Intelligent Credit Scoring Building And Implementing Better Credit Risk Scorecards Second Edition Wiley And Sas Business Series

Want to tap the power behind search rankings, product recommendations, social bookmarking, and online matchmaking? This fascinating book demonstrates how you can build Web 2.0 applications to mine the enormous amount of data created by people on the Internet. With the sophisticated algorithms in this book, you can write smart programs to access interesting datasets from other web sites, collect data from users of your own applications, and analyze and understand the data once you've found it. Programming Collective Intelligence takes you into the world of machine learning and statistics, and explains how to draw conclusions about user experience, marketing, personal tastes, and human behavior in general -- all from information that you and others collect every day. Each algorithm is described clearly and concisely with code that can immediately be used on your web site, blog, Wiki, or specialized application. This book explains: Collaborative filtering techniques that enable online retailers to recommend products or media Methods of clustering to detect groups of similar items in a large dataset Search engine features -- crawlers, indexers, query engines, and the PageRank algorithm Optimization algorithms that search millions of possible solutions to a problem and choose the best one Bayesian filtering, used in spam filters for classifying documents based on word types and other features Using decision trees not only to make predictions, but to model the way decisions are made Predicting numerical values rather than classifications to build price models Support vector machines to match people in online dating sites Non-negative matrix factorization to find the independent features in a dataset Evolving intelligence for problem solving -- how a computer develops its skill by improving its own code the more it plays a game Each chapter includes exercises for extending the algorithms to make them more powerful. Go beyond simple database-backed applications and put the wealth of Internet data to work for you. "Bravo! I cannot think of a better way for a developer to first learn these algorithms and methods, nor can I think of a better way for me (an old AI dog) to reinvigorate my knowledge of the details." -- Dan Russell, Google "Toby's book does a great job of breaking down the complex subject matter of machine-learning algorithms into practical, easy-to-understand examples that can be directly applied to analysis of social interaction across the Web today. If I had this book two years ago, it would have saved precious time going down some fruitless paths." -- Tim Wolters, CTO, Collective Intellect

The ultimate, step-by-step guide on HOW to build business credit and exactly WHERE to apply! Learn how to get started even with Poor Personal Credit and working within a shoestring budget! Learn how to establish a business. Once you have an established business, discover how to organize and position your business for credit approval. Identify what criteria to meet before applying. Receive direction on how to complete applications correctly to secure approvals and exactly where to apply! Once approved, learn how to continue building your business credit. Master and implement strategies to continue building your business credit to over $100,000.

The long-awaited, comprehensive guide to practical credit risk modeling Credit Risk Analytics provides a targeted training guide for risk managers looking to efficiently build or validate in-house models for credit risk management. Combining theory with practice, this book walks you through the fundamentals of credit risk management and shows you how to implement these concepts using the SAS credit risk management program, with helpful code provided. Coverage includes data analysis and preprocessing, credit scoring; PD and LGD estimation and forecasting, low default portfolios, correlation modeling and estimation, validation, implementation of prudential regulation, stress testing of existing modeling concepts, and more, to provide a one-stop tutorial and reference for credit risk analytics. The companion website offers examples of both real and simulated credit portfolio data to help you more easily implement the concepts discussed, and the expert author team provides practical insight on this real-world intersection of finance, statistics, and analytics. SAS is the preferred software for credit risk modeling due to its functionality and ability to process large amounts of data. This book shows you how to exploit the capabilities of this high-powered package to create clean, accurate credit risk management models. Understand the general concepts of credit risk management Validate and stress-test existing models Access working examples based on both real and simulated data Learn useful code for implementing and validating models in SAS Despite the high demand for in-house models, there is little comprehensive training available; practitioners are left to comb through piece-meal resources, executive training courses, and consultancies to cobble together the information they need. This book ends the search by providing a comprehensive, focused resource backed by expert guidance. Credit Risk Analytics is the reference every risk manager needs to streamline the modeling process.

