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2019 UPDATED EDITION – FEATURING THE JEOPARDY! ALL-STAR GAMES “This is Jeopardy!” Celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of America’s Favorite Quiz

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Show® with The Jeopardy! Book of Answers. In honor of this extraordinary milestone, the show's producers have selected fifteen historic games from over seven thousand episodes that illustrate why the show is every bit as timely—and as lively—as it was the moment that Alex Trebek first took the stage in 1984. You'll meet Ken Jennings in his first win, and you'll be there for the stunning end of his record-breaking run. Experience again the epic battle of Man vs. Machine with IBM's Watson computer. Follow the Celebrity Invitational Finals with \$1,000,000 on the line for charity. Get the play-by-play for championship showdowns, memorable tournaments, and so much more. Each game includes the complete text of the Jeopardy!, Double Jeopardy!, and Final Jeopardy! rounds along with exclusive behind-the-scenes details and photos. Get to know the contestants, and, for the first time in print, you'll get untold stories from the staff behind some of our most popular players, games, and competitions. Who knows? It may even inspire you to become the next Jeopardy! champion! From the very first Jeopardy! episode to the exciting come-from-behind finish of last season's Tournament of Champions, The Jeopardy! Book of Answers is a must-have for any fan.

### **Mitch Epstein**

It's only a matter of time before a cosmic disaster spells the end of the Earth. But how concerned should we about about any of these catastrophic scenarios? And if they do post a danger, can anything be done to stop them?

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## **Fun Science**

Questions and answers explore the earth, weather and climate, forces and energy, plants and animals, and other scientific subjects.

## **Undeniable**

Centering Pakistan in a story of transnational Islam stretching from South Asia to the Middle East, Simon Wolfgang Fuchs offers the first in-depth ethnographic history of the intellectual production of Shi'is and their religious competitors in this "Land of the Pure." The notion of Pakistan as the pinnacle of modern global Muslim aspiration forms a crucial component of this story. It has empowered Shi'is, who form about twenty percent of the country's population, to advance alternative conceptions of their religious hierarchy while claiming the support of towering grand ayatollahs in Iran and Iraq. Fuchs shows how popular Pakistani preachers and scholars have boldly tapped into the esoteric potential of Shi'ism, occupying a creative and at times disruptive role as brokers, translators, and self-confident pioneers of contemporary Islamic thought. They have indigenized the Iranian Revolution and formulated their own ideas for fulfilling the original promise of Pakistan.

Challenging typical views of Pakistan as a mere Shi'i backwater, Fuchs argues that its complex religious landscape represents how a local, South Asian Islam may open up space for new intellectual contributions to global Islam. Yet religious ideology has also turned Pakistan into a deadly battlefield: sectarian groups

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since the 1980s have been bent on excluding Shi'is as harmful to their own vision of an exemplary Islamic state.

### **Great Scientists**

Reduce your risk of dementia! Dementia is the second highest killer of Australians today - don't become a statistic! How we live has a powerful effect on our brain. So by making simple lifestyle changes, we can keep our brains strong as we age and reduce our risk of dementia. This practical, step-by-step guide will help you to build brain power and prevent brain burnout. Neuropsychologist Nicola Gates draws on cutting-edge research to explain the amazing roles our health and fitness, as well as mental activity, play in brain health. And she shares the simple steps we can all take to keep our brains fit and active.

Discover: Why being mindful is essential for brain health Why a healthy gut means a healthy brain The heart-brain connection The critical link between exercise and brain fitness Why your brain wants you to stay social Don't wait for a crisis: Dr Gates can help you start making changes today for the best possible brain health - for life!

### **Oddbird**

The first visually led exploration of androgyny--from representations in antiquity to its current prevalence in the fashion world and beyond

### **The Intellectual Devotional**

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The creators of the YouTube channel AsapSCIENCE delve into biology, chemistry, physics, and other hard sciences to offer entertaining and accessible answers to questions on common topics ranging from brain freeze and hangovers to the advantages of power naps.

