

Troll Hub

How 4chan and 8chan fuel white nationalism, inspire violence, and infect politics. The internet has transformed the ways we think and act, and by consequence, our politics. The most impactful recent political movements on the far left and right started with massive online collectives of teenagers. Strangely, both movements began on the same website: an anime imageboard called 4chan.org. *It Came from Something Awful* is the fascinating and bizarre story of sites like 4chan and 8chan and their profound effect on youth counterculture. Dale Beran has observed the anonymous messageboard community's shifting activities and interests since the beginning. Sites like 4chan and 8chan are microcosms of the internet itself—simultaneously at the vanguard of contemporary culture, politics, comedy and language, and a new low for all of the above. They were the original meme machines, mostly frequented by socially awkward and disenfranchised young men in search of a place to be alone together. During the recession of the late 2000's, the memes became political. 4chan was the online hub of a leftist hacker collective known as Anonymous and a prominent supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement. But within a few short years, the site's ideology spun on its axis; it became the birthplace and breeding ground of the alt-right. In *It Came from Something Awful*, Beran uses his insider's knowledge and natural storytelling ability to chronicle 4chan's strange journey from creating rage-comics to inciting riots to—according to some—memeing Donald Trump into the White House.

Poppy has a party that's the biggest, loudest, and craziest ever.

Named a Best Book of 2018 by Fast Company, this is a "sharply written and brilliantly reported" (Shelf Awareness) look inside Reddit, the wildly popular, often misunderstood website that has changed the culture of the Internet. Reddit hails itself as "the front page of the Internet." It's the third most-visited website in the United States -- and yet, millions of Americans have no idea what it is. *We Are the Nerds* is an engrossing look deep inside this captivating, maddening enterprise, whose army of obsessed users have been credited with everything from solving cold case crimes and spurring tens of millions of dollars in charitable donations to seeding alt-right fury and landing Donald Trump in the White House. *We Are the Nerds* is a gripping start-up narrative: the story of how Reddit's founders, Steve Huffman and Alexis Ohanian, rose up from their suburban childhoods to become millionaires and create an icon of the digital age -- before seeing the site engulfed in controversies and nearly losing control of it for good. Based on Christine Lagorio-Chafkin's exclusive access to founders Ohanian and Huffman, *We Are the Nerds* is also a compelling exploration of the way we all communicate today -- and how we got here. Reddit and its users have become a mirror of the Internet: it has dingy corners, shiny memes, malicious trolls, and a sometimes heart-melting ability to connect people across cultures, oceans,

and ideological divides.

A provocative, comprehensive analysis of Vladimir Putin and Russia's master plan to destroy democracy in the age of Donald Trump. In the greatest intelligence operation in the history of the world, Donald Trump was made President of the United States with the assistance of a foreign power. For the first time, *The Plot to Destroy Democracy* reveals the dramatic story of how blackmail, espionage, assassination, and psychological warfare were used by Vladimir Putin and his spy agencies to steal the 2016 U.S. election -- and attempted to bring about the fall of NATO, the European Union, and western democracy. It will show how Russia and its fifth column allies tried to flip the cornerstones of democracy in order to re-engineer the world political order that has kept most of the world free since 1945. Career U.S. Intelligence officer Malcolm Nance will examine how Russia has used cyber warfare, political propaganda, and manipulation of our perception of reality -- and will do so again -- to weaponize American news, traditional media, social media, and the workings of the internet to attack and break apart democratic institutions from within, and what we can expect to come should we fail to stop their next attack. Nance has utilized top secret Russian-sourced political and hybrid warfare strategy documents to demonstrate the master plan to undermine American institutions that has been in effect from the Cold War to the present day. Based on original research and countless interviews with espionage experts, Nance examines how Putin's recent hacking accomplished a crucial first step for destabilizing the West for Russia, and why Putin is just the man to do it. Nance exposes how Russia has supported the campaigns of right-wing extremists throughout both the U.S. and Europe to leverage an axis of autocracy, and how Putin's agencies have worked since 2010 to bring fringe candidate Donald Trump into elections. Revelatory, insightful, and shocking, *The Plot To Destroy Democracy* puts a professional spy lens on Putin's plot and unravels it play-by-play. In the end, he provides a better understanding of why Putin's efforts are a serious threat to our national security and global alliances -- in much more than one election -- and a blistering indictment of Putin's puppet, President Donald J. Trump.

