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The Billion Dollar Heir Sheila V 2017-07 "Pregnant," he said, the word rolling off his tongue. "Yes, Mr. Devereux, I am pregnant with your child." She cast her eyes down at her nails to avoid his intense hazel eyes. "Anyway, you don't even remember me. I just thought you should know. Goodbye." Oh, yes, he remembered this one. She had been a challenge, and when he finally stumbled into bed with her, he didn't ever want to stop his deep thrusting or the desperate movements of her hands in his hair, pulling him closer until they came together. "Olivia," he said, drawing out her name the same way he had during their passionate night. "I want my child. Give me proof it's mine so I can take this predicament off your hands." She laughed at the insensitive man, but there was no humor in what he was saying. "How dare you have the nerve to call my child a predicament? There is nothing unpleasant about the blood I carry. Goodbye, Mr. Devereux, and I hope you rot in hell."

The Italian in Need of an Heir Lynne Graham 2020-07-01 The tension has never been higher in this dramatic marriage of convenience romance by USA TODAY bestselling author Lynne Graham! He's

negotiating the deal of a lifetime...and everything is at stake! No one rejects Raffaele Manzini. Gorgeous, ruthless and successful, he gets what he wants. But strong-willed math prodigy Maya Campbell is his biggest challenge yet. Because if he's to acquire the company he most desires, they must marry and have a child... At first, Raffaele's proposal shocks Maya. But her beloved family is in financial ruin, and this is her chance to save them. Maya's head might be saying no to the wildly attractive Italian, but her body—and her heart—are saying a very emphatic yes! From Harlequin Presents: Escape to exotic locations where passion knows no bounds. Read both Cinderella Brides for Billionaires books by Lynne Graham: Book 1 – Cinderella's Royal Secret Book 2 – The Italian in Need of an Heir

No Logo Naomi Klein 2000-01-15 An analysis of the invasion of our personal lives by logo-promoting, powerful corporations combines muckraking journalism with contemporary memoir to discuss current consumer culture

Marriage by Law Pockett 2016-10-05 "Marrying a total stranger? I'd rather eat seafood for the rest of my life." What happens when two complete strangers are thrown into an arranged marriage they don't want? All hell breaks loose. Ivory Hiddleberg, born to a long line of entrepreneurs, is in a sticky situation. As the first girl born in the family for over five generations, she was expected to do one thing: to marry into the influential Quartz family. To honour an age-old deal made by her great-great grandfather, she was set to marry Darius Quartz, CEO of a multi-billionaire company. Deadly handsome but cold as ice, she knew he could never give her the happiness she deserves. But with parents hell-bent on making the deal a reality in hopes of preventing competition between their businesses, they couldn't do anything. So marry him she did. Six months later, Ivory finds herself bored to death. With her stranger of a husband gone for business training abroad, nothing much has changed. That is, until Darius returns. Add Ivory's cheating ex-boyfriend, her hilariously loyal best friend, and Darius' insane cousin to the picture, and her life just becomes more interesting than attending her French lessons. Will she come through? Will they ever learn to accept their relationship? Will love come after marriage? Grab this funny, romantic novel full of fun, joy, insanity, and most of all, love. Get your copy now.

China Statistical Yearbook 2011

Fast Food Nation Eric Schlosser 2012 Explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, politics, popular culture, entertainment, and food production.

