

Trivial Pursuit Master Edition Year In A Box Calendar 2017

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

“Atkinson and Jewell invite each of us to reimagine one’s connection to the land while cultivating nature close to home. A must-read for anyone searching for inspired solutions for designing or refining a garden.” —founder of *Pass the Pistil* From windswept deserts to misty seaside hills and verdant valleys, the natural landscapes of the American West offer an astounding variety of climates for gardens. *Under Western Skies* reveals thirty-six of the most innovative designs—all embracing and celebrating the very soul of the land on which they grow. For the gardeners featured here, nature is the ultimate inspiration rather than something to be dominated, and *Under Western Skies* shows the strong connection each garden has with its place. Packed with Atkinson’s stunning photographs and illuminated by Jewell’s deep interest in the relationships between people and the spaces they inhabit, *Under Western Skies* offers page after page of encouraging ingenuity and inventive design for passionate gardeners who call the West home.

Welcome to the world of *Jeopardy!* where obscure information is crucial to survival, vast sums of cash are at stake, and milliseconds can change not just a game but the course of your entire life. *Prisoner of Trebekistan* is Bob Harris’s hilarious, insightful account of one man’s unlikely epic journey through *Jeopardy!*, gleefully exploring triumph and failure, the nature of memory, and how knowledge itself can transform you in unpredictable ways—all against the backdrop of the most popular quiz show in history. Bob chronicles his transformation from a struggling stand-up comic who repeatedly fails the *Jeopardy!* audition test into an elite player competing against the show’s most powerful brains. To get there, he embarks on a series of intense study sessions, using his sense of humor to transform conventional memory skills into a refreshingly playful approach to learning that’s as amusing as it is powerful. What follows is not only a captivating series of high-stakes wins and losses on *Jeopardy!*, but also a growing appreciation of a borderless world that Bob calls Trebekistan, where a love of learning reigns and the smarter you get the more you realize how much you don’t yet know. Filled with secrets that only a veteran contestant could share—from counterintuitive game strategies to Jedi-like tactics with the *Jeopardy!* signaling device—*Prisoner of Trebekistan* also gives you the chance to play along with the actual clues that led to victory or defeat in high-level tournaments, plus candid, moving reflections on how the games affected Bob’s offstage life—and vice versa. Not only an irresistible treat for *Jeopardy!* fans, *Prisoner of Trebekistan* is a delight for anyone who loves a rollicking tale that celebrates the unpredictability of life and the sneaky way it has of teaching us the things that really matter.

When *Maisy* hurts herself on a trampoline, she goes to the hospital, where she is taken care of and meets a new friend.

Based mainly on the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, this is a brand new set of intelligent and entertaining questions suitable to use with *Trivial Pursuit*, Pub quizzes or Family Games. There are 200 pages with 6 questions and answers to a page, arranged in the familiar categories: Geography - Entertainment - History - Art Literature - Science and Nature - Sport and Leisure. The questions are broad-based and not limited to one country or region. Trivialists around the world will find plenty to engage and challenge them. A free Trivia score card along with some fresh newgame ideas is also available from our website at: www.triviamundi.co.uk

The Complete Unabridged SUPER TRIVIA Encyclopedia - By Fred L. Worth Inside! All the things you didn't know you wanted to know, but will be delighted to discover. Compiles hundreds of interesting trivial and not-so-trivial facts about movies, awards, sports, comics, music, tragic historical events, and a host of other topics. Alphabetical entries list little known facts about TV and radio programs, movies, sports, crime, and current events.

Boys' Life is the official youth magazine for the Boy Scouts of America. Published since 1911, it contains a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

The bestselling author of *Close My Eyes* returns with a chilling psychological thriller. Julia has always been the friend that Livy turns to when life is difficult. United fifteen years ago by grief at the brutal murder of Livy's sister, Kara, they've always told each other everything. Or so Livy thought. So when Julia is found dead in her home, Livy cannot come to terms with the news that she chose to end her own life. The Julia that Livy knew was vibrant and vivacious, a far cry from the selfish neurotic that her family seem determined to paint her as. Troubled by doubt but alone in her suspicions, Livy sets out to prove that Julia was in fact murdered. But little does she realise that digging into her best friend's private life will cause her to question everything she thought she knew about Julia. And the truth that Livy discovers will tear the very fabric of her own life apart.

