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In the wake of the monstrous projects of Hitler, Stalin, Mao, and others in the twentieth century, the idea of utopia has been discredited. Yet, historian Jay Winter suggests, alongside the 'major utopians' who murdered millions in their attempts to transform the world were disparate groups of people trying in their own separate ways to imagine a radically better world. This original book focuses on some of the twentieth-century's 'minor utopias' whose stories, overshadowed by the horrors of the Holocaust and the Gulag, suggest that the future need not be as catastrophic as the past. The book is organized around six key moments when utopian ideas and projects flourished in Europe: 1900 (the Paris World's Fair), 1919 (the Paris Peace Conference), 1937 (the Paris exhibition celebrating science and light), 1948 (the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), 1968 (moral indictments and student revolt), and 1992 (the emergence of visions of global citizenship). Winter considers the dreamers and the nature of their dreams as well as their connections to one another and to the history of utopian thought. By restoring minor utopias to their rightful place in the recent past, Winter fills an important gap in the history of social thought and action in the twentieth century.

The Art of M&A Due diligence is today's most useful guidebook for uncovering problems and inconsistencies while they are still manageable.

Up-to-date guidance for conducting a successful M&A for banks and financial institutions The simmering economic climate since the financial crisis faces a front of new competition and sweeping regulatory reforms expected to drive the U.S. banking sector into consolidation in the next ten years. Capitalizing on the upcoming opportunities will take strategically focused preparation. The Art of Bank M&A is the unprecedented guide to mastering the merger and acquisition of a bank and any other financial institution. M&A transactions involving financial businesses take place in a framework of regulation, which makes them greatly different from those of commercial companies. The specialized coverage in this one-of-a-kind guide gives you an insider's interpretation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, along with the most popular techniques and strategies used to shed and acquire financial entities within the regulation. Straightforward explanations and instructive examples from the real world reveal: Major changes in banking law and unique considerations for bank holding companies The why and how of bank M&As, including how banks achieve growth and value How to value and validate financial businesses, including the basic steps for determining a price range to purchase a bank Trends in practices, controversy, and reporting for transborder bank M&As, including a convenient summary of inbound and outbound transaction regulations Where to find opportunity in distressed and insolvent banks M&A is the most powerful and risky weapon in financial strategy, and like other books in The Art of M&A series, this latest title gives you everything you need to be savvy in the M&A arena. To prepare for the coming surge in bank mergers and acquisitions, turn to the unmatched, sector-specific guidance in The Art of Bank M&A. Whether you're a senior bank manager, a government regulator, or an individual investor, The Art of Bank M&A covers everything you need to know about the unique economic structures of banks and financial institutions and the federal regulations they must operate within. Sweeping changes brought on by the Dodd-Frank Act as well as the new economic environment still emerging from the 2007-2009 financial crisis makes this timely guide a must-read for everyone involved in banking and M&A. From valuing a business entity to post-merger integration, this conveniently organized guide walks you through every important step of a bank M&A, including: The regulatory framework of bank mergers, and the strategies and standards driving the transaction The reasons behind banks combining their resources, processes, and responsibilities through mergers How to put a price on the value one financial entity brings to another How banks create value through synergy 250 critical questions on the minds of today's forward-thinking professionals Even if you're not directly involved in M&A transactions, this book provides both institutional and individual investors with useful information on the latest investment vehicles and strategies for making money on bank stocks. Before opportunity washes away, learn The Art of Bank M&A.

An inspiring guide to finding your life's purpose—what spiritual teachers call dharma—through mindfulness and self-exploration. Stephen Cope says that in order to have a fulfilling life you must discover the deep purpose hidden at the very core of your self. The secret to unlocking this mystery, he asserts, can be found in the pages of a two-thousand-year-old spiritual classic called the Bhagavad Gita—an ancient allegory about the path to dharma, told through a timeless dialogue between the fabled archer, Arjuna, and his divine mentor, Krishna. Cope takes readers on a step-by-step tour of this revered tale and highlights well-known Western lives that embody its central principles—including such luminaries as Jane Goodall, Walt Whitman, Susan B. Anthony, John Keats, and Harriet Tubman, along with stories of ordinary people as well. If you're feeling lost in your own life's journey, The Great Work of Your Life may help you to find and to embrace your true calling. Praise for The Great Work of Your Life "Keep a pen and paper handy as you read this remarkable book: It's like an owner's manual for the soul."—Dani Shapiro, author of Devotion "A masterwork . . . You'll find inspiration in these pages. You'll gain a better appreciation of divine guidance and perhaps even understand how you might better hear it in your own life."—Yoga Journal "I am moved and inspired by this book, the clarity and beauty of the lives lived in it, and the timeless dharma it teaches."—Jack Kornfield, author of A Path with Heart "A rich source of contemplation and inspiration [that] encourages readers . . . to discover and fully pursue their inner self's calling."—Publishers Weekly "Fabulous . . . If you have ever wondered what your purpose is, this book is a great guide to help you on your path."—YogaHara