"Mental toughness is the natural or developed psychological edge that results from a collection of skills, attributes, values, emotions, and behaviors that allow people to overcome any obstacle, adversity, or pressure as well as deal with the general day-to-day demands (lifestyle, training, competition) placed upon them and still remain consistent, focused, confident, and motivated to achieve their goals."Fortitude is a guide for high performing athletes and business professionals on understanding mental toughness, how to build and sustain it over time. Kate Allgood built her business helping individuals like you learn what it takes to perform under pressure. In this book you'll discover: - What you need to know to build real and long lasting confidence- How to improve the ability to focus and refocus - The power of mindfulness- How to build motivation in yourself and others - And much, much more! "Kate is a force in the sports business and with her new book she brings the best insight directly to your field of play." Jeremy M. Evans, Founder of and Managing Attorney at California Sports Lawyer(R) "If you want to step up your game, your business or just kill it in life, Fortitude is an easy to read guide to do it."- Majo Orellana - Pro Athlete, Coach and Entrepreneur

IFRS 9 and CECL Credit Risk Modelling and Validation covers a hot topic in risk management. Both IFRS 9 and CECL accounting standards require Banks to adopt a new perspective in assessing Expected Credit Losses. The book explores a wide range of models and corresponding validation procedures. The most traditional regression analyses pave the way to more innovative methods like machine learning, survival analysis, and competing risk modelling. Special attention is then devoted to scarce data and low default portfolios. A practical approach inspires the learning journey. In each section the theoretical dissertation is accompanied by Examples and Case Studies worked in R and SAS, the most widely used software packages used by practitioners in Credit Risk Management. Offers a broad survey that explains which models work best for mortgage, small business, cards, commercial real estate, commercial loans and other credit products Concentrates on specific aspects of the modelling process by focusing on lifetime estimates Provides an hands-on approach to enable readers to perform model development, validation and audit of credit risk models

The risk of counterparty default in banking, insurance, institutional, and pension-fund portfolios is an area of ongoing and increasing importance for finance practitioners. It is, unfortunately, a topic with a high degree of technical complexity. Addressing this challenge, this book provides a comprehensive and attainable mathematical and statistical discussion of a broad range of existing default-risk models. Model description and derivation, however, is only part of the story. Through use of exhaustive practical examples and extensive code illustrations in the Python programming language, this work also explicitly shows the reader how these models are implemented. Bringing these complex approaches to life by combining the technical details with actual real-life Python code reduces the burden of model complexity and enhances accessibility to this decidedly specialized field of study. The entire work is also liberally supplemented with model-diagnostic, calibration, and parameter-estimation techniques to assist the quantitative analyst in day-to-day implementation as well as in mitigating model risk. Written by an active and experienced practitioner, it is an invaluable learning resource and reference text for financial-risk practitioners and an excellent source for advanced undergraduate and graduate students seeking to acquire knowledge of the key elements of this discipline.

A childless mother faces the hollowing pain of recurrent pregnancy loss and overwhelming disappointment. When her faith plummeted along

with the statistics of ever having a child, she refused to accept defeat. Deep within her soul was an undying dream of nurturing children that compelled her to make it a reality. Journey with Tanika, as she goes from the warm memories of her grandmother's house to the bitter cold of the mortuary in her quest to have a family. You will be captivated by the depth of love that arises from the ashes of pain. You will experience her tears of despair. You will jubilantly celebrate the promise of new beginnings and accompany Tanika in mourning painful endings. Most importantly, you will be encouraged to live after the pain of loss and to love without restraint. Building A Family Breaks My Heart will touch your heart, whether you have or have not experienced the unspeakable pain of miscarriage, pregnancy loss, or stillbirth.