Open Secrets Richard Lischer 2002-07-16 Open Secrets is Richard Lischer's story of his early career as a Lutheran minister. Fresh out of divinity school and full of enthusiasm, Lischer found himself assigned to a small conservative church in an economically depressed town in southern Illinois. This was far from what this overly enthusiastic and optimistic young man expected. The town was bleak, poor, and clearly not a step on his path to a brilliant career. It's an awkward marriage at best, a young man with a Ph.D. in theology, full of ideas and ambitions, determined to improve his parish and bring them into the twenty-first century, and a community that is "as tightly sealed as a jar of home-canned pickles." In their own way, they welcome him and his family, even though they think he's "got bigger fish to fry." Thus begins Richard Lischer's first year as a pastor: bringing communion to the sick (but forgetting to bring the wafers); marrying two unlikely couples--a pregnant teenager and her boyfriend, and two people who can't stop fighting. Often he doesn't understand his congregation, and sometimes they don't understand him; for instance, why does his wife hire a baby-sitter and instead of leaving, put on her bathing suit, grab a stack of novels, and hide from the kids? Or why can't Pastor Lischer see how important it is for a woman with little money to buy an elaborate coffin to bury her husband in? There are also the moments of grace, when pastor and parishioner unite for a common goal: when he asks for prayers for his infant son, and can feel everyone in the congregation ministering to him; when old hurts are put aside to help a desperate young woman finish college and raise her baby; or when he helps save a woman from dying of a drug overdose. In Open Secrets Lischer tells not only his own story but also the story of New Cana and all of its inhabitants--lovable, deeply flawed, imperfect people that stick together. With his sharp eye and keen wit, Lischer perfectly captures the comedy of small town life with all of its feuds, rumors, scandals, and friendships. In the end he learns to appreciate not only the life New Cana has to offer, but also the people who have accepted him, at last, as part of themselves.

The 9/11 Commission Report National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States 2004 Provides the final report of the 9/11 Commission detailing their findings on the September 11 terrorist

attacks.

Factfulness Hans Rosling 2018-04-03 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “One of the most important books I’ve ever read—an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world.” – Bill Gates “Hans Rosling tells the story of ‘the secret silent miracle of human progress’ as only he can. But Factfulness does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readers how to see it clearly.” –Melinda Gates “Factfulness by Hans Rosling, an outstanding international public health expert, is a hopeful book about the potential for human progress when we work off facts rather than our inherent biases.” - Former U.S. President Barack Obama Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts. When asked simple questions about global trends—what percentage of the world’s population live in poverty; why the world’s population is increasing; how many girls finish school—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In Factfulness, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse). Our problem is that we don’t know what we don’t know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn’t mean there aren’t real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, Factfulness is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world and empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future. --- “This book is my last battle in my life-long mission to fight devastating ignorance...Previously I armed myself with huge data sets, eye-opening software, an energetic learning style and a Swedish bayonet for sword-swallowing. It wasn’t enough. But I hope this book will be.” Hans Rosling, February 2017.

The Billion-Dollar Bride Hunt Melanie Milburne 2021-06-29 The billionaire, the matchmaker and their off-limits attraction... USA TODAY bestselling author Melanie Milburne brings us a marriage of convenience romance, inspired by Jane Austen's classic *Emma*. What if the woman he wants... Is the one finding his bride? When Matteo Vitale strides into matchmaker Emmaline Woodcroft's office, he has an unusual request. He must marry and father an heir if he's to inherit his family estate. After his first marriage ended tragically, what he needs is a wife who isn't looking for love! To understand her enigmatic client, Emmie accepts an invitation to his Italian villa. As she gets closer to the real Matteo, for once she gives in to desire. The trouble is, Emmie knows she can't be the bride Matteo's looking for... From Harlequin Presents: Escape to exotic locations where passion knows no bounds.

Covid-19: The Great Reset Thierry Malleret 2020-07-09 "The Corona crisis and the Need for a Great Reset" is a guide for anyone who wants to understand how COVID-19 disrupted our social and economic systems, and what changes will be needed to create a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable world going forward. Thierry Malleret, founder of the Monthly Barometer, and Klaus Schwab, founder and executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, explore what the root causes of these crisis were, and why they lead to a need for a Great Reset. Theirs is a worrying, yet hopeful analysis. COVID-19 has created a great disruptive reset of our global social, economic, and political systems. But the power of human beings lies in being foresighted and having the ingenuity, at least to a certain extent, to take their destiny into their hands and to plan for a better future. This is the purpose of this book: to shake up and to show the deficiencies which were manifest in our global system, even before COVID broke out.

