

## Horologicon

From Mark Forsyth, the author of the #1 international bestseller, The Etymologicon, comes a book of weird words for familiar situations. The Horologicon (or book of hours) contains the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to what hour of the day you might need them. Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Find yourself pretending to work? That's fudgelling. And this could lead to rizzling, if you feel sleepy after lunch. Though you are sure to become a sparking deipnosopist by dinner. Just don't get too vinomaded: a drunk dinner companion is never appreciated. From ante-jentacular to snudge by way of quafttide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.

How can a prime number be 'sexy' and 'safe' at the same time? Why shouldn't Aussie cricketers be scared of the number 87? And how many bacteria live in your pants ... All the answers and more are in Adam Spencer's Big Book of Numbers. This is a book for readers of all ages who love numbers, who want to love numbers, or who just love to laugh and learn about the wonderful world we live in. For 15 years Adam Spencer has been entertaining us. On triple j and ABC radio and television, he's established himself as Australia's funniest and most famous mathematician. And now, by popular demand, we have his Big Book of Numbers, a fascinating journey from 1 to 100. Praise for Adam Spencer's Big Book of Numbers 'If you find this book boring, you should be in a clinic.' John Cleese 'Funny yet with hidden depths, like its author. A brilliant introduction to the world of numbers.' Brian Cox 'Even the page numbers will start to look fascinating once you've read this book!' Amanda Keller 'This book will bring out the inner geek in anyone who knows how to count to 100.' Brian Schmidt, Winner, 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics 'Funny, informative and, even better for dummies like me, all the answers are in the back.' Wil Anderson 'Excellent. Can't wait to geek-out my dinner party guests with my new maths facts!' Maryanne Domasi, Catalyst, ABC Television
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The beloved, life-affirming international bestseller which has sold over 5 million copies worldwide - now a major film starring Lily James, Matthew Goode, Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton To give them hope she must tell their story It's 1946. The war is over, and Juliet Ashton has writer's block. But when she receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey – a total stranger living halfway across the Channel, who has come across her name written in a second hand book – she enters into a correspondence with him, and in time with all the members of the extraordinary Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. Through their letters, the society tell Juliet about life on the island, their love of books – and the long shadow cast by their time living under German occupation. Drawn into their irresistible world, Juliet sets sail for the island, changing her life forever.

The Panopticon

Quotes and Passages from the Heart

New Word-Analysis

Eunola

Mark Forysth's Gemel Edition

Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing:

Make It Clear

Named one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists Anais Hendricks, fifteen, is in the back of a police car. She is headed for the Panopticon, a home for chronic young offenders. She can't remember what 's happened, but across town a policewoman lies in a coma and Anais is covered in blood. Raised in foster care from birth and moved through twenty-three placements before she even turned seven, Anais has been let down by just about every adult she has ever met. Now a counterculture outlaw, she knows that she can only rely on herself. And yet despite the parade of horrors visited upon her early life, she greets the world with the witty, fierce insight of a survivor. Anais finds a sense of belonging among the residents of the Panopticon—they form intense bonds, and she soon becomes part of an ad-hoc family. Together, they struggle against the adults that keep them confined. But when she looks up at the watchtower that looms over the residents, Anais realizes her fate: She is an anonymous part of an experiment, and she always was. Now it seems that the experiment is closing in. Now with Extra Libris material, including a reader 's guide and bonus content

A follow-up to the best-selling The Etymologicon provides whimsical, archaic words describing the familiar feelings and activities of various times of day, from being "philogrobolized" first thing in the morning and "fudgelling" one's way through the work day to emerging a sparking "deipnosopist" at dinnerime. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

A dictionary of everyday expressions shares the stories and origins behind such phrases as "ants in the pants" and "the whole nine yards."

' A thing to treasure and keep close at hand. I would prescribe it to the lost and the lonely, the busy and the overburdened, the heart-broken and the happy ' - Emily Haworth-Booth
A moving, funny exploration of life as the parent of a lockdown baby, by illustrator Pia Bramley. Since March 2020, babies have been born into a world of masks, hand washing and social distancing. They met their grandparents on video calls. Their parents held them up to windows and took them for long walks in the rain. Pia Bramley 's illustrations capture the intimacy of the small, strange world of the pandemic baby. She draws on her own experience as a new parent, telling the story of a child's first year against the backdrop of the pandemic: the quiet streets of the first lockdown, the relative freedom of summer, the long nights of autumn and winter and, finally, new hope as spring arrives and life begins to open up again. Moving, funny and deeply honest, this is a book for every parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or friend who waited to hold their pandemic baby.

