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Agile Data Warehouse Design is a step-by-step guide for capturing data warehousing/business intelligence (DW/BI) requirements and turning them into high performance dimensional models in the most direct way: by modelstorming (data modeling] brainstorming) with BI stakeholders. This book describes BEAM, an agile approach to dimensional modeling, for improving communication between data warehouse designers, BI stakeholders and the whole DW/BI development team. BEAM provides tools and techniques that will encourage DW/BI designers and developers to move away from their keyboards and entity relationship based tools and model interactively with their colleagues. The result is everyone thinks dimensionally from the outset! Developers understand how to efficiently implement dimensional modeling solutions. Business stakeholders feel ownership of the data warehouse they have created, and can already imagine how they will use it to answer their business questions. Within this book, you will learn: Agile dimensional modeling using Business Event Analysis & Modeling (BEAM) Modelstorming: data modeling that is quicker, more inclusive, more productive, and frankly more fun! Telling dimensional data stories using the 7Ws (who, what, when, where, how many, why and how) Modeling by example not abstraction; using data story themes, not crow's feet, to describe detail Storyboarding the data warehouse to discover conformed dimensions and plan iterative development Visual modeling: sketching timelines, charts and grids to model complex

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process measurement - simply Agile design documentation:
enhancing star schemas with BEAM dimensional shorthand
notation Solving difficult DW/BI performance and usability
problems with proven dimensional design patterns
LawrenceCorr is a data warehouse designer and educator.
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data mining consulting firm Llumino.

In Elizabeth Penney's Chapter and Curse, Molly Kimball is
used to cracking open books . . . but when a poetry reading
ends in murder she must use her skills to crack the case.
"With its bucolic British setting, engaging heroine, and
unsolved murder dating back decades, Elizabeth Penney has
penned the perfect cozy."—Ellen Byron, USA Today
Bestselling Author Librarian Molly Kimball and her mother,
Nina, need a change. So when a letter arrives from Nina's
Aunt Violet in Cambridge, England requesting their help
running the family bookshop, they jump at the chance.
Thomas Marlowe—Manuscripts and Folios, is one of the
oldest bookshops in Cambridge,
and—unfortunately—customers can tell. When Molly and Nina
arrive, spring has come to Cambridge and the famed
Cambridge Literary Festival is underway. Determined to bring
much-needed revenue to the bookstore, Molly invites Aunt
Violet's college classmate and famed poet Persephone
Brightwell to hold a poetry reading in the shop. But the event
ends in disaster when a guest is found dead—with Molly's

great-aunt's knitting needle used as the murder weapon. While trying to clear Violet and keep the struggling shop afloat, Molly sifts through secrets past and present, untangling a web of blackmail, deceit, and murder.

Focus your efforts on the best opportunities --

During Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Louis Cataldie remained in New Orleans in dangerous and often unbearable conditions to attend to the sick, the injured-and the dead. As chief coroner of Baton Rouge, tending to the dead is Cataldie's job. A little town with big-city problems, Baton Rouge means "Red Stick"-and lives up to its bloody name. Cataldie has faced unusual and disturbing cases, from tracking three serial killers on the loose simultaneously while working the scene of a Malvo/ Muhammad Beltway Sniper shooting, to helping apprehend Baton Rouge serial killer Derrick Todd Lee in a controversial case that was featured in an ABC Primetime Live special with Diane Sawyer and Patricia Cornwell.

Cataldie's maverick ways have made him a favorite target of the media, but he offers no apologies, and speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. Graphic and frank, this is his unique, up-close look at his life spent stalking death in the Deep South.

A thorough update to the industry standard for designing, developing, and deploying data warehouse and business intelligence systems The world of data warehousing has changed remarkably since the first edition of The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit was published in 1998. In that time, the data warehouse industry has reached full maturity and acceptance, hardware and software have made staggering advances, and the techniques promoted in the premiere edition of this book have been adopted by nearly all data warehouse vendors and practitioners. In addition, the term "business intelligence" emerged to reflect the mission of the data warehouse: wrangling the data out of source

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systems, cleaning it, and delivering it to add value to the business. Ralph Kimball and his colleagues have refined the original set of Lifecycle methods and techniques based on their consulting and training experience. The authors understand first-hand that a data warehousing/business intelligence (DW/BI) system needs to change as fast as its surrounding organization evolves. To that end, they walk you through the detailed steps of designing, developing, and deploying a DW/BI system. You'll learn to create adaptable systems that deliver data and analyses to business users so they can make better business decisions.