Where Do We Go from Here? Kimberly L. Watkins 2019-12-10 As the characters go through their daily journeys, each one finds themselves often pondering the question: Where do we go from here? Some will realize the answer to that question, while others will be left to figure out which way to turn next. Interwoven in this novel are issues and lessons related to friendship, love, death, family secrets, betrayal, heartbreak and pure bliss. Set in the suburbs of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan area, you'll take a ride through the characters' lives that will touch your heart and leave you wanting more.

Global Trends 2030 Office of the Director of National Intelligence Council 2017-03-11 This publication

covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in Global Trends 2030, including: a review of the four previous Global Trends reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible the impact on future international relations. Table of Contents: Introduction 1 Megatrends 6 Individual Empowerment 8 Poverty Reduction 8 An Expanding Global Middle Class 8 Education and the Gender Gap 10 Role of Communications Technologies 11 Improving Health 11 A MORE CONFLICTED IDEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE 12 Diffusion of Power 15 THE RISE AND FALL OF COUNTRIES: NOT THE SAME OLD STORY 17 THE LIMITS OF HARD POWER IN THE WORLD OF 2030 18 Demographic Patterns 20 Widespread Aging 20 Shrinking Number of Youthful Countries 22 A New Age of Migration 23 The World as Urban 26 Growing Food, Water, and Energy Nexus 30 Food, Water, and Climate 30 A Brighter Energy Outlook 34 Game-Changers 38 The Crisis-Prone Global Economy 40 The Plight of the West 40 Crunch Time Too for the Emerging Powers 43 A Multipolar Global Economy: Inherently More Fragile? 46 The Governance Gap 48 Governance Starts at Home: Risks and Opportunities 48 INCREASED FOCUS ON EQUALITY AND OPENNESS 53 NEW GOVERNMENTAL FORMS 54 A New Regional Order? 55 Global Multilateral Cooperation 55 The Potential for Increased Conflict 59 INTRASTATE CONFLICT: CONTINUED DECLINE 59 Interstate Conflict: Chances Rising 61 Wider Scope of Regional Instability 70 The Middle East: At a Tipping Point 70 South Asia: Shocks on the Horizon 75 East Asia: Multiple Strategic Futures 76 Europe: Transforming Itself 78 Sub-Saharan Africa: Turning a Corner by 2030? 79 Latin America: More Prosperous but Inherently Fragile 81 The Impact of New Technologies 83 Information Technologies 83 AUTOMATION AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES 87 Resource Technologies 90 Health Technologies 95 The Role of the United States 98 Steady US Role 98 Multiple Potential Scenarios for the United States' Global Role 101 Alternative Worlds 107 Stalled Engines 110 FUSION 116 Gini-out-of-the-

Bottle 122 Nonstate World 128 Acknowledgements 134 GT2030 Blog References 137 Audience: Appropriate for anyone, from businesses to banks, government agencies to start-ups, the technology sector to the teaching sector, and more. This publication helps anticipate where the world will be: socially, politically, technologically, and culturally over the next few decades. Keywords: Global Trends 2030 Alternative Worlds, global trends 2030, Global Trends series, National Intelligence Council, global trajectories, global megatrends, geopolitics, geopolitical changes

IMPRISONED BY A VOW Annie West 2017-12-08 After Leila's mother died, her stepfather kept her locked inside for two years. Her only dream was to escape from her stepfather and live as a free woman. And she may get her chance now that her stepfather has ordered her to marry Joss Carmody, a wealthy businessman! But Joss is suspicious and believes she's only after his money. At first, they have a very cold relationship as husband and wife, but then one fateful kiss ignites a fire in their hearts. Leila begins to dream of a future together, but Joss doesn't believe in love, and she begins to wonder... Does he even want her?

The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies Lauren Dundes 2019-07-11 In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney's films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.