### **Dinosaurs—The Grand Tour**

A SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER From the creators of the wildly popular YouTube channel AsapSCIENCE comes a book about the science that people actually want to learn, presented in a quirky and accessible way. And in the spirit of science, no subject is taboo. Why do we get hungover? Which actually came first, the chicken or the egg? Is binge-watching TV bad for you? Now, for the first time, Mitchell Moffit and Greg Brown, the geniuses behind AsapSCIENCE and AsapTHOUGHT, answer these questions by explaining the true science of how things work in this fascinating and hilarious book. Applying the fun, illustrated format of their addictive videos to topics ranging from brain freeze to hiccups to the science of the snooze button, AsapSCIENCE is the book that answers the questions you were too afraid to ask in science class. Whether you're a total science newbie or the next Albert Einstein, this guide is sure to educate and entertain ... ASAP. PRAISE FOR MITCHEL MOFFIT AND GREG BROWN 'Written by the two blokes who do the vids for the very addictive AsapSCIENCE YouTube channel, a bunch of brilliant content that'll keep you hooked for hours. This book is a wonderful companion.' The Daily Telegraph 'Be educated and

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entertained by this quirky book, which unites baffling questions and their surprising answers.’ The Observer

### **The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth**

From Aardonyx to Zuniceratops—A Dino-Mite Gathering of All the Dinosaurs (More Than 300!) Worth Knowing About We live in a golden age of paleontological discovery—the perfect time to dig in to the spectacular world of dinosaurs. From Aardonyx, a lumbering beast that formed a link between two and four-legged dinosaurs, to Zuniceratops, who boasted a deadly pair of horns, *Dinosaurs—The Grand Tour* details everything worth knowing about every important dinosaur that scientists know about—more than 300 in all. In *Dinosaurs* you’ll learn all the gory details—about geology, anatomy, evolution, astronomy, and even Native American and Chinese mythology. Stories of harrowing paleontological expeditions conjure the thrills of history’s most famous dinosaur hunters. Highlights of recent research reveal what’s going on in the world of dinosaurs today, including scientists’ recent discovery of pigments embedded in dinosaur fossils that shed light, for the first time, on dinosaurs’ true coloration. Illustrations on virtually every page bring these prehistoric creatures to life in all their razor-sharp, long-necked, spiny, scaly glory. And for readers inspired to test their dino-expertise in the field, renowned paleontologist Jack Horner’s field notes will help enthusiasts set out on their own expeditions. Track down dinosaur footprints at Horner’s recommended sites, head out on a cross-country

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dinosaur road trip using Horner's list of top North American dinosaurs as your map, and learn what it's like to be a leading paleontologist who's been part of some of the most sensational dinosaur discoveries ever—and how you can get involved, too!

### **Kisses from Katie**

Scientific breakthroughs are often regarded with suspicion, especially those that diverge substantially from established theories. New ideas are tested by scientists around the world to ensure that they hold up to scrutiny. This book takes a look at the instances when, despite these precautions, the scientific community got it wrong. The book includes the most infamous cases of fraud and famous mistakes that initially had scientists fooled.

### **The 100 Greatest Unsolved Mysteries**

"The Little Book of Awakening takes some of the very best wisdom from The Book of Awakening and distills it into a set of weekly readings. The little edition is introduced by Nepo, and each week explores a theme, such as abundance, awareness, blessing, interdependence, presence, opportunity, being heard, being real, facing our suffering"--

### **Cure**

A rigorous, skeptical, deeply reported look at the new science behind the mind's surprising ability to heal the body. Have you ever felt a surge of adrenaline

