The Closers Survival Guide By Grant Cardone Dongpengore

"After discovering that everything she's ever known including her own identity has been a lie, Quinlan McKee is determined to find out the truth about her past. But in her search for answers, she discovers a cover-up more chilling than she can imagine. An epidemic is coming, and there's no way to stop it"--

The New York Times bestseller about what would happen if two statistics-minded outsiders were allowed to run a professional baseball team It's the ultimate in fantasy baseball: You get to pick the roster, set the lineup, and decide on strategies -- with real players, in a real ballpark, in a real playoff race. That's what baseball analysts Ben Lindbergh and Sam Miller got to do when an independent minor-league team in California, the Sonoma Stompers, offered them the chance to run its baseball operations according to the most advanced statistics. Their story in The Only Rule is it Has to Work is unlike any other baseball tale you've ever read. We tag along as Lindbergh and Miller apply their number-crunching insights to all aspects of assembling and running a team, following one cardinal rule for judging each innovation they try: it has to work. We meet colorful figures like general manager Theo Fightmaster and boundary-breakers like the first openly gay player in professional baseball. Even José Canseco makes a cameo appearance. Will their knowledge of numbers help Lindbergh and Miller bring the Stompers a championship, or will they fall on their faces? Will the team have a competitive advantage or is the sport's folk wisdom true after all? Will the players attract the attention of big-league scouts, or are they on a fast track to oblivion? It's a wild ride, by turns provocative and absurd, as Lindbergh and Miller tell a story that will speak to numbers geeks and traditionalists alike. And they prove that you don't need a bat or a glove to make a genuine contribution to the game.

Introduction to Protein Science provides a broad introduction to the contemporary study of proteins in health and disease, suitable for students on biological, biochemical, and biomedical degrees internationally. The book relates the study of proteins to the context of modern high-throughput data streams of genomics and proteomics.

Strong emotions that we don't know how to handle effectively lie at the core of so many difficulties in the life of the individual. They can affect our relationships with loved ones, and how we function in our work. They play a profound role in how we feel about ourselves, and can even affect our physical health. And we are too often trapped in the dilemma of "expression" versus "repression." Expressing our emotions can often hurt others, but by repressing them — even in the benevolent guise of "self-control" — we risk hurting ourselves. Osho offers a third alternative, which is to understand the roots of our emotions and to develop the knack of watching them and learning from them as they arise, rather than being "taken over" by them. Eventually we find that even the most challenging and difficult situations no longer have the power to provoke us and cause us pain. Osho's unique insight into the workings of the mind, the heart, and the essence or "being" of the individual goes far beyond the understandings of conventional psychology. Over more than three decades of work with people from all walks of life, he has developed simple techniques and insights to help modern-day men and women to rediscover their own inner silence and wisdom.

I want to help you reach millionaire status, even get rich, if you believe that you deserve

to be the person in the room that writes the check for a million dollars, ten million or even 100 million—let's roll.

The author shares his principles of success and discusses the effective use of the art of persuasion to increase sales

Success in 50 Steps has been 10 years in the making, with the author researching and compiling over 500 book summaries into video, audio and written format on his website Bestbookbits.com. The book takes the reader through the steps of taking their dreams out of their head and making them a reality. Walking the reader through the steps to success such as dreams, passions, desire, purpose, goals, planning, time, knowledge, ideas, thinking, beliefs, attitude, action, work, habits, happiness, growth, failure, fear, courage, motivation, persistence, discipline, results and success. With the pathway to success outlined in 50 easy steps, anyone can put into practice the wisdom to take their personal dreams and goals out of their head into reality. Featuring a treasure trove of quotations from the legends of personal development such as Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, Napoleon Hill, Les Brown, Zig Ziglar, Wayne Dyer, Brian Tracy, Earl Nightingale, Dale Carnegie, Norman Vincent Peale, Og Mandino and Bob Proctor to name a few, let this book inspire you to become the best version of yourself.