In this important book, education expert Kim Marshall shows how to break away from the typical and often ineffective evaluation approaches in which principals use infrequent classroom visits or rely on standardized test scores to assess a teacher's performance. Marshall proposes a broader framework for supervision and evaluation that enlists teachers in improving the performance of all students. Emphasizing trust-building and teamwork, Marshall's innovative, four-part framework shifts the focus from periodically evaluating teaching to continuously analyzing learning. This book offers school principals a guide for implementing Marshall's framework and shows how to make frequent, informal classroom visits followed by candid feedback to each teacher; work with teacher teams to plan thoughtful curriculum units rather than focusing on individual lessons; get teachers as teams involved in low-stakes analysis of interim assessment results to fine-tune their teaching and help struggling students; and use compact rubrics for summative teacher evaluation. This vital resource also includes extensive tools and advice for managing time as well as ideas for using supervision and evaluation practices to foster teacher professional development.

This is a book of contemplative poetry that is a spiritual gem. It is written from mindfulness practices in relation to a sense of the Sacred. This little book has spiritual insights that are a source of daily inspiration particularly helpful in times of personal challenges, grieving, or simple attendance to one's spiritual growth. There is much depth in these pages which offers a meaningful lens into ordinary life through a deeper way of knowing. It would appeal to a wide audience as it speaks beyond any one particular concept of God. The contemplative poetry, when read slowly, becomes a meditation and prayer in itself. Many people have a longing for a sense of the Sacred, a sense of the presence of God, and these poems supports growth in spiritual sensitivity and awareness of the Sacred in every aspect of the fully lived life. The mystical nature of the writings, the sense of inner calm that it fosters, and the utter simplicity of its spiritual perspectives, make this book a likely daily companion. It has all the makings of a spiritual classic.

The Credit Scoring Toolkit provides an all-encompassing view of the use of statistical models to assess retail credit risk and provide automated decisions.In eight modules, the book provides frameworks for both theory and practice. It first explores the economic justification and history of Credit Scoring, risk linkages and decision science, statistical and mathematical tools, the assessment of business enterprises, and regulatory issues ranging from data privacy to Basel II. It then provides a practical how-to-guide for scorecard development, including data collection, scorecard implementation, and use within the credit risk management cycle.Including numerous real-life examples and an extensive glossary and bibliography, the text assumes little prior knowledge making it an indispensable desktop reference for graduate students in statistics, business, economics and finance, MBA students, credit risk and financial practitioners.

This book presents the proceedings of the 2019 International Conference on Intelligent Systems Applications in Multi-modal Information Analytics, held in Shenyang, China on February 19-20, 2019. It provides comprehensive coverage of the latest advances and trends in information technology, science and engineering, addressing a number of broad themes, including data mining, multi-modal informatics, agent-based and multi-agent systems for health and education informatics, which inspire the development of intelligent information technologies. The contributions cover a wide range of topics: AI applications and innovations in health and education informatics; data and knowledge management; multi-modal application management; and web/social media mining for multi-modal informatics. Outlining promising future research directions, the book is a valuable resource for students, researchers and professionals, and provides a useful reference guide for newcomers to the field.

Want to Build Self Confidence? Looking to Learn How to Control Your Emotions? Want to Find Long Last Success? If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions than you'll want to learn about the important role emotional intelligence plays in your everyday life. What is emotional intelligence. Well, emotional intelligence is defined as "our capacity to control, be aware of, and express our emotions, while handling our interpersonal relationships both empathetically and judiciously. Emotional intelligence also allows us to recognize other people's emotions and how to use that information to guide both our behavior and thinking." This book will teach you what you'll need to do to become more emotionally intelligent and therefore improve your interpersonal connections both at work and home. It will increase your sense of self awareness and allow you to be in control of your emotional state letting you making smarter more informed choices instead of being clouded or negatively affected by your feelings. Inside You Will Learn: An Introduction to Emotional Intelligence Self Perception, Mindfulness & Emotional Intelligence Developing Emotional Intelligence In The Work Place Improving Interpersonal Skills & Social Interactions 100+ Skills, Tips & Tricks to Improve Your Emotional Intelligence A Guide to Emotional Intelligence Apps, Tests, Books, & Resources And Much More! After you've finished with this book, my hope is that you'll have learned some useful tips and strategies to help you become more emotionally intelligent. By becoming the best version of yourself you'll unlock countless opportunities to find success in both your personal and professional lives. Don't Delay. Download This Book Now. Tags: emotional intelligence, confidence, communication, interpersonal skills, emotions, success, personal development, self awareness, positive psychology

