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Who Sank the Boat? Pamela Allen 2013 The reader is invited to guess who causes the boat to sink when five animal friends of varying sizes decide to go for a row.

The Colonel Peter Watts 2014-07-29 Colonel Keaton is in trouble. His wife has retreated into a virtual heaven and his son remains missing after joining an extrasolar mission to track down an alien race. He is presently tasked by his superiors with the threat assessment of hived human intelligences, one of which successfully attacks a compound under his watch. Now, one of the strongest hive minds in the world approaches Keaton with an offer that could completely change his world. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

H2O Virginia Bergin 2014-10-07 .27 is a number Ruby hates. It's a number that marks the percentage of the population that has survived. It's a number that means she's one of the "lucky" few still standing. And it's a number that says her father is probably dead. Against all odds, Ruby has survived the catastrophic onset of the killer rain. Two weeks after the radio started broadcasting the warning, "It's in the rain. It's fatal and there's no cure," the drinkable water is running out. Ruby's left with two options: persevere on her own, or embark on a treacherous journey across the country to find her father-if he's even still alive.

Advanced Python for Biologists Martin O. Jones 2014 Advanced Python for Biologists is a programming course for workers in biology and bioinformatics who want to develop their programming skills. It starts with the basic Python knowledge outlined in Python for Biologists and introduces advanced Python tools and techniques with biological examples. You'll learn: - How to use object-oriented programming to model biological entities - How to write more robust code and programs by using Python's exception system - How to test your code using the unit testing framework - How to transform data using Python's comprehensions - How to write flexible functions and applications using functional programming - How to use Python's iteration framework to extend your own object and functions Advanced Python for Biologists is written with an emphasis on practical problem-solving and uses everyday biological examples throughout. Each section contains exercises along with solutions and detailed discussion.

Thunder in the Heartland Thomas W. Schmidlin 1996 Ohio can be a land of weather extremes. Bringing together data from government records, scientific studies, memoirs, diaries and newspapers, this study highlights 200 weather events from

1790 to the present which demonstrate extremes of rain, snow, storms and temperature.

Spring Break 2015 Dave Hammer 2015-05-17

Danger & Play Mike Cernovich 2016-10-21 THIS BOOK WAS BANNED FROM TELEVISION Mike Cernovich is considered one of the most controversial writers living today, as he tells the truth without fear of offending the politically correct or weak-minded. Cernovich has been attacked by Gawker, Newsweek, Washington Post, and other politically correct publications. MSNBC even had a guest on to discuss Cernovich's "mean Tweets." Danger & Play, Cernovich's flagship website, has been read by millions of people worldwide and his later book Gorilla Mindset became an immediate best seller. In the Essays on Masculinity, you'll be exposed to what most consider a radical and outrageous way of living your life. Namely, you'll learn how to shed slave emotions like guilt and shame to begin - perhaps for the first time ever - living life on your terms. Be forewarned. While you will agree with one essay, you will disagree with another. No one agrees with everything Cernovich writes, which is a point of pride for him. Cernovich does not write for the slow or the weak. He writes for independent men (and even some women) who aren't afraid to have their ideas about the world challenged. Find out what millions of others have learned by reading Essays on Embracing Masculinity.

The Art of Disappearing Brahm 2011-09-27 We strive to make life go smoothly for ourselves and others, but that is expecting from the world something it cannot give. Ajahn Brahm presents timeless wisdom for learning to abandon the headwind of false expectations and follow instead the path of understanding in order to find true joy within. By releasing our attachment to past and future, hope and fear, we can settle into the stillness underlying all our thoughts and discover the bliss of the present moment.

Subtle Sound Sherry Chayat 1996-11-19 Maurine Stuart (1922–1990) was one of a select group of students on the leading edge of Buddhism in America: a woman who became a Zen master. In this book, she draws on down-to-earth Zen stories, her friendships with Japanese Zen teachers, and her experiences as a concert pianist to apply the inner meanings of Buddhism to practicing the basic ethics of daily living—nowness, unselfishness, compassion, and good will toward every living being. She emphasizes that inner growth comes through our own efforts and intuition, especially as we cultivate them through meditation practice. We can then take what we have learned in meditation and use it to respond to our daily lives in a straightforward and creative way, guided not by concepts or dogma, but

by direct insight into the reality of the present moment.

