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Manuals

This book is designed to act as a readily accessible guide to different methods and techniques of use-wear and residue analysis and therefore includes a wide range of different and complementary essential topics: experimental tests, observation and record methods and techniques and the interpretation of a diversity of tool types and worked raw materials. The onset of use-wear studies was marked by the development of theory, method and techniques in order to infer prehistoric tools functionality and, therefore, understand human technological, social and cultural behavior. The last decade of functional studies, use-wear and residue analysis have been aimed at the observation, recording and interpretation of different activities and worked materials found on archaeological tools made on different types of organic and non-organic materials. This international group of contributions will be fundamental for all researchers and students of the discipline.

The proposed book explores the theme of identity, specifically as applied to its role and development in virtual worlds. Following the introduction, it is divided into four sections: identities, avatars and the relationship between them; factors that support the development of identity in virtual worlds; managing multiple identities across different environments and creating an online identity for a physical world purpose.

CCH's annual Hong Kong Master Tax Guide is well-known as the preeminent handbook in the field, with detailed guidance and in-depth analysis of Hong Kong tax law. The 2012/13 Hong Kong Master Tax Guide not only explains all recent tax changes and their implications, but also continues its hallmark analysis of the underlying tax law, from basic legislation to court cases and the latest Departmental Interpretation and Practice Notes. This 2012/13 Hong Kong Master Tax Guide highlights legislative changes since the last edition, budgetary amendments, new and revised Departmental Interpretation and Practice Notes, tax-related Board of Review and court cases. Expert review by the professionals at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu clarifies the practical implications of all recent changes in the light of the underlying law. For more than twenty years the Hong Kong Master Tax Guide has served the information and guidance needs of everyone doing business in Hong Kong. It has proven itself over the years to be of inestimable value to practitioners, other tax professionals and students. The 2012/13 Hong Kong Master Tax Guide is published by CCH, the world's leading publisher of guides to tax regimes including the US, UK, China, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Macao and Malaysia.

Ancient Times - From the Earliest Nomads to the Last Roman Emperor

Use-Wear and Residue Analysis in Archaeology

Electric and Acoustic: the Basics and Beyond

Mathematics in Ancient Greece

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Teacher digital resource package includes 2 CD-ROMs and 1 user guide. Includes Teacher curriculum guide, PowerPoint chapter presentations, an image gallery of photographs, illustrations, customizable presentations and student materials, Exam Assessment Suite, PuzzleView for creating word puzzles, and LessonView for dynamic lesson planning. Laboratory and activity disc includes the manual in both student and teacher editions and a lab materials list.

From New York Times bestselling author Sabrina Jeffries, the deliciously sexy fourth book in the “Duke’s Men” Regency romance series—the first of which was called “a totally engaging, adventurous love story” (RT Book Reviews, Top Pick). The heir presumptive to the Viscount Rathmoor, Dominick Manton once had his heart’s desire within reach—a bright future as a barrister and engagement to Jane Vernon, a wealthy baron’s daughter. Then a shattering betrayal by his vindictive brother George snatched away Dom’s inheritance and his hopes of offering Jane a secure future. Brokenhearted, and attempting to end their engagement without destroying Jane’s reputation, Dom staged a betrayal of his own to convince her that he’s not the husband-to-be that she thought. Now George is gone and the viscountcy restored to Dom, since his brother’s widow, Nancy—Jane’s cousin and closest confidant—never bore an heir. But when Nancy goes missing, a panicked Jane calls on her former fiancé to track down her cousin. Dom knows the mistakes of the past may be unforgiveable—but now, entangled together in mystery and danger, will they rekindle a passionate longing that was never lost to begin with?

Your quick-reference, on-board guide to the symbology and shorthand notations used on nautical charts Nautical charts contain an incredible amount of information for those who know how to decipher them. But without a key to the symbology, a chart can be bewildering. Nigel Calder, one of today's most respected boating authors, helps you make sense complex system of signs, symbols, and graphic elements with this compact, waterproof, and nearly indestructible guide.