If you want to know, step by step, how to quickly, easily, and smoothly walk anyone from being a skeptical prospect to a happy customer that refers you friends, family, and colleagues...then you want to read this book. Here's the deal: Selling is, at its core, isn't a patchwork of cheesy closing techniques, annoying high-pressure tactics, or gimmicky rebuttals. True salesmanship follows very specific laws, has very specific steps and stages, and leaves a customer feeling happy and helped. It's honest, respectful, enlightening, friendly, and done with real care. It's the type of selling that wins you not only customers, but fans. Not coincidentally, this is the type of selling that truly great salespeople have mastered. This is the type of selling that keeps pipelines full and moving, and that builds a strong, loyal customer base that continues to give back to you in the form of customer loyalty, reorders, and referrals. Well, that's what this book is all about. It will give you a crystal-clear picture of the exact steps that every sale must move through and why, and how to methodically take any prospect through each, and eventually to the close. And how to do it with integrity and pride. In this book, you'll learn things like... The eight precise steps of every sale. Leave any out, and you will struggle. Use them all correctly, and you will be able to close unlimited sales. The true purpose of the presentation and the crucial, often-missing steps that need to be taken first. If you're making the same presentation mistakes as most other salespeople, this chapter alone could double your sales. How to easily discover which prospects can use and pay for your product/service, and which can't. Time is your most valuable commodity as a salesperson, and if wasted, it costs you money. Know exactly when it's time to go for a close, and know how to smoothly create an abundance of closing opportunities. This is the hallmark of every master closer. Learn it, use it, and profit. Why it's a myth that you need to know multiple ways to close deals. Learn this one, simple method, and you'll be able to use it to close all of your sales. Simple formulas to turn any objection into a closing opportunity. Use them and never fear hearing a prospect's objection ever again. And a whole lot more! This is more than a just a book, really. It's a step-by-step sales training course. Each chapter ends with precise exercises that will help you master each technique taught and each step of the sales

process. If you are new to sales, make this book the first one you read, and you will greatly increase your chances for quick success. If you are a seasoned veteran and are looking for ways to improve your numbers, this book will help you make your sales goals a reality. SPECIAL BONUS FOR READERS! With this book you'll also get a free "Road Map" from the author that lays out, in a PDF chart, every step and key principles taught in the book. Print it out and keep it handy because it makes for a great "cheat sheet" to use while selling, or just to refresh on what you've learned. Scroll up, click the "Buy" button now, learn the secrets of master closers, and use them to immediately improve your numbers!

Presents a guide to the skills that are needed to survive in the wilderness, covering such topics as finding food and water, building a shelter, judging distances, making a fire, and calling for help, with advice on putting together a survival kit beforehand.

The Closer's Survival Guide is perfect for sales people, negotiators, deal makers and mediators but also critically important for dreamers, investors, inventors, buyers, brokers, entrepreneurs, bankers, CEO's, politicians and anyone who wants to close others on the way they think and get what they want in life. Show me any highly successful person, and I will show you someone who has big dreams and who knows how to close! The end game is the close.

The keystone of Gay's world-famous series of books, first published in 1980, is a complete reference on closing sales and a guide to new sales presentations in today's marketplace. Not a beginner's manual or self-help book, this classic is designed to help master closers brush up and study total closing procedures. Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at https://www.QuickRead.com/App and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. Learn about the attitude that defines success. Do you want to be at the top of your game? Do you want to be one step ahead? If you do, then it's time to revamp your attitude! Because success is a state of mind and if you want to be successful, you have to think like a winner. Written for anyone who wants to maximize their full potential and seize the day, Be Obsessed or Be Average (2016) is your handbook for becoming the best. During economic contractions, it becomes much more difficult to sell your products, maintain your customer base, and gain market share. Mistakes become more costly, and failure becomes a real possibility for all those who are not able to make the transition. But imagine being able to sell your products when others cannot, being able to take market share from both your competitors, and knowing the precise formulas that would allow you to expand your sales while others make excuses. If You're Not First, You're Last is about how to sell your products and services—despite the economy—and provides the reader with ways to capitalize regardless of their product, service, or idea. Grant shares his proven strategies that will allow you to not just continue to sell, but create new products, increase margins, gain market share and much more. Key concepts in If You're Not First, You're Last include: Converting the Unsold to Sold The Power

Schedule to Maximize Sales Your Freedom Financial Plan The Unreasonable Selling Attitude

Shows that knowing the principles of selling is a prerequisite for success of any kind, and explains how to put those principles to use. This title includes tools and techniques for mastering persuasion and closing the sale.