The New Ice Curtain Heather A. Conley 2015-09-17 The New Ice Curtain explores Russia's strategic ambitions for its Arctic region—an understudied and underappreciated region that encompasses nearly the entire northern coast of Eurasia.

Software Engineering for Science Jeffrey C. Carver 2016-11-03 Software Engineering for Science provides an in-depth collection of peer-reviewed chapters that describe experiences with applying software engineering practices to the development of scientific software. It provides a better understanding of how software engineering is and should be practiced, and which software engineering practices are effective for scientific software. The book starts with a detailed overview of the Scientific Software Lifecycle, and a general overview of the scientific software development process. It highlights key issues commonly arising during scientific software development, as well as solutions to these problems. The second part of the book provides examples of the use of testing in scientific software development, including key issues and challenges. The chapters then describe solutions and case studies aimed at applying testing to scientific software development efforts. The final part of the book provides examples of applying software engineering techniques to scientific software, including not only computational modeling, but also software for data management and analysis. The authors describe their experiences and lessons learned from developing complex scientific software in different domains. About the Editors Jeffrey Carver is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Alabama. He is one of the primary organizers of the workshop series on Software Engineering for Science (<http://www.SE4Science.org/workshops>). Neil P. Chue Hong is Director of the Software Sustainability Institute at the University of Edinburgh. His research interests include barriers and incentives in research software ecosystems and the role of software as a research object. George K. Thiruvathukal is Professor of Computer Science at Loyola University Chicago and Visiting Faculty at Argonne National Laboratory. His current research is focused on software metrics in open source mathematical and scientific software.

Qualitative Research and Case Study Applications in Education Sharan B. Merriam 1997-09-15 An invaluable resource—one that will open up the conceptual world of qualitative research and provide the step-by-step direction needed to translate those concepts into practice. -- M. Carolyn Clark, Department of Educational Human Resource Development, College of Education, Texas A&M University Since Merriam's definitive Case Study Research in Education first appeared in 1988, significant advances have occurred in the field of qualitative research. To meet the demand for a book that reflects these important changes, Merriam has completely revised and updated her classic work. Timely, authoritative, and approachable, Qualitative Research and Case Study Applications in Education is a practical resource that offers the information and guidance needed to manage all phases of the qualitative and case study research process.

EMRA Advocacy Handbook Alison Haddock 2019-05

The Cambridge Handbook of Surveillance Law David Gray 2017-10-12 Surveillance presents a conundrum: how to ensure safety, stability, and efficiency while

respecting privacy and individual liberty. From police officers to corporations to intelligence agencies, surveillance law is tasked with striking this difficult and delicate balance. That challenge is compounded by ever-changing technologies and evolving social norms. Following the revelations of Edward Snowden and a host of private-sector controversies, there is intense interest among policymakers, business leaders, attorneys, academics, students, and the public regarding legal, technological, and policy issues relating to surveillance. This handbook documents and organizes these conversations, bringing together some of the most thoughtful and impactful contributors to contemporary surveillance debates, policies, and practices. Its pages explore surveillance techniques and technologies; their value for law enforcement, national security, and private enterprise; their impacts on citizens and communities; and the many ways societies do - and should - regulate surveillance.