Life Insurance Mathematics

Inelastic Analysis of Solids and Structures

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs as Organized Crime Groups

The Art of Conversation

Star Wars Annual 2007

Currently, individuals interested in seeking an in-depth discussion of transplantation immunology must seek individual articles published in several journals, or extrapolate information from various non-transplant immunology textbooks. The purpose of this text is to provide the reader with a single source of information for the basic science of immunobiology of organ transplantation. It is unique that it focuses on immunobiology from the basic research side, with an emphasis on the cellular and molecular levels. The readers will be physicians, scientists, and graduate students interested and engaged in the study of immunology as it relates to allo- and xenotransplantation. This book is designed to be the reference standard for the immunobiology of transplantation.

You need only look at a field of sunlit daisies or the elegance of a single rosebud to know why flowers have always been a favorite subject of artists. This book will show you how 24 water color painters capture their subjects' brilliant colors, subtle shadings, graceful shapes and delicate textures. Assembled from some of the best teaching available, this comprehensive, step-by-step instruction will help you create your own, breathtaking watercolor gardens.

Presents recipes from the popular series, a fan's cookbook shares a wealth of tips, culinary quotes, and side-dish sidebars as well as the instructions for such fare as Miss Sadie's apple pie, Puny's cornbread, and Emma's pork roast.

Includes information, games and puzzles focusing on the Star Wars motion picture series.

A Guide to Strategies, Skills, and Resources

Dead Lucky

Life After Death on Mount Everest

Drew Struzan: Oeuvre

History for the Classical Child

This text explains the fundamental links between solid state phenomena and the basic laws of quantum mechanics, electromagnetism and thermodynamics. Its detailed discussion of electron and photon states are used to illuminate thermodynamic, electric, magnetic and optical phenomena, stressing their relation to the basic laws of physics. Several important experiments are also included, showing the experimental roots of the subject, important underlying concepts, and illustrating how fundamental qualities can be measured. Throughout, numerical calculations are emphasized for the purpose of determining the sizes of various important qualities. Many worked examples are also included, as well as a wide variety of problems to test comprehension of all topics covered. Also contains a special chapter on the physics of semiconductor devices. Features extensive reading lists at the chapter-ends. Except for engstroms and electron volts, SI units are used extensively.

Through all the years of hardship, heartache, joy, and tragedy of life on the Kansas plains, Mercy Malloy's faith holds her family together as she copes with Indian attacks, hard work, a runaway daughter, an abandoned baby, and other trials. Original.

Presents a history of the ancient world, from 6000 B.C. to 400 A.D.

(Stylistic Method). This intense metal method teaches you the elements of lead guitar technique with an easy to understand, player-oriented approach. The metal concepts, theory, and musical principals are all applied to real metal licks, runs and full compositions. Learn at your own pace through 12 'smoking fully transcribed' heavy metal solos from simple to truly terrifying! 'One of the most thorough' and 'one of the best rock series currently available' - Guitar Player magazine. Music and examples demonstrated on CD.

Five Plays

House of Kwa

The Wisdom of the Buddha

Horizons in Neuropsychopharmacology

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*A Ride On the Wild Side The last place Catherine MacPherson ever expected to find herself was sitting on a Greyhound bus, handcuffed to a surly bounty hunter, with only a suitcase of her twin sister's flashy, shrink-wrap clothing to wear! Just two hours ago, the respectable schoolteacher was sitting quietly at home when this bi macho hunk crashed through her door, mistook her for her errant Miami showgirl sister, and hauled her off in his strong arms. And no matter how sexy he is, she's furious! Twins-ha! Sam McKade's the last person to ever fall for that line. He's finally got the gorgeous, leggy redhead just where he wants her-and no matter what outrageous tricks she pulls, he's not letting her get away. The problem is, she's a lot smarter-and sweeter-than he'd expected. And he's got this deep-buried tenderness she hadn't expected. And their kisses are so hot, they just might burn up ... before they sort it all out.*