Throughout Massachusetts, artists carry on and revitalise deeply rooted traditions that take many expressive forms - from Native American basketry to Yankee wooden boats, Armenian lace, Chinese seals, and Irish music and dance. This illustrated volume celebrates and shares the work of a wide array of these living artists.

With half a million copies in print, How to Read a Book is the best and most successful guide to reading comprehension for the general reader, completely rewritten and updated with new material. A CNN Book of the Week: "Explains not just why we should read books, but how we should read them. It's masterfully done." —Farheed Zakaria Originally published in 1940, this book is a rare phenomenon, a living classic that introduces and elucidates the various levels of reading and how to achieve them—from elementary reading, through systematic skimming and inspectional reading, to speed reading. Readers will learn when and how to "judge a book by its cover," and also how to X-ray it, read critically, and extract the author's message from the text. Also included is instruction in the different techniques that work best for reading particular genres, such as practical books, imaginative literature, plays, poetry, history, science and mathematics, philosophy and social science works. Finally, the authors offer a recommended reading list and supply reading tests you can use measure your own progress in reading skills, comprehension, and speed.

Acclaimed as one of the most exciting books in the history of American letters, this modern epic became an instant bestseller upon

publication in 1974, transforming a generation and continuing to inspire millions. This 25th Anniversary Quill Edition features a new introduction by the author; important typographical changes; and a Reader's Guide that includes discussion topics, an interview with the author, and letters and documents detailing how this extraordinary book came to be. A narration of a summer motorcycle trip undertaken by a father and his son, the book becomes a personal and philosophical odyssey into fundamental questions of how to live. The narrator's relationship with his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning; the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to an austere beautiful process for reconciling science, religion, and humanism. Resonant with the confusions of existence, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance is a touching and transcendent book of life.

Fine artists are taught many things about the craft of art in the various art schools and university art programs, but rarely do they learn much if anything about how to make a career of their talents. The Business of Being an Artist contains information on how artists may develop a presence in the art world that leads to sales. The book contains information on how artists can learn to sell their work directly to the public with an understanding of the principles of marketing and sales as they're applicable to works of art. Artists will also learn how to find a suitable gallery that will arrange sales and commissions and how to set up a contractual relationship with the dealer that is both equitable and profitable. Among the topics covered in The Business of Being an Artist are: the range of exhibition opportunities for emerging and mid-career artists; how to set prices for artwork; when or if artists should pay to advance their careers; how artists may communicate with the public; applying for loans, grants, and fellowships; areas of the law that concern artists; using art materials safely; online sales and marketing, and much more. In addition to all of this priceless information, The Business of Being an Artist includes a unique discussion of some of the emotional issues that face artists throughout their careers, such as working alone, confronting stereotypes, handling criticisms and rejection, the glare of publicity, and the absence of attention. Without a doubt, The Business of Being an Artist is a must-have book for every artist ready to turn their talent into a successful business. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

Run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with E. L. Konigsburg's beloved classic and Newbery Medal-winning novel From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler—now available in a deluxe keepsake edition! Claudia knew that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away...so she decided to run not from somewhere but to somewhere. That was how Claudia and her brother, Jamie, ended up living in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and right in the middle of a mystery that made headlines. Celebrate the legacy of the Newbery Medal-winning classic with this special edition.

