood is based in the Oberoi Centre of Learning and Development, India

The overall success of an organization is dependent on how marketing is able to inform strategy and maintain an operational focus on market needs. With an array of examples and case studies from around the world, Lancaster and Massingham offer an alternative to the traditional American focused teaching materials currently available. Topics covered include: consumer and organizational buyer behaviour product and innovation strategies direct marketing e-marketing Designed and written for undergraduate, MBA and masters students in marketing management classes, The Essentials of Marketing Management builds on successful earlier editions to provide a solid foundation to understanding this core topic. An extensive companion website, featuring a vast and rich array of supporting materials, including extended cases and multiple choice questions is available at: <http://cw.routledge.com/textbooks/9780415553476/>

Presents the findings of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group that reviewed the situation on the ground and proposed ways of improving security, strengthening the new government, rebuilding the economy, and maintaining stability in the region.

This directory is the most complete, reliable and comprehensive reference book on Hollywood talent and literary agents and managers. For the new edition the publisher has changed the title to reflect the growth of new sections in the directory. The directory has been expanded to include separate sections on Entertainment Attorneys and Publicity Companies to make it a one-stop shop for finding representation and getting work in Hollywood. The book even includes music agents and music managers of arena-level attractions. There is no other publication available that gives such access to the film and television community of New York and Hollywood. This directory is great for aspiring screenwriters, filmmakers and actors as well as the professional entertainment community. Features: Over 2000 companies; Over 7000 individuals; Talent agencies and management companies nation-wide; New section listing entertainment attorneys; TV & Film Casting Directors and Publicity Companies; Includes addresses, phone & fax numbers, staff & titles; Published twice every year.

21 privately-owned company owners share stories of how they leveraged advisory boards to help them build valuable, sustainable companies.

In its 114th year, Billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. Billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

Georgia Personal Injury integrates how-to practice guidance, task-oriented checklists, downloadable forms and references to sources that provide in-depth explanations of subjects to make this complex area understandable to litigators. This concise treatise explains the ins and outs of Georgia personal injury law from both a procedural and substantive law aspect, with a step-by-step approach and helpful practice tips and strategies. It distills the experience of a seasoned tort litigator to demystify the personal injury law litigation process. It offers targeted practical guidance for the Georgia tort litigator to master the complexities of the Georgia tort system, court rules, and case law that govern this important evolving area.

" Six boys and girls with psychic powers. A tentative alliance from which friendships emerge. But when Boogiepop and a mysterious little girl start showing up in their visions of the future, the six friends find themselves caught up in a chain of events that could put the entire world at risk. With both their lives and their newfound bonds on the line, can they protect each other--and the secrets they're still keeping? "

Florida Small Business Practice provides a broad understanding and explanation of the laws concerning the creation, purchase, maintenance and sale of various business entities for the small business client. Highlights of the new Tenth Edition include: Updated case law, statutes, rules, and regulations. Updated Checklists, Tables, and Forms Hot Topics: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054, and its impact on the taxation of different business entities. Discussion of Congress's revamping of the process for auditing partnerships under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, 26 U.S.C. §§6221 et seq., to permit the IRS, beginning in 2018, to recoup taxes from the partnership itself rather than from the partners individually.

Discussion of recent changes to estate and gift taxes under IRC § 2010 as it relates to family limited partnership planning. Repeal of the technical termination of partnerships under IRC § 708(b) beginning in 2018. Amendment of IRC § 172 as it relates to net operating losses of "C" corporations. SEC's adoption of amendments to Rule 504, effective January 20, 2017, regarding increases in the aggregate amount of securities that may be offered and sold, and the disqualification of certain "bad actors" from participation in Rule 504. Copy right law and the Florida Supreme Court's decision in *Flo & Eddie, Inc. v. Sirius XM Radio, Inc.*, 229 So. 3d 305 (Fla. 2017), a case of first impression, answering the question of whether Florida common law recognizes the exclusive right of public performance in pre-1972 sound recordings.

Cincinnati Magazine taps into the DNA of the city, exploring shopping, dining, living, and culture and giving readers a ringside seat on the issues shaping the region.

Directory of Corporate Counsel, 2021 Edition

Women in Gaming: 100 Professionals of Play is a celebration of female accomplishments in the video game industry, ranging from high-level executives to programmers to cosplayers. This insightful and celebratory book highlights women who helped to establish the industry, women who disrupted it, women who fight to diversify it, and young women who will someday lead it.