With this textbook, Vaisman and Zimányi deliver excellent coverage of data warehousing and business intelligence technologies ranging from the most basic principles to recent findings and applications. To this end, their work is structured into three parts. Part I describes “Fundamental Concepts” including multi-dimensional models; conceptual and logical data warehouse design and MDX and SQL/OLAP. Subsequently, Part II details “Implementation and Deployment,” which includes physical data warehouse design; data extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) and data analytics. Lastly, Part III covers “Advanced Topics” such as spatial data warehouses; trajectory data warehouses; semantic technologies in data warehouses and novel technologies like Map Reduce, column-store databases and in-memory databases. As a key characteristic of the book, most of the topics are presented and illustrated using application tools. Specifically, a case study based on the well-known Northwind database illustrates how the concepts presented in the book can be implemented using Microsoft Analysis Services and Pentaho Business Analytics. All chapters are summarized using review questions and exercises to support comprehensive student learning. Supplemental material to assist instructors using this book as

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a course text is available at <http://cs.ulb.ac.be/DWSDIbook/>, including electronic versions of the figures, solutions to all exercises, and a set of slides accompanying each chapter. Overall, students, practitioners and researchers alike will find this book the most comprehensive reference work on data warehouses, with key topics described in a clear and educational style.

The definitive guide to dimensional design for your data warehouse Learn the best practices of dimensional design. Star Schema: The Complete Reference offers in-depth coverage of design principles and their underlying rationales. Organized around design concepts and illustrated with detailed examples, this is a step-by-step guidebook for beginners and a comprehensive resource for experts. This all-inclusive volume begins with dimensional design fundamentals and shows how they fit into diverse data warehouse architectures, including those of W.H. Inmon and Ralph Kimball. The book progresses through a series of advanced techniques that help you address real-world complexity, maximize performance, and adapt to the requirements of BI and ETL software products. You are furnished with design tasks and deliverables that can be incorporated into any project, regardless of architecture or methodology. Master the fundamentals of star schema design and slow change processing Identify situations that call for multiple stars or cubes Ensure compatibility across subject areas as your data warehouse grows Accommodate repeating attributes, recursive hierarchies, and poor data quality Support conflicting requirements for historic data Handle variation within a business process and correlation of disparate activities Boost performance using derived schemas and aggregates Learn when it's appropriate to adjust designs for BI and ETL tools

Peopled by larger-than-life heroes and villains, charged with

towering questions of good and evil, Atlas Shrugged is Ayn Rand's magnum opus: a philosophical revolution told in the form of an action thriller—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read. Who is John Galt? When he says that he will stop the motor of the world, is he a destroyer or a liberator? Why does he have to fight his battles not against his enemies but against those who need him most? Why does he fight his hardest battle against the woman he loves? You will know the answer to these questions when you discover the reason behind the baffling events that play havoc with the lives of the amazing men and women in this book. You will discover why a productive genius becomes a worthless playboy...why a great steel industrialist is working for his own destruction...why a composer gives up his career on the night of his triumph...why a beautiful woman who runs a transcontinental railroad falls in love with the man she has sworn to kill. Atlas Shrugged, a modern classic and Rand's most extensive statement of Objectivism—her groundbreaking philosophy—offers the reader the spectacle of human greatness, depicted with all the poetry and power of one of the twentieth century's leading artists.