Trivial Pursuit Questions 1200 Brand New Questions and Answers

California's Napa Valley is one of the world's premier wine regions today, but this has not always been true. James T. Lapsley's entertaining history explains how a collective vision of excellence among winemakers and a keen sense of promotion transformed the region and its wines following the repeal of Prohibition. Focusing on the formative years of Napa's fine winemaking, 1934 to 1967, Lapsley concludes with a chapter on the wine boom of the 1970s, placing it in a social context and explaining the role of Napa vineyards in the beverage's growing popularity. Names familiar to wine drinkers appear throughout these pages--Beaulieu, Beringer, Charles Krug, Christian Brothers, Inglenook,

Louis Martini--and the colorful stories behind the names give this book a personal dimension. As strong-willed, competitive winemakers found ways to work cooperatively, both in sharing knowledge and technology and in promoting their region, the result was an unprecedented improvement in wine quality that brought with it a new reputation for the Napa Valley. In *The Silverado Squatters*, Robert Louis Stevenson refers to wine as "bottled poetry," and although Stevenson's reference was to the elite vineyards of France, his words are appropriate for Napa wines today. Their success, as Lapsley makes clear, is due to much more than the beneficence of sun and soil. Craft, vision, and determination have played a part too, and for that, wine drinkers the world over are grateful. This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, Voices Revived makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1996.

Popular Mechanics inspires, instructs and influences readers to help them master the modern world. Whether it's practical DIY home-improvement tips, gadgets and digital technology, information on the newest cars or the latest breakthroughs in science -- PM is the ultimate guide to our high-tech lifestyle.

Smart. Funny. Fearless."It's pretty safe to say that *Spy* was the most influential magazine of the 1980s. It might have remade New York's cultural landscape; it definitely changed the whole tone of magazine journalism. It was cruel, brilliant, beautifully written and perfectly designed, and feared by all. There's no magazine I know of that's so continually referenced, held up as a benchmark, and whose demise is so lamented" --Dave Eggers. "It's a piece of garbage" --Donald Trump.

"A fun way to get kids interested in Harry Potter also interested in food." —New York magazine Conjure up feasts that rival the Great Hall's, sweets fit for the Minister of Magic, snacks you'd find on the Hogwarts Express, and more! This bestselling unofficial Harry Potter cookbook is perfect for chefs of all ages, from new readers to longtime fans—no wands required! Bangers and mash with Harry, Ron, and Hermione in the Hogwarts dining hall. A proper cuppa tea and rock cakes in Hagrid's hut. Cauldron cakes and pumpkin juice on the Hogwarts Express. With this cookbook, dining a la Hogwarts is as easy as Banoffee Pie! With more than 150 easy-to-make recipes, tips, and techniques, you can indulge in spellbindingly delicious meals drawn straight from the pages of your favorite Potter stories, such as: Treacle Tart—Harry's favorite dessert Molly's Meat Pies—Mrs. Weasley's classic dish Kreacher's French Onion Soup Pumpkin Pasties—a staple on the Hogwarts Express cart With a dash of magic and a drop of creativity, you'll conjure up the entrees, desserts, snacks, and drinks you need to transform ordinary Muggle meals into magical culinary masterpieces, sure to make even Mrs. Weasley proud!

