

The Clumsiest People In Europe A Badtempered Guide To The World

What does it mean if you dream you're being chased by someone in a dream night after night? What if you're flying, or falling, or spitting out teeth? Should you be embarrassed if you happen to be walking through Grand Central Station in the nude? You dream every night, even if you don't remember your dreams. Dreams are an important key to self-discovery, offering insight, guidance, and inspirations. All dreams--even nightmares--contain positive messages. The trick is learning to decipher the symbolism so you can understand what your dreams are trying to tell you. *The Dream Book*: includes interpretation of 1,650 dream symbols, along with explanations of recurring dreams, prophetic dreams, violent dreams, dreams about snakes, about sex, money, death, and more. You'll also learn to remember your dreams more clearly and discover ways to use them to solve problems in waking hours.

This book investigates how cultural sameness and difference has been presented in a variety of forms and genres of children's literature from Denmark, Germany, France, Russia, Britain, and the United States; ranging from English caricatures of the 1780s to dynamic representations of contemporary cosmopolitan childhood. The chapters address different models of presenting foreigners using examples from children's educational prints, dramatic performances, travel narratives, comics, and picture books. Contributors illuminate the ways in which the texts negotiate the tensions between the Enlightenment ideal of internationalism and discrete national or ethnic identities cultivated since the Romantic era, providing examples of ethnocentric cultural perspectives and of cultural relativism, as well as instances where discussions of child reader agency indicate how they might participate eventually in a tolerant transnational community.

This book reveals Austen's unique ability to penetrate the hidden inner motives of her characters through compelling new readings of her novels.

John Wells may have left the CIA, but he hasn't left the high-stakes world of espionage, where hidden battles determine the fate of nations. In Saudi Arabia, King Abdullah is losing his hold. A series of terrorist attacks has put the Kingdom on edge, and even Abdullah's own secret police cannot be trusted. With nowhere to turn, the King asks for Wells's help. Reluctantly, and with the secret blessing of his former CIA boss, Wells agrees. But as he begins to unravel the conspiracy, it takes an unexpected twist, becoming more dangerous than Wells ever imagined. The plotters want more than the fall of a monarch. They want to start the final battle between America and Islam--with only themselves as the victor...

The Clumsiest People in Europe Or, Mrs. Mortimer's Bad-Tempered Guide to the Victorian World Bloomsbury USA

Until well into the twentieth century, the claims to citizenship of women in the US and in Europe have come through men (father, husband); women had no citizenship of their own. The case studies of three expatriate women (Renée Vivien, Romaine Brooks, and Natalie Barney) illustrate some of the consequences for women who lived independent lives. To begin with, the book traces the way that ideas about national belonging shaped gay male identity in the nineteenth century, before showing that such a discourse was not available to women and lesbians, including the three women who form the core of the book. In addition to questions of sexually non-conforming identity, women's mediated claim to citizenship limited their autonomy in practical ways (for example, they could be unilaterally expatriated). Consequently, the situation of the denizen may have been preferable to that of the citizen for women who lived between the lines. Drawing on the discourse of jurisprudence, the history of the passport, and original archival research on all three women, the book tells the story of women's evolving

claims to citizenship in their own right.

The M18 76mm Gun Motor Carriage was developed for the US Army's Tank Destroyer Command. It was the only tank destroyer deployed during World War II actually based on their requirements for speed and firepower. This book examines the development of this vehicle, the controversies over the need for high-speed tank destroyers, and its actual performance during World War II. Special emphasis is placed on examining its performance in its intended mission. Coverage also includes derivative vehicles of the M18 such as the M39 armored utility vehicle.

A selection of top humorous pieces culled from the popular literary magazine includes "Circumstance Under Which I Would Have Sex with Some of My Fellow Jurors," "Pirate Riddles for Sophisticates," and "The Ten Worst Films of All Time, as Reviewed by Ezra Pound over Italian Radio." Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Caring for both troubled people and sick birds who visit their Wisconsin home, sisters Milly and Twiss look back on a summer from their youth during which their father suffered a debilitating accident, their mother resigned herself to a hardscrabble existence, and a cousin changed the course of their lives.

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How our fast-forward minds make something out of nothing We all know expectations matter—in school, in sports, in the stock market. From a healing placebo to a run on the bank, hints of their self-fulfilling potential have been observed for years. But we've never fully understood why. Journalist Chris Berdik offers a captivating look at the frontiers of expectations research, revealing how our assumptions bend reality. We learn how placebo calories can fill us up, how fake surgery can sometimes work better than real surgery, and how imaginary power can be corrupting. Mind Over Mind is a journey into the most exciting area of brain research today.

