

From Zero To Sixty On Hedge Funds And Private Equity 3 0

Go from zero to funny in one book with ABC's of Stand-up Comedy. This quick-hitting guide is essential to any person interested in a career in stand-up comedy. From Zero to Sixty on Hedge Funds and Private Equity 3.0 Jonathan Stanford Yu Is what you haven't been told hurting your church? Are there secrets to leading at a higher level that aren't taught in Bible College and seminary? If so, where can these vital lessons be learned? Right here! In Zero to Sixty, Bob Franquiz takes you on the ride of a lifetime as he pulls back the curtain and reveals the secret leadership skills that are used by leaders of growing churches. Imagine learning and employing the following leadership skills: - How to communicate vision in a way that causes people to respond - How to hire the right people and fire the wrong people - How to gauge the health of your church - Staffing strategies that add staff and reduce expenses - How to maximize momentum for greater growth - How to develop a system for raising up leaders - How to develop yourself as a leader - How to manage staff more effectively And much more! Effective ministry doesn't have to be a mystery. Instead, it can be the ride of your life as you take the journey from Zero to Sixty!

The Goal of this Book: The goal of this book is to give you two things regarding hedge funds, private equity, and other asset management firms. Two things that anybody can learn and then use to talk about with their friends and coworkers. The first is the knowledge - a foundation tool set of key words, industry phrases and financial concepts made clear in plain english. This book puts meanings and understanding to terms you may have already heard in finance but did not quite understand. There is no math and there are no equations. This is not an academic paper nor does it want to be. The goal is to help you grasp that concepts. Just interesting stories and detailed explanations to get you familiar with a variety of topics: * How hedge and private equity funds are structured * Who their investors are * Pension funds and endowments. The model practiced by the \$20 billion Yale Endowment and the \$650 billion Norway Pension Fund * Fund investing strategies. Event-driven (including IPOs, splits and spinoffs), merger arbitrage, private equity type sidepockets, and more * Junk bonds, options, swaps, and other derivatives * Leveraged buyouts and other types of private equity investing * Venture capital funds and big changes affecting the venture capital industry The second thing you get makes this more than just a compilation of Wikipedia articles. Imagine yourself sitting next to a fund or an investor in a fund and observing them do something or make a move. Sure you want to know "what" they did but the stuff that would be truly interesting is the "why". What is going through their head in doing this? This book walks you through it all so that you get to take in the mindsets, perspectives and incentives of the fund's managers, investors and more. There is a whole lot more strategy going on than what you might at first think. It does not matter who you are: A

student in school thinking about joining the alternative asset management industry, a retiree who wants to know more about these weird fund things, or a person who works with or near a hedge fund but has no idea what they really do. Does not matter. The only thing you need to have is a desire to start learning. If you are familiar with some of it, you can build on it here. If you are beginning from scratch (just as I myself was), you are in good hands. About 3.0: The third version of From Zero to Sixty is an update on many of the growing trends in hedge funds and private equity from the rise and fall of global macro investing to the emergence of sovereign wealth funds as the most powerful investing entities on Earth. Performance figures and statistics are updated. New concepts like short squeezes are brought to light. It is more of what you want to know. Despite the 3.0 moniker and the new cover, this book's goal remains the same: Bring people up to speed on a fast-moving and complicated industry full of difficult lingo. This book is an education, a learning course set up with you in mind. That has not changed. The world changes every day. This book wants you to help you keep up with it.

My name is not important at this time but I am the author of this series of vignettes about the thoughts of veterans who are patients in VA hospitals some are recovering from injuries incurred in current conflicts or wars of the past They lie in their beds with nothing to do, day in and day out, but think about yesterday and the things that happened. Happenings they want to forget and there are the things that they long to remember. The homes that they once had, their loved ones, the house across street that they once lived in, the block, the street and the little corner news stand and the people that you meet that's America. There are those who lived in the country and there are those city fellows, that is, the ones who claimed they knew everything but did nothing but talked about the dreams they had that were as tall as the skyscrapers that reached to the heavens, some seem to be a mile tall.