Seize the competitive advantage with today's most powerful strategic tool—M&A “Given the influence of technology, globalization, and regulatory change, M&A will continue to shape our industries. For most companies, therefore, the consideration of M&A in strategy is now fundamental.” —from the Introduction to Part I The Art of M&A Strategy is exactly what you need to build mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures into your overall business strategy—to make M&A a competitive advantage and avoid landing on the long list of M&A failures. Experts in the field of M&A, Smith and Lajoux demystify this otherwise complex subject by taking you through the types of M&A strategy and the key steps to successful M&A strategy development and implementation. The Art of M&A Strategy is conveniently organized into three sections: Part I presents a range of possible corporate strategy situations and provides the role and rationale for M&A in each, such as building and managing a portfolio, participating in industry consolidation, spurring corporate growth, and using acquisitions to create “real options.” Part II outlines how to determine the role of M&A in your strategy—taking into consideration industry context, competitive imperatives, and strategy options—and explains how to find and screen partners, decide whether to buy or sell, and engage the board of directors in M&A decisions. Part III covers M&A as a sustained corporate program, particularly in the context of international growth, outlining the most strategic aspects of post-merger integration, describing how to use advisors throughout the process, and examining core competencies required for successful M&A programs. The authors illuminate the purpose and process of applying M&A with real-world success stories involving Cisco, GE, Google, and many other companies that have leveraged M&A for strategic success. Use The Art of M&A Strategy to create a powerful strategy position for success in today's changing business environment and to seize and hold competitive advantage.

Women have been making art for centuries, yet their work has been seen as secondary or has gone unrecognized altogether. Women Making Art asks why this is so, and what it would take for us to realize the extent of women's extraordinary contribution to the arts. Marsha Meskimmon mobilizes contemporary feminist thinking to reconsider how and why women have made art. She examines work by a wide range of women artists from different cultures and historical periods, including Rebecca Horn, Rachel Whiteread, Shirin Neshat and Maya Lin, emphasizing the diversity of women's art and the importance of differences between women.

"Hosts of all kinds, this is a must-read!" --Chris Anderson, owner and curator of TED From the host of the New York Times podcast Together Apart, an exciting new approach to how we gather that will transform the ways we spend our time together—at home, at work, in our communities, and beyond. In The Art of Gathering, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive--which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings--conferences, meetings, a courtroom, a flash-mob party, an Arab-Israeli summer camp--and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate any group experience. The result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of exciting ideas with real-world applications. The Art of Gathering will forever alter the way you look at your next meeting, industry conference, dinner party, and backyard barbecue--and how you host and attend them.

Touted as the Steve Jobs of China, Jack Ma and his story has captivated his countrymen and the rest of the world. From his humble beginnings as a teacher, he has founded the Alibaba Group, one of the world's largest ecommerce businesses, and has established himself as one of the world's richest men. Alibaba's 2014 IPO has been the biggest public stock offering globally, paving the way further to Ma's \$38 billion net worth to date. Ma and not Alibaba not only have transformed China's business and

economy, they have likewise impacted China's culture today immeasurably. People have always been fascinated with stories of rags-to-riches and David-versus-Goliath. Most however appreciate these fairytales from afar, never allowing inspiration to translate into action in their own lives. Beyond piquing your curiosity about Ma's life, this book aims to show you how to dream bigger and how to use your passions to achieve extraordinary success. Various books, documentaries and interviews have been made about Jack Ma's remarkable journey in building the Alibaba Group brick-by-brick. Being Jack Ma gleans learnings from these and integrates them with advice from other brilliant life coaches and successful entrepreneurs to teach how you that success does not necessarily have to be achieved by reinventing the wheel, but by following models like Jack Ma through bite-sized achievable lessons. Ever the educator, let Jack Ma teach you how to dream and win.

What Makes a Man, a Man? For centuries, being a man meant living a life of virtue and excellence. But then, through time, the art of manliness was lost. Now, after decades of excess and aimless drift, men are looking for something to help them live an authentic, manly life--a primer that can give their life real direction and purpose. This book holds the answers. To master the art of manliness, a man must live the seven manly virtues: Manliness, Courage, Industry, Resolution, Self-Reliance, Discipline, Honor. Each chapter covers one of the seven virtues and is packed with the best classic advice ever written down for men. From the philosophy of Aristotle to the speeches and essays of Theodore Roosevelt, these pages contain the manly wisdom of the ages--poems, quotes, and essays that will inspire you to live life to the fullest and realize your complete potential. Learn the art. Change your life. Become a man.