We Are the NerdsThe Birth and Tumultuous Life of Reddit, the Internet's Culture LaboratoryHachette Books

Poppy and her friends get bold new hair-dos in the first installment in the all-new chapter book series based on DreamWorks Trolls! From the makers of Shrek, DreamWorks Trolls is the hair-raising comedy filled with unbelievable adventure, incredible music, and Trolls, the joyous creatures with crazy, colorful, magical hair! In this first book in a new and original chapter book series, Poppy and her friends get fancy new 'dos for a party. But when they're called out on a wacky and wild adventure, will they still be party perfect? Girls and boys ages 6-9 will love following the all-new adventures of Poppy, Branch, and their friends in this chapter book!

Indian social media is awash with right-wing trolls who incite online communal tension and abuse anyone who questions them. But who are they? How are they organized? In this explosive investigation, conducted over two years, Swati Chaturvedi finally lifts the veil over this murky subject

From Guillermo del Toro comes the book that inspired the Netflix Animated Series TROLLHUNTERS! "You are food. Those muscles you flex to walk, lift, and talk? They're patties of meat topped with chewy tendon. That skin you've paid so much attention to in mirrors? It's delicious to the right tongues, a casserole of succulent tissue. And those bones that give you the strength to make your way in the world? They rattle between teeth as the marrow is sucked down slobbering throats. These facts are unpleasant but useful. There are things out there, you see, that don't cower in holes to be captured by us and cooked over our fires. These things have their own ways of trapping their kills, their own fires, their own appetites." Jim Sturges is your typical teen in suburban San Bernardino— one with an embarrassingly overprotective dad, a best friend named "Tubby" who shares his hatred of all things torturous (like gym class), and a crush on a girl who doesn't know he exists. But everything changes for Jim when a 45-year old mystery resurfaces, threatening the lives of everyone in his seemingly sleepy town. Soon Jim has to team up with a band of unlikely (and some un- human) heroes to battle the monsters he never knew existed. From the minds of horror geniuses Guillermo del Toro and Daniel Kraus comes a new illustrated novel about the fears that move in unseen places.

'An indispensable manual for budding activists by one of the country's most effective campaigners.' Cathy Newman, Journalist and Presenter
'Tired of complaining but don't know what to do? This beautifully written book will not only inspire you but give you a step-by-step guide to creating positive change.' Magid Magid, Politician and Activist
'This is your mayday book. If you want to start your own resistance, buy Do Something.' Deborah Frances-White, Host of The Guilty Feminist podcast
Do you find yourself staring helplessly at your news feed? Or all too often asking, 'why hasn't somebody done something about that?'. If the answer is yes, then DO SOMETHING is the book you need. Whether you simply want to challenge your local shop to reduce their plastic or go big and demand a new law to be passed, this book is the place to start. Full of lessons from the real world DO SOMETHING contains practical steps and a blueprint anyone can follow - from helping you to pinpoint the fundamentals of what you want to achieve to mobilising supporters and harnessing traditional and social media. Having worked as a campaigner for over a decade Kajal Odedra knows the tricks that have typically been held by people in circles of power and believes that everyone should know how to speak up and be heard. Revolution on every scale is happening all around the world - but rather than being led by governments, policy makers or political leaders, it is individuals, communities and collectives who are calling for action. People power works! So, stop banging your head against the wall, pick up this book, and start planning your resistance.

A firsthand account and incisive analysis of modern protest, revealing internet-fueled social movements' greatest strengths and frequent challenges To understand a thwarted Turkish coup, an anti-Wall Street encampment, and a packed Tahrir Square, we must first comprehend the power and the weaknesses of using new technologies to mobilize large numbers of people. An incisive observer, writer, and participant in today's social movements, Zeynep Tufekci explains in this accessible and compelling book the nuanced trajectories of modern protests—how they form, how they operate differently from past protests, and why they have difficulty persisting in their long-term quests for change. Tufekci speaks from direct experience, combining on-the-ground interviews with insightful analysis. She describes how the internet helped the Zapatista uprisings in Mexico, the necessity of remote Twitter users to organize medical supplies during Arab Spring, the refusal to use bullhorns in the Occupy Movement that started in New York, and the empowering effect of tear gas in Istanbul's Gezi Park. These details from life inside social movements complete a moving investigation of authority, technology, and culture—and offer essential insights into the future of governance.