Clever Comebacks and Witty Retorts from History's Great Wits and Wordsmiths

LOVE

A Circular Stroll Through the Hidden Connections of the English Language

Dancing to the Beat of the Drum

The Etymologicon

Viva la Repartee

The Hidden Stories Behind Our Yuletide Traditions

A wonderful gift book for word freaks, scrabble nuts, and crossword fans everywhere...

' True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen. ' - François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, Writer
' To have a good friend is the purest of all God's gifts, for it is a love that has no exchange of payment. It is not inherited, as with a family. It is not compelling, as with a child. And it has no means of physical pleasure, as with a mate. It is, therefore, an indescribable bond that brings with it a far deeper devotion than all the others. ' - Frances Farmer, Actress
Whether it's the love we feel for parents, significant others, or even pets, this treasury of quotes and passages offers a wonderfully diverse way to discover the meaning of love. Included are thoughts from talented minds such as George Bernard Shaw, Anna Quindlen, Woody Allen, and many more. This beautiful hardcover gift book, affordably priced at \$14.95, is perfect for readers of any age who are in the mood for love.

The characteristically brilliant sequel to The Sunday Times Number One bestseller The Etymologicon, The Horologicon ? which means 'a book of things appropriate to each hour' - follows a day in the life of unusual, beautiful and forgotten English words. From the moment you wake to the second your head hits the pillow, there's a cornucopia of hidden words ready for every aspect of your day.

From the #1 international bestselling author of The Etymologicon and The Horologicon comes an education in the art of articulation, from the King James Bible to Katy Perry... From classic poetry to pop lyrics, from Charles Dickens to Dolly Parton, even from Jesus to James Bond, Mark Forsyth explains the secrets that make a phrase—such as ‘ O Captain! My Captain! ‘ or ‘ To be or not to be ‘ —memorable. In his inimitably entertaining and wonderfully witty style, he takes apart famous phrases and shows how you too can write like Shakespeare or quip like Oscar Wilde. Whether you’re aiming to achieve literary immortality or just hoping to deliver the perfect one-liner, The Elements of Eloquence proves that you don’t need to have anything important to say—you simply need to say it well. In an age unhealthily obsessed with the power of substance, this is a book that highlights the importance of style.

Horologicon Signed Edition

The Painted Word

Etymologicon / Horologicon

Mark Forsyth's Gemel Edition Boxset

A Treasure Chest of Remarkable Words and Their Origins

The Book You Were Born to Write

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*In the global village that is the world today, identity, it would seem, is no longer a subject that is being explored as we now accept that we, as the human race, have become multicultural. We seemingly accept the cultural diversity not only in our communities but also within our own family geography. Dancing to the Beat of the Drum is the story of a celebrated South African actress searching for an identity. Her search takes place in an environment where the question of identity has been manipulated in such a way that cultural diversity is not embraced but where cultural and economic identity determines a person's worth. This manifests itself in a roller-coaster journey of mental and emotional toxicity as we are carried along the painful experience of one person's quest to be heard. Here no amount of fame or money is able to bring solace and acceptance to Pamela Nomvethe. Appearing to lead a life of luxury and success, behind closed doors she is faced with infidelity in the guise of a polygamous husband, addiction, and spiritual confusion. Her life spirals into the cliché of a riches-to-rags horror story. The struggle of a country, South Africa to find itself in an incomprehensible vat of denial, reflects in the struggle of an individual's fight to find her way out of her own pit of self-denial. It would seem the only victory lies in finding the beat of the drum and dancing to it.*

*The Amazing Secrets of the Phrases We Use Everyday Phraseology is the ultimate collection of everything you never knew about the wonderful phrases found in the English language. It contains information about phrase history and etymology; unusual, lost, or uncommon phrases; how phrases are formed; and more than 7,000 facts about common English phrases. Practical enough to be used as a reference book but so fun that every book lover will want to read it straight through. Phraseology contains such engrossing tidbits as: ACROSS THE BOARD is an allusion to the board displaying the odds in a horse race ARTESIAN WELL gets its name from Artois, where such wells were first made BEST MAN originated in Scotland, where the groom kidnapped his bride with the aid of friends, including the toughest and bravest - the best man.*