Through a series of recent breakthroughs, deep learning has boosted the entire field of machine learning. Now, even programmers who know close to nothing about this technology can use simple, efficient tools to implement programs capable of learning from data. This practical book shows you how. By using concrete examples, minimal theory, and two production-ready Python frameworks—Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow—author Aurélien Géron helps you gain an intuitive understanding of the concepts and tools for building intelligent systems. You'll learn a range of techniques, starting with simple linear regression and progressing to deep neural networks. With exercises in each chapter to help you apply what you've learned, all you need is programming experience to get started. Explore the machine learning landscape, particularly neural nets Use Scikit-Learn to track an example machine-learning project end-to-end Explore several training models, including support vector machines, decision trees, random forests, and ensemble methods Use the TensorFlow library to build and train neural nets Dive into neural net architectures, including convolutional nets, recurrent nets, and deep reinforcement learning Learn techniques for training and scaling deep neural nets

Longlisted for the National Book Award New York Times Bestseller A former Wall Street quant sounds an alarm on the mathematical models that pervade modern life -- and threaten to rip apart our social fabric We live in the age of the algorithm. Increasingly, the decisions that affect our lives--where we go to school, whether we get a car loan, how much we pay for health

insurance--are being made not by humans, but by mathematical models. In theory, this should lead to greater fairness: Everyone is judged according to the same rules, and bias is eliminated. But as Cathy O'Neil reveals in this urgent and necessary book, the opposite is true. The models being used today are opaque, unregulated, and uncontestable, even when they're wrong. Most troubling, they reinforce discrimination: If a poor student can't get a loan because a lending model deems him too risky (by virtue of his zip code), he's then cut off from the kind of education that could pull him out of poverty, and a vicious spiral ensues. Models are propping up the lucky and punishing the downtrodden, creating a "toxic cocktail for democracy." Welcome to the dark side of Big Data. Tracing the arc of a person's life, O'Neil exposes the black box models that shape our future, both as individuals and as a society. These "weapons of math destruction" score teachers and students, sort r sum s, grant (or deny) loans, evaluate workers, target voters, set parole, and monitor our health. O'Neil calls on modelers to take more responsibility for their algorithms and on policy makers to regulate their use. But in the end, it's up to us to become more savvy about the models that govern our lives. This important book empowers us to ask the tough questions, uncover the truth, and demand change. -- Longlist for National Book Award (Non-Fiction) -- Goodreads, semi-finalist for the 2016 Goodreads Choice Awards (Science and Technology) -- Kirkus, Best Books of 2016 -- New York Times, 100 Notable Books of 2016 (Non-Fiction) -- The Guardian, Best Books of 2016 -- WBUR's "On Point," Best Books of 2016: Staff Picks -- Boston Globe, Best Books of 2016, Non-Fiction

Credit Data and Scoring: The First Triumph of Big Data and Big Algorithms illuminates the often-hidden practice of predicting an individual's economic responsibility. Written by a leading practitioner, it examines the international implications of US leadership in credit scoring and what other countries have learned from it in building their own systems. Through its comprehensive contemporary perspective, the book also explores how algorithms and big data are driving the future of credit scoring. By revealing a new big picture and data comparisons, it delivers useful insights into legal, regulatory and data manipulation. Provides insights into credit scoring goals and methods Examines U.S leadership in developing credit data and algorithms and how other countries depart from it Analyzes the growing influence of algorithms in data scoring

Looks at the regulatory and economic needs of banks and insurance companies, focusing on practical advice and solutions to everyday problems.

This book primarily targets Python developers who want to learn and use Python's machine learning capabilities and gain valuable insights from data to develop effective solutions for business problems.