Everything you've ever wanted to know about publishing but were too afraid to ask is right here in this funny, candid

guide written by an acclaimed author. There are countless books on the market about how to write better but very few books on how to break into the marketplace with your first book. Cutting through the noise (and very mixed advice) online, while both dispelling rumors and remaining positive, Courtney Maum's *Before and After the Book Deal* is a one-of-a-kind resource that can help you get your book published. *Before and After the Book Deal: A Writer's Guide to Finishing, Publishing, Promoting, and Surviving Your First Book* has over 150 contributors from all walks of the industry, including international bestselling authors Anthony Doerr, Roxane Gay, Garth Greenwell, Lisa Ko, R. O. Kwon, Rebecca Makkai, and Ottessa Moshfegh, alongside cult favorites Sarah Gerard, Melissa Febos, Mitchell S. Jackson, and Mira Jacob. Agents, film scouts, film producers, translators, disability and minority activists, and power agents and editors also weigh in, offering advice and sharing intimate anecdotes about even the most taboo topics in the industry. Their wisdom will help aspiring authors find a foothold in the publishing world and navigate the challenges of life before and after publication with sanity and grace. Are MFA programs worth the time and money? How do people actually sit down and finish a novel? Did you get a good advance? What do you do when you feel envious of other writers? And why the heck aren't your friends saying anything about your book? Covering questions ranging from the logistical to the existential (and everything in between), *Before and After the Book Deal* is the definitive guide for anyone who has ever wanted to know what it's really like to be an author.

Book Delisted

The absolute, comprehensive, from Tiffany Aching to Jack Zweiblumens guide to all things Discworld, fully illustrated by Paul Kidby. The Discworld, as everyone knows, is a flat world balanced on the back of four elephants which, in turn, stand on the shell of the giant star turtle, the Great A'Tuin, as it slowly swims through space. It is also the global publishing phenomenon with sales of over 70 million books worldwide (but who's counting?). There's an awful lot of Discworld to keep track of. But fear not! Help is at hand. For the very first time, everything (and we mean everything) you could possibly want to know has been crammed into one place. If you need a handy guide to locales from Ankh-Morpork to Zemphis . . . If you can't tell your Achmed the Mads from your Jack Zweiblumens . . . If your life depends on distinguishing between the Agatean Empire and the Zoons . . . Look no further. Compiled and perfected by Stephen Briggs, the man behind *The Ultimate Discworld Companion's* predecessor *Turtle Recall*, this is your ultimate guide to Sir Terry Pratchett's beloved fantasy world.

Rosie takes a walk in the woods with grandma's black Labrador Hattie. A pleasant walk develops into a journey to a distant planet accompanied by a Troll called Thumblerock. He was waiting for her under an old bridge which runs underneath the footpath. Every three generations a child of eleven or twelve is secretly whisked away to a world called

Damianos. A planet found in the Star Cluster of Pleadies which is populated by a species of technologically advanced Trolls. The children are taken to assess the development of a species. Rosie soon understands that her trip is far from the usual. Environmental issues on Earth created by humans are not only damaging our planets environment, but they're also upsetting the balance of a galactic transport network. The Trolls who lead an alien planetary council are campaigning to have the Earth gate closed, a simple solution to resolve their problem. As Rosie is the only human to have travelled to Damianos in seventy years, the sudden discovery of another human boot print on this planet throws the Trolls plans into disarray. Rosie and Thumblorock are drawn into a mystery of galactic proportion with serious implications for the human race.

The world of Sol is the home of hundreds of Faerie races that live in the vast forests, savannahs and deserts of Sol. Earth sends a military expedition force in to Sol with diplomats accompanying the military force. The United Federation of Europe creates a foothold in the Elvin Country of Alfheim. Colour Sergeant Jon Raine is posted with his battalion to the outposts of Sol where the fourth Battalion of the Parachute regiment, the dragon riders are assigned to push the military boundaries of the United Federation of Europe's military presence on Sol. An ancient Elvin prophecy agreed and shared by all Faeian tells of a Black Messiah that will appear to rid their world of invaders who threaten to destroy the world of Sol. Is Jon Raine the fulfilment of that prophecy?