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after narrowly avoiding an accident? Salivated at the sight (or thought) of a sour lemon? Felt turned on just from hearing your partner's voice? If so, then you've experienced how dramatically the workings of your mind can affect your body. Yet while we accept that stress or anxiety can damage our health, the idea of "healing thoughts" was long ago hijacked by New Age gurus and spiritual healers. Recently, however, serious scientists from a range of fields have been uncovering evidence that our thoughts, emotions and beliefs can ease pain, heal wounds, fend off infection and heart disease and even slow the progression of AIDS and some cancers. In *Cure*, award-winning science writer Jo Marchant travels the world to meet the physicians, patients and researchers on the cutting edge of this new world of medicine. We learn how meditation protects against depression and dementia, how social connections increase life expectancy and how patients who feel cared for recover from surgery faster. We meet Iraq war veterans who are using a virtual arctic world to treat their burns and children whose ADHD is kept under control with half the normal dose of medication. We watch as a transplant patient uses the smell of lavender to calm his hostile immune system and an Olympic runner shaves vital seconds off his time through mind-power alone. Drawing on the very latest research, Marchant explores the vast potential of the mind's ability to heal, lays out its limitations and explains how we can make use of the findings in our own lives. With clarity and compassion, *Cure* points the way towards a system of medicine that treats us not simply as bodies but as human beings. A New York Times Bestseller Finalist for the Royal Society

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Insight Investment Science Book Prize Longlisted for the Wellcome Book Prize

### **Biology For Dummies**

The "Chelsea Lately" panelist imparts humorous advice about finding love by putting oneself first, sharing anecdotes and Q&A-style romance tips to counsel women on how to avoid exploitative relationships.

### **Mind = Blown**

Ever wondered how the food you eat becomes the energy your body needs to keep going? If DNA is a set of instructions in your cells, how does it tell your cells what to do? How does your brain know what your feet are doing? The theory of evolution says that humans and chimps descended from a common ancestor, but does it tell us how and why? We humans are insatiably curious creatures who can't help wondering how things work – starting with our own bodies.

Wouldn't it be great to have a single source of quick answers to all our questions about how living things work? Now there is. From molecules to animals, cells to ecosystems, *Biology For Dummies* answers all your questions about how living things work. Written in plain English and packed with dozens of illustrations, quick-reference "Cheat Sheets" and helpful tables and diagrams, it can get you quickly up to speed on what you need to know to: Understand how cells work Get a handle on the chemistry of life Find out how food becomes energy Get to know your body's

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systems Decode the secrets of DNA Find out what evolution is and isn't and how it works Take a peek into the lives of bacteria Explore how viruses do their thing Most basic biology books take a very round about approach, dividing things up according to different types of organisms. Biology For Dummies cuts right to the chase with fast-paced, easy-to-absorb explanations of the life processes common to all organisms. Topics covered include: How plants and animals get nutrients How organisms transport nutrients and expel waste How nutrients are transformed into energy How energy is used to sustain life How organisms breathe How organisms reproduce How organisms evolve into new life-forms How organisms create ecosystems With this engaging guide in your corner, you'll get a grip on complex biology concepts and unlock the mysteries of how life works in no time - no advanced degrees required.

### **The Jeopardy! Book of Answers**

What does he really think? How many things would you like to know—but don't—about your partner? Do you wish your partner would ask you about your past, your goals, your inner thoughts? When was the last time the two of you shared a dream, a memory, or a fantasy together? 365 Questions for Couples shows you how to get closer to your partner by asking and answering thought-provoking questions on such subjects as: Your relationship Relationship with others Goals and fantasies Life experiences Memories Sex Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. The only rule is that you cannot ask a question that you

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refuse to answer yourself. So put some quiet time aside, make yourself comfortable, and enter together into the world of goals, dreams, emotions, and your previously hidden past!

### **Seven Cups of Consciousness**

Science is an ever-growing, ever-changing field of study. Every principle, every discovery is built on top of a previous discovery. Great scientists have studied life, the environment, and the physical world trying to learn more about why things are the way they are. Readers gain insight to some of the greatest scientific minds history has to offer, from Archimedes to Stephen Hawking.

### **13 Things That Don't Make Sense**

This historical fiction novel challenges the reader to peer into an alternate reality of what the world would be like if the ruling majority class were homosexual.