Just in time for the 40th anniversary of Saturday Night Live, a rollickingly updated edition of *LIVE FROM NEW YORK* with nearly 100 new pages covering the past decade. When first published to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Saturday Night Live, *LIVE FROM NEW YORK* was immediately proclaimed the best book ever produced on the landmark and legendary late-night show. In their own words, unfiltered and uncensored, a dazzling galaxy of trail-blazing talents recalled three turbulent decades of on-camera antics and off-camera escapades. Now a fourth decade has passed---and bestselling authors James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales have returned to Studio 8H. Over more than 100 pages of new material, they raucously and revealingly take the SNL story up to the present, adding a constellation of iconic new stars, surprises, and controversies.

How Boston radio station WBCN became the hub of the rock-and-roll, antiwar, psychedelic solar system. While San Francisco was celebrating a psychedelic Summer of Love in 1967, Boston stayed buttoned up and battened down. But that changed the following year, when a Harvard Law School graduate student named Ray Riepen founded a radio station that played music that young people, including the hundreds of thousands at Boston-area colleges, actually wanted to hear. WBCN-FM featured album cuts by such artists as the Mothers of Invention, Aretha Franklin, and Cream, played by announcers who felt free to express their opinions on subjects that ranged from recreational drugs to the war in Vietnam. In this engaging and generously illustrated chronicle, Peabody Award-winning journalist and one-time WBCN announcer Bill Lichtenstein tells the story of how a radio station became part of a revolution in youth culture. At WBCN, creativity and countercultural politics ruled: there were no set playlists; news segments anticipated the satire of *The Daily Show*; on-air interviewees ranged from John and Yoko to Noam Chomsky; a telephone "Listener Line" fielded questions on any subject, day and night. From 1968 to Watergate, Boston's WBCN was the hub of the rock-and-roll, antiwar, psychedelic solar system. A cornucopia of images in color and black and white includes concert posters, news clippings, photographs of performers in action, and scenes of joyousness on Boston Common. Interwoven through the narrative are excerpts from interviews with WBCN pioneers, including Charles Laquidara, the "news dissector" Danny Schechter, Marsha Steinberg, and Mitchell Kertzman. Lichtenstein's documentary *WBCN and the American Revolution* is available as a DVD sold separately.

A tongue-in-cheek guide to spotting hipsters in their natural habitat. Spotting a hipster used to be simple—a guy in his twenties who had a beard and rode a bicycle. However, over recent years the line between hipster and everyday human has blurred beyond recognition, so it's understandable if you've grown confused. Don't worry—*How to Spot a Hipster* is here to help. Think your best friend might be a hipster? Are they drinking from mason jars and picking up vintage vinyl on the weekends? Do they profess a love of craft beer, Fleetwood Mac, and pickles? Could you, in fact, be a hipster? From bike riding to grooming and fashion, and to all extents of the hipster lifestyle, *How to Spot a Hipster* is a comprehensive cornucopia of content that will ensure you never use the H-word without complete confidence.

Think you know everything there is to know about *Breaking Bad*? Then why not challenge yourself? Let's see if you can become the Wisenberg of trivia. 25 quizzes consisting of 15 questions each become progressively harder as you make your way through the book. There are 15 general knowledge rounds and 10 based on specific characters and themes, such as anagrams, quotes and the science of the show. There's even a set of tiebreaker questions to settle any disputes. That's 385 questions about *Breaking Bad*.

There are no half measures.

Comprehensive quiz book containing more than 2,500 questions about the Star Trek TV series and Movies, from The Original Series right through to the recent JJ Abrams films. This update to the original Obsessed With Star Trek quiz book includes 200 new questions based on the exciting films of a new Star Trek era: Star Trek (2009), Star Trek Into Darkness and Star Trek Beyond. The updated edition is being released in paperback, with answers at the bottom of each page. This compact, yet comprehensive book will engage and challenge even the greatest fan. Test your knowledge of the Star Trek universe!