In the fourth of a series of lectures and articles published by John Catt Educational Ltd, George Walker examines the new challenges facing international education in the 21st century.

"An accessible, anecdotally rich" biography of the profoundly influential 19th century philosopher, author of Beyond Good and Evil and The Will to Power (Kirkus Reviews). Friedrich Nietzsche was the most fearlessly provocative and original thinker in Western history. The protean diversity of his writings make him one of the most influential of modern philosophers, yet his often paradoxical statements can be properly understood only within the context of his restless, tragic life. Physically handicapped by weak eyesight, violent headaches and bouts of nausea, this Nietzsche made short shrift of self-pity and ostentatious displays of compassion. The son of a Lutheran clergyman, whom he adored, he became a fearless agnostic who proclaimed, in Thus Spake Zarathustra that "God is dead!" Curtis Cate's refreshingly accessible new biography brilliantly distills and clarifies Nietzsche's ideas and the reactions they elicited. This book explores the musical and

philosophical influences that inspired his thought, the subtle workings of his creative process, and the acute physical suffering he combated from his adolescence until his final mental collapse of January 1889. Cutting through the academic jargon and clearing away the prejudices that have become associated with Nietzsche's name, Cate reveals a man whose ideas continue to have prophetic relevance and incredible vibrancy today.

A wide-ranging consideration of early modern Muslim and Christian empires, covering the Iberian, Ottoman and Mughal worlds, including questions of political economy, images and representations, and historiography. *Empires Between Islam and Christianity, 1500–1800* uses the innovative approach of “connected histories” to address a series of questions regarding the early modern world in the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic. The period between 1500 and 1800 was one of intense inter-imperial competition involving the Iberians, the Ottomans, the Mughals, the British, and other actors. Rather than understand these imperial entities separately, Sanjay Subrahmanyam reads their archives and texts together to show unexpected connections and refractions. He further proposes, in this set of closely argued studies, that these empires often borrowed from each other, or built their projects with knowledge of other competing visions of empire. The emphasis on connections is also crucial for an understanding of how a variety of genres of imperial and global history writing developed in the early modern world. The book moves creatively between political, economic, intellectual, and cultural themes to suggest a fresh geographical conception for the epoch. Sanjay Subrahmanyam is Distinguished Professor and Irving and Jean Stone Chair in the Department of History at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is the author of several books, including *The Political Economy of Commerce: Southern India, 1500–1650*.

During the nineteenth century, geography primers shaped the worldviews of Britain's ruling classes and laid the foundation for an increasingly globalized world. Written by middle-class women who mapped the world that they had neither funds nor freedom to traverse, the primers employed rhetorical tropes such as the Family of Man or discussions of food and customs in order to plot other cultures along an imperial hierarchy. Cross-disciplinary in nature, *X Marks the Spot* is an analysis of previously unknown material that examines the interplay between gender, imperial duty, and pedagogy. Megan A. Norcia offers an alternative map for traversing the landscape of nineteenth-century female history by reintroducing the primers into the dominant historical record. This is the first full-length study of the genre as a distinct tradition of writing produced on the fringes of professional geographic discourse before the high imperial period.

From language to culture to cultural collision: the story of how humans invented history, from the Stone Age to the Virtual Age *Traveling across millennia, weaving the experiences and world views of cultures both extinct and extant, The Invention of Yesterday* shows that the engine of history is not so much heroic (battles won), geographic (farmers thrive), or anthropogenic (humans change the planet) as it is narrative. Many thousands of years ago, when we existed only as countless small autonomous bands of hunter-gatherers widely distributed through the wilderness, we began inventing stories--to organize for survival, to find purpose and meaning, to explain the unfathomable. Ultimately these became the basis for empires, civilizations, and cultures. And when various narratives began to collide and overlap, the encounters

produced everything from confusion, chaos, and war to cultural efflorescence, religious awakenings, and intellectual breakthroughs. Through vivid stories studded with insights, Tamim Ansary illuminates the world-historical consequences of the unique human capacity to invent and communicate abstract ideas. In doing so, he also explains our ever-more-intertwined present: the narratives now shaping us, the reasons we still battle one another, and the future we may yet create.