### **Over the Course of a Lifetime**

From the No. 1 bestselling author of What If? - the man who created xkcd and explained the laws of science with cartoons - comes a series of brilliantly simple diagrams ('blueprints' if you want to be complicated about it) that show how important things work: from the nuclear bomb to the biro. It's good to know what the parts of a thing are called, but it's much more interesting to know what they do. Richard Feynman once said that if you can't explain

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something to a first-year student, you don't really get it. In *Thing Explainer*, Randall Munroe takes a quantum leap past this: he explains things using only drawings and a vocabulary of just our 1,000 (or the ten hundred) most common words. Many of the things we use every day - like our food-heating radio boxes ('microwaves'), our very tall roads ('bridges'), and our computer rooms ('datacentres') - are strange to us. So are the other worlds around our sun (the solar system), the big flat rocks we live on (tectonic plates), and even the stuff inside us (cells). Where do these things come from? How do they work? What do they look like if you open them up? And what would happen if we heated them up, cooled them down, pointed them in a different direction, or pressed this button? In *Thing Explainer*, Munroe gives us the answers to these questions and many, many more. Funny, interesting, and always understandable, this book is for anyone -- age 5 to 105 -- who has ever wondered how things work, and why.

### **The Little Book of Awakening**

The instant New York Times bestselling book of entertaining, irreverent, and totally accessible illustrated answers to the scientific “questions you had no idea were bugging you all your life” (Fast Company), from the creators of the wildly popular YouTube channel *AsapSCIENCE*. Why do we get hung over? What would happen if you stopped sleeping? Is binge-watching TV actually bad for you? Why should I take a power nap? In their first-ever book, Mitchell Moffit and Greg Brown, the geniuses behind the

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YouTube channel AsapSCIENCE, explain the true science of how things work in their trademark hilarious and fascinating fashion. Applying the fun, illustrated format of their addictive videos to topics ranging from brain freeze to hiccups to the science of the snooze button, AsapSCIENCE takes the underpinnings of biology, chemistry, physics, and other hard sciences and applies them to everyday life through quirky and relatable examples that will appeal to both science nerds and those who didn't exactly ace chemistry. This is the science that people actually want to learn, shared in a friendly, engaging style. "Science is big fun. The ASAP guys get that, and they'll show you—they'll even draw you a diagram" (Bill Nye, "The Science Guy"). And amid the humor is great information and cocktail conversation fodder, all thoughtfully presented. Whether you're a total newbie or the next Albert Einstein, this guide is sure to educate and entertain ASAP.

### **AsapSCIENCE**

Setting the record straight on folk remedies, traditional cures, and medical myths, an entertaining but informative medical reference furnishes informative answers to such questions as Do microwaves cause cancer?, Is sperm nutritious?, Is it bad to crack your knuckles?, and more. Original. 35,000 first printing.

### **AsapSCIENCE**

Fact-filled, fun-filled, as interesting to parents as it is

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to kids, the How Come? series is the trusted source for lively, clear answers to kids' science queries. Now the best questions and answers from all three books—How Come?; How Come? Planet Earth; and How Come? In the Neighborhood—have been revised, updated, freshly illustrated in full color, supplemented with twenty completely new questions, and combined into one bigger, better volume. How Come? explains, in fascinating detail, more than 200 mysteries and phenomena in the world around us. These are the questions that pique kids' curiosity—and stump parents. When it rains, does running (rather than walking) to the nearest shelter really keep you any drier? How can a stone skip across a pond (instead of sink)? If the Earth is spinning, why can't we feel it? Why don't we fly off? Why do elephants have trunks? And the all-time classic, Why is the sky blue? (Sunlight has a hidden rainbow of colors, and air molecules scatter blues the most—sending bright blue light down to Earth.) The text is clearly written, engaging, and accessible. It's for every kid who wants to know—and every grown-up who simply doesn't know.

### **A Brain for Life**

Knowing that you are “a spiritual being having a human experience” is eye-opening and inspiring, but can it tangibly transform your life? Pioneering healer Aleya Dao does more than say yes to this question — she shows you how, with stories and practices that are as potent and fresh as a morning cup of coffee or tea. By turning to your inner world, you can work with

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the limitless energies that create your outer world, making strides you never thought possible. With the help of your Higher Self, your angelic support Team, and the challenges you encounter every day, you will discover a whole new experience of empowerment, purpose, and joy.