*'Gemel' is an old English word meaning 'twin' - Mark Forsyth's Gemel Edition brings together a Sunday Times Number One bestseller and its highly anticipated sequel. The Etymologicon springs from Mark Forsyth's Inky Fool blog on the strange connections between words. The Horologicon - which means 'a book of things appropriate to each hour' - follows a day in the life of unusual, beautiful and forgotten English words.*

The Horologicon

The Book of Jezebel

Secrets of the Perfect Turn of Phrase

Everything you wanted to know about the numbers 1 to 100

The Foxfire Book

Who Town

Becoming a Parent in Lockdown

FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER THE ETYMOLOGICON. 'An informative but highly entertaining journey through the figures of rhetoric ... Mark Forsyth wears his considerable knowledge lightly. He also writes beautifully.' David Marsh, Guardian. Mark Forsyth presents the secret of writing unforgettable phrases, uncovering the techniques that have made immortal such lines as 'To be or not to be' and 'Bond, James Bond.' In his inimitably entertaining and witty style, he takes apart famous quotations and shows how you too can write like Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde or John Lennon. Crammed with tricks to make the most humdrum sentiments seem poetic or wise, The Elements of Eloquencereveals how writers through the ages have turned humble words into literary gold - and how you can do the same.

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The 12th edition of this bestselling book is proof of the success of Mary Bewleit's concise and clear style in explaining a particularly difficult skill, and it has been the bible for many generations of ocean navigators. Since this book was first published, the huge advances in electronic navigation have transported most offshore navigators to a world of press-button convenience.

However, there is still a vital need for traditional skills when things go wrong: batteries can fail, aerials go overboard, and electronics have been known to get wet. A bestseller for over 50 years, Celestial Navigation for Yachtsmen is a model of simplicity and clarity. The worked examples require only straightforward addition and subtraction, which explains why this book has truly earned its reputation for admirable concision and for making a tricky subject easy to understand. The "bible" of navigation for generations of yachtsmen... worth its weight in gold! Sailing

Mark Forsyth's Ternion Set: The etymologicon

Speak and Write to Persuade and Inform

An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Lady Things

Phraseology

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

Adam Spencer's Big Book of Numbers

Celestial Navigation for Yachtsmen

To untangle the knot of interlocking meanings of these painted words, logophile and mythologist Phil Cousineau begins each fascinating word entry with his own brief definition. He then fills it in with a tint of etymology and a smattering of quotes that show how the word is used, ending with a list of companion words. The words themselves range from commonplace — like biscuit, a twice-baked cake for Roman soldiers — to loanwords including chaparral, from the Basque shepherds who came to the American West; words from myths, such as hector; metamorphosis words, like silly, which evolved holy to goofy in a mere thousand years; and words well worthy of revival, such as carrytale, a wandering storyteller. Whether old-fangled or brand new, all the words included in The Painted Word possess an ineffable quality that makes them luminous.

Interviews and essays describe the way of life and crafts of pioneer America still surviving in the Appalachian region.

Unauthorized guide to the underplannings of the English language.

For most of us, that perfect retort or witty reply often escapes us when we need it most, only to come to mind with perfect clarity when it's too late to be useful. The twentieth-century writer Heywood Brown described this all-too-common phenomenon when he wrote "Repartee is what we wish we'd said." In Viva la Repartee, Dr. Mardy Grothe, author of Oxymoronica, has lovingly assembled a collection of masterfully composed -- and perfectly timed -- replies that have turned the tables on opponents and adversaries. This delightful volume is a celebration of the most impressive retorts, ripostes, rejoinders, comebacks, quips, ad-libs, bon mots, off-the-cuff comments, wisecracks, and other clever remarks ever to come out of the mouths -- and from the pens -- of people throughout history. Touching on all areas of human endeavor, including politics, the arts, literature, sports, relationships, and even the risqué, the book features contributions from Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, Dorothy Parker, Mae West, Groucho Marx, Winston Churchill, Dolly Parton, and scores more. As entertaining as it is intellectually enriching, Viva la Repartee is sure to capture the attention of language lovers and is the perfect antidote for anyone who's ever thought I wish I'd said that!

