

## Smoke And Mirrors

Smoke and Mirrors takes you on a journey of self-reflection through the mind of a teenage DJ as she navigates her way through a smoky haze of music, drugs and partying. To the outside world, she appears to be a 19-year-old having the time of her life. But on the inside, she's battling hurdles that most people wouldn't experience in a lifetime. She's eventually forced to look in the mirror, past the thick smog of the illusion, and ask, "Who am I when the smoke clears?"

Short-listed for the 2005 CLA Young Adult Canadian Book Award Sixteen-year-old Simon has always been considered odd. Three years ago, a skateboarding accident caused some minor brain damage and made him a little stranger. His career-driven parents mostly leave him alone, and he spends much of his time living in his imagination. When Andrea, whom no one else can see, appears to Simon in class, he is fascinated by her and strikes up a friendship, even though he knows she may be pure hallucination - he's had imaginary friends before. Andrea says she is there to "help" him, but before the story ends, Simon discovers that it is he who needs to help Andrea, not the other way around.

Global climate change is one of the most important issues humanity faces today. This updated, second edition assesses the sensible, senseless and biased proposals for averting the potentially disastrous consequences of global warming, allowing the reader to draw their own conclusions on switching to more sustainable energy provision. Burton Richter is a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who has served on many US and international review committees on climate change and energy issues. He provides a concise overview of our knowledge and uncertainties within climate change science, discusses current energy demand and supply patterns, and the energy options available to cut emissions of greenhouse gases. Written in non-technical language, this book presents a balanced view of options for moving from our heavy reliance on fossil fuels into a much more sustainable energy system, and is accessible to a wide range of readers without scientific backgrounds - students, policymakers and the concerned citizen.

The research for this extensive, two volume project. represents a comprehensive effort to establish a complete context from which the sport of bodybuilding arose. "Muscle, Smoke and Mirrors" is the rise and fall of what was truly once an extraordinary discipline associated with a term known as "Physical Culture." Experience what bodybuilding was originally and learn just exactly what "Physical Culture" really is. See what growing philanthropic power flexed its financial and political muscles to foster its corporate agenda, compromising human health internationally. Read how the merger of technology and politics culminated in the industrialization, commercialization, federalization, internationalization and finally the STERILIZATION of a nation's food supply, rendering it suspect not only to the general public; but also to the most elite of athletes. Whether you are a novice, an elite bodybuilder or simply sports-nutrition minded, learn how the emerging forces of the Iron Game evolved. Ultimately, the factions of this industry would grow powerful and manipulative while fighting for control over the Game. It took the running of several parallel histories on bodybuilding, nutrition, supplements and the role of drugs to offer a complete, first-time unraveling of the web of confusion and politics that still permeates the sport into the 21st century! Volume I of "Muscle, Smoke and Mirrors" is truly the untold stories surrounding "Bodybuilding's Amazing Nutritional Origins."

When a Music Hall hypnotist escapes from the London County Asylum she leaves a single word on the wall of her cell - scrawled in blood: 'MAGISTER'. Terror then stalks the capital's streets as the killing spree begins. But why does Superintendent William Melville of The Special Branch call upon the skills of brilliant stage magician Michael Magister and his glamorous assistant Phoebe Le Breton to help capture the murderer? Especially as Michael is one of those named on the death list. From the recently discovered journals of Professor Artemus More, secrets are laid bare, mysteries revealed, illusions exposed and conspiracies uncovered, all in a Steampunk vision of Victorian Britain. But is anything truly what it seems? Or is it all just Steam, Smoke and Mirrors?