*(Book). Packed with music, charts and photos, this easy-to-use guidebook provides lessons for playing electric and acoustic guitar by some of the guitar world's top teachers pros like Arlen Roth, Rick Gartner, Happy Traum, and Dan Crary. Topics range from the basics to "getting serious," and include: reading music, fretboard positioning, chords, strumming, bass runs, flatpicker's rhythm licks, fingerpicking, playing the blues, barre chords and their variations, techniques for practicing based on listening, and more. The companion CD contains 12 lessons in the book, from stringing and tuning the guitar to playing the blues scale in all positions and keys.*

*This book is a resource for using the internet as a tool in all aspects of nursing research--conducting it, teaching it, and using it. From searching online databases to creating surveys and recruiting research subjects online, the internet opens new possibilities in the research process, as well as new problems. Experienced researchers describe internet-based research methods, information on online methods for teaching research, and accessing the research of others. The appendixes include samples of existing research projects that use internet-based methodologies, as well as a listing of online resources for researchers.*

*Drew Struzan has created some of the most iconic movie posters of the last 30 years, including Raiders of the Lost Ark, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Blade Runner. This sumptuous hardcover edition, with a foreword by George Lucas, features over 250 pieces of artwork, including all of Drew's most iconic movie images, as well as other highlights from his career, including album, book and comic book covers, stamps, trading cards, promotional artwork and very personal original works. The book comes right up to date, including exclusive San Diego Comic-Con poster art produced for The Walking Dead (2010) and Cowboys & Aliens (2011), with text by his wife Dylan, providing an intimate look at the man and his legacy. The definitive collection of Struzan's work; this is an absolute must-have for any movie buff and an unrivalled slice of both art and cinema history.*

*Baby, I'm Yours*

*Life on an Ocean Planet*

*Fundamentals of Solid State Physics*

*Mitford Cookbook & Kitchen Reader*

*The Vintage Microphone Handbook*

Simulation Using ProModel covers the art and science of simulation in general and the use of ProModel simulation software in particular. The text blends theory with practice. Actual applications in business, services and manufacturing and a hands-on approach to simulation, including real-world simulation projects, are emphasized. The third ProModel reflects the most recent version of the ProModel software in all the examples and labs as well as expanded coverage on generating random variates and design of experiments. Additionally, the lead author is founder and Chief Technology Advisor for ProModel Corporation.

Constructed as a set of simple-to-follow, step-by-step instructions, this book will take you through numerous aspects of creating a fully functional media center with your Raspberry Pi. It is an easy-to-follow yet comprehensive guide to setting a complete media center experience using the revolutionary ARM GNU/Linux board.This book does not require any prior knowledge of the Raspberry Pi, but it does assume you are computer literate and comfortable with Mac OS X, Linux, or Windows and concepts such as installing software.