Get up to speed on Scala, the JVM language that offers all the benefits of a modern object model, functional programming, and an advanced type system. Packed with code examples, this comprehensive book shows you how to be productive with the language and ecosystem right away, and explains why Scala is ideal for today's highly scalable, data-centric applications that support concurrency and distribution. This second edition covers recent language features, with new chapters on pattern matching, comprehensions, and advanced functional programming. You'll also learn about Scala's command-line tools, third-party tools, libraries, and language-aware plugins for editors and IDEs. This book is ideal for beginning and advanced Scala developers alike. Program faster with Scala's succinct and flexible syntax Dive into basic and advanced functional programming (FP) techniques Build killer big-data apps, using Scala's functional combinators Use traits for mixin composition and pattern matching for data extraction Learn the sophisticated type system that combines FP and object-oriented programming concepts Explore Scala-specific concurrency tools,

including Akka Understand how to develop rich domain-specific languages Learn good design techniques for building scalable and robust Scala applications

It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war. Hideki lives with his family on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When the Second World War crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: Don't come back until you've killed an American soldier. Ray, a young American Marine, has just landed on Okinawa. This is Ray's first-ever battle, and he doesn't know what to expect -- or if he'll make it out alive. All he knows that the enemy is everywhere. Hideki and Ray each fight their way across the island, surviving heart-pounding ambushes and dangerous traps. But then the two of them collide in the middle of the battle... And choices they make in that single instant will change everything. Alan Gratz, New York Times bestselling author of *Refugee*, returns with this high-octane story of how fear and war tear us apart, but how hope and redemption tie us together. Reviews for *Refugee*: "An absolute must read for people of all ages" - Hannah Greendale, Goodreads "Like RJ Palacio's *Wonder*, this book should be mandatory reading..." - Skip, Goodreads "I liked how the book linked history with adventure, and combined to make a realistic storyline for all three characters" - AJH, aged 11, Toppsta

A renowned executive coach and psychologist shows readers how to recognize and overcome the emotional and psychological triggers that set off a reaction or a behavior that often is detrimental so that they can achieve meaningful and sustained change.

THE STORY: According to the Herald-Tribune: [The story] starts us out with a fairly staid banker who needs some sort of creative release and finds it in lecturing to local high-school classes on the need for self-fulfillment...It quickly develops ho

Infiltrate. Befriend. Sabotage. World War II is raging. Michael O'Shaunessey, originally from Ireland, now lives in Nazi Germany with his parents. Like the other boys in his school, Michael is a member of the Hitler Youth. But Michael has a secret. He and his parents are spies. Michael despises everything the Nazis stand for. But he joins in the Hitler Youth's horrific games and book burnings, playing the part so he can gain insider knowledge. When Michael learns about Projekt 1065, a secret Nazi war mission, things get even more complicated. He must prove his loyalty to the Hitler Youth at all costs -- even if it means risking everything he cares about. Including... his own life. From acclaimed author Alan Gratz (*Prisoner B-3087*) comes a pulse-pounding novel about facing fears and fighting for what matters most.

"All the men I did get to know, every single man of them, has filled me with but one desire: to lift my hand and bring it smashing down on his face. But because I am a woman I have never had the courage to lift my hand. And because I am a prostitute, I hid my fear under layers of make-up." --Excerpt