How, Why, Where, and When Humankind Has Gotten Merry from the Stone Age to the Present

The Etymologicon and The Horologicon eBook bundle

Adventures in Discovering News-Making Connections, Unexpected Ancestors, and Long-Hidden Secrets, and Solving Historical Puzzles

From "ants in the Pants" to "wet Behind the Ears"--the Unusual Origins of the Things We Say

or, The Joy of Text

Everything You Need to (Finally) Get Your Wisdom onto the Page and into the World

As They Say in Zanibar

*A guide to writing a full-length transformational nonfiction book, from an editor with two decades' experience working in publishing. "I know I have a book in me." "I've always wanted to be an author." "People always ask me when I'm going to write my book." "I have a story to tell, but I never seem to make time to write." Are you a thought leader, healer, or change-agent stuck at the starting line of book publication? Life coach and publishing industry insider Kelly Notaras offers a clear, step-by-step path for turning your transformational idea or story into a finished book as quickly as possible. With humor, encouragement, and common sense, she demystifies the publishing process so you can get started, keep writing, and successfully get your wisdom out into the world. Notaras guides you through: Getting clear on your motivation for writing a book, Crafting a powerful, compelling hook and strong internal book structure, Overcoming resistance and writer's block, and Getting your finished manuscript onto the printed page, whether through traditional publishing or self-publishing. Publishing a book has never been as simple, accessible, and affordable as it is today, and in our tumultuous world, readers need your healing voice. Be brave, be bold, and take the steps you need to share your message with those who need to hear it most.*

*Fresh-squeezed Lexology, with Twists No man of letters savors the ABC's, or serves them up, like language-loving humorist Roy Blount Jr. His glossary, from ad hominy to zizz, is hearty, full bodied, and out to please discriminating palates coarse and fine. In 2008, he celebrated the gists, tangs, and energies of letters and their combinations in Alphabet Juice, to wide acclaim. Now, Alphabetter Juice, Which is better. This book is for anyone—novice wordsmith, sensitive reader, or career grammarian—who loves to get physical with words. What is the universal sign of disgust, ew, doing in beautiful and cute? Why is toadless, but not frogless, in the Oxford English Dictionary? How can the U. S. Supreme Court find relevance in gollywoggles? Might there be scientific evidence for the sonicky value of hunch? And why would someone not bother to spell correctly the very word he is trying to define on Urbanictionary.com? Digging into how locutions evolve, and work, or fail, Blount draws upon everything from The Tempest to The Wire. He takes us to Iceland, for salmon-watching with a "girl gillie," and to Georgian England, where a distinguished etymologist bites off more of a "giantess" than he can chew. Jimmy Stewart appears, in connection with Kludge and the bombing of Switzerland. Litigation over supercalifragilisticexpialidocious leads to a vintage werewolf movie; news of possum-tossing, to metanarrative. As Michael Dirda wrote in The Washington Post Book World, "The immensely likeable Blount clearly possesses what was called in the Italian Renaissance 'sprezzatura,' that rare and enviable ability to do even the most difficult things without breaking a sweat." Alphabetter Juice is brimming with sprezzatura. Have a taste.*

*The unpredictable origins and etymologies of our cracking Christmas customs For something that happens every year of our lives, we really don't know much about Christmas. We don't know that the date we celebrate was chosen by a madman, or that Christmas, etymologically speaking, means "Go away, Christ". Nor do we know that Christmas was first celebrated in 243 AD on March 28th - and only moved to 25th December in 354 AD. We're oblivious to the fact that the advent calendar was actually invented by a Munich housewife to stop her children pestering her for a Christmas countdown. And we would never have guessed that the invention of crackers was merely a way of popularising sweet wrappers. Luckily, like a gift from Santa himself, Mark Forsyth is here to unwrap this fundamentally funny gallimaufry of traditions and oddities, making it all finally make sense - in his wonderfully entertaining wordy way.*

*What is the actual connection between disgruntled and grunted? What links church organs to organised crime, California to the Caliphate, or brackets to copdices?The Etymologicon springs from Mark Forsyth's Inky Fool blog on the strange connections between words. It's an occasionally ribald, frequently witty and unerringly erudite guided tour of the secret labyrinth that lurks beneath the English language, taking in monks and monkeys, film buffs and buffaloes, and explaining precisely what the Rolling Stones have to do with gardening.The Horologicon (or book of hours) gives you the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to the hour of the day when you really need them. Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Pretending to work? That's fudgelling, which may lead to rizzling if you feel sleepy after lunch, though by dinner time you will have become a sparking deipnosophist. From Mark Forsyth, author of the bestselling The Etymologicon, this is a book of weird words for familiar situations. From ante-jentacular to snudge by way of quafttide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.*