An engaging, accessible guide to educating yourself in the classical tradition. Have you lost the art of reading for pleasure? Are there books you know you should read but haven't because they seem too daunting? In *The Well-Educated Mind*, Susan Wise Bauer provides a welcome and encouraging antidote to the distractions of our age, electronic and otherwise. In her previous book, *The Well-Trained Mind*, the author provided a road map of classical education for parents wishing to home-school their children, and that book is now the premier resource for home-schoolers. In this new book, Bauer takes the same elements and techniques and adapts them to the use of adult readers who want both enjoyment and self-improvement from the time they spend reading. *The Well-Educated Mind* offers brief, entertaining histories of five literary genres—fiction, autobiography, history, drama, and poetry—accompanied by detailed instructions on how to read each type. The annotated lists at the end of each chapter—ranging from Cervantes to A. S. Byatt, Herodotus to Laurel Thatcher Ulrich—preview recommended reading and encourage readers to make vital connections between ancient traditions and contemporary writing. *The Well-Educated Mind* reassures those readers who worry that they read too slowly or with below-average comprehension. If you can understand a daily newspaper, there's no reason you can't read and enjoy Shakespeare's *Sonnets* or *Jane Eyre*. But no one should attempt to read the "Great Books" without a guide and a plan. Susan Wise Bauer will show you how to allocate time to your reading on a regular basis; how to master a difficult argument; how to make personal and literary judgments about what you read; how to appreciate the resonant links among texts within a genre—what does *Anna Karenina* owe to *Madame Bovary*?—and also between genres. Followed carefully, the advice in *The Well-Educated Mind* will restore and expand the pleasure of the written word.

Make every deal a major win! The M&A classic has been updated for today's business landscape Since the last edition of this authoritative resource was published, the M&A world has gone from boom to bust and back again—and this new edition brings you completely up to date. With critical lessons learned from the financial crises and regulatory shocks of the past decade, *The Art of M&A, Fifth Edition* delivers the information and insight you need to make all the right decisions throughout the process. Learn the ins and outs of: •Getting Started—basic process, requirements, and objectives• Strategy—deciding what to buy and why•Valuation and Modeling—measuring and projecting value pre- and post-merger• Financing and Refinancing—sourcing capital • Structuring—mitigating financial, tax, and legal risk• Due Diligence—investigating a business's past, present, and future risks• Documentation and Closing—pulling everything together to ensure a smooth transaction • Integration—merging resources, processes, and responsibilities to maximize synergies• Landmark Cases—legal cases you need to understand *The Art of M&A* is an indispensable resource for anyone heavily engaged in the process—whether you're an executive tasked with growing your businesses, an investment banker structuring transactions, an attorney responsible for due diligence, or an accountant who advises buyers and sellers. Turn to this definitive resource to develop, steward, and close deals that benefit everyone involved.

During the 1960s and 1970s, magazines became an important new site of artistic practice, functioning as an alternative exhibition space for the dematerialized practices of conceptual art. Allen looks at the most important of these magazines in their heyday and compiles an illustrated directory of hundreds of others.

Tools to make hard problems easier to solve. In this book, Sanjoy Mahajan shows us that the way to master complexity is through insight rather than precision. Precision can overwhelm us with information, whereas insight connects seemingly disparate pieces of information into a simple picture. Unlike computers, humans depend on insight. Based on the author's fifteen years of teaching at MIT, Cambridge University, and Olin College, *The Art of Insight in Science and Engineering* shows us how to build insight and find understanding, giving readers tools to help them solve any problem in science and engineering. To master complexity, we can organize it or discard it. *The Art of Insight in Science and Engineering* first teaches the tools for organizing complexity, then distinguishes the two paths for discarding complexity: with and without loss of information. Questions and problems throughout the text help readers master and apply these groups of tools. Armed with this three-part toolchest, and without complicated mathematics, readers can estimate the flight range of birds and planes and the strength of chemical bonds, understand the physics of pianos and xylophones, and explain why skies are blue and sunsets are red. *The Art of Insight in Science and Engineering* will appear in print and online under a Creative Commons Noncommercial Share Alike license.