This book describes the paleomagnetism of sediments and sedimentary rocks, how sediments and sedimentary rocks become magnetized, and how the physical and chemical processes involved can affect the accuracy of paleomagnetism. Topics covered include depositional and post-depositional remanence acquisition, the detection and correction of compaction-caused inclination shallowing, reduction diagenesis of magnetic minerals, chemical remagnetization, and rotation of remanence by grain-scale rock strain. The book also has a chapter on environmental paleomagnetism, including examples of the new technique of high-resolution rock magnetic cyclostratigraphy and its application to sedimentary sequences. By emphasising the accuracy of sedimentary paleomagnetism and the magnitude of post-depositional processes that can affect it, the book will be invaluable in the geologic interpretation of sedimentary paleomagnetic data. Paleomagnetism of Sedimentary Rocks will be welcomed by paleomagnetists, students of paleomagnetism and all Earth scientists who use sedimentary paleomagnetic data in their research. Additional resources for this book can be found at: www.wiley.com/go/kodama/paleomagnetism.

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100 PUZZLES & FULL SOLUTIONS: This collection of Favorite Word Fill-ins, it is guaranteed to provide you with hundreds of hours of fun. **EASY-LEVEL CHALLENGE:** Not too easy. And not too hard - the puzzles in this book are an appropriate level of challenge for everyone beginners to pros. **EASY-TO-READ FONT:** Puzzles are in large print, so that you will never suffer from eye-strain while doing them. **PRINTED ON HIGH-QUALITY PAPER:** Puzzles are printed on a high quality white paper and on an 7" by 10" size. **KEEPS YOUR MIND HEALTHY:** Puzzles are a proven method for keeping the mind healthy and combating cognitive related illnesses. **FOR ADULTS & YOUNGSTERS:** Word Fill-in puzzles are appropriate for both youngsters and adults alike! **A GIFT LIKE NO OTHER:** If someone in your life loves word fill-in puzzles, you won't find a more unique and substantial gift than this book. Visit: www.JAJABOOKS.com. For more fun puzzle books.

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast Stuff You Should Know comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast Stuff You Should Know back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making Stuff You Should Know one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with Stuff You Should Know. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers).

Our mission is to produce the ultimate library of diverse, stimulating and entertaining trivia questions; to eliminate banality with an uncompromising approach designed to test and intrigue our fellow trivialists. There is no achievement in easy. Without challenge there is no victory. This volume, compiled in 2020, contains a brand-new set of 1200 questions and answers. There are six questions and answers per page, following the format of a traditional Trivial Pursuit card. If you do not have a Trivial Pursuit board game, a Trivia Mundi scorecard together with exciting new game ideas can be downloaded directly from our website: <http://www.triviamundi.co.uk/score-card.html> The subject categories are: Geography - Countries, Cities and Places Entertainment - Film, Theatre, Artists and Music History - Kings and Queens, People and Events Art & Literature - Books, Artists and Authors Science & Nature - Inventions, Inventors and the natural world Sport & Leisure - Games, Food and Drink For further information, or to contact us please visit our website: www.triviamundi.co.uk

Provides readers with tips, techniques, and strategies for playing Minecraft on the Xbox, covering how to register for the game, customize the experience, and create new worlds. **NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • A witty, charming, and engaging dive into trivia's colorful history, from America's highest-earning game show contestant of all time "Insightful, informative, and written with a strong dose of humor and humility. . . . I loved this book."—Will Shortz, crossword editor, The New York Times Ken Jennings is trivia's undisputed king—and as he traces his rise from anonymous computer programmer to nerd folk icon, he explores his newly conquered kingdom: the world of trivia itself. Trivia, he has found, is centuries older than his childhood obsession with it. Whisking us from the coffeehouses of seventeenth-century London to the Internet age, Jennings chronicles the ups and downs of the trivia fad: the quiz book explosion of the Jazz Age; the rise, fall, and rise again of TV quiz shows; the nostalgic campus trivia of the 1960s; and the 1980s, when Trivial Pursuit® again made it fashionable to be a know-it-all. Jennings

also investigates the shadowy demimonde of today's trivia subculture, guiding us on a tour of trivia across America. He goes head-to-head with the blowhards and diehards of the college quiz-bowl circuit, the slightly soused faithful of the Boston pub trivia scene, and the raucous participants in the annual Q&A marathon in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, "The World's Largest Trivia Contest." And, of course, he takes us behind the scenes of his improbable 75-game run on Jeopardy! But above all, Brainiac is a love letter to the useless fact. (Who knew that there's a crater on Venus named after Laura Ingalls Wilder? Ken Jennings, that's who.) Engaging and erudite, Brainiac is an irresistible celebration of nostalgia, curiosity, and geeky obsession—in a word, trivia.