Wild Swans meets Educated in this riveting true story spanning four generations 'Revelatory and remarkable' - TRENT DALTON 'Memorable and vivid' - RICHARD GLOVER 'Lands with a thump in your heart' - LISA MILLAR 'Heartbreaking and uplifting' - MEAGHAN WILSON ANASTASIOS 'An heroic saga' - MIKE MUNRO The dragon circles and swoops around the world, running alone in the night ... Mimi Kwa ignored the letter for days. When she finally opened it, the news was so shocking her hair turned grey. Why would a father sue his own daughter? The collision was over the estate of Mimi's beloved Aunt Theresa, but its seed had been sown long ago. In an attempt to understand how it had come to be, she traces her family history in House of Kwa. One of a wealthy silk merchant's 32 children, Mimi's father, Francis, was just a little boy when the Kwa family became caught up in the brutal and devastating Japanese occupation of Hong Kong during World War II. Years later, he was sent to study in Australia by his now independent and successful older sister. Mimi's mother, a nineteen-year-old with an undiagnosed, chronic mental illness. Soon after, 'tiger' Mimi arrived, and her struggle with the past - and the dragon - began ... Riveting, colourful and often darkly humorous, House of Kwa is an epic family drama spanning four generations, and an unforgettable story about how one woman fought for her freedom and independence, squaring off against the ghosts of the past and finally putting them to rest. Throughout, her inspiration is Francis's late older sister, the jet-setting, free-spirited Aunt Theresa, whose extraordinary life is a beacon of hope in the darkness. PRAISE FOR HOUSE OF KWA 'House of Kwa enchants and enthral's li sweeping, dynastic fiction, but it rattles the bones and breaks the heart with the pure facts of Mimi Kwa's extraordinary story. Revelatory and remarkable storytelling.' Trent Dalton 'An astonishing true tale that leaps across centuries and cultures to land with a thump in your heart.' Lisa Millar 'A startling tale of the past, its terrible grip on the present, and yourself free. Full of scenes that hover between tragedy and farce, House of Kwa is one of the most compelling stories you'll read this year. Memorable and vividly told, this is a book for anybody forced to survive their own parents.' Richard Glover 'From the back streets of China to war-torn Hong Kong to suburban Australia, this is an heroic journey that tells the stories behind the multi-cultural nation we are today.' Mike Munro AO 'This is a charming and compelling story, an insight into a deeply traditional Chinese family in times when China was undergoing internally and externally induced upheaval.' South China Morning Post 'A rich and riveting read which heralds a new chapter in Kwa's life a full of life and driven to achieve, has many stories to tell yet.' The Weekend Australian 'House of Kwa answers the question of how one should write about one's family with generosity and love - to read it is to experience Kwa's wonder at the strength and resilience of her family, as well as the intimacy of her relationships with them. Travelling back to traditional memoir, House of Kwa is the biography of a family that explores the way our lives are shaped by the past we can and cannot remember. Kill Your Darlings 'A rare work of non-fiction which balances page turning prose with lyrical depth. Do yourself and everyone you know a favour and dive in!' Megan Rogers An utterly captivating story of one woman's triumph over adversity. In this extraordinary multi-generational memoir, Kwa fearlessly grapples with questions of love, loyalty, and the power of the human spirit. Intimate and revelatory, House of Kwa is the most heart-breaking and uplifting book I have read in years and announces the arrival of an exciting writer. Meaghan Rogers 'A fan of the book Educated by Tara Westover, as I am, and most readers I know are, then you have to read this.' Joan McKenzie, Joan's Picks, Whitcoulls 'Mimi's narrative about their family life is heart-breaking, hilarious, and often unbelievable.' Magic talk FM 'An exotic journey that takes readers through the contributions Chinese immigrants have made to Australia.' ABC Nightlfe 'Kwa is an engaging storyteller.' Asian Review of Books 'Extraordinary - I couldn't put it down. Wonderfully written, this intriguing family story reads like a page-turning novel. The journey of the Kwa dynasty and its legacy is told in such rich, colourful detail, you feel like you are there. I loved it. Sue Smethurst 'I laugh at the way she took enormous strength to write this story of trauma, abuse, mental health, dislocation, racism and reinvention. Above all it is a story of love and kindness. It will resonate with so many people.' Kirsty Manning

ADHD is the most commonly diagnosed childhood behavioral disorder. Moreover, many students receiving special education assistance are reported to have ADHD. Children with ADHD may experience significant school adjustment difficulties and achievement problems. Problem behaviors associated with attention deficits and hyperactivity often occur in the classroom, and, therefore, may compromise the learning environment for many, if not all, students. There is a critical need for school professionals to identify, assess, and treat students with ADHD. Identifying, Assessing, and Treating ADHD at School brings science to practice, providing school professionals invaluable information to help identify and treat students with ADHD. This volume, designed as a practical, easy-to-use reference for school psychologists and other mental health and educational professionals: Explains why school psychologists and their colleagues need to be prepared and able to identify and serve students with ADHD. Identifies the prevalence, influences, and associated conditions of ADHD. Describes screening, referral, and diagnostic assessment processes. Offers guidance on conducting psychoeducational assessments. Reviews evidence-based treatments. Offers practical guidance on setting up programs that address individual and classroom issues. School psychologists and other education and mental health professionals will find Ide

Treating ADHD at School an exceptional resource in working to enhance the mental health and academic development of students.