Chatelaine Grand Prize winning *The Art of Enchantment* is a beautifully written, evocative new adult (women's fiction) love story of art, history and passion set in Romantic Tuscany, about having the courage to answer the call of your true nature and finding family and home where you truly belong.

You've finally left the comforts of mom and dad's nest to strike out on your own... but you have no clue how to do your own laundry. Or cook. Or manage your finances. Feeling a bit overwhelmed? Don't worry. We've got you covered. *The Art of Manliness' Heading Out on Your Own: 31 Basic Life Skills in 31 Days* is a primer on becoming a well-adjusted, self-reliant adult. In it you'll find the basic life skills you need to survive and thrive on your own. In 31 days, you'll learn skills like how to: Do Laundry - Ace a Job Interview - Create a Budget - Make Small Talk- Rent Your First Apartment - Shop for Groceries - Live With Roommates - Maintain Your Car - Cook - Iron a Dress Shirt - And Much More!

This book examines how Massachusetts Normal Art School became the alma mater par excellence for generations of art

educators, designers, and artists. The founding myth of American art education is the story of Walter Smith, the school's first principal. This historical case study argues that Smith's students formed the professional network to disperse art education across the United States, establishing college art departments and supervising school art for industrial cities. As administrative progressives they created institutions and set norms for the growing field of art education. Nineteenth-century artists argued that anyone could learn to draw; by the 1920s, every child was an artist whose creativity waited to be awakened. Arguments for systematic art instruction under careful direction gave way to charismatic artist-teachers who sought to release artistic spirits. The task for art education had been redefined in terms of living the good life within a consumer culture of work and leisure.

"A powerful document of the inner lives and creative visions of men and women rendered invisible by America's prison system. More than two million people are currently behind bars in the United States. Incarceration not only separates the imprisoned from their families and communities; it also exposes them to shocking levels of deprivation and abuse and subjects them to the arbitrary cruelties of the criminal justice system. Yet, as Nicole Fleetwood reveals, America's prisons are filled with art. Despite the isolation and degradation they experience, the incarcerated are driven to assert their humanity in the face of a system that dehumanizes them. Based on interviews with currently and formerly incarcerated artists, prison visits, and the author's own family experiences with the penal system, *Marking Time* shows how the imprisoned turn ordinary objects into elaborate works of art. Working with meager supplies and in the harshest conditions—including solitary confinement—these artists find ways to resist the brutality and depravity that prisons engender. The impact of their art, Fleetwood observes, can be felt far beyond prison walls. Their bold works, many of which are being published for the first time in this volume, have opened new possibilities in American art. As the movement to transform the country's criminal justice system grows, art provides the imprisoned with a political voice. Their works testify to the economic and racial injustices that underpin American punishment and offer a new vision of freedom for the twenty-first century."

A lavishly illustrated volume of C.G. Jung's visual work, from drawing to painting to sculpture. A world-renowned, founding figure in analytical psychology, and one of the twentieth century's most vibrant thinkers, C.G. Jung imbued as much inspiration, passion, and precision in what he made as in what he wrote. Though it spanned his entire lifetime and included painting, drawing, and sculpture, Jung's practice of visual art was a talent that Jung himself consistently downplayed out of a stated desire never to claim the title "artist." But the long-awaited and landmark publication, in 2009, of C.G. Jung's *The Red Book* revealed an astonishing visual facet of a man so influential in the realm of thought and words, as it integrated stunning symbolic images with an exploration of "thinking in images" in therapeutic work and the development of the method of Active Imagination. The remarkable depictions that burst forth from the pages of that calligraphic volume remained largely unrecognized and unexplored until publication. The release of *The Red Book* generated enormous interest in Jung's visual works and allowed scholars to engage with the legacy of Jung's creativity. The essays collected here present previously unpublished artistic work and address a remarkably broad spectrum of artistic accomplishment, both independently and within the context of *The Red Book*, itself widely represented. Tracing the evolution of Jung's visual efforts from early childhood to adult life while illuminating the close relation of Jung's lived experience to his scientific and creative endeavors, *The Art of C.G. Jung* offers a diverse exhibition of Jung's engagement with visual art as maker, collector, and analyst.

