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On the 100th anniversary of Titanic's sinking, National Geographic revisits the romance, glory, and tragedy of this tremendous ship and presents an insider's look at the new findings about the passengers and scientific study of the wreck site. For 100 years the great ship Titanic has rested in its final grave on the ocean floor, lost to deep ocean darkness until its 1985 discovery by National Geographic's Bob Ballard. Relive the spell-binding tragic final hours of the ship in a detailed retelling of the famous story and learn the personal stories of lesser-known passengers, including the "guarantees." For the first time since its discovery, Ballard travels to Belfast to interview descendants of the ship builders and the "guarantee group"—the ill-fated men who traveled on the ship's first voyage to assure its seaworthiness. Understand underwater mapping techniques that have brought Titanic's debris field into high resolution, and get a glimpse of current deep ocean scientific research

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on the wreckage and the future of underwater exploration.

There's simply no better getaway in the United States than a visit to one of the country's 62 national parks from Alaska to the Virgin Islands, from Maine to America Samoa. Profiled in this all-new ninth edition of National Geographic's enduring and informative guide, you'll find expert travel advice, candid tips for hiking and wildlife spotting, and detailed maps to help navigate your way through America's great outdoors. Updated throughout with the latest information from park rangers and National Geographic's own acclaimed travel writers, this fully revised and comprehensive guidebook includes the newest additions to the United States park system—Indiana Dunes, White Sands, and Gateway Arch national parks. Whether you're looking to explore the underground world of Mammoth Caves or make your way through the mangroves of Everglades National Park, you'll find a destination that suits your needs, and inspiration to plan your next wild adventure. In addition to park details and descriptions, this sparkling new edition features week-long regional road trip itineraries so you can visit multiple parks in one vacation. Filled with more than 300 dazzling photographs and 80 full-color maps, this inspiring book reveals the best the United States has to offer—right in its own backyard.

Discusses important archeological finds from Africa's past and reveals how archaeologists use the latest technology to discover clues to ancient African civilization.

This provocative book of photography offers bold new

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insight into the lives of the world's largest mammals, along with their complex societies. In these pages, we learn that whales share an amazing ability to learn and adapt to opportunities, from specialized feeding strategies to parenting techniques. There is also evidence of deeper, cultural elements of whale identity, from unique dialects to matrilineal societies to organized social customs like singing contests. Featuring the arresting underwater images of Brian Skerry, who has explored and documented oceans for over four decades, this book will document these alluring creatures in all their glory--and demonstrate how these majestic creatures can teach us about ourselves and our planet. Describes the work of archaeologists who have uncovered the artifacts of ancient Aztecs of Mexico. Briefly describes the ancient civilizations of Pompeii, China, Egypt, and the Americas. Features pop-up and movable illustrations.

Written by the founders of HoneyTrek.com, this inspiring book reveals hidden-gem destinations and insider tips for unforgettable couples travel. In these informative pages, Mike and Anne Howard--officially the World's Longest Honeymooners and founders of the acclaimed travel blog HoneyTrek--whisk you away to journeys of a lifetime. Drawing on their experience traveling together across seven continents, they curate the globe and offer tested-and-approved recommendations for intrepid couples, bringing culture, adventure, and romance to any couple--no matter their age or budget. Chapters are organized by type of destination (for example, beaches, mountains, and deserts) to help travelers discover new

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places and experiences based on their interests. Each entry focuses on a specific region, getting to the essence of each locale and its one-of-a-kind offerings. The authors reveal the best time to visit, the best places to stay, and recommended activities--each with their own adventure rating to illustrate level of intensity. Special features include funny and insightful stories from the Howards' own adventures, expert advice from other renowned traveling couples, and tips to increase the romance and excitement at each destination. A large map shows every location covered in the book, and each entry has a locator map depicting the city and country. Both entertaining and informative, this book is an invaluable resource and inspiration for a lifetime of travel. Offers descriptions, road maps, itineraries, travel tips, costs, and contact information for national parks ranging from Virginia's Shenandoah to Alaska's Glacier Bay. Utah has long claimed to have the greatest snow on Earth—the state itself has even trademarked the phrase. In *Secrets of the Greatest Snow on Earth*, Jim Steenburgh investigates Wasatch weather, exposing the myths, explaining the reality, and revealing how and why Utah's powder lives up to its reputation. Steenburgh also examines ski and snowboard regions beyond Utah, making this book a meteorological guide to mountain weather and snow climates around the world. Chapters explore mountain weather, avalanches and snow safety, historical accounts of weather events and snow conditions, and the basics of climate and weather forecasting. Steenburgh explains what creates the best snow for skiing and snowboarding in accurate and

accessible language and illustrates his points with 150 color photographs, making *Secrets of the Greatest Snow on Earth* a helpful tool for planning vacations and staying safe during mountain adventures. Snowriders, weather enthusiasts, meteorologists, students of snow science, and anyone who dreams of deep powder and bluebird skies will want to get their gloves on *Secrets of the Greatest Snow on Earth*.