Global Trends 2040 National Intelligence Council 2021-03 "The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic marks the

most significant, singular global disruption since World War II, with health, economic, political, and security implications that will ripple for years to come." -Global Trends 2040 (2021) Global Trends 2040-A More Contested World (2021), released by the US National Intelligence Council, is the latest report in its series of reports starting in 1997 about megatrends and the world's future. This report, strongly influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, paints a bleak picture of the future and describes a contested, fragmented and turbulent world. It specifically discusses the four main trends that will shape tomorrow's world: - Demographics-by 2040, 1.4 billion people will be added mostly in Africa and South Asia. - Economics-increased government debt and concentrated economic power will escalate problems for the poor and middleclass. - Climate-a hotter world will increase water, food, and health insecurity. - Technology-the emergence of new technologies could both solve and cause problems for human life. Students of trends, policymakers, entrepreneurs, academics, journalists and anyone eager for a glimpse into the next decades, will find this report, with colored graphs, essential reading.

PISA Take the Test Sample Questions from OECD's PISA Assessments OECD 2009-02-02 This book presents all the publicly available questions from the PISA surveys. Some of these questions were used in the PISA 2000, 2003 and 2006 surveys and others were used in developing and trying out the assessment.

The Everything Store Brad Stone 2013-10-15 The authoritative account of the rise of Amazon and its intensely driven founder, Jeff Bezos, praised by the Seattle Times as "the definitive account of how a tech icon came to life." Amazon.com started off delivering books through the mail. But its visionary founder, Jeff Bezos, wasn't content with being a bookseller. He wanted Amazon to become the everything store, offering limitless selection and seductive convenience at disruptively low prices. To do so, he developed a corporate culture of relentless ambition and secrecy that's never been cracked. Until now. Brad Stone enjoyed unprecedented access to current and former Amazon employees and Bezos family members, giving readers the first in-depth, fly-on-the-wall account of life at Amazon. Compared to tech's other elite innovators -- Jobs, Gates, Zuckerberg -- Bezos is a private man. But he stands out for his restless pursuit of new markets, leading Amazon into risky new ventures like the Kindle and cloud computing, and transforming retail in the same way Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing. The Everything Store is the

revealing, definitive biography of the company that placed one of the first and largest bets on the Internet and forever changed the way we shop and read.

The Billion-Dollar Marriage Contract Alyssa Urbano 2014-02-12 Doomed from the start... Nikos Demakis and Cassia Andrade were married under a billion-dollar company merger contract. Nikos isn't ready to give up his playboy lifestyle, and Cassia is far from the glittering socialite that their elite circle expects. Events force them to live separate lives. Ten years later, Nikos is ready to give it all up and settle down with the wife he only sees once a year. Cassia is also ready to settle down...just not with Nikos. Will Cassia once again surrender herself to the man who scarred her forever? Or will she give up her inherited fortune to leave and never look back? Will they still be able to fulfill the terms of their billion-dollar marriage contract, when death and danger stalk them at every turn?

The Psychology of Money Morgan Housel 2020-09-08 Doing well with money isn't necessarily about what you know. It's about how you behave. And behavior is hard to teach, even to really smart people. Money—investing, personal finance, and business decisions—is typically taught as a math-based field, where data and formulas tell us exactly what to do. But in the real world people don't make financial decisions on a spreadsheet. They make them at the dinner table, or in a meeting room, where personal history, your own unique view of the world, ego, pride, marketing, and odd incentives are scrambled together. In *The Psychology of Money*, award-winning author Morgan Housel shares 19 short stories exploring the strange ways people think about money and teaches you how to make better sense of one of life's most important topics.

Marrying a Billionaire Anne-Marie Meyer 2018-09-03 Lillian Brunette is desperate for a job. Six months pregnant and recently divorced, she needs health insurance and an income if she's ever going to be able to take care of herself and the baby--if what happened to her first pregnancy happens again. So when her best friend tells her that the billionaire bachelor is looking for an assistant, she jumps at the opportunity to interview. Reed Williamson is trying to get over his broken heart. When he finds out that his fiancée ended up pregnant with his half-brother's baby, he's written off all relationships. Which he was doing a good job at until he finds out that in order to inherit his family's investment company, he has to be married. Out of

desperation, Reed's mom puts in a call to an elite matchmaking agency to find him a contract wife. At least with that, there's no chance of falling in love. After an episode of mistaken identity, Lillian finds herself contractually obligated to marry Reed. Which is the ideal relationship for her. Faking a marriage seems easy, until she finds out that Reed is kind and incredibly handsome. And just might be what she wants in a family. If only he could accept the secret she's so desperate to hide.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution Klaus Schwab 2017 Between the 18th and 19th centuries, Britain experienced massive leaps in technological, scientific, and economical advancement