"Touching and courageous...All of it--the man, the life, the book--is rare and beautiful." COSMOPOLITAN DAYS OF GRACE is an inspiring memoir of a remarkable man who was the true embodiment of courage, elegance, and the spirit to fight: Arthur Ashe--tennis champion, social activist, and person with AIDS. Frank, revealing, touching--DAYS OF GRACE is the story of a man felled to soon. It remains as his legacy to us all.... AN ALTERNATE SELECTION OF THE BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB

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The final edition of the incomparable data warehousing and business intelligence reference, updated and expanded The Kimball Group Reader, Remastered Collection is the essential reference for data warehouse and business intelligence design, packed with best practices, design tips, and valuable insight from industry pioneer Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. This Remastered Collection represents decades of expert advice and mentoring in data warehousing and business intelligence, and is the final work to be published by the Kimball Group. Organized for quick navigation and easy reference, this book contains nearly 20 years of experience on more than 300 topics, all fully up-to-date and expanded with 65 new articles. The discussion covers the complete data warehouse/business intelligence lifecycle, including project planning, requirements gathering, system architecture, dimensional modeling, ETL, and business intelligence analytics, with each group of articles prefaced by original commentaries explaining their role in the overall Kimball Group methodology. Data warehousing/business intelligence industry's current multi-billion dollar value is due in no small part to the contributions of Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group. Their publications are the standards on which the industry is built, and nearly all data warehouse hardware and software vendors have adopted their methods in one form or another. This book is a compendium of Kimball Group expertise, and an essential reference for anyone in the field. Learn data warehousing and business intelligence from the field's pioneers Get up to date on best practices and essential design tips Gain valuable knowledge on every stage of the project lifecycle Dig into the Kimball Group methodology with hands-on guidance Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group have continued to refine their methods and techniques based on thousands of hours of consulting and training. This Remastered Collection of The

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Kimball Group Reader represents their final body of knowledge, and is nothing less than a vital reference for anyone involved in the field.

A New York Times Noteable Book Mesmerizing, exhilarating, and profoundly moving, Mr. Peanut is a police procedural of the soul, a poignant investigation of the relentlessly mysterious human heart. David Pepin has been in love with his wife, Alice, since the moment they met in a university seminar on Alfred Hitchcock. After thirteen years of marriage, he still can't imagine a remotely happy life without her—yet he obsessively contemplates her demise. Soon she is dead, and David is both deeply distraught and the prime suspect. The detectives investigating Alice's suspicious death have plenty of personal experience with conjugal enigmas: Ward Hastroll is happily married until his wife inexplicably becomes voluntarily and militantly bedridden; and Sam Sheppard is especially sensitive to the intricacies of marital guilt and innocence, having decades before been convicted and then exonerated of the brutal murder of his wife. Like the Escher drawings that inspire the computer games David designs for a living, these complex, interlocking dramas are structurally and emotionally intense, subtle, and intriguing; they brilliantly explore the warring impulses of affection and hatred, and pose a host of arresting questions. Is it possible to know anyone fully, completely? Are murder and marriage two sides of the same coin, each endlessly recycling into the other? And what, in the end, is the truth about love?

Ralph Kimball's three data warehousing books, The Data Warehouse Toolkit, The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit, and The Data Webhouse Toolkit, provide you with everything you will need to create, manage, and use your data warehouse. His first book, The Data Warehouse Toolkit, is the definitive guide to building a data warehouse. Kimball uses actual case studies of existing data warehouses

developed for specific types of business applications such as retail, manufacturing, banking, insurance, subscriptions and airline reservations. Using the techniques learned in Kimball's first book, *The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit* carries them to the larger issues of delivering complete data marts and data warehouses. The book shows you all the practical details involved in planning, designing, developing, deploying, and growing data warehouses. *The Data Webhouse Toolkit* is a groundbreaking guide which introduces the Webhouse, a powerful new way of capturing valuable information flowing into a Web site and ordering it in ways that are useful to managers, strategic decision-makers, and customers.

A brutal murder. An abundance of DNA evidence. A three-and-a-half year search for a killer who was always so close-yet untouchable. After the rape and murder of Raleigh, North Carolina, resident Stephanie Bennett, police had ample DNA evidence. They also had a suspect: the man next door. But for more than three years, he eluded them by refusing to hand over a DNA sample, wiping down anything he touched and even planting decoy samples. This is the gripping story of how a team of detectives finally tripped him up-and brought closure to an innocent young woman's family.