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A bestselling author, writer, speaker, TV star, and regular guest on FoxBusiness, NBC, MSNBC and Business Insider, Grant Cardone has no problem selling how to be successful-- because he is successful. His secret? He's obsessed with success. Drawing upon his obsession, Cardone empowers small business owners to use theirs. Coached by Cardone and following examples set by other success stories, small business owners learn how to let their obsession for their business guide them into expanding their operations and growing profits. Given 100 ways to take their business to the next level, business owners are challenged to shift from a defensive mindset to an offensive outlook, changing the primary focus from expenses to revenue. Solutions covered include: *Branding- how to create a unique brand *Omnipresence - how to get your company everywhere at little cost *Pushing your people to greatness never allowing your staff to be average *Identifying a purpose greater than your product or service *How to establish value unique to price *Working your staff to their potential not to a quota *Power of keeping your staff sold *Treating obscurity as your only issue *Doing the things you fear *Reaching up for business associates and clients *Having big problems not little ones *Over-committing to your customers *Making a list of contacts that would change your business Mariano Rivera never dreamed of becoming a professional athlete. He didn't grow up collecting baseball cards, playing Little League, or cheering on his home team at the World Series. He had never heard of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, or Mickey Mantle. One day, that all changed. From a childhood playing pickup games in Panama to an epic career with the New York Yankees, Mariano's rise to greatness has been anything but ordinary. He's the guy on the mound who doesn't hear the crowd, just the sound of the ump calling, Strike! The teammate you can rely on, even when the bases are loaded in the bottom of the ninth. Whether you know him as Mo or as the Sandman, Mariano is The Closer, and this is his story. Full of tips for young athletes and tales from the Yankee clubhouse, The Closer: Young Readers Edition is an inspiring story of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication that have defined the life of a baseball legend.

Why bibliometrics is useful for understanding the global dynamics of science but generate perverse effects when applied inappropriately in research evaluation and university rankings. The research evaluation market is booming. "Ranking," "metrics," "h-index," and "impact factors" are reigning buzzwords. Government and research administrators want to evaluate everything—teachers, professors, training programs, universities—using quantitative indicators. Among the tools used to measure "research excellence," bibliometrics—aggregate data on publications and citations—has become dominant. Bibliometrics is hailed as an "objective" measure of research quality, a quantitative measure more useful than "subjective" and intuitive evaluation methods such as peer review that have been used since scientific papers were first published in the seventeenth century. In this book, Yves Gingras offers a spirited

argument against an unquestioning reliance on bibliometrics as an indicator of research quality. Gingras shows that bibliometric rankings have no real scientific validity, rarely measuring what they pretend to. Although the study of publication and citation patterns, at the proper scales, can yield insights on the global dynamics of science over time, ill-defined quantitative indicators often generate perverse and unintended effects on the direction of research. Moreover, abuse of bibliometrics occurs when data is manipulated to boost rankings. Gingras looks at the politics of evaluation and argues that using numbers can be a way to control scientists and diminish their autonomy in the evaluation process. Proposing precise criteria for establishing the validity of indicators at a given scale of analysis, Gingras questions why universities are so eager to let invalid indicators influence their research strategy. Showing how to read the customer's emotions, this classic gives readers the inside knowledge to overcome any barrier and successfully make the close every time.