Time-Tested Techniques - Safe, Simple, and Proven Effective - for Building Your Own Investment Portfolio. "As its title suggest, Bill Bernstein's fine book honors the sensible principles of Benjamin Graham in the Intelligent Investor Bernstein's concepts are sound, his writing crystal clear, and his exposition orderly. Any reader who takes the time and effort to understand his approach to the crucial subject of asset allocation will surely be rewarded with enhanced long-term returns." - John C. Bogle, Founder and former Chief Executive Officer, The Vanguard Group President, Bogle Financial Markets Research Center Author, common Sense on Mutual Funds. "Bernstein has become a guru to a peculiarly '90s group: well-educated, Internet-powered people intent on investing well - and with minimal 'help' from professional Wall Street." - Robert Barker, Columnist, BusinessWeek. "I go home and tell my wife sometimes, 'I wonder if [Bernstein] doesn't know more than me.' It's humbling." - John Rekenthaler, Research Chief, Morningstar Inc. William Bernstein is an unlikely financial hero. A practicing neurologist, he used his self-taught investment knowledge and research to build one of today's most respected investor's websites. Now, let his plain-spoken The Intelligent Asset Allocator show you how to use the time-honored techniques of asset allocation to build your own pathway to financial security - one that is easy-to-understand, easier-to-apply, and supported by 75 years of solid history and wealth-building results.

Promoting credit services to small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) has been a perennial challenge for policy makers globally due to high information costs. Recent fintech developments may be able to mitigate this problem. By leveraging big data or digital footprints on existing platforms, some big technology (BigTech) firms have extended short-term loans to millions of small firms. By analyzing 1.8 million loan transactions of a leading Chinese online bank, this paper compares the fintech approach to assessing credit risk using big data and machine learning models with the bank approach using traditional financial data and scorecard models. The study shows that the fintech approach yields better prediction of loan defaults during normal times and periods of large exogenous shocks, reflecting information and modeling advantages. BigTech's proprietary information can complement or, where necessary, substitute credit history in risk assessment, allowing unbanked firms to borrow. Furthermore, the fintech approach benefits SMEs that are smaller and in smaller cities, hence complementing the role of banks by reaching underserved customers. With more effective and balanced policy support, BigTech lenders could help promote financial inclusion worldwide.

"Clark and Mingyuan start with an insightful and comprehensive description of how market participants contributed to the current crisis in the residential mortgage markets and the root causes of the crisis. They then proceed to develop a new residential mortgage lending system that can fix our broken markets because it addresses the root causes. The most impressive attributes of their new system is its commonsense return to the basics of traditional underwriting, combined with factors based on expert judgment and statistics and forward-looking attributes, all of which can be updated as markets change. The whole process is transparent to the borrower, lender, and investor." —Dean Schultz, President and CEO, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco "The credit market crisis of 2008 has deeply affected the economic lives of every American. Yet, its underlying causes and its surface features are so complex that many observers and even policymakers barely understand them. This timely book will help guide nonspecialists through the workings of financial markets, particularly how they value, price, and distribute risk." —Professor William Greene, Stern School of Business, New York University "This book is a well-timed departure from much of what is being written today regarding the current foreclosure and credit crisis. Rather than attempting to blame lenders, borrowers, and/or federal regulators for the mortgage meltdown and the subsequent impacts on the financial markets, Clark and Mingyuan have proposed a groundbreaking new framework to revolutionize our current lending system. The book is built on the authors' deep

understanding of risk and the models used for credit analysis, and reflects their commitment to solve the problem. What I find most profound is their passion to develop a system that will facilitate new and better investment, especially in underserved urban markets that have been disproportionately impacted in the current crisis. I applaud the authors for this important work, and urge practitioners and theorists alike to investigate this new approach." —John Talmage, President and CEO, Social Compact "In the wake of the credit crisis, it is clear that transparency is the key to not repeating history. In Credit Risk Assessment: The New Lending System for Borrowers, Lenders and Investors, Clark Abrahams and Mingyuan Zhang describe a new lending framework that seeks to connect all the players in the lending chain and provide a more holistic view of customers' risk potential. As the financial services industry recovers from the mortgage meltdown, the Abrahams/Zhang lending model certainly offers some new food for thought to laymen and professionals alike." —Maria Bruno-Britz, Senior Editor, Bank Systems & Technology magazine

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Envious of her best friends lavish lifestyle, a young woman wonders how different her life would be if she had an opportunity to change her past.