Programming Google App Engine Dan Sanderson 2009-11-23 As one of today's cloud computing services, Google App Engine does more than provide access to a large system of servers. It also offers you a simple model for building applications that scale automatically to accommodate millions of users. With Programming Google App Engine, you'll get expert practical guidance that will help you make the best use of this powerful platform. Google engineer Dan Sanderson shows you how to design your applications for scalability, including ways to perform common development tasks using App Engine's APIs and scalable services. You'll learn about App Engine's application server architecture, runtime environments, and scalable datastore for distributing data, as well as techniques for optimizing your application. App Engine offers nearly unlimited computing power, and this book provides clear and concise instructions for getting the most from it right from the source. Discover the differences between traditional web development and development with App Engine Learn the details of App Engine's Python and Java runtime environments Understand how App Engine handles web requests and executes application code Learn how to use App Engine's scalable datastore, including queries and indexes, transactions, and data modeling Use task queues to parallelize and distribute work across the infrastructure Deploy and manage applications with ease

LeBron James Vs. the NBA Brendan Bowers 2017-11-15 Showcasing one of professional basketball's best players, this book spotlights the life and career of hardcourt superstar LeBron James. More than just a biography, it relates James' story while also establishing his prominent place in NBA history. By examining his skills and statistics in a variety of categories and comparing him to other NBA legends--including Magic Johnson, Bill Russell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, and more--the guide makes a strong case for James as basketball's greatest. Along the way, his best and most memorable moments are revisited, from his days as a high school stand-out in Akron, to his first stint with the Cavaliers, to "The Decision" to join the Miami Heat, and the show-stopping performance in the 2016 Finals to bring an NBA title back to Cleveland. LeBron James vs. The NBA is certain to stir up lively debate and is a must-have for Cavs fans and basketball buffs alike.

Think Bayes Allen Downey 2013-09-12 If you know how to program with Python and also know a little about probability, you're ready to tackle Bayesian statistics. With this book, you'll learn how to solve statistical problems with Python code

instead of mathematical notation, and use discrete probability distributions instead of continuous mathematics. Once you get the math out of the way, the Bayesian fundamentals will become clearer, and you'll begin to apply these techniques to real-world problems. Bayesian statistical methods are becoming more common and more important, but not many resources are available to help beginners. Based on undergraduate classes taught by author Allen Downey, this book's computational approach helps you get a solid start. Use your existing programming skills to learn and understand Bayesian statistics Work with problems involving estimation, prediction, decision analysis, evidence, and hypothesis testing Get started with simple examples, using coins, M&Ms, Dungeons & Dragons dice, paintball, and hockey Learn computational methods for solving real-world problems, such as interpreting SAT scores, simulating kidney tumors, and modeling the human microbiome.

London's Best Beer Pubs and Bars, Volume 3 Des De Moor 2020-09 The essential, indispensable and award-winning guide to one of the world's great beer cities is back with a fully revised and updated 3rd edition. From traditional pubs serving top-quality cask ale, to the latest on-trend bottle shop bars, and funky brewery taprooms in Victorian railway arches, London is now bursting with great beer and this book will direct you to the very best. Including profiles of all 130 London breweries, including beer and taproom details; detailed reviews of 170 must-visit pubs, bars, shops, restaurants and other outlets with an outstanding beer offer; London beer style guide with recommendations and tasting notes; background features exploring London's rich brewing history and modern beer scene; and color photography and detailed maps throughout

Dying Every Day James S. Romm 2014 Explores the moral struggles, political intrigues and violent vendettas that enmeshed Seneca, the ancient Roman writer and philosopher, in the brutal daily lives of the imperial family and the regime of his student, Nero.

Land of Shadows Rachel Howzell Hall 2014-06-10 A skeptical Lou Norton of the Los Angeles police department investigates increasingly compelling parallels between the suspicious suicide of a teenage girl and the unsolved murder Lou's sister. By the author of A Quiet Storm. 30,000 first printing.

Underestimated Henry D Sokolski 2017-09-28 Henry Sokolski has written an excellent, short book about what he sees as our not so peaceful nuclear future. While short in length, it covers a lot of ground, and because it is extensively footnoted, it can lead readers to the broader literature. The book provides a good picture of the growing stockpiles of separated plutonium and the stockpiles of highly enriched uranium, as well as the likely expansion of nuclear power programs in additional countries. When reading the book, my thoughts turned to the Per Bak book, How Nature Works, and the concept of self-organized criticality and its descriptions of computer simulations and experiments leading to avalanches in sandpiles. This may be a useful way of thinking about the possible consequences for nuclear weapon proliferation as the stockpiles of fissile material grow.