Cybersecurity expert Theresa Payton tells battlefield stories from the global war being conducted through clicks, swipes, internet access, technical backdoors and massive espionage schemes. She investigates the cyberwarriors who are planning tomorrow's attacks, weaving a fascinating yet bone-chilling tale of Artificial Intelligent mutations carrying out attacks without human intervention, "deepfake" videos that look real to the naked eye, and chatbots that beget other chatbots. Finally, Payton offers readers telltale signs that their most fundamental beliefs are being meddled with and actions they can take or demand that corporations and elected officials must take before it is too late. Payton reveals: How digital voting machines, voting online, and automatic registration may boost turnout but make us more vulnerable to cyberattacks. How trolls from Russia and other nations actively stroke discord among Americans in falsely-generated controversies over race relations, vaccinations, fracking, and other social issues. Whether what we have uncovered from the Mueller investigation so far is only what they wanted us to know.

This monograph-like state-of-the-art survey presents the history, the key ideas, the success stories, and future challenges of performance evaluation and demonstrates the impact of performance evaluation on a variety of different areas through case studies in a coherent and comprehensive way. Leading researchers in the field have contributed 19 cross-reviewed topical chapters competently covering the whole range of performance evaluation, from theoretical and methodological issues to applications in numerous other fields. Additionally, the book contains one contribution on the role of performance evaluation in industry and personal accounts of four pioneering researchers describing the genesis of breakthrough results. The book will

become a valuable source of reference and indispensable reading for anybody active or interested in performance evaluation. Lonely Planet: The world's leading travel guide publisher Lonely Planet Antarctica is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Get up close and personal with the local penguin populations, cruise the picture-perfect Lemaire Channel, or pay a visit to Ernest Shackleton's eerily preserved hut, all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of Antarctica and begin your journey now! Inside Lonely Planet Antarctica Travel Guide: Colour maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries help you tailor your trip to your personal needs and interests Essential info at your fingertips - hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, prices Honest reviews for all budgets - eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Cultural insights give you a richer, more rewarding travel experience - history, landscapes, wildlife, environment Over 24 maps Covers the South Pole, the Antarctic Peninsula, Ross Ice Shelf, Lemaire Channel, Deception Island, Cuverville Island, Cape Royds, Cape Denison, Cape Evans, Port Lockroy, Paradise Harbor, and more About Lonely Planet: Lonely Planet is a leading travel media company and the world's number one travel guidebook brand, providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every kind of traveller since 1973. Over the past four decades, we've printed over 145 million guidebooks and phrasebooks for 120 languages, and grown a dedicated, passionate global community of travellers. You'll also find our content online, and in mobile apps, video, 14 languages, 12 international magazines, armchair and lifestyle books, ebooks, and more, enabling you to explore every day. Lonely Planet enables the curious to experience the world fully and to truly get to the heart of the places they find themselves, near or far from home. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 winner in Favorite Travel Guide category 'Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' - New York Times 'Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveller's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' - Fairfax Media (Australia) Important Notice: The digital edition of this book may not contain all of the images found in the physical edition. Many Americans became aware of Russia's web brigades during the 2016 presidential election, during which allegations of Russian interference came to light. However, Russia's history of online meddling extends back to the early 2000s and far beyond just the United States. This volume explores the little known history of Russia's troll factories and the role they have played in various political movements and events, as well as the factors that enabled this interference and the possible means of combatting it.

Durante il viaggio verso il pianeta Terra, Detoo e la sua famiglia si fermano su Tree, uno dei tanti esopianeti di sosta dell'universo, ma un assurdo destino li attende. Un viaggio attraverso i ricordi, alla ricerca di madre e figlio scomparsi oltre i confini della realtà. This book analyses the strategies of four major national companies, Gazprom, Sonatrach, Statoil, and Gasunie, that supply the expanding European gas market. The strategies of these giant corporations are examined in the relevant historical perspective. The analysis concludes by considering future developments of the market and of the supply policies of these main players.

Upon encountering historian Laurel Thatcher Ulrich's quote, 'well-behaved women seldom make history', Malebo Sephodi knew that she was tired of everyone else having a say on who and what she should be. Appropriating this quote, Malebo boldly renounces societal expectations placed on her as a black woman and shares her journey towards misbehavior. According to Malebo, it is the norm for a black woman to live in a society that prescribes what it means to be a well-behaved woman. Acting like this prescribed woman equals good behavior. But what happens when a black woman decides to live her own life and becomes her own form of who she wants to be? She is often seen as misbehaving. Miss-Behave challenges society's deep-seated beliefs about what it means to be an obedient woman. In this book, Malebo tracks her journey on a path towards achieving total autonomy and self-determinism. Miss-Behave will challenge, rattle and occasionally cause you to scream 'yassss, yassss, yassss' at various intervals.

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