### **The 100 Most Outrageous Hoaxes and Mistakes**

An illustrated tour of the planet exploring ecosystems large and small, from reefs, deserts, and rainforests to a single drop of water—from the New York Times bestselling author of *Women in Science*. Making earth science accessible and entertaining through art, maps, and infographics, *The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth* explains how our planet works—and how we can protect it—from its diverse ecosystems and their inhabitants, to the levels of ecology, the importance of biodiversity, the cycles of nature, and more. Science- and nature-loving readers of all ages will delight in this utterly charming guide to our amazing home.

### **Death from the Skies!**

Welcome, fellow humans (and others), to the world of FUN SCIENCE! I'm Charlie, also known across the internet as charlieissocoollike. In my book, I'll be taking you on an awesome journey through the cosmos, beginning with the Big Bang through to the Solar System and the origins of life on Earth, all the way down to the particles that make up everything

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around us (including you and me!).

## **In a Pure Muslim Land**

From YouTube's Head of Culture and Trends, a rousing and illuminating behind-the-scenes exploration of internet video's massive impact on our world. Whether your favorite YouTube video is a cat on a Roomba, "Gangnam Style," the "Bed Intruder" song, an ASAPscience explainer, Rebecca Black's "Friday," or the "Evolution of Dance," Kevin Allocca's Videocracy reveals how these beloved videos and famous trends--and many more--came to be and why they mean more than you might think. YouTube is the biggest pool of cultural data since the beginning of recorded communication, with four hundred hours of video uploaded every minute. (It would take you more than sixty-five years just to watch the vlogs, music videos, tutorials, and other content posted in a single day!) This activity reflects who we are, in all our glory and ignominy. As Allocca says, if aliens wanted to understand our planet, he'd give them Google. If they wanted to understand us, he'd give them YouTube. In Videocracy, Allocca lays bare what YouTube videos say about our society and how our actions online--watching, sharing, commenting on, and remixing the people and clips that captivate us--are changing the face of entertainment, advertising, politics, and more. Via YouTube, we are fueling social movements, enforcing human rights, and redefining art--a lot more than you'd expect from a bunch of viral clips.

## **How Come?**

Australia is the last continent to be settled by Europeans, but it also sustains a people and a culture tens of thousands years old. For much of the past 200 years the newcomers have sought to replace the old with the new. This book tells how they imposed themselves on the land, and brought technology, institutions and ideas to make it their own. It relates the advance from penal colony to a prosperous free nation and illustrates how, as a nation created by waves of newcomers, the search for binding traditions was long frustrated by the feeling of rootlessness, until it came to terms with its origins. The third edition of this acclaimed book recounts the key factors - social, economic and political - that have shaped modern-day Australia. It covers the rise and fall of the Howard government, the 2007 election and the apology to the stolen generation. More than ever before, Australians draw on the past to understand their future.

## **What If?**

YouTube sensation Matthew Santoro amazes with eye-opening facts that are sure to blow your mind. Matthew Santoro's originality and humor has attracted millions of fans, making him a beloved YouTube star. His weekly videos on amazing and little-known facts are eagerly anticipated by his many subscribers and followers around the world. In his first-ever book, Matthew's love of weird and wacky knowledge explodes with new facts and stories from

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around the planet, and beyond. Surprising, and always entertaining, *Mind = Blown* offers even more of Matthew's unique take on this hilarious, crazy world: The most ridiculous laws from past and present Crazy doppelgangers of people, places, and unexpected things Historical wizards who actually lived Real-life animal avengers And a special section: Japan Blows My Mind! From shin-kicking competitions and beer pong-playing robots, to enormous fire-balls shooting through space, you won't believe what you'll discover in *Mind = Blown*. But beware: there is too much astounding trivia for any one mind to contain! From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **Androgyne**

Revealing the mechanics of evolutionary theory, the scientist, engineer and inventor presents a compelling argument for the scientific unviability of creationism and insists that creationism's place in the science classroom is harmful not only to our children, but to the future of the greater world as well.