TONIGHT, SHE PLANS TO LET GO. Dressed up and anonymous, Sadie

Liberato feels powerful, sexy and free. Where better to lose herself than a masked party? Gear Blackstone's cheating ex and scheming best friend have managed to spin his life into a serious downward spiral. At least with a mask on he can cut loose for one night. And cut loose he does—with the sexiest, snarkiest chick he's ever met. After a scorching-hot encounter, Sadie and Gear are desperate to find each other in real life. But can the heat last when the masks come off? What People Are Saying: "Anyone who loves a good romance will love this book!"—Night Owl Romance 5/5 Stars, Top Pick! for A Sure Thing "Test Drive is high octane chemistry that keeps the pages turning and your engine revving!"—GINA L. MAXWELL New York Times & USA Today bestselling author "Harte's take on the redeemed bad boy is fresh and sexy."—Kirkus for Test Drive Cameron Fletcher and Lucas Hensley are advertising executives who have Sixty Five Hours to pull together the campaign of their careers. Sixty Five Hours to get along. Sixty Five Hours to not kill each other. Sixty Five Hours to fall in love. ** First published in 2012. New Cover in 2019 - No additional content has been added.

The author describes his motorcycle journey through Minnesota to the Alaskan Highway, recalling the events in his life that have made him the man he is today and other challenges he has faced on the road of life. Originally titled: Pilgrimage on a Steel Ride. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

Zero to Sixty introduces cognitive and behavioral strategies to teens to lessen their anger, frustration, and aggressive behavior

You are writing a new chapter in the story of your life. It's called the "college experience." There is so much that will go into your chapter--new friends, new experiences, new ideas, leaving the past, planning for the future, encountering wonderful surprises, and dealing with possible failures. You may find an unexpected variety of challenges to your Christian faith. The daily devotions in this volume offer several resources to help you cope with those challenges. The biblical writers found solutions to their lives as Christian disciples. These meditations invite you to bring your college experience into conversation with their writing and with Jesus Christ. Here is help for you to write your college chapter right in the midst of God's love and support in the presence of Jesus Christ, Lord and Teacher.

Today's message of cultural acceptance is dangerously distorted and deceptive. In a world that shouts: "If you truly care about other people, you must agree that their beliefs, values, lifestyle, and truth claims are equal and as valid as yours!" it's no wonder our youth are confused. The Beauty of Intolerance--brand-new from Josh McDowell with son Sean McDowell--cuts through the confusion and points you back to the place where the only truth resides. . . Jesus Christ. Tied directly to the Heroic Truth initiative launched by the Josh McDowell Ministry, McDowell will share how a biblical view of truth can counter cultural tolerance and encourage a love and acceptance of others apart from their actions with a heart of Christlike compassion.

How to collect data about cognitive processes and events, how to analyze CTA findings, and how to communicate them effectively: a handbook for managers, trainers, systems analysts, market researchers, health professionals, and others. Cognitive Task Analysis (CTA) helps

researchers understand how cognitive skills and strategies make it possible for people to act effectively and get things done. CTA can yield information people need—employers faced with personnel issues, market researchers who want to understand the thought processes of consumers, trainers and others who design instructional systems, health care professionals who want to apply lessons learned from errors and accidents, systems analysts developing user specifications, and many other professionals. CTA can show what makes the workplace work—and what keeps it from working as well as it might. *Working Minds* is a true handbook, offering a set of tools for doing CTA: methods for collecting data about cognitive processes and events, analyzing them, and communicating them effectively. It covers both the "why" and the "how" of CTA methods, providing examples, guidance, and stories from the authors' own experiences as CTA practitioners. Because effective use of CTA depends on some conceptual grounding in cognitive theory and research—on knowing what a cognitive perspective can offer—the book also offers an overview of current research on cognition. The book provides detailed guidance for planning and carrying out CTA, with chapters on capturing knowledge and capturing the way people reason. It discusses studying cognition in real-world settings and the challenges of rapidly changing technology. And it describes key issues in applying CTA findings in a variety of fields. *Working Minds* makes the methodology of CTA accessible and the skills involved attainable.

A pit reporter for NASCAR on ESPN joins forces with a "Turbo Expert" from the Discovery Channel to provide this handy guide for women to use to take basic, but essential car maintenance into their own hands. Original.