Credit Scoring and Its Applications is recognized as the bible of credit scoring. It contains a comprehensive review of the objectives, methods, and practical implementation of credit and behavioral scoring. The authors review principles of the statistical and operations research methods used in building scorecards, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. The book contains a description of practical problems encountered in building, using, and monitoring scorecards and examines some of the country-specific issues in bankruptcy, equal opportunities, and privacy legislation. It contains a discussion of economic theories of consumers' use of credit, and readers will gain an understanding of what lending institutions seek to achieve by using credit scoring and the changes in their objectives. New to the second edition are lessons that can be learned for operations research model building from the global financial crisis, current applications of scoring, discussions on the Basel Accords and their requirements for scoring, new methods for scorecard building and new expanded sections on ways of measuring scorecard performance. And survival analysis for credit scoring. Other unique features include methods of monitoring scorecards and deciding when to update them, as well as different applications of scoring, including direct marketing, profit scoring, tax inspection, prisoner release, and payment of fines.

Andrew Yang, the founder of Venture for America, offers a unique solution to our country's economic and social problems—our smart people should be building things. Smart People Should Build Things offers a stark picture of the current culture and a revolutionary model that will redirect a generation of ambitious young people to the critical job of innovating and building new businesses. As the Founder and CEO of Venture for America, Andrew Yang places top college graduates in start-ups for two years in emerging U.S. cities to generate job growth and train the next generation of entrepreneurs. He knows firsthand how our current view of education is broken. Many college graduates aspire to finance, consulting, law school, grad school, or medical school out of a vague desire for additional status and progress rather than from a genuine passion or fit. In Smart People Should Build Things, this self-described "recovering lawyer" and entrepreneur weaves together a compelling narrative of success stories (including his own), offering observations about the flow of talent in the United States and explanations of why current trends are leading to economic distress and cultural decline. He also presents recommendations for both policy makers and job seekers to make entrepreneurship more realistic and achievable.

Throughout the industry, financial institutions seek to eliminate cumbersome authentication methods, such as PINs, passwords, and security questions, as these antiquated tactics prove increasingly weak. Thus, many organizations now aim to implement emerging technologies in an effort to validate identities with greater certainty. The near instantaneous nature of online banking, purchases, transactions, and payments puts tremendous pressure on banks to secure their operations and procedures. In order to reduce the risk of human error in financial domains, expert systems are seen to offer a great advantage in big data environments. Besides their efficiency in quantitative analysis such as profitability, banking management, and strategic financial planning, expert systems have successfully treated qualitative issues including financial analysis, investment advisories, and knowledge-based decision support systems. Due to the increase in financial applications' size, complexity, and number of components, it is no longer practical to anticipate and model all possible interactions and data processing in these applications using the traditional data processing model. The emergence of new research areas is clear evidence of the rise of new demands and requirements of modern real-life applications to be more intelligent. This book provides an exhaustive review of the roles of expert systems within the financial sector, with particular reference to big data environments. In addition, it offers a collection of high-quality research that addresses broad challenges in both theoretical and application aspects of intelligent and expert systems in finance. The book serves to aid the continued efforts of the application of intelligent systems that respond to the problem of big data processing in a smart banking and financial environment.