The Unknown Unknown

In Search of My Spiritual Home

A Day's Jaunt Through the Lost Words of the English Language

A Short History of Drunkenness

Pandemic Baby

Alphabetter Juice

How to Turn the Perfect English Phrase

**You've heard of the Dog Whisperer? Meet the Ancestor Rescuer. Part forensic scientist, part master sleuth, Megan Smolenyak has solved some of America's oldest and most fascinating genealogical mysteries. You've read the headlines; now get the inside story as the "Indiana Jones of genealogy" reveals how she cracked her news-making case, became the face of this increasingly popular field—and redefined history along the way. How did Smolenyak discover Barack Obama's Irish ancestry—and his relation to Brad Pitt? Or the journey of Michelle Obama's family from slavery to the White House? Or the startling links between outspoken politicians Al Sharpton and Strom Thurmond? And why is Smolenyak's name squared? Test your own skills as she shares her exciting secrets. Whether she's scouring websites to uncover the surprising connections between famous figures or using cutting-edge DNA tests to locate family members of fallen soldiers dating back to the Civil War, Smolenyak's historical sleuthing is as provocative, richly layered, and exciting as America itself. "Thank you for taking the time to lay out our family map. . . You're practically family. You certainly know more about us than we do." -Stephen Colbert "Megan is a genealogist's dream, a forensic investigator who can also tell a great story." -Sam Roberts, The New York Times "Megan is a blessing to cold case detectives and a master genealogist." -Julie M. Haney, special agent, NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit "The Indiana Jones of genealogy. . . Megan Smolenyak is a national treasure." -Buzzy Jackson, author of Shaking the Family Tree "In this breezy narrative, Smolenyak allows us to look over the shoulder of a relentless genealogist as she works the puzzle pieces of her craft. Whether unearthing evidence from Internet databases, newspaper offices, court houses, libraries and cemeteries, consulting translators, historians or her vast network of fellow genealogists, pioneering the use of genealogical DNA testing, solving the mystery or occasionally hitting a brick wall, Smolenyak remains wholly committed, curious and cheery, eager to share her methods and excitement. Bottom-up history from a top-shelf researcher."-Kirkus Review Megan Smolenyak is an incurable genealogist who loves solving mysteries, making unexpected discoveries, and pushing the boundaries of conventional genealogy. A popular writer, speaker, and TV show, she does all she can to get the g-word out there and inspire others in their quest for roots. She has appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC, and consulted on shows ranging from Who Do You Think You Are? to Top Chef. Megan is the author of six books (including Who Do You Think You Are? The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History, companion guide to the NBC series), a Huffington Post contributor, and former chief family historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com. She lives in southern New Jersey with her husband and lots of research tools.**

**The HorologiconA Day's Jaunt Through the Lost Words of the English LanguagePenguin**

**Reproduction of the original: New Word-Analysis by William Swinert**

**interest a lecture hall of restless students in subjects that you find fascinating? Then you need this book. Make It Clear explains how to communicate—how to speak and write to get your ideas across. Written by an MIT professor who taught his students these techniques for more than forty years, the book starts with the basics—finding your voice, organizing your ideas, making sure what you say is remembered, and receiving critiques (“No dot ask for brutal honesty”)—and goes on to cover such specifics as preparing slides, writing and rewriting, and even choosing a type family. The book explains why you should start with an empowerment promise and conclude by noting you delivered on that promise. It describes how a well-crafted, explicitly identified slogan, symbol, salient idea, surprise, and story combine to make you and your work memorable. The book lays out the VSN-C (Vision, Steps, News-Contributions) framework as an organizing structure and then describes how to create organize your ideas with a “broken-glass” outline, how to write to be understood, how to inspire, how to defeat writer’s block—and much more. Learning how to speak and write well will empower you and make you smarter. Effective communication can be life-changing—making use of just one principle in this book can get you the job, make the sale, convince your boss, inspire a student, or even start a revolution.**

**The Elements of Eloquence**

**The People Whose Buildings Have Shaped Our World**

**Bookshops and the delight of not getting what you wanted**

**Hog Dressing; Log Cabin Building; Mountain Crafts and Foods; Planting by the Signs; Snake Lore, Hunting Tales, Faith Healing; Moonshining; and Other Affairs of Plain Living**