This is not an autobiography in any typical sense. While people are interested in Obama's life or Gandhi's life, there is no such interest in my life. Rightfully. This is not that kind of book. I believe that getting old is the first time we can genuinely figure out the relationship we have with ourselves. What our likes and dislikes are when they are uncoupled from social standards. So this is a kind of mental autobiography. It's a book of essays about everyday life, from the perspective of being much closer to the end than the beginning. The essays are different lengths and there are even ditties (words that rhyme...more Dr. Seuss than poetry). There was nothing systematic about the topics I wrote about. Someone would say something, or a thought would wake me up in the middle of the night. Then I would write to find out what I thought. Holly Holloway is locked in a dusty room, strapped to a ticking bomb. What would you do, if you only had one hour of life left to live? *Atomic Number Sixty* is the first part of a thrilling series, with 60 chapters each set in real time taking the reader 1 minute to read

With annual sales exceeding the \$600 Million Mark, Texas Direct Auto is the largest independent dealership in the nation and is the largest eBay Motors Dealership in the world. This book was written when the authors hit \$60 Million in annual sales. Their continued success into the beyond proves that many of the techniques they cover in their book not only worked for them when they started this venture, but that they continue to work as they scale their enterprise. So how do you go from selling zero cars a month to over 400 cars a month in only 4 years? (As of 2014 they sell an average of 2500 units a month.) How do you buy that many vehicles, how do you manage your customers, how do you turn inventory more than once a month, how do you manage the 1000's of things that need to be done at any given second in time while keeping overhead as low as possible? How do you stay organized, and how do you put the pedal to the metal and accelerate while doing all these things? These are the types of questions that the authors aim to answer in their *Book Zero to Sixty Million*. More than just a story, this book takes the reader for a ride in the Texas Direct Auto Machine and then lets them take a rare look under the hood of the world's largest independent car dealer. * If you are interested in starting your own business or are already in business for yourself, this book is for you. * If you are thinking of buying a car in the near future, this book is for you. * If you are an employee looking to get ahead at your place of work, this book is for you. * If you like

to read about people and places and how they do the things they do, this book is for you. This comprehensive biography tackles every phase of Neil Young's life, from his childhood in Canada, through the highs and lows of his long musical career, until the end of the 20th century. It features provocative commentaries from Neil, his friends, family, band members, producers and critics.

The collapse of General Motors captured headlines in early 2009, but as Alex Taylor III writes in this in-depth dissection of the automaker's undoing, GM's was a meltdown forty years in the making. Drawing on more than thirty years of experience and insight as an automotive industry reporter, as well as personal relationships with many of the leading players, Taylor reveals the many missteps of GM and its competitors.

The 5th Wave meets Beauty and the Beast in this fast-paced and heart-stopping novel about an invasion of murderous creatures and one girl fighting for her life at the end of the world. He has no voice or name, only a rank, Eighth. He doesn't know the details of the mission, only the directives that hum in his mind. Dart the humans. Leave them where they fall. His job is to protect his Offside. Let her do the shooting. Until a human kills her... Sixteen-year-old Raven is at summer camp when the terrifying, armored Nahx invade. Isolated in the wilderness, Raven and her fellow campers can only stay put. Await rescue. Raven doesn't like feeling helpless, but what choice does she have? Then a Nahx kills her boyfriend. Thrown together in a violent, unfamiliar world, Eighth and Raven should feel only hate and fear. But when Raven is injured, and Eighth deserts his unit, their survival comes to depend on trusting each other...

Includes contributions from a team of experts from PWC, Deloitte, KMPG, Duff & Phelps, and TOPQ.