The world is full of mind-blowing marvels and this book uncovers our planet's most peculiar phenomena, puzzles from the past, eye-opening inventions, astonishing animals, and so much more! Did you know that caterpillars liquefy when they turn into butterflies? That humans shed eight pounds of skin every year? That there's a funky forest in Poland where all the trees are mysteriously crooked? That space smells like burnt plastic? Our world is filled with strange, bizarre, and weird realities. But what do they mean? WHY are they important? And what exactly is the secret behind them? National Geographic Kids presents a jam-packed new series perfect for fans of *Weird But True!* and *5,000 Awesome Facts*. With cool, action-packed photos, tons of awesome information, and filled to the brim with the weirdest facts ever, this book takes readers behind the scenes of the world of the truly bizarre, to reveal the truth behind our planet's wildest and wackiest. Meet the bizarre bacteria that make Yellowstone National Park's Morning Glory Pool pop with radiant color, discover the mysteries behind the Sphinx of ancient Egypt, learn why the beaches of the Maldives glow bright blue, how tornadoes are so powerful, and so much more! And with

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Q&As with in-the-field experts, fantastic infographics, exciting stories, and more, this book presents a fresh way of looking at our bizarre planet. So, get ready to experience our not-so-secret world.

Adventure, danger, and a thrilling global mission await 12-year-old Cruz Coronado as he joins an elite school for explorers. Cruz leaves his tranquil home in Hawaii to join 23 talented kids from around the globe to train at the Explorer Academy with the world's leading scientists to become the next generation of great explorers. But for Cruz, there's more at stake. No sooner has he arrived at the Academy than he discovers that his family has a mysterious past with the organization that could jeopardize his future. In the midst of codebreaking and cool classes, new friends and augmented reality expeditions, Cruz must tackle the biggest question of all: Who is out to get him, and why? Readers can get in on the excitement with puzzles and codes embedded throughout.

"If you're only going to read one Everest book this decade, make it *The Third Pole*. . . . A riveting adventure."—*Outside* Shivering, exhausted, gasping for oxygen, beyond doubt . . . A hundred-year mystery lured veteran climber Mark Synnott into an unlikely expedition up Mount Everest during the spring 2019 season that came to be known as "the Year Everest Broke." What he found was a gripping human story of impassioned characters from around the globe and a mountain that will consume your soul—and your life—if you let it. The mystery? On June 8, 1924, George Mallory and Sandy Irvine set out to stand on the roof of the world, where no

one had stood before. They were last seen eight hundred feet shy of Everest's summit still "going strong" for the top. Could they have succeeded decades before Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay? Irvine is believed to have carried a Kodak camera with him to record their attempt, but it, along with his body, had never been found. Did the frozen film in that camera have a photograph of Mallory and Irvine on the summit before they disappeared into the clouds, never to be seen again? Kodak says the film might still be viable. . . .

Mark Synnott made his own ascent up the infamous North Face along with his friend Renan Ozturk, a filmmaker using drones higher than any had previously flown. Readers witness first-hand how Synnott's quest led him from oxygen-deprivation training to archives and museums in England, to Kathmandu, the Tibetan high plateau, and up the North Face into a massive storm. The infamous traffic jams of climbers at the very summit immediately resulted in tragic deaths. Sherpas revolted. Chinese officials turned on Synnott's team. An Indian woman miraculously crawled her way to frostbitten survival. Synnott himself went off the safety rope—one slip and no one would have been able to save him—committed to solving the mystery. Eleven climbers died on Everest that season, all of them mesmerized by an irresistible magic. The Third Pole is a rapidly accelerating ride to the limitless joy and horror of human obsession.

Identifies hidden treasures and lesser-known points of interest in each of America's national parks.