From the millionaire entrepreneur and New York Times bestselling author of The 10X Rule comes a bold and contrarian wake-up call for anyone truly ready for success. One of the 7 best motivational books of 2016, according to Inc. Magazine. Before Grant Cardone built five successful companies (and counting), became a multimillionaire, and wrote bestselling books... he was broke, jobless, and drug-addicted. Grant had grown up with big dreams, but friends and family told him to be more reasonable and less demanding. If he played by the rules, they said, he could enjoy everyone else's version of middle class success. But when he tried it their way, he hit rock bottom. Then he tried the opposite approach. He said NO to the haters and naysayers and said YES to his burning, outrageous, animal obsession. He reclaimed his obsession with wanting to be a business rock star, a super salesman, a huge philanthropist. He wanted to live in a mansion and even own an airplane. Obsession made all of his wildest dreams come true. And it can help you achieve massive success too. As Grant says, we're in the middle of an epidemic of average. The conventional wisdom is to seek balance and take it easy. But that has really just given us an excuse to be unexceptional. If you want real success, you have to know how to harness your obsession to rocket to the top. This book will give you the inspiration and tools to break out of your cocoon of mediocrity and achieve your craziest dreams. Grant will teach you how to: - Set crazy goals--and reach them, every single day. -Feed the beast: when you value money and spend it on the right things, you get more of it. -Shut down the doubters--and use your haters as fuel. Whether you're a sales person, small business owner, or 9-to-5 working stiff, your path to happiness runs though your obsessions. It's a simple choice: be obsessed or be average.

"Learn to close, and you will never be without work, and will never be without money." — Grant Cardone

Will a virgin captive surrender to this pirate's sinful touch? Nathaniel Bainbridge is used to hiding, whether it's concealing his struggles with reading or his forbidden desire for men. Under the thumb of his controlling father, the governor of Primrose Isle, he's sailing to the fledging colony, where he'll surrender to a respectable marriage for his family's financial gain. Then pirates strike and he's kidnapped for ransom by the Sea Hawk, a legendary villain of the New World. Bitter and jaded, Hawk harbors futile dreams of leaving the sea for a quiet life, but men like him don't deserve peace. He has a score to settle with Nathaniel's father—the very man whose treachery forced him into piracy—and he's sure Nathaniel is just as contemptible. Yet as days pass in close quarters, Nathaniel's feisty spirit and alluring innocence beguile and bewitch. Although Hawk knows he must keep his distance, the desire to teach Nathaniel the pleasure men can share grows uncontrollable. It's not as though Hawk would ever feel anything for him besides lust... Nathaniel realizes the fearsome Sea Hawk's reputation is largely invented, and he sees the lonely man beneath the myth, willingly surrendering to his captor body and soul. As a pirate's prisoner, he is finally free to be his true self. The crew has been promised the ransom Nathaniel will bring, yet as danger mounts and the time nears to

give him up, Hawk's biggest battle could be with his own heart. This May-December gay romance from Keira Andrews features classic tropes including: a tough alpha pirate too afraid to love, a plucky virgin captive half his age, enemies to lovers, first-time sexual discovery, and of course a happy ending.

Short essays on the major doctrines which have formed the foundations of Southern Baptist life and thought.

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, Detective Harry Bosch joins LA's elite Open/Unsolved Unit to help piece together the mysterious death of a teenage girl. He walked away from the job three years ago. But Harry Bosch cannot resist the call to join the elite Open/Unsolved Unit. His mission: solve murders whose investigations were flawed, stalled, or abandoned to L.A.'s tides of crime. With some people openly rooting for his failure, Harry catches the case of a teenager dragged off to her death on Oat Mountain, and traces the DNA on the murder weapon to a small-time criminal. But something bigger and darker beckons, and Harry must battle to fit all the pieces together. Shaking cages and rattling ghosts, he will push the rules to the limit -- and expose the kind of truth that shatters lives, ends careers, and keeps the dead whispering in the night . . .

In this highly original take on entrepreneurship, bestselling author, speaker, and business coach Dave Crenshaw confronts Chaos, the prime culprit of small business failure. He then arms you with the superhero utility belt you need, The Focus Tools, to defeat Chaos and build a focused business!

THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF PITCH ANYTHING IS BACK TO FLIP YOUR ENTIRE APPROACH TO PERSUASION. Is there anything worse than a highpressure salesperson pushing you to say "yes" (then sign on the dotted line) before you're ready? If there's one lesson Oren Klaff has learned over decades of pitching, presenting, and closing long-shot, high-stakes deals, it's that people are sick of being marketed and sold to. Most of all, they hate being told what to think. The more you push them, the more they resist. What people love, however, is coming up with a great idea on their own, even if it's the idea you were guiding them to have all along. Often, the only way to get someone to sign is to make them feel like they're smarter than you. That's why Oren is throwing out the old playbook on persuasion. Instead, he'll show you a new approach that works on this simple insight: Everyone trusts their own ideas. If, rather than pushing your idea on your buyer, you can guide them to discover it on their own, they'll believe it, trust it, and get excited about it. Then they'll buy in and feel good about the chance to work with you. That might sound easier said than done, but Oren has taught thousands of people how to do it with a series of simple steps that anyone can follow in any situation. And as you'll see in this book, Oren has been in a lot of different situations. He'll show you how he got a billionaire to take him seriously, how he got a venture capital firm to cough up capital, and how he made a skeptical Swiss banker see him as an expert in banking. He'll even show you how to become so compelling that buyers are even more attracted to you than to your product. These days, it's not enough to make a great pitch. To get attention, create trust, and close the deal, you need to flip the script. Las Vegas. Lost Wages. Sin City. An artificial oasis of pleasure, spectacle, and entertainment, the gambling capital of America has reinvented itself so many

times that its doubtful that anyone knows for sure what's real and what isn't in the miles of neon and scorching heat. Las Vegas is considered the ultimate players destination-no matter what your game. Almost anything is available-for a price, mind you, and sometimes losers walk away from the tables with even less than just an empty wallet or purse-sometimes they don't walk away at all. Now the International Association of Crime Writers and New York Times-bestselling author Michael Connelly have gathered twenty-two crime and mystery stories about the ultimate playground, Las Vegas, and what can happen behind the glitz and glamour. From a gambler who must-win at the roulette table to stay alive to a courier who's only mistake was accepting a package with Las Vegas as the final destination, come to the true city that never sleeps, where fortunes are made and lost every day, and where snake-eyes aren't found just on a pair of dice. Murder in Vegas features stories by: James Swain, S.J. Rozan, Wendy Hornsby, Michael Collins, T.P Keating, J. Madison Davis, Sue Pike, Joan Richter, Libby Hellmann, Tom Savage, Edward Wellen, K.j.a. Wishnia, Linda Kerslake, John Wessel, Lise McClendon, Ronnie Klaskin, Ruth Cavin, A.B. Robbins, Gay Toltl Kinman, Micki Marz, Rick Mofina, Jeremiah Healy At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Imagine this: you're face-to-face with a motivated seller. You thought they wanted to sell their house to you... but now that you are sitting across the table from them, they won't budge. WHY NOT?!? If you are a real estate investor, perhaps this has happened to you (just as it has happened to nearly every other investor, too). The truth is: most investors get stuck when talking to a seller, and they struggle with closing the deal. That's where Tony "The Closer" Robinson can help. Tony is called "The Closer" because of his ability to close sellers simply and efficiently using skills he learned... and skills he teaches other people too. Tony has dedicated his life to helping investors learn the secrets to closing more deals... even if they have zero sales experience!In this book, real estate investors will learn the 21 secrets that Tony uses to close more deals than most investors ever dream of closing. His secrets include...- How he shifted his mindset to master sales, and how you can do the same- The right way to use the phone (most people do it wrong)- The simple yet powerful technique to overcome objections- The one thing most investors don't do (which virtually guarantees they'll lose the deal)- His "million dollar strategies" for investors to follow step-bystepTony has used these strategies to close more than 1,000 deals and he still uses them every single day. How many more deals will YOU close when you've learned these secrets? You do not have to be born with sales skills, nor do you need any sales training or experience. Simply pick up a copy of Tony's book right now and discover his 21 proven secrets to close more motivated sellers than ever before!