A caustic, cranky, and inadvertently hilarious look at foreign countries and their customs by a Victorian woman who rarely left the house. No matter who your ancestors were, and where they had the misfortune of living, Victorian children's book writer Mrs. Favell Lee Mortimer had something nasty to say about them. Their faults, according to Mrs. Mortimer, might have amounted to just about anything. The Irish "are very kind and good-natured when pleased, but if affronted, are filled with rage." In Italy, "the people are ignorant and wicked." In Sweden, "Nothing useful is well done...The carpenters and the blacksmiths are very clumsy in their work." Remarkably, all of these assertions come from a woman who only twice set foot outside of her native England. But lack of personal experience never kept Mrs. Mortimer from dispensing her horrifying wisdom about the evils of just about every nation on earth. Whether describing Europe ("It is dreadful to think what a number of murders are committed in Italy"), Asia ("The religion of Taou teaches men to act like madmen"), Africa ("The worst quality in any character is hypocrisy, and this is to be found in the Egyptian"), or America ("New Orleans is a dangerous place to live in, both for the body and the soul"), Mrs. Mortimer's views are consistently appalling. One hundred fifty years later, three of her forgotten classics have been compiled into one volume, *The Clumsiest People in Europe*, reviving the comically misinformed and startling prejudices of this unique Victorian eccentric.

Lola Parks is hopelessly trapped, torn between her thirst for freedom and the clutches of the man sculpting her into a master thief. However, her latest heist makes her the target of a murderer. Soon after Lola lifts a diamond worth £2.6 million from the finger of a young socialite at a posh London soirée, the victim ends up missing a finger—and dead. Dimitri Tobias is tasked with finding the thug responsible for murdering his client's daughter while stealing a priceless diamond. But when Dimitri meets the exquisite and sexy Lola Parks, he is forced to ask if the stunning thief is also a cold-blooded killer. With the diamond in her possession, Lola knows the killer will come for her next. She is left with only one choice: seek the help of the man tracking a thief... and a killer. But can she convince him those two people aren't one and the same? When Dimitri discovers what evil force is behind the murder, he becomes torn between capturing a thief, saving a thief, and falling in love with a thief. *A Thief Revealed* is the first book in an exciting new romantic suspense series. It's fast-paced, thrilling plot and heart-pounding, sexy romance will have you turning pages well into the night. Download *A Thief Revealed* and discover a new kind of heist novel.

'A sprinkling of delightful nuggets about the uses and abuses of the English Language' Daily Telegraph, Books of the Year _____ Do you know your geek-speak from your geek-chic? Ever wanted to put Humpty Dumpty together again? Can you distinguish Spanglish from Chinglish? We adapt words from other languages, from slang, from developments in science, literature and art. Learn the advantages of having your own signature word; why the lifts in the House of Commons have posh accents; and discover the discreet art of the loophemism. Witty and utterly delightful, The Last Word will tease, tickle and tantalise those who enjoy all things lexical.

Reproduction of the original: Cassell's Book of Birds by Thomas Rymer Jones

After learning of atomic physics, H. G. Wells began to think of its potential impact on human society. In *The World Set Free*, atomic energy causes massive unemployment, shaking the already fragile social order. The ambitious powers of the world decide to seize the opportunity to compete for dominance, and a world war breaks out, echoing the looming Great War about to ignite in 1914. Waking to the catastrophe, humanity begins the hard search for a way into a better future. The novel traces a soldier, an ex-king, a despot, and a sage through a profound transformation of human society, and we gain a window into Wells' own thoughts and hopes along the way. With one prophetic stroke, Wells gives the first detailed depiction of atomic energy and its potential destructive power, and predicts the use of the air power in modern warfare. He may have even directly influenced the development of nuclear weapons, as the physicist Leó Szilárd, shortly after reading the novel in 1932, then conceived of harnessing the neutron chain reaction critical to the development of the atom bomb. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

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New perspectives on the literary classic that enchants and engages readers across times and cultures.

Caustic, cranky, and inadvertently hilarious, the bestselling Victorian author Mrs. Favell Lee Mortimer rarely left the house-but that didn't stop her from writing several successful travel books. With volumes on Europe, Asia, and Africa and America, Mrs. Mortimer had something nasty to say about your ancestors, no matter where they had the misfortune of living. Todd Pruzan has assembled three of Mrs. Mortimer's very forgotten classics into one volume, *The Clumsiest People in Europe*, a wild tour through the comically and horrifyingly misinformed prejudices of a unique Victorian eccentric.

When Dr Philip Raven, an intellectual working for the League of Nations, dies in 1930 he leaves behind a powerful legacy - an unpublished 'dream book'. Inspired by visions he has experienced for many years, it appears to be a book written far into the future: a history of humanity from the date of his death up to 2105. *The Shape of Things to Come* provides this 'history of the future', an account that was in some ways remarkably prescient - predicting climatic disaster and sweeping cultural changes, including a Second World War, the rise of chemical

warfare, and political instabilities in the Middle East.