The articles are on : a chain of islands in French

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Polynesia ; a central Asian country ; the windswept land at the southern tip of South America ; an isolated, mountainous area in Columbia ; an area on the southern coast of Spain ; and a mountainous region in central Africa near the source of the Nile.

The latest installment of the New York Times best-selling almanac features brand-new amazing animal stories, explorer profiles, and outrageous attractions that kids know and love, plus more of the incredible inventions, awesome games, and fresh challenges for curious kids who want to learn all about the world and everything that's in it! Kids can have fun keeping up with our rapidly changing planet with the world's best-selling almanac for kids, packed with incredible photos, tons of fun facts, crafts, activities, and fascinating features about animals, science, nature, technology, conservation, and more. There's a whole chapter full of fun and games, including activities, jokes, and comics. Practical reference material, including fast facts and maps of every country, has been fully updated. Homework help on key topics is sprinkled throughout the book.

What makes us happy? It's not wealth, youth, beauty, or intelligence, says Dan Buettner. In fact, most of us have the keys within our grasp. Circling the globe to study the world's happiest populations, Buettner has spotted several common principles that can unlock the doors to true contentment with our lives. Working with leading researchers, Buettner identifies the happiest region on each of four continents. He explores why these populations say they are happier than anyone else, and what they can teach the rest of us about finding contentment. His conclusions debunk some commonly believed myths: Are people who have children happier than

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those who don't? Not necessarily—in Western societies, parenthood actually makes the happiness level drop. Is gender equality a factor? Are the world's happiest places to be found on tropical islands with beautiful beaches? You may be surprised at what Buettner's research indicates.

Unraveling the story of each "hotspot" like a good mystery, Buettner reveals how he discovered each location and then travels to meet folks who embody each particular brand of happiness. He introduces content, thriving people in Denmark, in Singapore, in northeastern Mexico, and in a composite "happiest place in America." In addition, he interviews economists, psychologists, sociologists, politicians, writers, and other experts to get at what contributes to each region's happiness, from the Danish concept of *hygge*, which translates to creating a feeling of coziness, to the Mexican love of a good joke. Buettner's findings result in a credible, cross-cultural formula and a practical plan to help us stack the deck for happiness and get more satisfaction out of life.

According to Buettner's advisory team, the average person can control about forty percent of his or her individual happiness by optimizing life choices. These aren't unreasonable demands on a person's lifestyle, and they often require only slight changes. They fall into three categories that make up the way we live our lives: the food we eat, the way we exercise, and the social networks we foster. It's all about nourishing the body and the spirit. Heeding the secrets of the world's happiness all-stars can help us make the right choices to find more contentment in our own lives and learn how to thrive.

Discusses important archaeological finds from Rome and reveals how archaeologists use the latest technology to discover clues to its ancient civilization.

From spy missions to code breaking, this richly illustrated account of the covert operations of World War II takes

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readers behind the battle lines and deep into the undercover war effort that changed the course of history: a From the authors who created a Eyewitness to World War II and numerous other best-selling illustrated reference books, this is the shocking story behind the covert activity that shaped the outcome of one of the world's greatest conflicts--and the destiny of millions of people. National Geographic's landmark book illuminates World War II as never before by taking you inside the secret lives of spies and spy masters; secret agents and secret armies; Enigma machines and code breakers; psychological warfare and black propaganda; secret weapons and secret battle strategies. Seven heavily illustrated narrative chapters reveal the truth behind the lies and deception that shaped the secret war; eight essays showcase hundreds of rare photos and artifacts (many never before seen); more than 50 specially created sidebars tell the stories of spies and secret operations. Renowned historian and top-selling author Stephen Hyslop reveals this little-known side of the war in captivating detail, weaving in extraordinary eyewitness accounts and information only recently declassified. Rare photographs, artifacts, and illuminating graphics enrich this absorbing reference book. Discusses important archeological finds from the Celts' past and reveals how archaeologists use the latest technology to discover clues to ancient Celtic civilization.