Basic Flower Painting Techniques in Watercolor

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#### How to Play Guitar

Kissing Architecture explores the mutual attraction between architecture and other forms of contemporary art. In this fresh, insightful, and beautifully illustrated book, renowned architectural critic and scholar Sylvia Lavin develops the concept of "kissing" to describe the growing intimacy between architecture and new types of art--particularly multimedia installations that take place in and on the surfaces of buildings--and to capture the sensual charge that is being designed and built into architectural surfaces and interior spaces today. Initiating readers into the guilty pleasures of architecture that abandons the narrow focus on function, Lavin looks at recent work by Pipilotti Rist, Doug Aitken, the firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and others who choose instead to embrace the viewer in powerful affects and visual and sensory atmospheres. Kissing Architecture is the first book in a cutting-edge new series of short, focused arguments written by leading critics, historians, theorists, and practitioners from the world of urban development and contemporary architecture and design. These books are intended to spark vigorous debate. They stake out the positions that will help shape the architecture and urbanism of tomorrow. Addressing one of the most spectacular and significant developments in the current cultural scene, Kissing Architecture is an entertainingly irreverent and disarmingly incisive book that offers an entirely new way of seeing--and experiencing--architecture in the age after representation.

New York Times--bestselling series: The saga of one of fantasy's most beloved heroes reaches a sweeping, epic climax in this conclusion to the Homecoming trilogy Something akin to "peace" has come to the Underdark. The demon hordes have receded, and now the matron mothers argue over the fate of Drizzt Do'Urden. Even so, it becomes clear to one matriarch after another that while the renegade drow may come and go Menzoberranzan, the City of Spiders will crawl forever on. And so Drizzt is free to return to his home on the surface once again. Scores are settled as lives are cut short, yet other lives move on. For the lone drow there is only a single final quest: a search for peace, for family, for home—for the future. Hero is the third book in the Homecoming trilogy and the thirty-third book in the Legend of Drizzt series.

Inelastic Analysis of Solids and Structures presents in a unified manner the physical and theoretical background of inelastic material models and computational methods, and illustrates the behavior of the models in typical engineering conditions. The book describes experimental observations and principles of mechanics, and efficient computational algorithms for stress calculations as typically performed in finite element analysis. The theoretical background is given to an extent necessary to describe the commonly employed material models in metal isotropic and orthotropic plasticity, thermoplasticity and viscoplasticity, and the plasticity of geological materials. The computational algorithms are developed in a unified manner with some detailed derivations of the algorithmic relations. Many solved examples are presented, which are designed to give insight into the material behavior in various engineering conditions, and to demonstrate the application of the computational algorithms.

??This brief covers the unique crime group of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are adult criminal associations composed of "bikers" living a deviant lifestyle that includes individual, group, and club criminal behavior. These groups are sometimes called one percenters, due to the American Motorcycle Association statement that ninety-nine percent of motorcyclists are law abiding citizens. While many may be familiar with the reputation of the Hells' Angels, many may not realize the wide network of other Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs or the extent of their involvement in criminal activities. The brief includes a breakdown of the criminal networks and activities of these groups, which operate similarly to an organized crime group. It also covers the evolution of motorcycle clubs to motorcycle gangs. It examines the recent trend of American-based motorcycle gangs into international organized crime activities. This book will be of interest to researcher studying criminology, particularly organized crime and criminal networks, as well as international and comparative law and public policy.?