**Mark Forsyth's Ternion Set: The horologicon**

**A Christmas Cornucopia**

**A Novel**

From Jezebel.com, the popular website for women, comes a must-read encyclopedic guide to pop culture, feminism, fashion, sex, and much more. Within months of Jezebel's May 2007 appearance on the new media scene, fans of the blog began referring to themselves as "Jezziez" in comment threads and organizing reader meet-ups in cities all over the world. By 2008, the devotion of the self-appointed Jezziez reached such a fever pitch that the New York Times ran a feature story about them and parody blogs and copycat websites began popping up right and left. With contributions from the writers and creatives who give the site its distinctive tone and broad influence, The Book of Jezebel is an encyclopedia of everything important to the modern woman. Running the gamut from Abzug, Bella and Baby-sitters Club, The to Xena, Yogurt, and Zits, and filled with entertaining sidebars and arresting images, this is a must-read for the modern woman.

From the internationally bestselling author of The Etymologicon, a lively and fascinating exploration of how, throughout history, each civilization has found a way to celebrate, or to control, the eternal human drive to get sloshed! " An entertaining bar hop though the past 10,000 years. " —The New York Times Book Review Almost every culture on earth has drink, and where there 's drink there 's drunkenness. But in every age and in every place drunkenness is a little bit different. It can be religious, it can be sexual. It can be the duty of kings or the relief of peasants. It can be an offering to the ancestors, or a way of marking the end of a day 's work. It can send you to sleep, or send you into battle. Making stops all over the world, A Short History of Drunkenness traces humankind 's love affair with booze from our prime ancestors through to the twentieth century, answering every possible question along the way: What did people drink? How much? Who did the drinking? Of the many possible reasons, why? On the way, learn about the Neolithic Shamans, who drank to communicate with the spirit world (no pun intended), marvel at how Greeks got giddy and Sumerians got sauced, and find out how bars in the Wild West were never quite like in the movies. This is a history of the world at its inebriated best.

Mark Forsyth – author of the Sunday Times Number One bestseller The Etymologicon – reveals in this essay, specially commissioned for Independent Booksellers Week, the most valuable thing about a really good bookshop. Along the way he considers the wisdom of Donald Rumsfeld, naughty French photographs, why Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy would never have met online, and why only a bookshop can give you that precious thing – what you never knew you were looking for. Award-winning architecture writer Ike Ijeh introduces 50 of the world's most influential architects and a selection of their most celebrated buildings, showcased with full-color photography. The architects selected here have designed buildings that are as dramatic as their impact on the world of architecture. From familiar modern era names such as Zaha Hadid and Sir Norman Foster to geniuses from history such as Nicholas Hawksmoor and Andrea Palladio, Ike Ijeh reveals his top 50 list of the architects deserving of the description 'greatest'. Each double-page spread focuses on a different architect, outlining their influences, the legacy of their ideas and the revealing the glorious designs that have made them famous. Includes:
• Full-color photographs and illustrations of famous buildings around the world
• Concise professional biographies of the architects listed
• Plans from great architecture projects
• Entries arranged in chronological order for easy reference With this wonderful hardback reference guide you can discover the true breadth of the creative achievements that lie within the corners of these architectural giants and enjoy their beautiful creations through images and illustrations.

I'm Not Hanging Noodles on Your Ears and Other Intriguing Idioms From Around the World
Thousands of Bizarre Origins, Unexpected Connections, and Fascinating Facts about English's Best Expressions

The Etymologicon and the Horologicon

I Didn't Know that

The 50 Greatest Architects

In Ms. Kirschbaum's debut satirical novel Who Town, Sarah, Rick, Roxy and Lola-specifically, one trend reporter and her vast network of fellow genealogists, pioneering the use of genealogical DNA testing, solving the mystery or occasionally hitting a brick wall, Smolenyak remains wholly committed, curious and cheery, eager to share her methods and excitement. Bottom-up history from a top-shelf researcher."-Kirkus Review Megan Smolenyak is an incurable genealogist who loves solving mysteries, making unexpected discoveries, and pushing the boundaries of conventional genealogy. A popular writer, speaker, and TV show, she does all she can to get the g-word out there and inspire others in their quest for roots. She has appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC, and consulted on shows ranging from Who Do You Think You Are? to Top Chef. Megan is the author of six books (including Who Do You Think You Are? The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History, companion guide to the NBC series), a Huffington Post contributor, and former chief family historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com. She lives in southern New Jersey with her husband and lots of research tools.

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