In Jorgensen's first book, he draws from an eclectic compilation of knowledge ranging from engineering, physics, music, philosophy, and religion. His style of writing has been influenced from such authors as Jack Kerouac, Robert Pirsig, John Kracauer, and James Duncan. The great poet, Brian Francisco adds to the book with a beautifully rueful poetic prologue, appropriately placed after the last chapter. In *The Lost Art of Manliness*, Jorgensen's main character, EJ, explores the contemplation of a quarter-life crisis coupled with the fear of the future and failure. Sex, religion, and music dance on the tip of his tongue as he speaks passionately about his generation's motives. The hardships of life at twenty-something are examined with the philosophies of convenience and spontaneity resulting in a paralyzing tangent for men and women. Anyone who has ever dreamed, failed, or wanted more out of life should read this book.

This limited-edition collection contains a wealth of information and inspiration for the modern man. Included inside are the following books: *The Art of Manliness*. This book is dedicated to helping men uncover what manliness means in the 21st century, from rediscovering the outdoors to dressing with panache to becoming a good father. *The Art of Manliness: Manvotionals*. This book contains the manliest wisdom of the ages—a myriad of poems, quotes, and essays designed to inspire men to live life to the fullest and realize their complete potential as men. Together, housed in a classic cigar box, they make the perfect gift for any man (or soon-to-be man) who is conscious of leaving his mark on this world. (This \$38 value is priced at only \$29.99.) Also includes 6 drink coasters!

With thousands of companies being put on the market, and with the recent trend towards strategic alliances, the newest edition of this classic guide to successful mergers is written for the people who are pinpointing the targets, structuring the financings, and, most important, closing the deals.

Pessimists see distressed M&A . . . Optimists see distressed M&A Opportunities abound in "bankruptcy beauties"—both in good times and bad. Distressed mergers and acquisitions used to be the domain of a handful of specialists, who generated handsome profits by unlocking value in troubled companies. Now, you can learn the secrets for participating in these deals with knowledge and confidence. *The Art of Distressed M&A* provides the critical information needed to manage the unique complexities of buying, selling, and financing troubled companies. *The Art of Distressed M&A* arms you with creative solutions to seemingly impossible problems and helps you to avoid common pitfalls. This comprehensive guide enables you to: Understand the roles, rights, and responsibilities of debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, advisors, trustees, and bankruptcy courts Navigate through complicated valuation, financing, legal, accounting, and tax issues Communicate effectively and make informed proposals in multiparty negotiations Create the optimal deal structure—from prepackaged plans of reorganization to 363 sales to loan-to-own transactions *The Art of Distressed M&A* also highlights practical examples using recent bankruptcy cases following the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 and is the first publication of its kind since *The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010*.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • "Steven Pressfield brings the battle of Thermopylae to brilliant life."—Pat Conroy *At Thermopylae*, a rocky mountain pass in northern Greece, the feared and admired Spartan soldiers stood three hundred strong. Theirs was a suicide mission, to hold the pass against the invading millions of the mighty Persian army. Day after bloody day they withstood the terrible onslaught, buying time for the Greeks to rally their forces. Born into a cult of spiritual courage, physical endurance, and

unmatched battle skill, the Spartans would be remembered for the greatest military stand in history—one that would not end until the rocks were awash with blood, leaving only one gravely injured Spartan squire to tell the tale. . . .

Action is the surest path not only to reaching goals, but to finding the kind of meaning and purpose we desire. It is a kind of back door to the promises of so many philosophies and religions. When we are action-oriented, we forget to notice the missing pieces of our modern world: anomie fades away, change doesn't seem so wildly fast, the news becomes white noise. This book provides insights on how to take action more.