Agafya is a short story by Anton Pavlovich Chekhov detailing a late night encounter between an intelligent but lazy village dropout and the peasant wife of a signalman. Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, (29 January 1860 - 15 July 1904) was a Russian

physician, dramaturge and author who is considered to be among the greatest writers of short stories in history. His career as a dramatist produced four classics and his best short stories are held in high esteem by writers and critics. Chekhov practised as a medical doctor throughout most of his literary career: "Medicine is my lawful wife", he once said, "and literature is my mistress." Chekhov renounced the theatre after the disastrous reception of The Seagull in 1896, but the play was revived to acclaim in 1898 by Constantin Stanislavski's Moscow Art Theatre, which subsequently also produced Chekhov's Uncle Vanya and premiered his last two plays, Three Sisters and The Cherry Orchard. These four works present a challenge to the acting ensemble as well as to audiences, because in place of conventional action Chekhov offers a "theatre of mood" and a "submerged life in the text." Chekhov had at first written stories only for financial gain, but as his artistic ambition grew, he made formal innovations which have influenced the evolution of the modern short story. His originality consists in an early use of the stream-of-consciousness technique, later adopted by James Joyce and other modernists, combined with a disavowal of the moral finality of traditional story structure. He made no apologies for the difficulties this posed to readers, insisting that the role of an artist was to ask questions, not to answer them. Always modest, Chekhov could hardly have imagined the extent of his posthumous reputation. The ovations for the play, The Cherry Orchard, in the year of his death showed him how high he had risen in the affection of the Russian public-by then he was second in literary celebrity only to Tolstoy, who outlived him by six years-but after his death, Chekhov's fame soon spread further afield. Constance Garnett's translations won him an English-language readership and the admiration of writers such as James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, and Katherine Mansfield. The issues surrounding the close similarities between Mansfield's 1910 story "The Child Who Was Tired" and Chekhov's "Sleepy" are summarised in William H. New's Reading Mansfield and Metaphors of Reform The Russian critic D.S. Mirsky, who lived in England, explained Chekhov's popularity in that country by his "unusually complete rejection of what we may call the heroic values." In Russia itself, Chekhov's drama fell out of fashion after the revolution but was later adapted to the Soviet agenda, with the character Lopakhin, for example, reinvented as a hero of the new order, taking an axe to the cherry orchard. One of the first non-Russians to praise Chekhov's plays was George Bernard Shaw, who subtitled his Heartbreak House "A Fantasia in the Russian Manner on English Themes" and noted similarities between the predicament of the British landed class and that of their Russian counterparts as depicted by Chekhov: "the same nice people, the same utter futility."

NOIR is a two-part White Paper, written by David L. Charney, M.D., a psychiatrist who had the unique experience of interviewing former FBI counterintelligence officer Robert Hanssen in jail, weekly, for approximately two hours per visit, for a year. Dr. Charney did the same with two other incarcerated insider spies: Earl Pitts (former FBI Special Agent revealed as a KGB spy), and Brian Regan (former Air Force/NRO). Dr. Charney's interest was to better understand the minds of spies for the sake of strengthening our national security. Over the eighteen years of his work with these cases, Dr. Charney developed a greater understanding of insider spy psychology and formulated new approaches and fresh proposals for better managing the problem of insider spies. Dr. Charney's first paper, "True Psychology of the Insider Spy," Part One of his two-part White Paper on insider spies, was published in late 2010 in the AFIO Intelligencer. This paper can be viewed on the NCIX (National Counterintelligence Executive) website. Most Insider Threat management initiatives have been technology driven. While clever and useful up to a point, they are subject to the Law of Diminishing Returns and can backfire by creating a negative, distrustful workplace atmosphere. A well-motivated insider can defeat nearly any technology-based system. They will always find a way. By contrast, Dr. Charney's NOIR proposals center on the minds of potential or current insider threats: their psychologies and their inner worlds. The battle must be won there. NOIR focuses on "classic" state-sponsored espionage. However, many of its points are applicable for dealing with Snowden-type threats. NOIR for USA is a 501(c)3 entity to educate the US Intelligence Community, other government components, including the Congress, the courts, responsible journalists, and the general public, about the NOIR concepts and proposals. Dr. Charney and his colleagues at NOIR for USA would appreciate any comments, criticisms, or additional thoughts you may have about NOIR concepts and proposals: Contact@NOIR4USA.org