### **The End of Plenty: The Race to Feed a Crowded World**

This encyclopaedia tells the story of the people and landscape of Britain. It transports readers back to the earliest Stone Age cave-dwellers and Roman settlers, and leads them through the centuries of invasion, exploration, reformation and industrial revolution, before bringing them up-to-date with a look at British government and society in the 21st

century.

## **50 Popular Beliefs That People Think Are True**

Previously Published as A Field Guide to Lies We're surrounded by fringe theories, fake news, and pseudo-facts. These lies are getting repeated. New York Times bestselling author Daniel Levitin shows how to disarm these socially devastating inventions and get the American mind back on track. Here are the fundamental lessons in critical thinking that we need to know and share now. Investigating numerical misinformation, Daniel Levitin shows how mishandled statistics and graphs can give a grossly distorted perspective and lead us to terrible decisions. Wordy arguments on the other hand can easily be persuasive as they drift away from the facts in an appealing yet misguided way. The steps we can take to better evaluate news, advertisements, and reports are clearly detailed. Ultimately, Levitin turns to what underlies our ability to determine if something is true or false: the scientific method. He grapples with the limits of what we can and cannot know. Case studies are offered to demonstrate the applications of logical thinking to quite varied settings, spanning courtroom testimony, medical decision making, magic, modern physics, and conspiracy theories. This urgently needed book enables us to avoid the extremes of passive gullibility and cynical rejection. As Levitin attests: Truth matters. A post-truth era is an era of willful irrationality, reversing all the great advances humankind has made. Euphemisms like "fringe

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theories,” “extreme views,” “alt truth,” and even “fake news” can literally be dangerous. Let's call lies what they are and catch those making them in the act.

### **Why Do Men Have Nipples?**

Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize From the man who Oliver Sacks hailed as “one of the best scientist/writers of our time,” a collection of sharply observed, uproariously funny essays on the biology of human culture and behavior. In the tradition of Stephen Jay Gould and Oliver Sacks, Robert Sapolsky offers a sparkling and erudite collection of essays about science, the world, and our relation to both. “The Trouble with Testosterone” explores the influence of that notorious hormone on male aggression. “Curious George’s Pharmacy” reexamines recent exciting claims that wild primates know how to medicate themselves with forest plants. “Junk Food Monkeys” relates the adventures of a troop of baboons who stumble upon a tourist garbage dump. And “Circling the Blanket for God” examines the neurobiological roots underlying religious belief. Drawing on his career as an evolutionary biologist and neurobiologist, Robert Sapolsky writes about the natural world vividly and insightfully. With candor, humor, and rich observations, these essays marry cutting-edge science with humanity, illuminating the interconnectedness of the world’s inhabitants with skill and flair.

### **A Concise History of Australia**

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Our universe is filled with important questions that both captivate the minds of scientists and capture popular imagination. This volume traces many of these questions, shedding light on everything from time travel to the nature of atoms. Divided into sections called Physical Matter and Forces, Space, Human Body, Earth, Other Life-Forms, and Human Triumphs and Troubles, the book elucidates the latest scientific theories in easy-to-follow, engaging terms.

### **The Trouble With Testosterone**

“An urgent and at times terrifying dispatch from a distinguished reporter who has given heart and soul to his subject.”—Hampton Sides In *The End of Plenty*, award-winning environmental journalist Joel K. Bourne Jr. puts our fight against devastating world hunger in dramatic perspective. He travels the globe to introduce a new generation of farmers and scientists on the front lines of the next green revolution. He visits corporate farmers trying to restore Ukraine as Europe's breadbasket, a Canadian aquaculturist, the agronomist behind the world's largest organic sugarcane plantation, and many other extraordinary farmers, large and small, who are racing to stave off catastrophe as climate change disrupts food production worldwide. A *Financial Times* Best Book of the Year and a Finalist for the PEN / E. O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