Named a best book of 2011 by the San Francisco Chronicle, *At the Fights* is a gritty and glittering anthology of the very best writing about boxing. Here are Jack London on the immortal Jack Johnson; Richard Wright on Joe Louis's historic victory over Max Schmeling; A. J. Liebling's brilliantly comic portrait of a manager who really identifies with his fighter; Jimmy Cannon on Archie Moore, the greatest fighter of the 1950s; James Baldwin and Gay Talese on Floyd Patterson's epic fight with Sonny Liston; George Plimpton on Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X; Norman Mailer on the Rumble in the Jungle; Mark Kram on the Thrilla in Manila; Pete Hamill on legendary trainer and manager Cus D'Amato;

Mark Kriegel on Oscar De La Hoya; and David Remnick and Joyce Carol Oates on Mike Tyson. National Book Award-winning novelist Colum McCann (*Let the Great World Spin*) offers a foreword and, in a new preface, John Schulian pays tribute to his co-editor, George Kimball, who lost his battle with cancer in 2011.

The present book's subject is multidimensional data models and data modeling concepts as they are applied in real data warehouses. The book aims to present the most important concepts within this subject in a precise and understandable manner. The book's coverage of fundamental concepts includes data cubes and their elements, such as dimensions, facts, and measures and their representation in a relational setting; it includes architecture-related concepts; and it includes the querying of multidimensional databases. The book also covers advanced multidimensional concepts that are considered to be particularly important. This coverage includes advanced dimension-related concepts such as slowly changing dimensions, degenerate and junk dimensions, outriggers, parent-child hierarchies, and unbalanced, non-covering, and non-strict hierarchies. The book offers a principled overview of key implementation techniques that are particularly important to multidimensional databases, including materialized views, bitmap indices, join indices, and star join processing. The book ends with a chapter that presents the literature on which the book is based and offers further readings for those readers who wish to engage in more in-depth study of specific aspects of the book's subject. Table of Contents: Introduction / Fundamental Concepts / Advanced Concepts / Implementation Issues / Further Readings

This book will get you up and running with building efficient relational database solutions right from scratch with the newest features of PostgreSQL 11. You will learn the end-to-

end working of relational databases and how to work with database structures. You will also be able to write essential SQL statements, perform data manipulation and ...

The Media Book provides today's students with a comprehensive foundation for the study of the modern media. It has been systematically compiled to map the field in a way which corresponds to the curricular organization of the field around the globe, providing a complete resource for students in their third year to graduate level courses in the U.S.

It is 1998, the year in which America is whipped into a frenzy of prurience by the impeachment of a president, and in a small New England town, an aging classics professor, Coleman Silk, is forced to retire when his colleagues decree that he is a racist. The charge is a lie, but the real truth about Silk would have astonished his most virulent accuser.

Coleman Silk has a secret. But it's not the secret of his affair, at seventy-one, with Faunia Farley, a woman half his age with a savagely wrecked past--a part-time farmhand and a janitor at the college where, until recently, he was the powerful dean of faculty. And it's not the secret of Coleman's alleged racism, which provoked the college witch-hunt that cost him his job and, to his mind, killed his wife. Nor is it the secret of misogyny, despite the best efforts of his ambitious young colleague, Professor Delphine Roux, to expose him as a fiend. Coleman's secret has been kept for fifty years: from his wife, his four children, his colleagues, and his friends, including the writer Nathan Zuckerman, who sets out to understand how this eminent, upright man, esteemed as an educator for nearly all his life, had fabricated his identity and how that cannily controlled life came unraveled. Set in 1990s America, where conflicting moralities and ideological divisions are made manifest through public denunciation and rituals of purification, *The Human Stain* concludes Philip Roth's eloquent trilogy of postwar American lives that are as

tragically determined by the nation's fate as by the "human stain" that so ineradicably marks human nature. This harrowing, deeply compassionate, and completely absorbing novel is a magnificent successor to his Vietnam-era novel, *American Pastoral*, and his McCarthy-era novel, *I Married a Communist*.

Offers an introduction to old-fashioned, country-style cooking with a collection of 300 all-American recipes, focusing on cooking with inexpensive ingredients such as grains, vegetables, pasta, poultry & low-fat cuts of meat that are synonymous with good nutrition.

A seemingly perfect world held an even more unlikely killer... Julie Keown had a great job, financial security, and a perfect husband who was attending Harvard Business School. But after Julie suddenly died, and doctors discovered she's been poisoned with the main ingredient in antifreeze, her parents began to suspect that her husband, James, was not so perfect. This blow-by-blow account shows how investigators and state police unraveled James Keown's chilling web of deceit.