Prentice Hall Realidades 1 Peggy Palo Boyles 2011-01-01

The PLA Beyond Borders Joel Wuthnow 2021

Happy Birthday Susan Branch 2000-03-01 These Little Books, Each Handwritten & Watercolored, are Bound with a Grosgrain Ribbon & Celebrate All the Simple Things that Make Life Sweet: Love, Birthdays, Babies, Hats, Birdies, & Girlfriends to Name a Few. They're the Perfect Way to Make Someone's Day! Each of these Delightful Little Books is Filled with Color, Charm, & Inspiration. Each Comes with its Own Specially Designed & Gusseted Envelope.

The Accidental Admiral James Stavridis 2014-10-01 Despite demonstrated prowess in the handling of ships and sailors, five years after receiving his commission, Jim Stavridis was planning on getting out of the Navy and going to law school. His assignments officer, a young lieutenant commander by the name of Mike Mullen (who would go on to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs) noticed something special in Stavridis, however, and convinced him to stay on active duty by dangling the prospect of Uncle Sam sending him to graduate school. Going ashore for a few years, Stavridis earned his MALD and PhD in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. The experience that taught him to look beyond the horizon and to think and act globally. Throughout his career Stavridis was anything but uniform in the way he approached his duties. An avid reader and prolific author he wrote more than 55 articles, commentaries, and book reviews in the Navy's professional journal "Proceedings" beginning when he was still a midshipman and continuing to this day. He has also written for some of the leading papers and journals in the United States, including the, New York Times, Washington Post, Atlantic Magazine, Naval War College Review, and many others His career was marked by unusually challenging assignments including command of a U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer in the early '90s; two stints as a top aide to two different Secretaries of the Navy (one a Republican and the other a Democrat); and command of an aircraft carrier battle group. Stavridis narrowly missed being killed on September 11, 2001 when an American Airlines aircraft plunged into the Pentagon not far from his office. He was subsequently put in charge of a Navy think tank, "Deep Blue," which was tasked with reimagining the service's role in a post-9/11 environment. Already selected for his first star as 9/11 unfolded, his rise through the ranks was swift – even going directly from one-star to three-star admiral without ever wearing two stars – when he was selected to be the senior military assistant to the very demanding Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. Surviving that crucible, he was nominated for his fourth star at the age of 50, one of the youngest persons to serve at that rank in modern history. He then became the first naval officer to lead the U.S. Southern Command – responsible for all U.S. military operations in the Caribbean and Central and South America. At the end of that assignment he was picked to be the first naval officer to serve as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO – a job first held by Dwight D. Eisenhower and then by a string of prominent generals. When he was given that assignment, the New York Times referred to Stavridis as a "renaissance Admiral," something Stavridis turned into "the accidental Admiral" given he was the first sailor to head to that command. That is where this book, "The Accidental Admiral" picks up – as Stavridis enlightens readers about securing such a position and serving as NATO's top man in uniform for four years. They were challenging years indeed. Stavridis was responsible for NATO operations in Afghanistan, its conduct of a military intervention in Libya and preparation for possible war in Syria – as well as worrying about the Balkans, cyber threats, piracy, all while cutting NATO by 30% due to budget reductions by the 28 nations of the Alliance. More than just describing the history of what happened, Stavridis shares with reader the "why"

and gives insights into the personalities of those with whom he dealt, ranging from President Barack Obama; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; Secretaries of Defense Robert Gates, Leon Panetta, and Chuck Hagel; Afghan President Hamid Karzai; Generals David Petraeus, Stanley McChrystal, John Allen and many more. The *Accidental Admiral* is more than just a memoir. The book is also a very personal reflection of the burdens and benefits of leadership, and Stavridis also shares his insights on strategic communications, planning, and the convergence of threats that will confront the U.S. and its allies in the near future.