If you want to diversify your portfolio and lower your risk exposure with hedge funds, here's what you should know: Hedge Funds For Dummies explains all the different types of funds, explores the pros and cons of funds as an investment, shows you how to find a good broker, and much more. Authored by Ann Logue, a financial writer and hedge fund specialist, this handy, friendly guide covers all the bases for investors of all levels. Whether you're just building your first portfolio or you've been investing for years, you'll find everything you need to know inside:

- What a hedge fund is and what it does
- How hedge funds are structured
- Determining whether a hedge fund is right for your portfolio
- Calculating investment risk and return
- Short- and long-term tax issues
- Developing a hedge fund investment strategy
- Monitoring and profiting on macroeconomic trends
- Evaluating fund performance
- Evaluating hedge fund management

If you're investing for the future, you definitely want to minimize your risk and maximize your returns. A balanced portfolio with hedge funds is one of the best ways to achieve that sort of balance. This book walks you step by step through the process of evaluating and choosing funds, incorporating them into your portfolio in the right amounts, and making sure they give you the returns you expect and deserve. You'll learn all the ins and outs of funds, including:

- What kind of fees you should expect to pay
- Picking a hedge fund advisor or broker
- Fulfilling paperwork and purchasing requirements
- Performing technical analysis and

reading the data How to withdraw funds and handle the taxes Tracking fund performance yourself or through reporting services Hedge fund strategies for smaller portfolios Performing due diligence on funds that interest you This friendly, to-the-point resource includes information you can't do without, including sample portfolios that show you how to invest wisely. Hedge funds are an important part of every balanced portfolio, and this friendly guide tells how to use them to your best advantage. With important resources, vital information, and commonsense advice, *Hedge Funds For Dummies* is the perfect resource for every investor interested in hedge funds.

From growing up in a wooden caravan to building his own state-of-the-art racetrack, this is the remarkable story of Targa champion, Hampton Downs and Highlands Motorsport Park owner Tony Quinn. On a clear and frosty morning in 2012, in the small, Central Otago town of Cromwell, Tony Quinn and his son Klark stood with an iPad at the edge of an expansive basin of scrub and grass sketching the curves, corners and chicanes of an imaginary racetrack. Less than 18 months later, Cromwell was abuzz at the inaugural Highlands 101, with visitors from all over Australasia flocking to Highlands Motorsport Park for the opening of the new 25-million-dollar racing circuit. To some people, building a racetrack in the back-country might have seemed like an impossible dream, but not to Tony Quinn. 'To be successful in life you have to think positive and in motorsport, you'll never win a race unless you're truly convinced that you can,' he says. 'I turn 60 soon and while I've achieved a lot in business and motorsport, I'd like to think there's a lot more to come.' Having grown up in a wooden caravan in Scotland, it's been a heck of a journey for a self-made millionaire and petrolhead who also owns Hampton Downs, Darrell Lea Confectionery and a mega-mansion on the Gold Coast. After selling a failed lawn mowing business called the 'Lawn Ranger' in Western Australia, Tony moved to New Zealand in 1994. As Tony says, 'Where there's shite, there's money'. Starting out with a plan to get rid of dead cows in Dargaville, Tony founded a fat-rendering plant called Fatman, which sowed the seeds for a remarkable story of success in pet food, culminating in selling his business, VIP Petfoods, for over 400 million dollars in 2015.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us

one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same shelf with The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank.” —USA Today DON’T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK’S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