The true story of a Texas cop and wife-killer—and the unbelievable perversions of justice that almost set him free. On July 6th, 2002, schoolteacher Virginia "Viki" Lozano, mother of an eleven-month-old and wife of a Denton, Texas, police officer, died from a gunshot wound the day after her sixteenth wedding anniversary. Her husband, Bobby, claimed that she must have been cleaning his gun and it went off. In bed. In the middle of the night. While she was lying down. Despite his being a known lothario and serial adulterer, authorities still wondered: Could Bobby Lozano, one of their own, really have committed such a crime? In a startling twist, Viki's mother not only stood by her son-in-law, but continued to share a home with him, even after he was indicted for the murder of her own daughter. Even more shocking, the

indictment was vacated when the DA, in a sworn affidavit, said that the medical examiner had changed his mind and ruled the death a suicide. Case closed. For six long years the case languished in limbo...until one reporter discovered that the DA's affidavit was full of lies, and her exposé blew the lid off the case. The fight to avenge Viki's brutal murder was just beginning.

Business intelligence projects do not need to cost multi-millions of dollars or take months or even years to complete! Using rapid application development (RAD) techniques along with Microsoft SQL Server 2012, this book guides database administrators, SQL programmers, and report specialists in creating practical, cost-effective business intelligence solutions for their companies and departments. Pro SQL Server 2012 BI Solutions provides practical examples of cost-effective business intelligence projects. Readers will be guided through several complete projects that build a foundation for real-world solutions. Even with limited experience using Microsoft's SQL Server, Integration Server, Analysis Server, and Reporting Server, you can leverage your existing knowledge of SQL programming and database design to provide users with the business intelligence reports they need. Provides recipes for multiple business intelligence scenarios Progresses from simple to advanced projects using several examples Shows Microsoft SQL Server technology used to complete real-world business intelligence projects In this New York Times bestseller, controversial ambush journalist James O'Keefe takes a hard-hitting look at how the media and government conspire to protect the status quo: "A spine-tingling, true crime thriller about the quest for truth in the age of media obfuscation" (Gavin McInnes, FOX News contributor). Hailed by David Weigel in Slate as having "had more of an impact on the 2012 election than any journalist," James O'Keefe is young, brash, and provocative: a new

breed of guerrilla reporter for the twenty-first century. He and his associates have famously infiltrated some of America's most protected organizations and institutions. Now, in *Breakthrough*, O'Keefe chronicles the harrowing undercover investigation that opened America's eyes to the chicanery of its state houses and the duplicity of the White House during one of the most compromised election campaigns in our nation's history: the 2012 presidential race. Of all his controversial sting operations, this was the one that his late mentor, Andrew Breitbart, called "his most consequential." While still on federal probation, O'Keefe organized an army of citizen journalists, planned a series of video stings to reveal the American system's vulnerability to voter fraud, and went nose to nose with the most powerful political machine in the world. Along the way, O'Keefe found disheartening evidence that Americans are not nearly as free as we may believe, but also showed just how much real change ordinary citizens can bring about when they are willing to risk the wrath of the powerful. Free of ideology, *Breakthrough* is at its core a clarion call for a more ethical society. Despite being vilified and libeled by an establishment media dedicated to suppressing the truth, James O'Keefe has dared to break through the firewall and reshape public opinion by showing things as they really are.

Cowritten by Ralph Kimball, the world's leading data warehousing authority, whose previous books have sold more than 150,000 copies *Delivers* real-world solutions for the most time- and labor-intensive portion of data warehousing—data staging, or the extract, transform, load (ETL) process *Delineates* best practices for extracting data from scattered sources, removing redundant and inaccurate data, transforming the remaining data into correctly formatted data structures, and then loading the end product into the data warehouse *Offers* proven time-saving ETL techniques,

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comprehensive guidance on building dimensional structures, and crucial advice on ensuring data quality

Get more out of Microsoft Power BI turning your data into actionable insights About This Book From connecting to your data sources to developing and deploying immersive, mobile-ready dashboards and visualizations, this book covers it all