Richard Renaldi 2017-10-05 "Since 2007, Richard Renaldi has been working on a series of photographs that involve approaching and asking complete strangers to physically interact while posing together for a portrait. Working on the street with a large format eight-by-ten-inch view camera, Renaldi encounters the subjects for his photographs in towns and cities all over the United States. He pairs them up and invites them to pose together, intimately, in ways that people are usually taught to reserve for their close friends and loved ones. Renaldi creates spontaneous and fleeting relationships between strangers, for the camera, often pushing his subjects beyond their comfort levels. These relationships may only last for the moment the shutter is released, but the resulting photographs are moving and provocative, and raise profound questions about the possibilities for positive human connection in a diverse society. -- Provided by publisher."-- Publisher's description.

Japanese Farm Food Nancy Singleton Hachisu 2012-09-04 'Japanese Farm Food' offers a unique window into life on a Japanese farm through the simple, clear-flavoured recipes cooked from family crops and other local, organic products. The multitude of vibrant images by Kenji Miura of green fields, a traditional farmhouse, antique baskets and ceramic bowls filled with beautiful, simple dishes are interwoven with Japanese indigo fabrics to convey an intimate, authentic portrait of life and food on a Japanese farm.

The Winter We Danced The Kino-Nda-Niimi Collective 2014 The Winter We Danced is a vivid collection of writing, poetry, lyrics, art and images from the many diverse voices that make up the past, present, and future of the Idle No More movement. Calling for pathways into healthy, just, equitable and sustainable communities while drawing on a wide-ranging body of narratives, journalism, editorials and creative pieces, this collection consolidates some of the most powerful, creative and insightful moments from the winter we danced and gestures towards next steps in an on-going movement for justice and Indigenous self-determination. Royalties from the sale of this book will be donated to the Native Youth Sexual Health Network.

Circus Maximus Andrew Zimbalist 2020-06-30 Beyond the headlines of the world's most beloved sporting events Brazil hosted the 2016 men's World Cup at a cost of \$15 billion to \$20 billion, building large, new stadiums in cities that have little use for them anymore. The projected cost of Tokyo's 2020 Summer Olympic Games is estimated to be as high as \$30 billion, much of it coming from the public trough. In the updated and expanded edition of his bestselling book, *Circus Maximus: The Economic Gamble Behind Hosting the Olympics and the World Cup*, Andrew Zimbalist tackles the claim that cities chosen to host these high-profile sporting events experience an economic windfall. In this new edition he looks at upcoming

summer and winter Olympic games, discusses the recent Women's World Cup, and the upcoming men's tournament in Qatar. *Circus Maximus* focuses on major cities, like London, Rio, and Barcelona, that have previously hosted these sporting events, to provide context for future host cities that will bear the weight of exploding expenses, corruption, and protests. Zimbalist offers a sobering and candid look at the Olympics and the World Cup from outside the echo chamber.

The Hidden History of the JFK Assassination Lamar Waldron 2013-11-14 Five decades after one of America's greatest tragedies, this compelling book pierces the veil of secrecy to document the small, tightly held conspiracy that killed President John F. Kennedy. It explains why he was murdered, and how it was done in a way that forced many records to remain secret for decades. *The Hidden History of the JFK Assassination* draws on exclusive interviews with more than two dozen associates of John and Robert Kennedy, in addition to former FBI, Secret Service, military intelligence, and Congressional personnel, who provided critical first-hand information. The book also details the FBI confessions of notorious Mafia godfathers Carlos Marcello and Santo Trafficante to reveal exactly who killed JFK. Using files and information that have never been published before, Lamar Waldron fully explains for the first time how Marcello and Trafficante committed – and got away with – the crime of the twentieth century.

Construction Sally Sutton 2014 Big machines and their drivers work together to build a library.