Ken Jennings's Trivia Almanac is the ingeniously organized book where, for a change, the all-time Jeopardy! champ gets to ask the questions—and where every day of the year will give you the chance to test your trivia mettle. For example—February 21: In 1912, on this day, Teddy Roosevelt coined the political phrase "hat in the ring," so Ken Jennings fires off a series of "ring" questions. What two NFL quarterbacks have four Super Bowl rings each?* What rings are divided by the Cassini Division? Also on this date, in 1981, the "goth" music scene was born in London, so here's a quiz on black-clad icons like Darth Vader, Johnny Cash, and Zorro. Do you know the secret identities of Ivanhoe's Black Knight*** or Men in Black's Agent M****? In this ultimate book for trivia buffs and other assorted know-it-alls, the 365 entries feature "This Day in History" factoids, trivia quizzes, and questions categorized by Jennings as "Easy," "Hard," and "Yeah, Good Luck." Topics cover every subject under the sun, from paleontology to mixology, sports feats to Bach suites, medieval popes to daytime soaps. This addictive gathering of facts, oddities, devilishly clever quizzes, and other flights of fancy will make each day a fun and intriguing new challenge.

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.

A sampling of the writings of Chinese women poets from ancient times to the twentieth century is accompanied by brief biographies and a discussion of their influence on Chinese literature. After overcoming a number of obstacles, especially in the subject of geography, Olivia is on her way to Hollywood to appear on Jeopardy! and, she hopes, to reunite with her father who left the family two years ago.

As a young bride, Jennifer Smith couldn't wait to build her life with the man she adored. She dreamed of closeness, of being fully known and loved by her husband. But the first years of marriage were nothing like she'd imagined. Instead, they were marked by disappointment and pain. Trapped by fear and insecurity, and feeling totally alone, Jennifer cried out to God: What am I doing wrong? Why is this happening to us? It was as if a veil had descended between her and her husband, and between her and God—one that kept her from experiencing the fullness of love. How did Jennifer and her husband survive the painful times? What did they do when they were tempted to call it quits? How did God miraculously step in during the darkest hour to rescue and redeem them, tearing down the veil once and for all? The Unveiled Wife is a real-life love story; one couple's refreshingly raw, transparent journey touching the deep places in a marriage that only God can reach. If you are feeling disappointment or even despair about your marriage, the heart-cry of this book is: You are not alone. Discover through Jennifer's story how God can bring you through it all to a place of transformation.

This resource book for teachers presents board games formulated to educate children through the medium of fun-filled entertainment. The games here are grouped into categories such as English, history, science, social studies and mathematics and are meant for use at the lower primary level. These educational board games were developed by the teachers of Sri Atmananda Memorial School, Kerala, who have actually used these games to great advantage while teaching their students.

"When the Tuckers' next door neighbor mentions someone rang their doorbell late the previous night, Sarah and Kenny Tucker check their home's security camera and discover something shocking: the doorbell ringer also visited their house... and it was a terrified young woman with a shackle hanging from her right wrist. Almost overnight, she becomes known as The Girl on the Porch. There is national coverage on CNN and Fox News, and the video goes viral. As days pass and no one comes forward to identify the woman, fresh footprints appear in the garden next to their house; a neighbor's pet is viciously killed; and a man starts following their daughter Natalie....