'Stop following the news until you've read Gemma Milne's persuasive analysis of the hype and bullshit that distort our understanding of emerging science. As she shows, the starting point to grasping the genuine opportunities of AI, life sciences and climate tech is a healthy dose of critical thinking' David Rowan, founding editor of WIRED UK and author of Non-Bullshit Innovation: Radical Ideas from the World's Smartest Minds 'Couldn't be more timely. Fascinating and vitally important' Jamie Bartlett, author of The People Vs Tech 'A much-needed blast of fresh air! Gemma Milne expertly shows us how to separate the truth from the hype surrounding the emerging techs of today, and those of the near-tomorrow' Lewis Dartnell, author of Origins: How the Earth Made Us 'I loved this book! This is exactly the sort of sceptical, cut-through-the-crap-but-still-excited-about-what's-emerging book around tech innovation that's sorely needed, yet is so hard to find . . . essential reading for anyone who's serious about how real-world advances might be effectively harnessed to build a better future' Dr Andrew Maynard, scientist and author of Films from the Future and Future Rising '[A] vital contribution in a world where technological progress promises so much, but too often disappoints. If, like me, you believe that advances in science and technology are our best hope for solving the grand challenges of our times, this book is the indispensable guide to avoiding the mirages and the charlatans along the way' Matt Clifford, co-founder and CEO of Entrepreneur First 'A refreshingly grown-up, clear-headed look at the interaction between science, technology and the media - readable without being dumbed down, acknowledging complexities without being heavy' Tom Chivers, author of The AI Does Not Hate You 'ROBOTS WILL STEAL YOUR JOB!' 'AI WILL REVOLUTIONISE FARMING!' 'GENETIC EDITING WILL CURE CANCER!' Bombastic headlines about science and technology are nothing new. To cut through the constant stream of information and misinformation on social media, or grab the attention of investors, or convince governments to take notice, strident headlines or bold claims seem necessary to give complex, nuanced information some wow factor. But hype has a dark side, too. It can mislead. It can distract. It can blinker us from seeing what is actually going on. From AI, quantum computing and brain implants, to cancer drugs, future foods and fusion energy, science and technology journalist Gemma Milne reveals hype to be responsible for fundamentally misdirecting or even derailing crucial progress. Hype can be combated and discounted, though, if you're able to see exactly where, how and why it is being deployed. This book is your guide to doing just that.

"I am going to take you on a journey that may cause you to reflect on some of your perceptions and earlier understandings of the subject of leadership and, hopefully, may unsettle you enough to inspire deep, intensive thought." Peter J. Daniels holds nothing back in his latest book on leadership, Leadership Power: Beyond the Smoke and Mirrors. Those in leadership, and those who aspire to leadership positions, will be challenged and inspired by the task set before them. Mr. Daniels shares practical advice and sobering realities from his many decades in leadership positions. He succinctly yet powerfully captures the essence of leadership and the world's desperate need for leaders of character and determination. "Leadership Power should be required reading for anyone who has a position of leadership in business or in the Church... Get it, read it, and apply it to your life." —Rick Renner Author, Pastor, Church Founder, and T.V. Broadcaster "Daniels writes with passion, authority, and from a lifetime of experience—anyone who sees themselves as leader, or future leader, needs to read it." —Dr. Colin Stringer Author of The 800 Horsemen "This book will super charge its reader to take up the leadership role and walk in their divine destiny." —Chris Greenwood, also known as Manafest "Thank you, Peter J. Daniels... More than just theories, your wise words of experience challenge every one of us to be pragmatic, skilled, and steadfast." —John Mason President of Insight International/Insight Publishing Group "...a must read for all who are willing to be honest with themselves and with God, those who really benefit mankind through his or her leadership." —Pastor Kenneth Copeland Kenneth Copeland Ministries

"Rewarding." —BCCB (starred review) "Enchanting." —Booklist "This is a story to savor." —Kathi Appelt, National Book Award finalist and Newbery Honor-winning author of The Underneath and Keeper Circus Mirandus meets Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms in this "Wrinkle in

Time-inspired...artful" (Kirkus Reviews) fantasy novel about a girl who must face her fears in order to right a terrible wrong, confront what it means to be different, and discover her own power. Smoke has come to the Cirque Magnifique. And Sasha Brown is sure it is her fault. Sasha has always loved the Cirque, a place filled with sequined costumes, dazzling spotlights, and magnificent tents. But when she starts fifth grade with the Islanders—the ordinary folk from the other side of the Island—for the first time, she starts to question her home and her Cirque family. Is the magic real? Are the stories even true? Faced with the Island kids' bullying and scorn, Sasha isn't so sure she wants to be a Cirque kid anymore, and the swirling, blue-gray Smoke appears. One night in the big tent, Sasha's dad performs, twisting his body through the air as the lights dance. Sasha is supposed to be helping, but instead she sits beneath the bleachers, seething. She wishes for the Smoke to come and make it all disappear: the Cirque, her family, the Island with its mean Island kids. And the Smoke does come. As Sasha watches her dad, he flips and raises his arms out for the bar that is supposed to meet him, his bright grin confident and sure. But there is only air...and Smoke. Both of Sasha's parents disappear that night, and it's all Sasha's fault. What can she do but try and find them—even if her journey takes her to the end of the world?