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easy-to-follow guide laid out by top business guru, Grant Cardone. When it comes to success, people often believe that success just isn't for them. They read the inspiring quotes, the cute mottos, they even know what they have to do, but it never seems to work out. Luckily, Grant Cardone has spent decades creating a formula for success that works. With experience as a top sales trainer and business owner, Cardone lays out his exact tips for achieving even the craziest dreams. With the 10X Rule, you'll learn what it takes to find success and how one simple rule can help you achieve goals that once seemed impossible. The 10X rule can be applied to any area of life, and as you read you'll learn key information, including how settling for an average life is dangerous, how becoming obsessed is a good thing, and why success requires a childlike mindset.

Sales legend Bill Cates uses his experience and expert knowledge to show sales professionals how to work smarter (not harder) by employing "The Four Cornerstones of Referrals" --relationship building and customer service, creating referral alliances and networks, prospecting, and targeting niche markets. Using Cates's easy-to-master referral-based selling techniques, readers: Work less and earn more by getting existing customers to work for them generating high-quality referrals Turn every business contact into a relationship and every relationship into a sales success story

Hell realms, gods, and hungry ghosts—these are just a few of the images on the Buddhist wheel of life. In Awakening from the Daydream, discover how these ancient symbols are still relevant to our modern life. In Awakening from the Daydream, meditation teacher David Nichtern reimagines the ancient Buddhist allegory of the Wheel of Life. Famously painted at the entryway to Buddhist monasteries, the Wheel of Life encapsulates the entirety of the human situation. In the image of the Wheel we find a teaching about how to make sense of life and how to find peace within an uncertain world. Nichtern writes with clarity and humor, speaking to our contemporary society and its concerns and providing simple practical steps for building a mindful, compassionate, and liberating approach to living.

Achieve "Massive Action" results and accomplish your business dreams! While most people operate with only three degrees of action-no action, retreat, or normal action-if you're after big goals, you don't want to settle for the ordinary. To reach the next level, you must understand the coveted 4th degree of action. This 4th degree, also know as the 10 X Rule, is that level of action that guarantees companies and individuals realize their goals and dreams. The 10 X Rule unveils the principle of "Massive Action," allowing you to blast through business clichŽs and risk-aversion while taking concrete steps to reach your dreams. It also demonstrates why people get stuck in the first three actions and how to move into making the 10X Rule a discipline. Find out exactly where to start, what to do, and how to follow up each action you take with more action to achieve Massive Action results. Learn the "Estimation of Effort" calculation to ensure you exceed

your targets Make the Fourth Degree a way of life and defy mediocrity Discover the time management myth Get the exact reasons why people fail and others succeed Know the exact formula to solve problems Extreme success is by definition outside the realm of normal action. Instead of behaving like everybody else and settling for average results, take Massive Action with The 10 X Rule, remove luck and chance from your business equation, and lock in massive success.

The Closer's Survival GuideOver 100 Ways to Ink the DealGrant Cardone After ten years since his last best-selling book, Dan Lok, founder of Closers.com is finally unveiling his new book! In Unlock It, you'll find the strategies and methods Dan used personally to go from being a poor immigrant boy with \$150,000 debt to becoming a global social phenomenon and the leader of the largest virtual closing organization in the world. If you are struggling financially, you'll learn how to develop skills not taught in schools that will increase your income and Financial Confidence. If you are building or leading an organization, you'll get an inside look at how Dan Lok strategically scaled his organization through a combination of digital media and Social Capital, High-Ticket Closers and an unbeatable team culture. Wherever you are, Unlock It will show you how to find your own way to achieving wealth, success and significance. The 10X Quote book is derived from The 10X Rule, The Only Difference Between Success and Failure by New York Times bestselling author and self made multimillionaire entrepreneur, Grant Cardone. The 10X lifestyle is one that calls for massive action towards greatness in all aspects of life. This quote book is a compliment to the original book and offers a daily boost of inspiration to continue along a path towards success.