Over 90 hands-on, technical recipes, tips, and use cases from across the Power BI platform including the Power BI Service and Mobile Applications Proven development techniques and guidance for implementing custom solutions with DAX and M languages Who This Book Is For This book is for BI

professionals who wish to enhance their knowledge of Power BI beyond and to enhance the value of the Power BI solutions they deliver to business users. Those who are looking at quick solutions to common problems while using Power BI will also find this book to be a very useful resource .Some

experience with Power BI will be useful. What You Will Learn

Cleanse, stage, and integrate your data sources with Power BI Abstract data complexities and provide users with intuitive, self-service BI capabilities

Build business logic and analysis into your solutions via the DAX programming language and dynamic, dashboard-ready calculations

Take advantage of the analytics and predictive capabilities of Power BI Make

your solutions more dynamic and user specific and/or defined including use cases of parameters, functions, and row level security

Understand the differences and implications of

DirectQuery, Live Connections, and Import-Mode Power BI datasets and how to deploy content to the Power BI Service

and schedule refreshes Integrate other Microsoft data tools such as Excel and SQL Server Reporting Services into your

Power BI solution In Detail Microsoft Power BI is a business intelligence and analytics platform consisting of applications and services designed to provide coherent, visual and interactive insights of data. This book will provide thorough,

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technical examples of using all primary Power BI tools and features as well as demonstrate high impact end-to-end solutions that leverage and integrate these technologies and services. Get familiar with Power BI development tools and services, go deep into the data connectivity and transformation, modeling, visualization and analytical capabilities of Power BI, and see Power BI's functional programming languages of DAX and M come alive to deliver powerful solutions to address common, challenging scenarios in business intelligence. This book will excite and empower you to get more out of Power BI via detailed recipes, advanced design and development tips, and guidance on enhancing existing Power BI projects. Style and approach This book consists of practical recipes on Power BI that target novices as well as intermediate Power BI users. It goes deep into the technical issues, covers additional protocols, and many more real-live examples.

As any herpetologist will tell you, the fer-de-lance is among the most dreaded snakes known to man. When someone makes a present of one to Nero Wolfe, Archie Goodwin knows he's getting dreadfully close to solving the devilishly clever murders of an immigrant and a college president. As for Wolfe, he's playing snake charmer in a case with more twists than an anaconda -- whistling a seductive tune he hopes will catch a killer who's still got poison in his heart. An unparalleled collection of recommended guidelines for data warehousing and business intelligence pioneered by Ralph Kimball and his team of colleagues from the Kimball Group. Recognized and respected throughout the world as the most influential leaders in the data warehousing industry, Ralph Kimball and the Kimball Group have written articles covering more than 250 topics that define the field of data warehousing. For the first time, the Kimball Group's incomparable advice, design tips, and best practices have

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been gathered in this remarkable collection of articles, which spans a decade of data warehousing innovation. Each group of articles is introduced with original commentaries that explain their role in the overall lifecycle methodology developed by the Kimball Group. These practical, hands-on articles are fully updated to reflect current practices and terminology and cover the complete lifecycle—including project planning, requirements gathering, dimensional modeling, ETL, and business intelligence and analytics. This easily referenced collection is nothing less than vital if you are involved with data warehousing or business intelligence in any capacity.

In this stunning follow-up to *Hollow Kingdom* and *Seattle Times/Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association* bestseller?, the animal kingdom's "favorite apocalyptic hero" is back with a renewed sense of hope for humanity, ready to take on a world ravaged by a viral pandemic (Helen Macdonald). Once upon an apocalypse, there lived an obscenely handsome American crow named S.T. . . . When the world last checked-in with its favorite Cheeto addict, the planet had been overrun by flesh-hungry beasts, and nature had started re-claiming her territory from humankind. S.T., the intrepid crow, alongside his bloodhound-bestie Dennis, had set about saving pets that had become trapped in their homes after humanity went the way of the dodo. That is, dear reader, until S.T. stumbled upon something so rare—and so precious—that he vowed to do everything in his power to safeguard what could, quite literally, be humanity's last hope for survival. But in a wild world plagued by prejudiced animals, feather-raising environments, new threats so terrifying they make zombies look like baby bunnies, and a horrendous dearth of cheesy snacks, what's a crow to do? Why, wing it on another big-hearted, death-defying adventure, that's what! Joined by a fabulous new cast of animal characters, S.T. faces many new