When Tony and his TV crew find themselves shooting in an actual haunted house, all hell threatens to break loose. Locked into the house overnight, can Tony keep the diabolical controlling spirit from turning the crew against one another in an orgy of blood?

Smoke and Mirrors: The Canadian tobacco war

Michael Faudet's latest book takes the reader on an emotionally charged journey, exploring the joys of falling madly in love and the melancholy world of the brokenhearted. Beautifully captured in poetry, prose, and short stories, Faudet's whimsical and sometimes erotic writing has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of readers from around the world.

Drug deal and Murder: In her fight for justice, Abby Monroe is forced to flee to protect herself and her family, seeking out the only man she's ever fully trusted. Seeing him again threatens not only her safety, but her heart as well. Injuries and Betrayal: After a close call with death, Graeme Tucker made some changes. No women, no danger. Just him and his beach bar. Until Abby shows up asking for his help and twisting his heart. Lies and Deception: As Graeme and Abby struggle to stop a gang of ruthless criminals, old flames are rekindled. But all is not as it seems. Will Graeme stand by his word to protect Abby, or does he have a sinister agenda of his own?

When young Erin Hartsock joins the staff working on the senatorial campaign of charismatic congresswoman Rosemary White Marshall, her idealism is turned upside down by the intrigue, romance, danger, and malevolence surrounding her and her colleagues. Reprint.

When research uncovers a way to reverse the genetic mutation responsible for mutant powers, the government tries to use the procedure to eliminate the X-Men, who soon discover that the procedure's true source is their enemy, Sinister. Original.

Life for Dexter J. Daley has never been easy, but he's always found a way to pick himself back up with a smile on his face. Taken from his home, and the arms of his boyfriend and THIRDS partner, Sloane Brodie, Dex finds himself in a situation as mysterious and lethal as the Therian interrogating him. Dex learns what he's secretly believed all along: his parents' death wasn't an accident. Discovering the whole truth about John and Gina Daley's homicide sets off a series of events that will change Dex and Sloane's lives forever. As buried secrets rise to the surface and new truths are revealed, Dex and Sloane's love for each other is put to the test, with more than their relationship on the line. If traversing the waters of murder and secret government agencies wasn't enough, something inexplicable has been happening to Dex—and nothing will ever be the same.

If you read the papers and listen to the "experts," you've heard the usual pitches about retirement: you'll need a million dollars or more so you better start an RRSP early and maximize your contributions, trust the stock market and mutual funds for the best returns and put your faith in a financial advisor. But what if this advice is wrong? By reading this book, you will learn the truth about these myths. You will also be given six free spreadsheets to figure out where you really stand, including the latest "Retirement Optimizer" that allows you to compute your retirement income year-by-year and the "Personal Rate of Return Calculator" so you can determine just how well your investments have done. Find out how much you'll really need to save. Smoke and Mirrors dispels the five main retirement myths: If I had \$1,000,000 I could retire. Find out why you might be fine with much less. RRSPs are the holy grail of retirement. Discover what is more important than the size of your RRSP. Don't worry about your investments; you'll be fine in the long run. Learn how to figure out the truth about how well your investments are really doing. Income taxes are the enemy. We're all interested in reducing our taxes, but find out why tax shelters and donation schemes may be dangerous to your financial health. Buy permanent life insurance to secure your financial future. Find out who needs life insurance, who doesn't and how to get it cheap.

NatalieWhen my supposedly perfect life falls apart, I turn to my best friend Lucas and relocate to BoothBay Harbor with my sole reason to push on; my daughter Savannah. Being around Lucas again makes the voices that tell me I'm not good enough fall quiet. But just as I start to heal, my past and his present threaten to tear us apart.LucasIn high school, Natalie was my best friend... and my secret crush. With her back in my life, she's reawakening feelings I thought were long gone. When things start spiraling, it takes all I have to prove to her that I won't walk away again. The further I fall, the more she pulls away. I want it all, but she has to want it too.Can I be enough to show her that this is real, or is she living in a past filled with nothing but smoke and mirrors?

In this deceptively simple little book, Ms. England has made accessible for both professionals and the general public the theory linking neurochemical science to the behaviors and relational patterns observed in persons with addictions and those who love them. As a professional working with families ravaged by addiction, and as a member of Al-Anon seeking to grow and be a good steward of the life experiences that are mine, I am challenged by this book to seek ways to apply its techniques with clients and my own life...Ms. England's book reminds me in the particularly memorable way of any



good story...that there is both danger and delight in this activity of living.