More Money Than God Sebastian Mallaby 2011-05-03 The first book of its kind: a fascinating and entertaining examination of hedge funds today Shortlisted for the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award The New York Times bestseller

The End of Poverty Jeffrey D. Sachs 2006-02-28 "Book and man are brilliant, passionate, optimistic and impatient . . . Outstanding." –The Economist The landmark exploration of economic prosperity and how the world can escape from extreme poverty for the world's poorest citizens, from one of the world's most renowned economists Hailed by Time as one of the world's hundred most influential people, Jeffrey D. Sachs is renowned for his work around the globe advising economies in crisis. Now a classic of its genre, *The End of Poverty* distills more than thirty years of experience to offer a uniquely informed vision of the steps that can transform impoverished countries into prosperous ones. Marrying vivid storytelling with rigorous analysis, Sachs lays out a clear conceptual map of the world economy. Explaining his own work in Bolivia, Russia, India, China, and Africa, he offers an integrated set of solutions to the interwoven economic, political, environmental, and social problems that challenge the world's poorest countries. Ten years after its initial publication, *The End of Poverty* remains an indispensable and influential work. In this 10th anniversary edition, Sachs presents an extensive new foreword assessing the progress of the past decade, the work that remains to be done, and how each of us can help. He also looks ahead across the next fifteen years to 2030, the United Nations' target date for ending extreme poverty, offering new insights and recommendations.

Bride Behind the Billion-Dollar Veil Clare Connelly 2019-11-01 How to redeem the world's richest playboy? Marry a Cinderella! Fantastically wealthy Thanos Stathakis almost has it all. He requires just one last company to complete his empire. But to acquire it, he must counter his scandalous reputation—with a wife! His executive assistant, Alice, is the perfect choice—oh-so-respectable and in need of financial support for her family. He persuades her their vows are purely for show. Until he lifts Alice's veil and their intense, electrifying kiss complicates everything... Step into the Greek's decadent world with this emotional Cinderella story

Idea Man Paul Allen 2011-04-19 By his early thirties, Paul Allen was a world-famous billionaire-and that was just the beginning. In 2007 and 2008, Time named Paul Allen, the cofounder of Microsoft, one of the hundred most influential people in the world. Since he made his fortune, his impact has been felt in science, technology, business, medicine, sports, music, and philanthropy. His passion, curiosity, and intellectual rigor-combined with the resources to launch and support new initiatives-have literally changed the world. In 2009 Allen discovered that he had lymphoma, lending urgency to his desire to share his story for the first time. In this classic memoir, Allen explains how he has solved problems, what he's learned from his many endeavors-both the triumphs and the failures-and his compelling vision for the future. He reflects candidly on an extraordinary life. The book also features previously untold stories about everything from the true origins of Microsoft to Allen's role in the dawn of private space travel (with SpaceShipOne) and in discoveries at the frontiers of brain science. With honesty, humor, and insight, Allen tells the story of a life of ideas made real.

Getting Everything You Can Out of All You've Got Jay Abraham 2001-10-12 A consultant to some of America's leading corporations shares key insights and ideas on how to supercharge one's business and career, explaining how to create and develop new opportunities for wealth in any business, enterprise, or venture. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

MONEY Master the Game Tony Robbins 2016-03-29 "Bibliography found online at tonyrobbins.com/masterthegame"--Page [643].