Two childhood friends. An abandoned cabin in the woods. A lazy weekend reminiscing together. It was supposed to bring them closer together; to provide healing for their broken friendship. Zoe Kate was accustomed to being alone. She was left alone when her parents and sister all died on the same day. She was left alone when her best friend, Adam Boggs, went away to college and stopped writing home. Shy and socially awkward, she spent most of her time...alone. When Boggs contacted her out of the blue, though, she agreed to see him. Standing on the porch of a dilapidated cottage, Zoe and Boggs go from zero to sixty when a dead man stumbles out of the woods. They are thrown together in a race to find safety in a world where the rules of nature have suddenly been rewritten and the line between life and death has reversed direction. As they Zoe and Boggs flee the city, it's not long before they realize the end of the world is upon them. Stopping at a gas station on the outskirts of town, they cross paths with a lone man named Gus who will become critical to their survival. Together the three head to the mountains, where their new lives amongst the dead begin. Others will join them, and others will leave them. They will face horrors and tragedies beyond imagine. They will grow together, and they will break into pieces together. The dead will evolve. The Grace Series is best read in order & intended for mature audiences only. Grace Lost Tainted Grace Dark Grace Fallen Grace Praying for Grace State of Grace Publishers Weekly calls Susan Slater "... witty and absorbing ...” Shelly Sinclair's life seems perfect—marriage to a successful Albuquerque doctor, two grown boys, a beautiful home in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains, financial and emotional security. Until the night of Ed's retirement party and their thirty-fifth anniversary celebration, on the heels of her 60th birthday. That's when her perfect husband chooses to announce that he's asked someone to marry him—a someone thirty-nine years his junior. And, oh yes, she's the mother of his four-year-old child. Alone. At sixty. To start over. Complicated by the reactions from her sons and friends, Shelly has to figure things out, one step at a time. Choosing a new home, receiving an emergency call to deal with her elderly parents, and dating for the first time in decades. At each new roadblock, Ed tends to show up, complicating matters with the pretense that he's there for her. Just when she has seemingly met the real Mr. Right, even though being with him would mean leaving her beloved New Mexico, there comes another big loss and a threat to her life. Can Shelly cope with all the changes and remake her life to be exactly what she wants for herself? Called zany, sexy, and poignant, with plenty of twists, 0-60 was optioned by Hollywood immediately after it was first published. A book club favorite and perfect for fans of Elana Johnson and Rachel Hanna. Includes Book Club discussion questions. Praise for 0-60 and Susan Slater: “I laughed and I

cried ... and I loved the ending! Shelly's a champion for middle aged women everywhere. I can so easily see this story on the big screen (wouldn't Susan Sarandon be the perfect Shelly?) Slater has another winner here!" – Connie Shelton, USA Today bestselling author "Shelly's story will make you want to laugh, cry, scream and carry on right alongside her. Goes to show how strong we can be by the time we've lived 60 plus years. Bravo Ms. Slater!" – Quatrano, 5 star online review "If you like surprising twists and turns this book certainly will offer you some. Right from the very first sentence on you are supplied with one jaw-dropping-moment after another. Keeps you reading - kept me up the first night until 5:30 am. I believe that this book would make a great movie." – 5 stars "I loved "0 to 60!" What an entertaining book! It's sexy and stylish, while at the same time addressing a serious subject: starting over at 60." – J.P. 5 stars online review "As I turned the pages I realized that Shelly was everything that I ever wanted to be. As situations arose, some that I have experienced, I watched her rise up and overcome ... a refreshing look at what could happen to any one of us at any given moment. It is funny, thrilling, surprising, and never a dull moment!" – 5 stars "... definitely enjoyed the author's smooth writing style, plus the protagonist's positive attitude and sense of humor. I can see why Hollywood came calling. I will certainly read more of Susan Slater's work." – JPE, 5 stars, online review

With insight, clarity, warmth and enthusiasm, Hazel Henderson announces the mature presence of the green economy. Mainstream media and big business interests have sidelined its emergence and evolution, but it is now a significant and rapidly growing sector. Throughout Ethical Markets Henderson weaves statistics and analysis with profiles of entrepreneurs, environmentalists, scientists, and professionals. Based on interviews conducted on her longstanding US public television series, these profiles celebrate those who have led the highly successful growth of green businesses around the world. Ethical Markets is the ultimate sourcebook on today's thriving green economy.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER If you want to build a better future, you must believe in secrets. The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will

not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. Zero to One presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