An ideal family is targeted for death by the least likely enemy, who plotted their demise from behind bars.... A sexual predator hides behind multiple fake identities, eluding police for years while his past victims live in fear that he will hunt them down.... A modest preacher's wife confesses to shooting her husband after an argument -- but there's more to her shattering story than meets the eye. These and other true cases are analyzed with stunning clarity in a page-turning collection you won't be able to put down. Included in this volume are stories of a victim burned beyond recognition - spontaneous human combustion? - impossible - and yet no one else seemed to enter or exit; a man who was a woman who was a man, whose con games in a small community led to murder; a "counterfeit priest" who wasn't a priest at all; a lifetime rapist; and the strangest case ever to hit Montana.

India and China share a 3500-km border and have interacted with each other for over 2000 years. It is remarkable then that their people know so little of each other: what they think, how they live, their language, customs and philosophy. Or even their cuisine. Pallavi Aiyar was very much the average Indian in her knowledge of China when she set out for Beijing in 2002. Over the next five years, she became a fascinated observer of a country undergoing relentless change. This book is an intimate look at a society evolving at double-digit pace. In the process, Pallavi Aiyar breaks down many cliches, and opens new gateways through the Great Wall of China.

Argues that despite increasing levels of government action, illicit drugs are more readily available than ever, and analyzes the failure of our drug policy

Migration between Mexico and the United States is part of a historical process of increasing North American integration. This process acquired new momentum with the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, which lowered barriers to the movement of goods, capital, services, and information. But rather than include labor in this new regime, the United States continues to resist the integration of the labor markets of the two countries. Instead of easing restrictions on Mexican labor, the United States has militarized its border and adopted restrictive new policies of immigrant disenfranchisement. *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors* examines the devastating impact of these immigration policies on the social and economic fabric of the Mexico and the United States, and calls for a sweeping reform of the current system. *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors* shows how U.S. immigration policies enacted between 1986–1996—largely for symbolic domestic political purposes—harm the interests of Mexico, the United States, and the people who migrate between them. The costs have been high. The book documents how the massive expansion of border enforcement has wasted billions of dollars and hundreds of lives, yet has not deterred increasing numbers of undocumented immigrants from heading north. The authors also show how the new policies unleashed a host of unintended consequences: a shift away from seasonal, circular migration toward permanent settlement; the creation of a black market for Mexican labor; the transformation of Mexican immigration from a regional phenomenon into a broad social movement touching every region of the country; and even the lowering of wages for legal U.S. residents. What had been a relatively open and benign labor process before 1986 was transformed into an exploitative underground system of labor coercion, one that lowered wages and working conditions of undocumented migrants, legal immigrants, and American citizens alike. *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors* offers specific proposals for repairing the damage. Rather than denying the reality of labor migration, the authors recommend regularizing it and working to manage it so as to promote economic development in Mexico, minimize costs and disruptions for the United States, and maximize benefits for all concerned. This book provides an essential "user's manual" for readers seeking a historical, theoretical, and substantive understanding of how U.S. policy on Mexican immigration evolved to its current dysfunctional state, as well as how it might be fixed.

Discusses the 1980 presidential election, examining campaign strategies and masterminds, political maneuvers, sophisticated media technology, primaries, issues and platforms, and more

From the sixteenth to early-nineteenth century, four times more Africans than Europeans crossed the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas. While this forced migration stripped slaves of their liberty, it failed to destroy many of their cultural practices, which came with Africans to the New World. In *Working the Diaspora*, Frederick Knight examines work cultures on both sides of the Atlantic, from West and West Central Africa to British North America and the Caribbean. Knight demonstrates that the knowledge that Africans carried across the Atlantic shaped Anglo-American agricultural development and made particularly important contributions to cotton, indigo, tobacco, and staple food cultivation. The book also compellingly argues that the work experience of slaves shaped their views of the natural world. Broad in scope, clearly written, and at the center of current scholarly debates, *Working the Diaspora* challenges readers to alter their conceptual frameworks about Africans by looking at them as workers who, through the course of the Atlantic slave trade and plantation labor, shaped the development of the Americas in significant ways.