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Misconceptions, misunderstandings, and flawed facts finally get the heave-ho in this humorous, downright humiliating book of reeducation based on the phenomenal British bestseller. Challenging what most of us assume to be verifiable truths in areas like history, literature, science, nature, and more, The Book of General Ignorance is a witty "gotcha" compendium of how little we actually know about anything. It'll have you scratching your head wondering why we even bother to go to school. Think Magellan was the first man to circumnavigate the globe, baseball was invented in America, Henry VIII had six wives, Mount Everest is the tallest mountain? Wrong, wrong, wrong, and wrong again. You'll be surprised at how much you don't know! Check out The Book of General Ignorance for more fun entries and complete answers to the following: How long can a chicken live without its head? About two years. What do chameleons do? They don't change color to match the background. Never have; never will. Complete myth. Utter fabrication. Total Lie. They change color as a result of different emotional states. How many legs does a centipede have? Not a hundred. How many toes

has a two-toed sloth? It's either six or eight. Who was the first American president? Peyton Randolph. What were George Washington's false teeth made from? Mostly hippopotamus. What was James Bond's favorite drink? Not the vodka martini.

An exploration of how design might be led by marginalized communities, dismantle structural inequality, and advance collective liberation and ecological survival. What is the relationship between design, power, and social justice? "Design justice" is an approach to design that is led by marginalized communities and that aims explicitly to challenge, rather than reproduce, structural inequalities. It has emerged from a growing community of designers in various fields who work closely with social movements and community-based organizations around the world. This book explores the theory and practice of design justice, demonstrates how universalist design principles and practices erase certain groups of people—specifically, those who are intersectionally disadvantaged or multiply burdened under the matrix of domination (white supremacist heteropatriarchy, ableism, capitalism, and settler colonialism)—and invites readers to "build a better world, a world where many worlds fit; linked worlds of collective liberation and ecological sustainability." Along the way, the book documents a multitude of real-world community-led design practices, each grounded in a particular social movement. Design Justice goes beyond recent calls for design for good, user-centered design, and employment diversity in the technology and design professions; it connects design to larger struggles for collective liberation and ecological survival.

A new edition of the bestselling classic – published with a special introduction to mark its 10th anniversary This pioneering account sets out to understand the structure of the human brain – the place where mind meets matter. Until recently, the left hemisphere of our brain has been seen as the 'rational' side, the superior partner to the right. But is this distinction true? Drawing on a vast body of experimental research, Iain McGilchrist argues while our left brain makes for a wonderful servant, it is a very poor master. As he shows, it is the right side which is the more reliable and insightful. Without it, our world would be mechanistic – stripped of depth, colour and value.

Banish awkward silences, boring weather talk, or (worst of all) the embarrassing conversation gaff with this pithy, hilarious guide to effortless party banter. We've all been there. You're at a party, surrounded by the most important people in your life. You're cool. You're casual. You're witty and urbane. Until suddenly, quite unexpectedly, things take a turn for the worse when a subject thought to be common knowledge is lobbed your way. A hush falls over the room and every head seems to swivel expectantly in your direction. [ART: SET THESE OFF IN A DIFFERENT COLOR?] "Rasputin. Sure, Rasputin. The Russian guy, right? Who . . . who . . . whooooo was Russian." "Che Guevara? You mean the dancer?" "Oh my God! Mao Tse-tung? They have the best chicken with cashews!" The Concise Guide to Sounding Smart at Parties was written with just this moment in mind. In fourteen pain-free, laughter-filled chapters, authors David Matalon and Chris Woolsey brush away years of cobwebs on subjects as wide-ranging as the typical round of Jeopardy: war, science, politics, philosophy, the arts, business, literature, music, religion, and more. Armed with The Concise Guide to Sounding Smart at Parties, you'll know that Chicago Seven wasn't a boy band, Martin Luther never fought for civil rights, and Franz Kafka isn't German for "I have a bad cold." You'll be the smart one who's the center of conversation—and nothing beats that feeling.

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