Billion-Dollar Baby Bargain Tessa Radley 2014-08-04 Victoria is shocked when her best friend is in an accident along with her husband. Who would have thought the couple might die, leaving behind their baby? She's sure that stone-cold Connor North, billionaire businessman and the other person named as Dylan's guardian, has zero interest in children. Victoria's the only person left to raise Dylan with love. But it turns out that Connor wants to raise him! He argues that his wealth can provide the best environment for the baby, but what is he really up to? Victoria finds out before long?when he melts her heart with a kiss, both of them drenched from the rain...

Million Dollar Marriage Katy Evans 2019-07-23 From New York Times bestselling author Katy Evans comes a hot romance about two strangers and their race to fall in love. If someone had bet Nell a million dollars that she would be saying "I do" to a complete stranger on national television, she'd have called them crazy, but with her crushing student loan payments sending her deep into the red, she's out of options. This should be nothing more than a business transaction--until she sets eyes on her groom, and everything changes. The game is on the instant Luke spots Penelope "Nell" Carpenter. He's out for the money, yes, but getting a little dirty with Nell doesn't sound too bad either. Everyone knows he's not the marrying kind, so it's a good thing it's just for show. God knows he's the worst guy his pretty wife should pick for real. They have nothing in common, but if they want the grand prize, they'll have to beat out eight other couples. Proving that total opposites attract should be easy enough...as long as they don't fall in love in the process.

Knocked Up by the Billionaire Tasha Fawkes 2017-05-03 Brady Shaw is the sole heir to a billion-dollar oil empire in Texas. However, he has no desire to take over the family business. He's too busy pandering in women, booze, and all of life's other temptations. When his father shuts down the flow of money, Brady is presented with an ultimatum: marry and produce a grandchild within a year, or spend the remainder of his life like the rest of the world--poor as fuck. Dana Sommer is a hard-working college student down on her luck. After losing her scholarship due to budget cuts, she now must find a way to, not only pay her tuitions, but also get her hands on \$50,000 to settle her brother's gambling debt, or she could lose the only family she has left. To resolve her impasse, she answers a Craigslist ad with a very unusual offer that could solve all her problems--marry a rich, spoiled playboy for one year and bear his child. The reward?

Half a million dollars.

The Sheikh's Contract Bride Teresa Southwick 2007-06-01 Sheikh Malik Hourani, Crown Prince of Bha'Khar, is a rich and powerful man dedicated to ruling his kingdom—but experience has made him wary of love. Beth Farrah has been betrothed to the sheikh since birth, but she has a secret! She's not the woman he thinks she is....

Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2017-09-28 Drug overdose, driven largely by overdose related to the use of opioids, is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States. The ongoing opioid crisis lies at the intersection of two public health challenges: reducing the burden of suffering from pain and containing the rising toll of the harms that can arise from the use of opioid medications. Chronic pain and opioid use disorder both represent complex human conditions affecting millions of Americans and causing untold disability and loss of function. In the context of the growing opioid problem, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched an Opioids Action Plan in early 2016. As part of this plan, the FDA asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a committee to update the state of the science on pain research, care, and education and to identify actions the FDA and others can take to respond to the opioid epidemic, with a particular focus on informing FDA's development of a formal method for incorporating individual and societal considerations into its risk-benefit framework for opioid approval and monitoring.

Hard Labor Sam Smith 2017-11-01 Oscar Robertson is known as one of the best players in NBA history, a triple-double machine who set the stage for the versatility of today's NBA superstars like LeBron James, Russell Westbrook, and Draymond Green. But The Big O's larger legacy may lie in spearheading the fight for his fellow players' financial equity and free agency, joined by fellow stars John Havlicek, Bill Bradley, Wes Unseld, and more. In *Hard Labor*, Sam Smith, best-selling basketball scribe emeritus and author of *The Jordan Rules*, unearths this incredible and untold fight for players' rights and examines the massive repercussions for the NBA and sports in the United States in the 40 years since. Diving into how "The 14" paved the way for the record-setting paydays for today's NBA players - stars and role players alike - as

well as the harsh consequences faced by those involved in the lawsuit against the NBA, Hard Labor is an essential read for both NBA and sports fans alike.