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The inimitable Colleen Doran adapts Neil Gaiman's tragic coming-of-age fantasy masterpiece! When Jack was a young boy, his world was full of ghosts and ghouls, but one such monster--a ravenous and hideous troll--would haunt him long into manhood. As the beast sups upon a lifetime of Jack's fear and regret, Jack must find the courage within himself to face the fiend once and for all!

Car photography often evokes the same recycled tropes. Predictably slick, hi-spec images on the front pages of glossy magazines, or huge blow-ups on giant billboards which have one designed aim: to sell a lifestyle. But our relationship to cars is so much more meaningful than these images might suggest. Like the camera, the car has changed the way we explore the world. With cars came road trips, and with road trips came some of the most important photographic documentaries of our time. A car is a vehicle not just for transport but for our hopes, desires, and even values. In *Really Good Car Photography*, a selection of world-renowned and up-and-coming photographers come together to pay tribute to the car from the 60s to the present day. From images of lonely car parks and cars 'sleeping' at night under tarpaulins, moody shots from New York City in the 70s to witty close-ups of badly-repaired cars and painterly landscapes shot through wet windscreens, these photographs display cars at their most playful, introspective and meaningful, reminding us that there is more to them than just metal and machinery - for cars are emotionally intertwined with the lives we live. Moving away from the one-dimensional imagery that has become synonymous with car photography and offering a selection of penetrating, unusual and poignant pictures in return, *Really Good Car*

Photography is an utterly iconoclastic look at cars that reinvents what is possible for the genre.

The astonishing and impressive first collection of short stories from New York Times bestselling author Neil Gaiman. An elderly widow finds the Holy Grail beneath an old fur coat in a second-hand store . . . A stray cat fights and refights a nightly battle to protect his adoptive family from an unimaginable evil . . . A young couple receives a wedding gift that will reveal a chilling alternate history of their marriage . . . Beneath a bridge by the railroad tracks, a frightened little boy bargains for his life with a most persistent troll . . . Such miraculous inventions and more await within Neil Gaiman's first collection of short fiction, a gift of wonder and delight from one of the most unique literary artists of our day. In his capable hands, magic is no mere illusion, but a powerful means to reveal the nature of our humanity obscured in the smoke of our fears and anxieties . . . and reflected in the funhouse mirrors of our dreams.

Realism is an enlightening story, a tale which enriches our experience and makes it more intelligible. Yet this wonderful picture of humanity's best efforts at knowledge has been badly bruised by numerous critics. James Robert Brown in *Smoke and Mirrors* fights back against figures such as Richard Rorty, Bruno Latour, Michael Ruse and Hilary Putnam who have attacked realist accounts of science. But this volume is not wholly devoted to combating Rorty and others who blow smoke in our eyes; the second half is concerned with arguing that there are some amazing ways in which science mirrors the world. The role of abstraction, abstract objects and a priori ways of getting at reality are all explored in showing how science reflects reality. *Smoke and Mirrors* is a defence of science and knowledge in general as well as a defence of a particular way of understanding science. It is of interest to all those who wish or need to know how science works.

*A House of Smoke and Mirrors* tells the story of a little girl named Annie growing up in a family home filled with secrets and lies. Annie's father walked out on the family when Annie was just five years old, leaving her heartbroken and devastated. Thinking nothing could compare to the loss of her father, Annie soon discovered she was horribly wrong, there are things far more damaging than abandonment. Shortly after her father leaves, Annie's brother began to take a deeper interest in her, a sinister interest involving physical abuse and molestation. In fact, he soon took over the whole family, lording over it in a monstrous fashion. A true story of tragedy and survival, this pulls back the curtain on family abuse in a way that only an insider could narrate.

"Another great series." — San Jose Mercury News "A dazzlingly tricky mystery." — Kirkus Reviews "A tremendous skein of red herrings, sharp and thorough police work, [and] mysterious connections." — Bookgasm It's Christmastime in Brighton, and the city is abuzz about magician Max Mephisto's star turn in *Aladdin*. But the holiday cheer is lost on DI Edgar Stephens. He's investigating the murder of two children, Annie and Mark, who were found in the woods alongside a trail of candy—a horrifying scene eerily reminiscent of "Hansel and Gretel." Edgar has plenty of leads. Annie, a dark child, wrote gruesome plays based on the Grimms' fairy tales. Does the key to the case lie in her final script? Or does the macabre staging of the bodies point to the theater and the capricious cast of *Aladdin*? Edgar enlists Max's help in penetrating the shadowy world of the theater. But is this all just classic misdirection? "Excellent . . . Evoking both the St. Mary Mead of Agatha Christie and the theater world of Ngaio Marsh." — Booklist

Stage magician Terry Ward must use his skills to survive in a world where magic rules.