From bestselling writer David Graeber—"a master of opening up thought and stimulating debate" (Slate)—a powerful argument against the rise of meaningless, unfulfilling jobs...and their consequences. Does your job make a meaningful contribution to the world? In the spring of 2013, David Graeber asked this question in a playful, provocative essay titled "On the Phenomenon of Bullshit Jobs." It went viral. After one million online views in seventeen different languages, people all over the world are still debating the answer. There are hordes of people—HR consultants, communication coordinators, telemarketing researchers, corporate lawyers—whose jobs are useless, and, tragically, they know it. These people are caught in bullshit jobs. Graeber explores one of society's most vexing and deeply felt concerns, indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers ranging from Keynes to Lincoln. "Clever and charismatic" (The New Yorker), Bullshit Jobs gives individuals, corporations, and societies permission to undergo a shift in values, placing creative and caring work at the center of our culture. This book is for everyone who wants to turn their vocation back into an avocation and "a thought-provoking examination of our working lives" (Financial Times).
BAD BOY SAM + GOOD GIRL IVY = LEARNING TO LOVE AGAIN After her last disaster of a relationship, Ivy Stephens is content being single. She has her job, her apartment-and the cute little puppy she's seen hanging around. When he escapes, she finds her search efforts aided by a big, burly, devastatingly handsome man. One who claims a prior claim on her dog. Sam Hamilton is at loose ends since his best friend fell in love. He finds a sense of purpose in rescuing strays. The puppy who's stolen his heart just happens to run into blond, beautiful Ivy. And Sam can't help hoping she'll take in one more stray-him-for good. Body Shop Bad Boys Series: Test Drive Roadside Assistance Zero to Sixty Praise for Test Drive: "Fresh and sexy." -Kirkus "The chemistry sizzles from every page." -Night Owl Reviews, Top Pick!

Masters of Doom is the amazing true story of the Lennon and McCartney of video games: John Carmack and John Romero. Together, they ruled big business. They transformed popular culture. And they provoked a national controversy. More than anything, they lived a unique and rollicking American Dream, escaping the broken homes of their youth to co-create the most notoriously successful game franchises in history—Doom and Quake—until the games they made tore them apart. Americans spend more money on video games than on movie tickets. Masters of Doom is the first book to chronicle this industry's greatest story, written by one of the medium's leading observers. David Kushner takes readers inside the rags-to-riches adventure of two rebellious entrepreneurs who

came of age to shape a generation. The vivid portrait reveals why their games are so violent and why their immersion in their brilliantly designed fantasy worlds offered them solace. And it shows how they channeled their fury and imagination into products that are a formative influence on our culture, from MTV to the Internet to Columbine. This is a story of friendship and betrayal, commerce and artistry—a powerful and passionate account of what it's like to be young, driven, and wildly creative. “To my taste, the greatest American myth of cosmogenesis features the maladjusted, antisocial, genius teenage boy who, in the insular laboratory of his own bedroom, invents the universe from scratch. Masters of Doom is a particularly inspired rendition. Dave Kushner chronicles the saga of video game virtuosi Carmack and Romero with terrific brio. This is a page-turning, mythopoeic cyber-soap opera about two glamorous geek geniuses—and it should be read while scarfing down pepperoni pizza and swilling Diet Coke, with Queens of the Stone Age cranked up all the way.”—Mark Leyner, author of *I Smell Esther Williams*

In this insightful and oftentimes hilarious memoir, Bruce MacMullan takes us on a most entertaining journey through time and place. Starting off in Minnesota, Bruce manages to recklessly dispose of the first seven of his allocated nine cat lives before he even gets out of college. From a homemade hydroplane incident you won't believe to almost losing his head in a summer factory job, we witness Bruce continuously surviving the almost unimaginable. Zero to sixty does a yeoman's job in defining the geriatric predicament that we're either already in or will be sooner than we think. At some point, we all begin to take a closer look in that rearview mirror. Bruce simply challenges us to, "Give life its due respect and take it all in with as many laughs as possible ... while it is still a laughing matter."

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