"A revised and updated edition of National Geographic book of peoples of the world, including all-new material"--Cover. Adorably cute and amazingly fast, the cheetah is a perennial favorite among kids. This National Geographic Reader will delight kids with beautiful photographs and mind-boggling facts about this majestic and mysterious cat. Did you know a cheetah can go from 0 to 60 mph in less than 3 seconds? True to the National Geographic Kids' style and trusted reputation, snack size bites of information provide easily

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digestible learning that fulfills both the reader's curiosity and sense of achievement. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

We love our dogs, and they love us back. Right? Read *How Dogs Think*, the new Special Edition from the editors of *TIME*, and discover the rich inner lives of canines--and what they really think about their human friends. *How Dogs Think* explores what goes on in the brains of canines and reveals how we can forge meaningful bonds with our pets. The latest research and scientific evidence is here to answer your questions: How does a pack work? What are the best ways to train a dog? How do dogs help combat veterans recover? How can you care for an aging or neurotic pet? There's even a hall of fame of top dogs, plus a photographic essay on extreme dogs--the biggest, the fastest, the smartest, and more. Everyone who loves dogs will be amazed and intrigued by this revealing look at our best friends.

"Information about intelligence gathering and spy agencies for children"--

An expert on human longevity reveals the sometimes unusual but effective secrets of diet, behavior, fitness, and attitude collected from long-lived communities around the world, revealing the critical everyday lifestyle choices and behavior that correspond to a longer, healthier life. Reprint.

Collects the work of National Geographic's best photographers, featuring striking images of places, events, natural phenomena, and manmade heirlooms seldom seen by human eyes, including ancient cave art and volcanic lightning.

Bestselling author Dan Buettner reveals how to

transform your health using smart nutrition, lifestyle, and fitness habits gleaned from longevity research on the diets, eating habits, and lifestyle practices of the communities he's identified as "Blue Zones"—those places with the world's longest-lived, and thus healthiest, people, including locations such as Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Costa Rica's Nicoya Peninsula; Ikaria, Greece; and Loma Linda, California. With the audacious belief that the lifestyles of the world's Blue Zones could be adapted and replicated in towns across North America, Buettner launched the largest preventive health care project in the United States, The Blue Zones City Makeovers, which has impacted the health of millions of Americans since 2009. In *The Blue Zones Solution*, readers can be inspired by the specific stories of the people, foods, and routines of our healthy elders; understand the role community, family, and naturally healthy habits can play in improving our diet and health; and learn the exact foods—including the 50 superfoods of longevity and dozens of recipes adapted for Western tastes and markets—that offer delicious ways to eat your way to optimum health. Throughout the book are lifestyle recommendations, checklists, and stories to help you create your own personal Blue Zones solution. Readers will learn and apply the 80/20 rule, the plant slant diet, social aspects of eating that lead to weight loss and great health naturally, cultivating your "tribe" of friends and family, and your greater purpose as part of your daily routine. Filled with moving personal stories, delicious recipes, checklists, and useful tips that will transform any home into a miniature blue zone, *The Blue*

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Zones Solution is the ultimate blueprint for a healthy, happy life.

Discusses important archeological finds from Greece's past and reveals how archaeologists use the latest technology to discover clues to ancient Greek civilization.

"A book full of wonders" —Helen Macdonald, author of *H Is for Hawk* "Witty, insightful. . . .The story of jellyfish. . .

is a significant part of the environmental story. Berwald's engaging account of these delicate, often ignored

creatures shows how much they matter to our oceans' future." —New York Times Book Review Jellyfish have

been swimming in our oceans for well over half a billion years, longer than any other animal that lives on the

planet. They make a venom so toxic it can kill a human in three minutes. Their sting—microscopic spears that

pierce with five million times the acceleration of gravity—is the fastest known motion in the animal

kingdom. Made of roughly 95 percent water, some jellies are barely perceptible virtuosos of disguise, while others

glow with a luminescence that has revolutionized biotechnology. Yet until recently, jellyfish were largely

ignored by science, and they remain among the most poorly understood of ocean dwellers. More than a

decade ago, Juli Berwald left a career in ocean science to raise a family in landlocked Austin, Texas, but jellyfish

drew her back to the sea. Recent, massive blooms of billions of jellyfish have clogged power plants, decimated

fisheries, and caused millions of dollars of damage. Driven by questions about how overfishing, coastal

development, and climate change were contributing to a jellyfish population explosion, Juli embarked on a

scientific odyssey. She traveled the globe to meet the biologists who devote their careers to jellies, hitched rides on Japanese fishing boats to see giant jellyfish in the wild, raised jellyfish in her dining room, and throughout it all marveled at the complexity of these alluring and ominous biological wonders. Gracefully blending personal memoir with crystal-clear distillations of science, *Spineless* is the story of how Juli learned to navigate and ultimately embrace her ambition, her curiosity, and her passion for the natural world. She discovers that jellyfish science is more than just a quest for answers. It's a call to realize our collective responsibility for the planet we share.