### **Children's Encyclopedia of British History**

This daily digest of intellectual challenge and learning

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will arouse curiosity, refresh knowledge, expand horizons, and keep the mind sharp Millions of Americans keep bedside books of prayer and meditative reflection—collections of daily passages to stimulate spiritual thought and advancement. The Intellectual Devotional is a secular version of the same—a collection of 365 short lessons that will inspire and invigorate the reader every day of the year. Each daily digest of wisdom is drawn from one of seven fields of knowledge: history, literature, philosophy, mathematics and science, religion, fine arts, and music. Impress your friends by explaining Plato's Cave Allegory, pepper your cocktail party conversation with opera terms, and unlock the mystery of how batteries work. Daily readings range from important passages in literature to basic principles of physics, from pivotal events in history to images of famous paintings with accompanying analysis. The book's goal is to refresh knowledge we've forgotten, make new discoveries, and exercise modes of thinking that are ordinarily neglected once our school days are behind us. Offering an escape from the daily grind to contemplate higher things, The Intellectual Devotional is a great way to awaken in the morning or to revitalize one's mind before retiring in the evening.

### **Weaponized Lies**

The promise and pathology of America in the photographs of Epstein, more than half of which are previously unpublished America, as a place and an idea, has occupied Mitch Epstein's art for the past five

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decades. With the first photographs he made in 1969 at the age of 16, Epstein began confronting the cultural psychology of the United States. Although he started working in an era defined by the Vietnam War, civil rights, rock and roll, and free love, he responded hardily to each radically different era that followed--from Reaganomics to surveillance after 9/11, to the current climate crisis and resurgence of white supremacy. More than a single era or issue, it is the living organism of American culture that engages Epstein; no matter how much the country changes, he describes something mysteriously and persistently American. Conceived of and sequenced by Andrew Roth, *Sunshine Hotel* assembles 175 photos made between 1969 and 2018--more than half of them previously unpublished. Yet the book is not simply a retrospective. It traces both the evolution of an artist and the development of a country, revealing Epstein's formal and thematic shifts in tandem with America's changing zeitgeist and landscape. *Sunshine Hotel* is a visual immersion that forgoes linearity and a classical layout, as it sets forth Epstein's evolving understanding of his country's pathologies and promise. A pioneer of 1970s color photography, Mitch Epstein (born 1952) has won numerous awards including the Prix Pictet, the Berlin Prize and a Guggenheim Fellowship. His work is held in collections including the Museum of Modern Art and Tate Modern, and in 2013 the Walker Art Center commissioned a theatrical rendition of his *American Power* series. His Steidl books include *Family Business* (2003), *Recreation* (2005), *American Power* (2011), *New York Arbor* (2013) and *Rocks and Clouds* (2017).

## Thing Explainer

Science starts to get interesting when things don't make sense. Even today there are experimental results that the most brilliant scientists can neither explain nor dismiss. In the past, similar anomalies have revolutionised our world: in the sixteenth century, a set of celestial irregularities led Copernicus to realise that the Earth goes around the sun and not the reverse. In *13 Things That Don't Make Sense* Michael Brooks meets thirteen modern-day anomalies that may become tomorrow's breakthroughs. Is ninety six percent of the universe missing? If no study has ever been able to definitively show that the placebo effect works, why has it become a pillar of medical science? Was the 1977 signal from outer space a transmission from an alien civilization? Spanning fields from chemistry to cosmology, psychology to physics, Michael Brooks thrillingly captures the excitement and controversy of the scientific unknown.

## 365 Questions For Couples

Katie was a normal American teenager when she decided to explore the possibility of voluntary work overseas. She temporarily 'quit life' to serve in Uganda for a year before going to college. However, returning to 'normal' became impossible and Katie 'quit life' - college, designer clothes, her little yellow convertible and her boyfriend - for good, remaining in Uganda. In the early days she felt as though she were trying to empty the ocean with an eyedropper, but has learnt that she is not called to change the world

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in itself, but to change the world for one person at a time. By the age of 22 Katie had adopted 14 girls and founded Amizima Ministries which currently has sponsors for over 600 children and a feeding program for Uganda's poorest citizens - so it is no wonder she feels Jesus wrecked her life, shattered it to pieces, and put it back together making it more beautiful than it was before.