Public Vows Nancy F. COTT 2009-06-30 We commonly think of marriage as a private matter between two people, a personal expression of love and commitment. In this pioneering history, Nancy F. Cott demonstrates that marriage is and always has been a public institution. From the founding of the United States to the present day, imperatives about the necessity of marriage and its proper form have been deeply embedded in national policy, law, and political rhetoric. Legislators and judges have envisioned and enforced their preferred model of consensual, lifelong monogamy--a model derived from Christian tenets and the English common law that posits the husband as provider and the wife as dependent. In early confrontations with Native Americans, emancipated slaves, Mormon polygamists, and immigrant spouses, through the invention of the New Deal, federal income tax, and welfare programs, the federal government consistently influenced the shape of marriages. And even the immense social and legal changes of the last third of the twentieth century have not unraveled official reliance on marriage as a "pillar of the state." By excluding some kinds of marriages and encouraging others, marital policies have helped to sculpt the nation's citizenry, as well as its moral and social standards, and have directly affected national understandings of gender roles and racial difference. Public Vows is a panoramic view of marriage's political history, revealing the national government's profound role in our most private of choices. No one who reads this book will think of marriage in the same way again.

A New Contract with the Middle Class Richard V. Reeves 2020-10-06 A better future for the middle class is no longer an aspiration. It is a necessity. The disintegration of the American Dream is more visible than ever before. The understanding—the contract—that existed between individuals willing to work and contribute and a society willing to support those individuals when they needed it is falling apart. Now is the time to draft a new contract with America's middle class. One that rewards work and service, improves upward mobility, and reduces inequality. In A New Contract with the Middle Class Brookings senior fellows Isabel Sawhill and Richard Reeves outline the foundations of what that new contract should be, based on discussions they had across the country with middle-class Americans. Sawhill and Reeves' recommendations provide solutions to issues that came up time and time again in these conversations:

money, time, relationships, health, and respect. Some of the bold recommendations included in A New Contract with the Middle Class: • Eliminate virtually all income taxes paid by the middle class. • Raise the minimum wage and subsidize wages below the median with a worker tax credit. • Offer scholarships for those who undertake at least a year of national service. • Ensure four weeks of paid leave per year. • Align school and working hours and boost child care to help working parents. America is only as strong as the American middle-class. A New Contract with the Middle Class proposes a new way forward.

The End of Leadership Barbara Kellerman 2012-04-10 From one of the pioneers in the field of leadership studies comes a provocative reassessment of how people lead in the digital age: in *The End of Leadership*, Barbara Kellerman reveals a new way of thinking about leadership—and followership—in the twenty-first century. Building off of the strengths and insights of her work as a scholar and a teacher, Kellerman critically reexamines our most strongly-held assumptions about the role of leadership in driving success. Revealing which of our beliefs have become dangerously out-of-date thanks to advances in social media culture, she also calls into question the value of the so-called “leadership industry” itself. Asking whether leadership can truly be taught, Kellerman forces us to think critically and expansively about how to thrive as leaders in a global information age.

The Death of Expertise Thomas M. Nichols 2017 A cult of anti-expertise sentiment has coincided with anti-intellectualism, resulting in massively viral yet poorly informed debates ranging from the anti-vaccination movement to attacks on GMOs. As Tom Nichols shows in *The Death of Expertise*, there are a number of reasons why this has occurred—ranging from easy access to Internet search engines to a customer satisfaction model within higher education.

Pre-Incident Indicators of Terrorist Incidents Brent L. Smith 2011-01 This is a print on demand edition of a hard to find publication. Explores whether sufficient data exists to examine the temporal and spatial relationships that existed in terrorist group planning, and if so, could patterns of preparatory conduct be identified? About one-half of the terrorists resided, planned, and prepared for terrorism relatively close to their eventual target. The terrorist groups existed for 1,205 days from the first planning meeting to the date of the actual/planned terrorist incident. The planning process for specific acts began 2-3 months prior

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