This amazingly visual book connects the past with the present, illustrating not just the long history of witches and witch trials, but also their subculture and fascination today. Whether she's an old crone stirring a bubbling cauldron or a teenager discovering her magic for the first time, witches have been a part of our stories since humans began writing stories—even before! We'll tell you all about the history of the witch, including the infamous trials in Europe and Salem, and introduce you to some of the craft's most famous faces like Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau. Learn about how the witch became a feminist symbol and check out some spellbinding vacation spots. We'll explore representations of the witch in lore and pop culture, from *The Odyssey's* witch-goddess Circe to Harry Potter's Hermione Granger. Find out how *The Wizard of Oz* changed the perception of the spell-casters, and get the scoop on *The Witches* remake starring Anne Hathaway. Practicing witches let you know

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how to get in touch with your inner witch and let you in on what really goes on in contemporary covens. There's even a primer on spellwork—no cauldron required!

In this spirited memoir, world-renowned conservationist Enric Sala weaves fascinating tales of the natural world, revealing how connections in nature promise a thriving economy as well as a healthy planet. Enric Sala wants to change the world--and in this compelling book, he shows us how. Once we appreciate how nature works, he asserts, we will understand why conservation is economically wise and essential to our survival. Here Sala, director of National Geographic's Pristine Seas project (which has succeeded in protecting more than 5 million sq km of ocean), tells the story of his scientific awakening and his transition from academia to activism--as he puts it, he was tired of writing the obituary of the ocean. His revelations are surprising, sometimes counterintuitive: More sharks signal a healthier ocean; crop diversity, not intensive monoculture farming, is the key to feeding the planet. Using fascinating examples from his expeditions and those of other scientists, Sala shows the economic wisdom of making room for nature, even as the population becomes more urbanized. In a sober epilogue, he shows how saving nature can save us all, by reversing conditions that led to the coronavirus pandemic and preventing other global catastrophes. With a foreword from Prince Charles and an introduction from E. O. Wilson, this powerful book will change the way you think about our world--and our future.

The esthetic meets the esoteric as author and creator

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Devin Hunter shows how to work magic for love, healing, protection, prosperity, and divination. With these insightful tips and techniques, you don't need to wait for fate, you can create your own. The stunning color photos throughout this book capture actual workings in progress so you can get a better understanding of what makes the magic successful, an especially important feature for visual learners and for those who want to express their passion for the esoteric by displaying a unique art book. The intention of this material is to help you build a magical practice that is wholly your own. With its brilliant design and special instructions for adjusting the practices to meet your specific needs, this book is a perfect companion as you create long-term manifestation and a more magical life.

An illustrated guide to numerous world destinations associated with the supernatural includes coverage of vampire-origin sites in Romania, haunted battlefields, extraterrestrial-sighting zones in Arizona and more. By the best-selling author of *Mythology Bible*.

This riveting narrative explores the lives of six remarkable female pharaohs, from Hatshepsut to Cleopatra--women who ruled with real power--and shines a piercing light on our own perceptions of women in power today. Female rulers are a rare phenomenon--but thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt, women reigned supreme. Regularly, repeatedly, and with impunity, queens like Hatshepsut, Nefertiti, and Cleopatra controlled the totalitarian state as power-brokers and rulers. But throughout human history, women in positions of power were more often used as political pawns in a male-dominated society. What was so special about ancient Egypt that provided women this kind of access to the highest

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political office? What was it about these women that allowed them to transcend patriarchal obstacles? What did Egypt gain from its liberal reliance on female leadership, and could today's world learn from its example? Celebrated Egyptologist Kara Cooney delivers a fascinating tale of female power, exploring the reasons why it has seldom been allowed through the ages, and why we should care.

Explores the world of the Maya, which spans five centuries of history in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador.

A guide to the characters and settings of the game "Temple Run" features facts and trivia about ancient civilizations, from Cambodia and Turkey to prehistoric England, ancient Egypt and Greece, and Machu Picchu in Peru.

"Presents 500 off-the-beaten-path travel destinations around the world that are notable for their vistas, wildlife, and historical and cultural significance"--Provided by publisher.

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