Drama / 4 m, 3 f / Interior Set in the break room of a quasi-governmental organization, *Smoke and Mirrors* follows Anita and a handful of her co-workers through the course of a seemingly normal day, complete with bad cafeteria food, inept bosses, inappropriate e-mails and blood-stained lab-coats. *Smoke and Mirrors* mingles the comic with the nightmarish, creating a world composed of patriotism and cupcakes, of paranoia and air freshener---a world uncomfortably close to our own. "In *Smoke and Mirrors*, playwright Joseph Goodrich conjures up a wickedly amusing portrait of a stultifying but nerve-racking workplace."

-Backstage.com "If Kafka scripted an episode of *The Office*, it might resemble Joseph Goodrich's bizarre and often intriguing *Smoke and Mirrors*, set in the smoking room of a nebulous American corporation." -Time Out New York

This book is a Nobel Prize-winning scientist's assessment of options for switching to sustainable energy provision to avert potentially disastrous consequences of climate change.

Unlike the more forthrightly mythic origins of other urban centers—think Rome via Romulus and Remus or Mexico City via the god Huitzilopochtli—Los Angeles emerged from a smoke-and-mirrors process that is simultaneously literal and figurative, real and imagined, material and metaphorical, physical and textual. Through penetrating analysis and personal engagement, Vincent Brook uncovers the many portraits of this ever-enticing, ever-ambivalent, and increasingly multicultural megalopolis. Divided into sections that probe Los Angeles's checkered history and reflect on Hollywood's own self-reflections, the book shows how the city, despite considerable remaining challenges, is finally blowing away some of the smoke of its not always proud past and rhetorically adjusting its rear-view mirrors. Part I is a review of the city's history through the early 1900s, focusing on the seminal 1884 novel *Ramona* and its immediate effect, but also exploring its ongoing impact through interviews with present-day Tongva Indians, attendance at the 88th annual *Ramona* pageant, and analysis of its feature film adaptations. Brook deals with Hollywood as geographical site, film production center, and frame of mind in Part II. He charts the events leading up to Hollywood's emergence as the world's movie capital and explores subsequent developments of the film industry from its golden age through the so-called New Hollywood, citing such self-reflexive films as *Sunset Blvd.*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and *The Truman Show*. Part III considers LA noir, a subset of film noir that emerged alongside the classical noir cycle in the 1940s and 1950s and continues today. The city's status as a privileged noir site is analyzed in relation to its history and through discussions of such key LA noir novels and films as *Double Indemnity*, *Chinatown*, and *Crash*. In Part IV, Brook examines multicultural Los Angeles. Using media texts as signposts, he maps the history and contemporary situation of the city's major ethno-racial and other minority groups, looking at such films as *Mi Familia* (Latinos), *Boyz n the Hood* (African Americans), *Charlotte Sometimes* (Asians), *Falling Down* (Whites), and *The Kids Are All Right* (LGBT).

*Smoke and Mirrors* is an expose about how the mental health industry fools consumers into believing "mental illness" is about true illness. But in fact, it is a system of dispensing moral judgments about the appropriateness of human experiences and behaviors, not the diagnosis and treatment of real illnesses.

"Resurface with Renewed Clarity" What is Strategic Self-Awareness? Does it include being aware and in tune with every environment and circumstance you encounter and how it affects your progress? YES. Does it include being acutely aware of where power lies, where and how power shifts and when your potential is being limited? YES. Does it include understanding your weakest areas and using every resource and project to stir away from showcasing those weaknesses? YES. Does it help manage and empathize with your team members, see what motivates them and align them with their strengths? YES. Does it expose the realities of your inevitably tough road ahead, your denials and allow you to tackle your blind spots? YES. Does it help eliminate people from your life that stifle your progress and attract those who support, sponsor, motivate, challenge, and invigorate you? YES. This unique, easy to follow leadership guide filled with point-form take-away's and quick-to-find tips and tricks was written for those at various levels in their careers: those starting out, entrepreneurs, established executives, CEO's, and those still in college who will be beginning their journey. This book will come with you to meetings, on vacations, and be there in your book case when