Signals & Systems

A Play

Identifying, Assessing, and Treating ADHD at School

Internet for Nursing Research

Learning RxJava

*India in Buddha's day - Bodhisattva - Enlightenment and the first sermon - Teachings and peregrinations - Attaining Mahaparinirvana.*

*Written by a specialist in interpreting science for lay readers, this lively book recounts the human story behind mathematics, including the insights of such thinkers as Euclid and Hippocrates. 1955 edition.*

*Reactive Programming with Java and ReactiveX About This Book Explore the essential tools and operators RxJava provides, and know which situations to use them in Delve into Observables and Subscribers, the core components of RxJava used for building scalable and performant reactive applications Delve into the practical implementation of tools to effectively take on complex tasks such as concurrency and backpressure Who This Book Is For The primary audience for this book is developers with at least a fundamental mastery of Java. Some readers will likely be interested in RxJava to make programs more resilient, concurrent, and scalable. Others may be checking out reactive programming just to see what it is all about, and to judge whether it can solve any problems they may have. What You Will Learn Learn the features of RxJava 2 that bring about many significant changes, including new reactive types such as Flowable, Single, Maybe, and Completable Understand how reactive programming works and the mindset to "think reactively" Demystify the Observable and how it quickly expresses data and events as sequences Learn the various Rx operators that transform, filter, and combine data and event sequences Leverage multicasting to push data to multiple destinations, and cache and replay them Discover how concurrency and parallelization work in RxJava, and how it makes these traditionally complex tasks trivial to implement Apply RxJava and Retrolambda to the Android domain to create responsive Android apps with better user experiences Use RxJava with the Kotlin language to express RxJava more idiomatically with extension functions, data classes, and other Kotlin features In Detail RxJava is a library for composing asynchronous and event-based programs using Observable sequences for the JVM, allowing developers to build robust applications in less time. Learning RxJava addresses all the fundamentals of reactive programming to help readers write reactive code, as well as teach them an effective approach to designing and implementing reactive libraries and applications. Starting with a brief introduction to reactive programming concepts, there is an overview of Observables and Observers, the core components of RxJava, and how to combine different streams of data and events together. You will also learn simpler ways to achieve concurrency and remain highly performant, with no need for synchronization. Later on, we will leverage backpressure and other strategies to cope with rapidly-producing sources to prevent bottlenecks in your application. After covering custom operators, testing, and debugging, the book dives into hands-on examples using RxJava on Android as well as Kotlin. Style and approach This book will be different from other Rx books, taking an approach that comprehensively covers Rx concepts and practical applications.*

*Read Catherine Blyth's posts on the Penguin Blog. Reclaim the pleasures and possibilities of great conversation with this sparkling guide from the witty pen of an Englishwoman wise to its art Every day we use cell phones and computers to communicate, but it's easy to forget that we possess a communication technology that has been in research and development for thousands of years. Catherine Blyth points out the sorry state of disrepair that conversation has fallen into-and then, taking examples from history, literature, philosophy, anthropology, and popular culture, she gives us the tools to rebuild. The Art of Conversation isn't about etiquette, elocution, or knowing how to hold your teacup with your little finger crooked just so. It's about something simple and profound: connecting. Conversation costs nothing, but can bring you the world, because it transcends the ability to talk to anyone. What transforms encounters into adventures is how we listen, laugh, flirt, and flatter. Blyth celebrates techniques for reading and changing minds, whether you're in a bar or a boardroom. As Alexander Pope nearly wrote, "True ease in talking comes from art, not chance, as those move easiest who have learned to dance." When you have read The Art of Conversation, you'll not only know the steps, but hear the music like never before.*