Jordan Belfort—immortalized by Leonardo DiCaprio in the hit movie The Wolf of Wall Street—reveals the step-by-step sales and persuasion system proven to turn anyone into a sales-closing, money-earning rock star. For the first time ever, Jordan Belfort opens his playbook and gives you access to his exclusive step-bystep system—the same system he used to create massive wealth for himself, his clients, and his sales teams. Until now this revolutionary program was only available through Jordan's \$1,997 online training. Now, in Way of the Wolf, Belfort is ready to unleash the power of persuasion to a whole new generation, revealing how anyone can bounce back from devastating setbacks, master the art of persuasion, and build wealth. Every technique, every strategy, and every tip has been tested and proven to work in real-life situations. Written in his own inimitable voice, Way of the Wolf cracks the code on how to persuade anyone to do anything, and coaches readers—regardless of age, education, or skill level—to be a master sales person, negotiator, closer, entrepreneur, or speaker. Mantle or Mays? A-Rod or Jeter? Biggio or Morgan? Clemens, Maddux, and Randy Johnson -- or Pedro, Palmer, and Carlton? These are questions baseball fans can spend endless hours debating. Former All-Star pitcher and National League Manager of the Year Larry Dierker has his own opinions, and he shares

them in My Team, his fascinating discussion of the greatest players he has seen in his four decades in the major leagues. Dierker selects twenty-five players for My Team and another twenty-five for the opposition, the Underdogs, or "Dogs." There are two players at each position, five starting pitchers, and four relievers. (When your starters are the likes of Roger Clemens, Greg Maddux, Bob Gibson, Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan, and Juan Marichal, you don't worry about bullpen depth.) All are players that Dierker has played with or against or watched in his years as player, coach, manager, and commentator. Each athlete must have played at least ten years in the major leagues to qualify, and players are judged on their ten best seasons. Leadership skills and personality -- critical components of team chemistry -- are highly valued. So how is it possible to select two teams composed of outstanding ballplayers from the past forty years and not have room for Sandy Koufax, Reggie Jackson, Carl Yastrzemski, or Cal Ripken Jr.? Dierker explains his choices, analyzing each position carefully, always putting the team ahead of the individual player. He provides statistics to back up his selections, and often relates personal anecdotes about the players. (From his first All-Star Game in 1969, Dierker offers a wonderful anecdote about Hank Aaron, by then an All-Star veteran.) My Team may start more debates than it settles, but Dierker's insights, and his passion for the game, will enlighten and fascinate true baseball fans.

Working as a bodyguard for a spoiled federal witness, Joe Pike hatches a desperate plan to disappear with the woman in the underworld of Los Angeles and turn on her would-be killers, an effort in which he enlists the help of private investigator Elvis Cole. By the author of The Two Minute Rule. Reprint. Percolation theory is the study of an idealized random medium in two or more dimensions. The emphasis of this book is upon core mathematical material and the presentation of the shortest and most accessible proofs. Much new material appears in this second edition including dynamic and static renormalization, strict inequalities between critical points, a sketch of the lace expansion, and several essays on related fields and applications.

Virtual training and instruction has allowed students from different continents to learn simultaneously from a distinguished professor, as well as dispersed employees of a transnational company to participate together in training seminars. Because of this unprecedented flexibility it has provided for today's learning professionals, virtual training is undoubtedly here to stay--which means designers and facilitators need to learn to adapt their programs and delivery styles if they are going to be as effective virtually as they are in the physical classroom. The Successful Virtual Classroom goes beyond merely introducing the technology that has already become commonplace in many areas of society today, and instead seeks to offer trainers proven techniques tailored specifically to engage line online audiences. By being shown how to best utilize some easy-to-use tools, checklists, and worksheets, readers will learn how to:• Make the most of virtual classroom features such as content and screen sharing,

annotation tools, polls, and breakout rooms• Weave chat responses into the discussion• Compensate for the absence of body language• Monitor feedback• Engage individuals with different learning styles• Encourage audience contribution• Meet the unique needs of global participants• And moreFeaturing case studies from Oracle, UPS, and others who have maximized this new medium's potential, as well as icebreakers and interactive exercises designed for an online environment, this book helps readers create programs that truly drive learner engagement.

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