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Have you ever dreamed of being able to get your applications for credit, a mortgage, or that amazing rental apartment you fell in love with, approved with ease? Do you want to stop worrying the next time a potential employer says they're going to check your credit as part of the job application process? Do you want to have access to the lowest interest rates, reserved only for those with a good FICO credit score? Do you want to be in financial first class? Then you're in the right place, my friend. Because a high score is one of the key ingredients to living that dream, and this book will teach you everything you need to know to improve your credit score - even if, worst case, it's in the OMG-I-wish-there-was-a-convenient-hole-in-the-ground-for-me-to-hide-in range. And, learning even one new trick in this book that raises your score enough to save on interest rates the next time you get a loan or mortgage, can lead to savings that easily cover the cost of this book many times over. What You Will Learn in This Book I've packed into this book all of the most important information that you need in order to raise your credit score. Some of what you'll learn includes: *The 9 Biggest Benefits of a Good Credit Score *The Secrets to Calculating Your Credit Score *13 Credit Score Myths Explained *The Right Way to Check Your Credit Report *How to Build Your Credit Score if You're Starting With None *12 Things that Might be Lowering Your Credit Score *The Best Ways to Maximize Your Credit Score *How to Find a Reputable Credit Counselor (That Won't Hurt Your Credit Score) I've experienced first hand the benefits of a good credit score, and I've seen with my own eyes the trials and tribulations that people go through when they don't have one. Let me help you improve your financial life by teaching you how to raise your credit score the right way. And believe me, there are plenty of ways to do

it wrong, the worst of which can land you in trouble with the law. (I discuss how people fall prey to this later in the book, and how to avoid it.) Change Your Credit Score, Change Your Life All you have to do is a little bit of digging to see all the ways that a low credit score can hurt you. To see the doors that will slam in your face because of it. So don't allow yourself to stay in that position for a moment longer than necessary. One of my favorite sayings is 'Knowledge is Power'. The more you know, the more power you have to affect the kind of change in your life that you want and deserve. I promise you that if you read this book you'll know a lot more about credit scores than most people ever will - and you'll be able to use that intel to keep your score as high as possible from now on. You're not alone if you wonder "how and what do I do to fix my credit?" You can learn how to rebuild your credit, you can have a good financial life after debt, if you're willing to put in the work. A high credit score means you'll worry less about embarrassing declines when applying for credit, you can say goodbye to the days of begging someone to cosign on a loan for you, and hold your head up high when talking with creditors or applying for that job. There's no sense in waiting. Every day you wait is one more day you might be making major credit mistakes that are lowering your score right this minute. It's one more day that you are missing out on all of the benefits of having a higher credit score, not the least of which is the pride you'll feel when it's yours! A high credit score is available to pretty much anyone, as long as you're willing to put in the effort. Do you want the benefits of that high credit score? Do want a seat in financial first class, where lenders treat you with respect? Buy this book today and get yours!

Colin has yet another argument with his wife and storms out of the house with the intention of watching the remaining half of a football match in his local pub. However, he is knocked down by a car whilst crossing a road.And,That is just the start of his troubles...

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Shayla had no idea her life would turn out like it did. She had two kids, independent, a college degree, owns a Top Business Consulting firm in Buckhead, Atlanta and a Non-profit organization for the community, but in the midst of it all she was Trapped. Trapped in love, hate, lust and PAIN!! She had a natural body that these women would die for, her personality made her beautiful, her presence was unreal and she had a smile that would lighten up your darkest days. Shayla wasn't your average chick she was street and book smart, but had one problem men was her weakness. She picked the men she had the weakness for. Shayla was living a triple life and the walls were starting to close in on her fast.. Shayla was focused on her businesses, but on the flip side enjoyed herself, She never meant to hurt anyone feelings, so she tried to be as upfront as possible when they would ask, which was never so, she never offered the information. She is about to go for the ride of her life, she's a street girl by nature, maybe she can get herself out it. Her best friend Kisha is by her side to support her until Shayla finds out her secret. Shayla is into deep.......

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