Kissing Architecture

Hero

Reinventing Ourselves: Contemporary Concepts of Identity in Virtual Worlds

The Essences

If the Viscount Falls

*Lincoln Hall's breathtaking account of surviving a night in Everest's "death zone." Lincoln Hall likes to say that on the evening of May 25, 2006, he died on Everest. Indeed, Hall attempted to climb the mountain during a deadly season in which eleven people perished. And he was, in fact, pronounced dead, after collapsing from altitude sickness. Two Sherpas spent hours trying to revive him, but as darkness fell, word came via radio from the expedition's leader that they should descend in order to save themselves. The news of Hall's death traveled rapidly from mountaineering websites to news media around the world, and ultimately to his family back in Australia. Early the next morning, however, an American guide, climbing with two clients and a Sherpa, was startled to find Hall sitting cross-legged on a sharp crest of the summit ridge. In this page-turning account of survival against all odds, Hall chronicles in fascinating detail the days and nights that led up to his fateful night in Mount Everest's "death zone." His story is all the more miraculous given his climbing history. Hall had been part of Australia's first attempt to reach the top of Everest in 1984 but had not done any major climbing for many years, having set aside his passion in order to support his family. While others in the team achieved their dream during this 1984 expedition, Hall was forced to turn back due to illness. Thus, his triumph in reaching the summit at the age of fifty is a story unto itself. So, too, is Hall's description of his family's experience back in Australia, as sudden grief turned to relief and joy in a matter of hours. Rarely has there been such a thrilling narrative of one man's encounter with the world's tallest mountain.*

*Tambourines to Glory, Soul Gone Home, Little Ham, Mulatto, and Simply Heavenly reflect the black author's concern with the position of the Negro in the United States*

*Horizons in Neuropsychopharmacology*

*A man's contemplation of suicide leads to a charming and surprising ending. Cast of 2 women and 3 men.*

*How To Read a Nautical Chart: A Captain's Quick Guide*

*Immunobiology of Organ Transplantation*

*A Guided Tour of a Neglected Pleasure*

*7 Stories*

*A Patchwork Family*

Halley's Comet has been prominently displayed in many newspapers during the last few months. For the first time in 76 years it appeared this winter, clearly visible against the nocturnal sky. This is an appropriate occasion to point out the fact that Sir Edmund Halley also constructed the world's first life table in 1693, thus creating the scientific foundation of life insurance. Halley's life table and its successors were viewed as deterministic laws, i. e. the number of deaths in any given group and year was considered to be a well defined number that could be calculated by means of a life table. However, in reality this number is random. Thus any mathematical treatment of life insurance will have to rely more and more on prob ability theory. By sponsoring this monograph the Swiss Association of Actuaries wishes to support the "modern" probabilistic view oflife contingencies. We are fortu nate that Professor Gerber, an internationally renowned expert, has assumed the task of writing the monograph. We thank the Springer-Verlag and hope that this monograph will be the first in a successful series of actuarial texts. Hans Bühlmann Zürich, March 1986 President Swiss Association of Actuaries Preface Two major developments have influenced the environment of actuarial math ematics. One is the arrival of powerful and affordable computers; the once important problem of numerical calculation has become almost trivial in many instances.

The Essences are four unique weapons of incredible power and good, created by God and given to His four generals, the Archangels, to reign over His creations. A dark prophecy exists, stating that if the Essences become separated from the bond of their four owners, then a dark time of great strife would ensue. Follow the footsteps of the eager and cheerful angel, Uriel, the best friend and apprentice to the mighty archangel Michael. Little by little, Uriel begins to realize that he has found himself wedged in the early stages of a rebellion in heaven. Always at the epicenter of this revolution, he begins to question his allegiance as he struggles to pick a side. The Almighty warns him about interfering in what he witnesses, but this command is easier heard than done. All this while, Satan, God's most beautiful archangel, infuriated by the creation of Earth and humankind, embarks on a calculated journey of his own, wishing to kick-start the dark prophecy and implode humanity with the Essences, one of which is his Trident of Persuasion, which he is often depicted with throughout time. Witness comedy, witty conversations, and romanceyes, even the devil can suffer from the disillusion of a broken heart. The Essences is the original thriller, the unprecedented story of good and evil, the story before all stories, the most epic of all epics.

Metal Lead Guitar