Preserving Liberty Candice Patterson 2017-09-08 Historic preservation specialist Liberty Carmichael loves her position at the Library of Congress, caring for America's oldest documents. So when she intercepts an inside threat by a radical group planning to steal part of Thomas Jefferson's original collection, she takes it to the highest authority--her father, the president. When he fails to take the threat seriously, she steals the books to keep them safe. Undercover FBI agent Cole Harding is close to disbanding the group responsible for killing his father. Believing documents once owned by Thomas Jefferson hold clues to answering a two hundred year old question, the group's next target is the Library of Congress. However, he wasn't expecting the First Daughter to get caught in the middle. Will Cole convince the president to trust his abilities? Can he keep Liberty safe without blowing his cover? Can either protect their hea

Easy Container Combos Pamela Crawford 2010 Pamela Crawford's books have been a blessing to me as a novice gardener and this new book on combining flowers with vegetables in containers is "right up my alley". The beautiful photographs and simple to understand instructions are exactly what I need to create practical and beautiful containers. I especially appreciate her honest approach to her mistakes, and the pictures of the "bloopers" make a point while being funny at the same time. This book is at the top of my list for hostess gifts and my daughters birthday presents this year. You will enjoy it!

The Science of Mom Alice Callahan 2021-11-23 Now updated! The new edition of this best-selling guide uses science to tackle some of the most important decisions facing new parents—from sleep training and vaccinations to breastfeeding and baby food. Is cosleeping safe? How important is breastfeeding? Are food allergies preventable? Should we be worried about the aluminum in vaccines? Searching for

answers to these tough parenting questions can yield a deluge of conflicting advice. In this revised and expanded edition of *The Science of Mom*, Alice Callahan, a science writer whose work appears in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, recognizes that families must make their own decisions and gives parents the tools to evaluate the evidence for themselves. Sharing the latest scientific research on raising healthy babies, she covers topics like the microbiome, attachment, vaccine safety, pacifiers, allergies, increasing breast milk production, and choosing an infant formula.

Skies of Ash Rachel Howzell Hall 2015-05-19 Los Angeles homicide detective Elouise "Lou" Norton and her partner, Colin Taggart, arrive at the scene of a tragic house fire. Juliet Chatman perished in the blaze, along with her two children. Left behind is grieving husband and father Christopher Chatman, hospitalized after trying to rescue his family. Chatman is devastated that he couldn't save them. Unless, of course, he's the one who killed them. Neighbors and family friends insist the Chatmans were living the dream. But Lou quickly discovers the reality was very different. The flames of adultery, jealousy, scandal, fraud, and disease had all but consumed the Chatmans' marriage before it went up in smoke. Lou's own marriage hangs by a thread. Soured by the men in her life, Lou is convinced that Chatman started the fire. Her colleagues worry that her personal issues are obscuring her judgment. With very little evidence regarding the fire—and rising doubts about her husband's commitment to monogamy—Lou feels played by all sides. Was the fire sparked by a serial arsonist known as The Burning Man? Or by the Chatmans' son, who regularly burned his father's property? Searching for justice through the ashes of a picture-perfect family, Lou doesn't know if she will catch an arsonist or be burned in the process. *Skies of Ash* is another thrilling read from author-to-watch Rachel Howzell Hall. "Gives voice to a rare figure in crime fiction: a highly complex, fully imagined black female detective." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review on *Trail of Echoes* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Tornado T. P. Grazulis 2003 A guide to tornado formation and lifecycle also covers such topics as forecasting, wind speeds, tornado myths, tornado safety, risks, and records, along with accounts of the deadliest tornadoes in the United States.

Individual Placement and Support Robert E. Drake 2012-11-15 This comprehensive monograph synthesizes the research on the Individual Placement and Support model of supported employment for people with severe mental illness. It identifies empirical foundations for core principles of the model and reviews the literature on effectiveness, long-term outcomes, cost-effectiveness, generalizability, implementation, and policy implications.