Featuring household names and unsung heroes, each individual profiled is a pioneer in their own right. Key features in this book include: *100 Professionals of Play: Interviews and Special Features with 100 diverse and prominent women highlighting their impact on the gaming industry in the fields of design, programming, animation, marketing, voiceover, and many more. *Pro Tips: Practical and anecdotal advice from industry professionals for young adults working toward a career in the video game industry.

*Essays: Short essays covering various topics affecting women in gaming related careers, including "Difficult Women: The Importance of Female Characters Who Go Beyond Being Strong," "NPC: On Being Unseen in the Game Dev Community," and "Motherhood and Gaming: How Motherhood Can Help Rather Than Hinder a Career." *"A Day in the Life of" Features: An inside look at a typical day in the gaming industry across several vocations, including a streamer, a voice actor, and many more.

The extraordinary personal and professional journey of Scott Walker who went from golden-voiced sixties pop-singer to iconoclastic musical adventurer. Author Paul Woods examines how the celebrated vocal range and philosophical concerns of Noel Scott Engel - aka Scott Walker - continue to challenge the accepted territory and subject matter of popular music.

Chronicling the Indian Premier League (IPL), India's first sports league and the most controversial ever, this book explores the intricacies of the business and the acceptability of the IPL to take a closer look at the various scams that have plagued it. It is a blow-by-blow description of the highs, lows, and future of the IPL that has, possibly, redefined the way the rest of the world perceives India. It analyses what the league got right and what it has got wrong and why. And, what the IPL and its owner/promoter—the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)—could have done to sell the sport and build on the popularity of cricket in India, but didn't. Analysing the spot-fixing scandal, the conflict of interest controversy, the specific issues concerning the teams, the complicated interplay between the BCCI and the IPL, this thought-provoking work brings to light many untold stories of cricket in India.

Florida Small Business Practice provides a broad understanding and explanation of the laws concerning the creation, purchase, maintenance and sale of various business entities for the small business client.

What are the challenges facing social welfare in America? Theories of stakeholders, the policy process, electoral politics, the precariat, child welfare, online education, the devolution of the welfare state, and its sequel, the investment state, illuminate critical factors determining the future of social welfare as well as the professions. Beyond explaining social change, theories include applications for future research. After the turmoil of the 2016 election, Pandora's Dilemma is not only the first empirically-based theoretical explanation, but also a long-overdue illustration of the value of theory in social welfare. This book is essential reading for social welfare scholars trying to make sense of Brexit and the Trump presidency.

Arbitration of International Business Disputes 2nd edition is a fully revised and updated anthology of essays by Rusty Park, a leading scholar in international arbitration and a sought-after arbitrator for both commercial and investment treaty cases. This collection focuses on controversial questions in arbitration of trade, financial, and investment disputes. The essays address some of the most interesting topics in cross-border business dispute resolution, many of which have endured over several decades and remain subject to radically different views. Examples include the proper role of judicial review, the allocation of jurisdictional tasks, evolution of arbitration's statutory and treaty framework, free trade and bilateral investment agreements, and the balance between fixed rules and arbitral discretion. The book is structured around three themes: arbitration's legal framework; the conduct of arbitral proceedings; and a comparison of arbitration in specific fields such as finance, intellectual property, and taxation. In each of these areas, analysis includes the tensions between fairness and efficiency, and the accurate application of substantive law as well as the implications of mandatory procedural norms. Augmented by more than a dozen new contributions and a revised introduction, this 2nd edition retains all of its earlier practical and scholarly relevance, and includes a Foreword by V. V. (Johnny) Veeder QC. The last year's Retail Market Study reached 20'000 readers. This year we covered 145 Shopping Cities, 500 Shopping Malls, 750 High Streets, 1'000 Retailers & 2'000 Store Openings on 976 pages.

The Retail Market Study 2015 of The Location Group is the one and only study of its kind worldwide. The focus of the Retail Bible are the 150 of the most notable international cities of the fashion and retail world and more than 3'000 store openings on 1,670 pages. Over 1,300 retailers, 800 shopping streets and 500 shopping centers were analyzed. The study reached more than 250,000 readers worldwide so far. The yearly volumes of Censored, in continuous publication since 1976 and since 1995 available through Seven Stories Press, is dedicated to the stories that ought to be top features on the nightly news, but that are missing because of media bias and self-censorship. The top stories are listed democratically in order of importance according to students, faculty, and a national panel of judges. Each of the top stories is presented at length, alongside updates from the investigative reporters who broke the stories.

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