"M&A financing and refinancing can be a path to progress—starting today, as you read the ideas in this book and dream up your own." --Alex Sheshunoff, From the Foreword. The expansion of a business through merger or acquisition involves experience. Wisdom. The ability to envision how two or more combined companies can equal far more than the sum of their parts. It also involves, more often than not, the use of "other people's money." THE ART OF M&A FINANCING AND REFINANCING tells you how to obtain and repay that money, taking the complex, technical aspects of M&A finance and making them clear, understandable, and applicable to your situation. This comprehensive reference handbook points you to all the facts, figures, names, and places you need to finance your next deal. Unique in that it concentrates solely on the most fundamental component of the M&A transaction—money—THE ART OF M&A FINANCING AND REFINANCING provides clear-headed advice and guidance on: The key financial sources and instruments you can use—for any kind of deal; How to select the most appropriate type of financing—debt, equity, or a combination of the two; Financing via debt—loans, bonds, and leases—and the virtually infinite ways to borrow or lend; Tactics to consider in contracts, including contingent payments, earn-outs, and equity kickers; How to determine when refinancing is necessary—and plan for it as a probability; How volatile global events affect economic systems—and the impact this has on M&A financing and refinancing; Debt/equity hybrids and the vehicles through which they travel—including mezzanine financing and seller takeback financing. The ability of one company to acquire another has helped companies throughout history grow stronger, more vibrant, and more competitive. Just as your business must establish satisfying relationships with external vendors and suppliers for its component parts and services, it must also become accustomed to using external financing for growth. Let THE ART OF M&A FINANCING AND REFINANCING show you how to combine the "Main Street" of commercial banking with the "Wall Street" of investment banking, and help you stay on the profitable side of the M&A success ledger.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "A shining portrait of a presciently modern political genius maneuvering in a gilded age of wealth, optimism, excess and American global ascension."—San Francisco Chronicle WINNER OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE FOR BIOGRAPHY • "[Theodore Rex] is one of the great histories of the American presidency, worthy of being on a shelf alongside Henry Adams's volumes on Jefferson and Madison."—Times Literary Supplement Theodore Rex is the story—never fully told before—of Theodore Roosevelt's two world-changing terms as President of the United States. A hundred years before the catastrophe of September 11, 2001, "TR" succeeded to power in the aftermath of an act of terrorism. Youngest of all our chief executives, he rallied a stricken nation with his superhuman energy, charm, and political skills. He proceeded to combat the problems of race and labor relations and trust control while making the Panama Canal possible and winning the Nobel Peace Prize. But his most historic achievement remains his creation of a national conservation policy, and his monument millions of acres of protected parks and forest. Theodore Rex ends with TR leaving office, still only fifty years old, his future reputation secure as one of our greatest presidents.

An indispensable, hands-on guide dedicated to the lost art of being a man, The Illustrated Art of Manliness distills more than 100 practical skills every modern man needs to know into an entertaining, easy-to-follow visual format. Founder of The Art of Manliness Brett McKay and bestselling illustrator Ted Slampyak write brilliantly illustrated articles to help men be the best fathers, brothers, sons, and men they can be. This book features their most essential work alongside dozens of never-before seen guides on subjects ranging from chivalry and self-defense to courage and car repair, including: How to disarm an attacker How to fell a tree and start a fire anywhere How a car engine works, and how to fix it How to use every tool in your toolbox What to wear on a first date and to a job interview How to lead a meeting and command the attention of a room How to dance, fight, shave, shake a hand, pick a lock, and fire a gun And other advice for when you're lost, in danger, or merely confronting a shirt that needs to be ironed. The Illustrated Art of Manliness features a classic, timeless package, including full-color illustrations, and will be a perfect gift for you or the man in your life.

Man up and discover the practical and inspirational information all men should know! While it's definitely more than just monster trucks, grilling, and six-pack abs, true manliness is hard to define. The words macho and manly are not synonymous. Taking lessons from classic gentlemen such as Benjamin Franklin and Theodore Roosevelt, authors Brett and Kate McKay have created a collection of the most useful advice every man needs to know to live life to its full potential. This book contains a wealth of information that ranges from survival skills to social skills to advice on how to improve your character. Whether you are braving the wilds with your friends, courting your girlfriend, or raising a family, inside you'll find practical information and inspiration for every area of life. You'll learn the basics all modern men should know, including how to: -Shave like your grandpa -Be a perfect houseguest -Fight like a gentleman using the art of bartitsu -Help a friend with a problem -Give a man hug -Perform a fireman's carry -Ask for a woman's hand in marriage -Raise resilient kids -Predict the weather like a frontiersman -Start a fire without matches -Give a dynamic speech -Live a well-balanced life So jump in today and gain the skills and knowledge you need to be a real man in the 21st century.