Timeless Lucinda Franks 2014-08-19 "Words by the millions have been printed about you, but none have revealed your real life, your secret life--which is that you belong to me." In this beautifully rendered literary memoir, Lucinda Franks, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, tells the intimate story of her marriage to Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, one of the great men of our time. After Lucinda interviewed Bob for *The New York Times* in 1973, the two took a while to understand that they had fallen in love. Franks was a self-styled radical who marched with protesters and chained herself to fences. Morgenthau was a famous

lawyer, a symbol of the establishment, who could have helped put her in jail. She was twenty-six. He was fifty-three. Now, thirty-six years into a marriage that was never supposed to happen, one between two people as deeply in love as they are different, they are living proof that opposites can forge an unbreakable life bond. In *Timeless*, Franks offers a confidential tour of their unconventional years together, years that are both hilarious and interlaced with suspense. At the same time, she takes us behind the scenes to reveal the untold stories behind some of Morgenthau's most famous cases, many of which she helped him brainstorm for. A compelling memoir with piercing insights into how a relationship grows and develops over a lifetime, *Timeless* grants us an enlightening window into one of New York's most famous yet defiant and iconoclastic couples, and the trials and successes of their union.

One Square Inch of Silence Gordon Hempton 2009-03-31 In the visionary tradition of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, *One Square Inch of Silence* alerts us to beauty that we take for granted and sounds an urgent environmental alarm. Natural silence is our nation's fastest-disappearing resource, warns Emmy-winning acoustic ecologist Gordon Hempton, who has made it his mission to record and preserve it in all its variety—before these soul-soothing terrestrial soundscapes vanish completely in the ever-rising din of man-made noise. Recalling the great works on nature written by John Muir, John McPhee, and Peter Matthiessen, this beautifully written narrative, co-authored with John Grossmann, is also a quintessentially American story—a road trip across the continent from west to east in a 1964 VW bus. But no one has crossed America like this. Armed with his recording equipment and a decibel-measuring sound-level meter, Hempton bends an inquisitive and loving ear to the varied natural voices of the American landscape—bugling elk, trilling thrushes, and drumming, endangered prairie chickens. He is an equally patient and perceptive listener when talking with people he meets on his journey about the importance of quiet in their lives. By the time he reaches his destination, Washington, D.C., where he meets with federal officials to press his case for natural silence preservation, Hempton has produced a historic and unforgettable sonic record of America. With the incisiveness of Jack Kerouac's observations on the road and the stirring wisdom of Robert Pirsig repairing an aging vehicle and his life, *One Square Inch of Silence* provides a moving call to action. More than simply a book, it is an actual place, too, located in one of America's last naturally quiet places, in Olympic National Park in Washington State.

Echopraxia Peter Watts 2014-08-26 Prepare for a different kind of singularity in Peter Watts' *Echopraxia*, the follow-up to the Hugo-nominated novel *Blindsight* It's the eve of the twenty-second century: a world where the dearly departed send postcards back from Heaven and evangelicals make scientific breakthroughs by speaking in tongues; where genetically engineered vampires solve problems intractable to baseline humans and soldiers come with zombie switches that shut off self-awareness during combat. And it's all under surveillance by an alien presence that refuses to show itself. Daniel Bruks is a living fossil: a field biologist in a world where biology has turned computational, a cat's-paw used by terrorists to kill thousands. Taking refuge in the Oregon desert, he's turned his back on a humanity that shatters into strange new subspecies with every heartbeat. But he awakens one night to find himself at the center of a storm that will turn all of history inside-out. Now he's trapped on a ship bound for the center of the solar system. To his left is a grief-stricken soldier, obsessed by whispered

messages from a dead son. To his right is a pilot who hasn't yet found the man she's sworn to kill on sight. A vampire and its entourage of zombie bodyguards lurk in the shadows behind. And dead ahead, a handful of rapture-stricken monks takes them all to a meeting with something they will only call "The Angels of the

Asteroids." Their pilgrimage brings Dan Bruks, the fossil man, face-to-face with the biggest evolutionary breakpoint since the origin of thought itself. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.