### **Videocracy**

Isn't 'odd' just another word for 'special'? Adjust your vision and see the world through the eyes of a unique little girl in a world too big for her. With pigeons for family and a squirrel for a friend, life for Oddy-all of three inches tall-is plain sailing as she flies on her brother Pikku's back, savours tasty seeds and jumps about in hopes of someday sprouting wings of her own! But what will Oddy do when thrust into the world of ordinary and towering-humans? Who is she and where does she really come from? Delve into the fantastical world of Oddbird, in which the normal boundaries between humans and animals are blurred by affection, joy and a dollop of the bizarre!

### **The Plastic Problem**

"What would it take to create a world in which fantasy is not confused for fact and public policy is based on objective reality?" asks Neil deGrasse Tyson, science popularizer and author of *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*. "I don't know for sure. But a good place to start would be for everyone on earth to read this book."

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Maybe you know someone who swears by the reliability of psychics or who is in regular contact with angels. Or perhaps you're trying to find a nice way of dissuading someone from wasting money on a homeopathy cure. Or you met someone at a party who insisted the Holocaust never happened or that no one ever walked on the moon. How do you find a gently persuasive way of steering people away from unfounded beliefs, bogus cures, conspiracy theories, and the like? This down-to-earth, entertaining exploration of commonly held extraordinary claims will help you set the record straight. The author, a veteran journalist, has not only surveyed a vast body of literature, but has also interviewed leading scientists, explored "the most haunted house in America," frolicked in the inviting waters of the Bermuda Triangle, and even talked to a "contrite Roswell alien." He is not out simply to debunk unfounded beliefs. Wherever possible, he presents alternative scientific explanations, which in most cases are even more fascinating than the wildest speculation. For example, stories about UFOs and alien abductions lack good evidence, but science gives us plenty of reasons to keep exploring outer space for evidence that life exists elsewhere in the vast universe. The proof for Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster may be nonexistent, but scientists are regularly discovering new species, some of which are truly stranger than fiction. Stressing the excitement of scientific discovery and the legitimate mysteries and wonder inherent in reality, this book invites readers to share the joys of rational thinking and the skeptical approach to evaluating our extraordinary world.

## **AsapSCIENCE**

The shocking truth of plastic's impact on our planet -- and what we can do about it. The data is in and it's bad. We create and throw away too much plastic, and it is killing our planet. However, too many people have very little idea about just how far this problem reaches, and those who do know feel helpless with the enormity of the task at hand. To fill this void and provide some hope is Rachel Salt's simple and transformative book, *The Plastic Problem*. As a producer for the award-winning and wildly popular YouTube channel AsapSCIENCE, Salt is accustomed to taking big, complicated concepts and translating them into entertaining and easy-to-understand segments. She applies the same methodology to *The Plastic Problem*. The result is a critically important book that will change the lives of those who read it. Never before has the problem been presented in such an impactful way. Readers of any age will emerge from this book with a thorough understanding of the problem, its individual and global impacts, and -- most importantly -- hope for the future. In 18 bite-sized chapters, Salt walks readers through the invention and globalized creation of plastic, its impacts and uses in our day-today lives, and its importance to the larger global economy. She then examines the how and why of what makes plastic so harmful to our planet and, just in case there was any doubt, Salt reinforces this danger by providing chapters on the planet-choking results of our plastic habit -- including the fact that there is almost certainly, plastic floating inside each and every person in the world. Salt

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finishes this vital book with a message of hope. All is not lost. We can make changes -- both at home and on a global scale. Big changes are already happening. If you want to be an actor and help change the future, The Plastic Problem is the best place to start. "Plastic kills. Breaking our plastic addiction is a matter of survival for humans and it impacts every creature on Earth to the deepest part of the ocean. With clear, concise prose and illustrations, The Plastic Problem navigates a way through this plastic mess we've found ourselves in." -- Erich Hoyt, author of Encyclopedia of Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises, Orca: The Whale Called Killer and Creatures of the Deep; Research Fellow, Whale and Dolphin Conservation; Co-chair, IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force

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