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challenges plus his biggest one yet: parenthood. Includes a Reading Group Guide.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Perspectives in Business Informatics Research (BIR), held in Riga, Latvia, in October 2011. The 25 full papers accepted for this volume were selected from 68 submissions. In addition, two invited papers presented at the conference are also included. The papers have been organized in topical sessions on business intelligence and performance management, data and processes, ontologies, architectures, stakeholders' perspectives, Web information systems and services, and systems approach.

Three books by the bestselling authors on Data Warehousing! The most authoritative guides from the inventor of the technique all for a value price. The Data Warehouse Toolkit, 3rd Edition (9781118530801) Ralph Kimball invented a data warehousing technique called "dimensional modeling" and popularized it in his first Wiley book, The Data Warehouse Toolkit. Since this book was first published in 1996, dimensional modeling has become the most widely accepted technique for data warehouse design. Over the past 10 years, Kimball has improved on his earlier techniques and created many new ones. In this 3rd edition, he will provide a comprehensive collection of all of these techniques, from basic to advanced. The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit, 2nd Edition (9780470149775) Complete coverage of best practices from data warehouse project inception through on-going program management. Updates industry best practices to be in sync with current recommendations of Kimball Group. Streamlines the lifecycle methodology to be more efficient and user-friendly The Data Warehouse ETL Toolkit (9780764567575) shows data warehouse developers how to effectively manage the ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) phase

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of the data warehouse development lifecycle. The authors show developers the best methods for extracting data from scattered sources throughout the enterprise, removing obsolete, redundant, and innaccurate data, transforming the remaining data into correctly formatted data structures, and then physically loading them into the data warehouse. This book provides complete coverage of proven, time-saving ETL techniques. It begins with a quick overview of ETL fundamentals and the role of the ETL development team. It then quickly moves into an overview of the ETL data structures, both relational and dimensional. The authors show how to build useful dimensional stuctures, providing practical examples of beginning through advanced techniques. Updated new edition of Ralph Kimball's groundbreaking book ondimensional modeling for data warehousing and businessintelligence! The first edition of Ralph Kimball's The Data WarehouseToolkit introduced the industry to dimensional modeling,and now his books are considered the most authoritative guides inthis space. This new third edition is a complete library of updateddimensional modeling techniques, the most comprehensive collectionever. It covers new and enhanced star schema dimensional modelingpatterns, adds two new chapters on ETL techniques, includes new andexpanded business matrices for 12 case studies, and more. Authored by Ralph Kimball and Margy Ross, known worldwide aseducators, consultants, and influential thought leaders in datawarehousing and business intelligence Begins with fundamental design recommendations and progresssthrough increasingly complex scenarios Presents unique modeling techniques for business applicationssuch as inventory management, procurement, invoicing, accounting,customer relationship management, big data analytics, and more Draws real-world case studies from a variety of industries,including retail sales,

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financial services, telecommunications, education, health care, insurance, e-commerce, and more Design dimensional databases that are easy to understand and provide fast query response with The Data Warehouse Toolkit: The Definitive Guide to Dimensional Modeling, 3rd Edition.

Sarah Pender was an attractive, outgoing, intelligent woman with great potential. But the straight and narrow had no appeal for this depraved young woman dubbed "the female Charles Manson", who knew how to get what she wanted from men-even if it meant murder.

A pair of technology experts describe how humans will have to keep pace with machines in order to become prosperous in the future and identify strategies and policies for business and individuals to use to combine digital processing power with human ingenuity.

The data warehousing bible updated for the new millennium Updated and expanded to reflect the many technological advances occurring since the previous edition, this latest edition of the data warehousing "bible" provides a comprehensive introduction to building data marts, operational data stores, the Corporate Information Factory, exploration warehouses, and Web-enabled warehouses. Written by the father of the data warehouse concept, the book also reviews the unique requirements for supporting e-business and explores various ways in which the traditional data warehouse can be integrated with new technologies to provide enhanced customer service, sales, and support-both online and offline-including near-line data storage techniques.