In a tech-dominated world, the most needed degrees are the most surprising: the liberal arts Did you take the right classes in college? Will your major help you get the right job offers? For more than a decade, the national spotlight has focused on science and engineering as the only reliable choice for finding a successful post-grad career. Our destinies have been reduced to a caricature: learn to write computer code or end up behind a counter, pouring coffee. Quietly, though, a different path to success has been taking shape. In YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, George Anders explains the remarkable power of a liberal arts education - and the ways it can open the door to thousands of cutting-edge jobs every week. The key insight: curiosity, creativity, and empathy aren't unruly traits that must be reined in. You can be yourself, as an English major, and thrive in sales. You can segue from anthropology into the booming new field of user research; from classics into management consulting, and from philosophy into high-stakes investing. At any stage of your career, you can bring a humanist's grace to our rapidly evolving high-tech future. And if you know how to attack the job market, your opportunities will be vast. In this book, you will learn why resume-writing is fading in importance and why "telling your story" is taking its place. You will learn how to create jobs that don't exist yet, and to translate

your campus achievements into a new style of expression that will make employers' eyes light up. You will discover why people who start in eccentric first jobs - and then make their own luck - so often race ahead of peers whose post-college hunt focuses only on security and starting pay. You will be ready for anything.

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New York Times bestseller! From New York Times bestselling author Cal Newport comes a bold vision for liberating workers from the tyranny of the inbox--and unleashing a new era of productivity. Modern knowledge workers communicate constantly. Their days are defined by a relentless barrage of incoming messages and back-and-forth digital conversations--a state of constant, anxious chatter in which nobody can disconnect, and so nobody has the cognitive bandwidth to perform substantive work. There was a time when tools like email felt cutting edge, but a thorough review of current evidence reveals that the "hyperactive hive mind" workflow they helped create has become a productivity disaster, reducing profitability and perhaps even slowing overall economic growth. Equally worrisome, it makes us miserable. Humans are simply not wired for constant digital communication. We have become so used to an inbox-driven workday that it's hard to imagine alternatives. But they do exist. Drawing on years of investigative reporting, author and computer science professor Cal Newport makes the case that our current approach to work is broken, then lays out a series of principles and concrete instructions for fixing it. In A World without Email, he argues for a workplace in which clear processes--not haphazard messaging--define how tasks are identified, assigned and reviewed. Each person works on fewer things (but does them better), and aggressive investment in support reduces the ever-increasing burden of administrative tasks. Above all else, important communication is streamlined, and inboxes and chat channels are no longer central to how work unfolds. The knowledge sector's evolution beyond the hyperactive hive mind is inevitable. The question is not whether a world without email is coming (it is), but whether you'll be ahead of this trend. If you're a CEO seeking a competitive edge, an entrepreneur convinced your productivity could be higher, or an employee exhausted by your inbox, A World Without Email will convince you that the time has come for bold changes, and will walk you through exactly how to make them happen.

The rasgueado technique is without a doubt the most impressive and characteristic element of the flamenco guitar. Author Ioannis Anastassakis has studied and researched the rasgueado technique of every significant flamenco guitarist in the world, and has compiled his work in this book in an easy and understandable notation form, with excellent explanations of each rasgueado technique. From this book, every flamenco and non-flamenco guitarist, from aficionado to professional, can learn everything about the rasgueado technique and its interpretation. Rumba rhythms and the golpe technique are also discussed. Notation and tablature.

An M&A "dream team" of experts explains how to conduct due diligence in the first, most important step in the process—determining exactly what a company is worth "What's it worth?" Valuation is the common thread that unifies every M&A transaction, regardless of a company's industry, financial condition, or stage of development. The Art of M&A Valuation and Modeling bridges the gap between M&A valuation in theory and as an appraisal practice. It shows how to perform objective analyses, address all parties' subjective interests in the transaction, and use practical financial models to complete a smooth transaction that benefits everyone. Alexandra Reed Lajoux is Chief Knowledge Officer at the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). She has more than 30 years of experience as a senior writer and editor of newsletters, articles, and books on various business topics. H. Peter Nesvold is a managing director with Jefferies & Co. in New York, where he heads transportation and automotive-related equity research. Elizabeth Bloomer Nesvold is the managing partner of Silver Lane Advisors, an M&A advisory firm specializing in the investment and wealth management industries.

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