Hans Breuer, Austria's only wandering shepherd, is also a Yiddish folksinger. He walks the Alps, shepherd's stick in hand, singing lullabies to his 625 sheep. Sometimes he even gives concerts in historically anti-Semitic towns, showing slides of the flock as he belts out Yiddish ditties. When New York-based writer Sam Apple hears about this one-of-a-kind eccentric, he flies overseas and signs on as a shepherd's apprentice. For thoroughly urban, slightly neurotic Sam, stumbling along in borrowed boots and burdened with a lot more baggage than his backpack, the task is far from a walk in Central Park. Demonstrating no immediate natural talent for shepherding, he tries to earn the respect of Breuer's sheep, while keeping a safe distance from the shepherd's fierce herding dogs. As this strange and hilarious adventure unfolds, the unlikely duo of Sam and Hans meander through a paradise of woods and high meadows toward awkward encounters with Austrians of many stripes. Apple is determined to find out if there are really as many anti-Semites in Austria as he fears and to understand how Hans, who grew up fighting the lingering Nazism in Vienna, became a wandering shepherd. What Apple discovers turns out to be far more fascinating than he had imagined. With this odd and wonderful book, Sam Apple joins the august tradition of Tony Horwitz and Bill Bryson. *Schlepping Through the Alps* is as funny as it is moving.

Drawing together a delightful cast of characters, Ella Griffin brings her warmth, wit and wisdom to this captivating tale of the connections that bring us all together. Every bouquet tells a story. And every story begins at Blossom & Grow, a tiny flower shop in the heart of Dublin... Among the buckets of fragrant blooms, beneath the flickering candles and lanterns, Lara works her magic, translating feelings into flower arrangements that change hearts and lives. She is no stranger to the power of flowers herself. They gave her hope when she was a child who lost a mother, and, again when she was a mother who lost a child. But old wounds take time to heal, and life has more heartbreak in store. What will it take for the woman who can unlock everybody else's emotions to open up her own heart? READERS GUIDE INSIDE

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In 1859, the S.S. Great Eastern departed from England on her maiden voyage. She was a remarkable wonder of the nineteenth century: an iron city longer than Trafalgar Square, taller than Big Ben's tower, heavier than Westminster Cathedral. Her paddles were the size of Ferris wheels; her decks could hold four thousand passengers bound for America, or ten thousand troops bound for the Raj. Yet she ended her days as a floating carnival before being unceremoniously dismantled in 1889. Steamships like the Great Eastern occupied a singular place in the Victorian mind. Crossing oceans, ferrying tourists and troops alike, they became emblems of nationalism, modernity, and humankind's triumph over the cruel elements. Throughout the nineteenth century, the spectacle of a ship's launch was one of the most recognizable symbols of British social and technological progress. Yet this celebration of the power of the empire masked overconfidence and an almost religious veneration of technology. Equating steam with civilization had catastrophic consequences for subjugated peoples around the world. *Engines of Empire* tells the story of the complex relationship between Victorians and their wondrous steamships, following famous travelers

like Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, and Jules Verne as well as ordinary spectators, tourists, and imperial administrators as they crossed oceans bound for the colonies. Rich with anecdotes and wry humor, it is a fascinating glimpse into a world where an empire felt powerful and anything seemed possible—if there was an engine behind it.

Nearly 30 years ago, James wrote a refreshingly candid book that made no claims to be accurate, precise, or entirely truthful, only to entertain. Long unavailable in the U.S., "Unreliable Memoirs" is being made available to American readers.

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The author of *A Bridge Across the Ocean* and *The Last Year of the War* journeys from the present day to World War II England, as two sisters are separated by the chaos of wartime... Current day, Oxford, England. Young American scholar Kendra Van Zant, eager to pursue her vision of a perfect life, interviews Isabel McFarland just when the elderly woman is ready to give up secrets about the war that she has kept for decades...beginning with who she really is. What Kendra receives from Isabel is both a gift and a burden—one that will test her convictions and her heart. 1940s, England. As Hitler wages an unprecedented war against London's civilian population, hundreds of thousands of children are evacuated to foster homes in the rural countryside. But even as fifteen-year-old Emmy Downtree and her much younger sister Julia find refuge in a charming Cotswold cottage, Emmy's burning ambition to return to the city and apprentice with a fashion designer pits her against Julia's profound need for her sister's presence. Acting at cross purposes just as the Luftwaffe rains down its terrible destruction, the sisters are cruelly separated, and their lives are transformed...

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