From the bestselling "legend" of baking (New York Times), Maida Heatter, a modern-classic collection of her

all-time best-loved, tried-and-true recipes "Happiness is baking cookies. Happiness is giving them away. And serving them, and eating them, talking about them, reading and writing about them, thinking about them, and sharing them with you." Maida Heatter is one of the most iconic and fondly remembered cookbook authors of all time. Her recipes, each a modern classic, are must-haves in every home baker's bag of tricks: her cookies, cakes, muffins, tarts, pies, and sweets of all kinds range from extravagantly special to the comforting and everyday. Her brown-sugary Budapest Coffee Cake, her minty Palm Beach Brownies, her sophisticated East 62nd Street Lemon Cake, and many other desserts have inspired legions of devotees. Happiness Is Baking reproduces Maida's best-loved recipes in a fully illustrated new edition with a foreword by Dorie Greenspan. Developed for foolproof baking by experienced cooks and novices alike, these recipes bear Maida's trademark warmth, no-nonsense style, and her promise that they will work every time. Happiness Is Baking is the perfect gift for anyone who loves baking--or who knows the happiness that comes from a delicious dessert.

In the past, managing workplace teams came with potential problems, but most could be easily resolved. Fast-forward to today's technologically linked world of virtual teams and it's a completely different picture. In today's world, teams aren't just the folks who report to you, along with the IT guy and the marketing whiz. Teams are spread across countries, time zones, languages, cultures, and more. And managing these

disparate, far-flung teams is exponentially more complex and fraught with the potential to derail at any moment. A Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams is a road-map for bridging the logistical, cultural, and communication gaps that can prevent virtual teams from reaching their full potential--and a life-saver for anyone charged with delivering results from a dispersed team. Filled with self-study exercises, activities, and valuable advice based on the author's 20 years of consulting experience and hard-won wisdom from virtual team managers and members, the book explores the four most critical elements to team success: - Trust and Accountability: Uncover 10 crucial tips for creating trust within and across virtual teams. - Communication: Learn to navigate the unique challenges of the virtual world, especially in cross-cultural collaborations. - Conflict Management: Put the examples, case scenarios, and resolution strategies to work building a unified, focused team. - Deliverables: Find out how your virtual team can get work out the door faster and better. Technology has made virtual teams an everyday reality, but it hasn't reduced the potential for conflict and confusion--it has amplified the problem. A Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams brings much-needed clarity to the process of leading dispersed teams, and deep insights into how to tap into the team's collective energy to bring fast, effective results. Yael Zofi is the founder and CEO of AIM Strategies(R), Applied Innovative Management(R), a human capital consulting firm. With over 20 years of global consulting experience, she has worked with clients such as AT&T, Chase, CIGNA, General Electric, MetLife, Pfizer, Philips,

Viacom, and Nokia. Her organizational development work focuses on helping leaders and their teams become more successful through organizational alignment. She has created many team-based assessment tools, facilitated global team strategy retreats, designed international talent management programs, and facilitated merger integrations with three global organizations.

Using Agile methods, you can bring far greater innovation, value, and quality to any data warehousing (DW), business intelligence (BI), or analytics project. However, conventional Agile methods must be carefully adapted to address the unique characteristics of DW/BI projects. In Agile Analytics, Agile pioneer Ken Collier shows how to do just that. Collier introduces platform-agnostic Agile solutions for integrating infrastructures consisting of diverse operational, legacy, and specialty systems that mix commercial and custom code. Using working examples, he shows how to manage analytics development teams with widely diverse skill sets and how to support enormous and fast-growing data volumes. Collier's techniques offer optimal value whether your projects involve "back-end" data management, "front-end" business analysis, or both. Part I focuses on Agile project management techniques and delivery team coordination, introducing core practices that shape the way your Agile DW/BI project community can collaborate toward success Part II presents technical methods for enabling continuous delivery of business value at production-quality levels, including evolving superior designs; test-driven DW development; version control;

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and project automation Collier brings together proven solutions you can apply right now--whether you're an IT decision-maker, data warehouse professional, database administrator, business intelligence specialist, or database developer. With his help, you can mitigate project risk, improve business alignment, achieve better results--and have fun along the way.

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