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From Wall Street to Silicon Valley, employers are using tough and tricky questions to gauge job candidates' intelligence, imagination, and problem-solving ability -- qualities needed to survive in today's hypercompetitive global marketplace. For the first time, William Poundstone reveals the toughest questions used at Microsoft and other Fortune 500 companies -- and supplies the answers. He traces the rise and controversial fall of employer-mandated IQ tests, the peculiar obsessions of Bill Gates (who plays jigsaw puzzles as a competitive sport), the sadistic mind games of Wall Street (which reportedly led one job seeker to smash a forty-third-story window), and the bizarre excesses of today's hiring managers (who may start off your interview with a box of Legos or a game of virtual Russian roulette). *How Would You Move Mount Fuji?* is an indispensable book for anyone in business. Managers seeking the most talented employees will learn to incorporate puzzle interviews in their search for the top candidates. Job seekers will discover how to tackle even the most brain-busting questions, and gain the advantage that could win the job of a lifetime. And anyone who has ever dreamed of going up against the best minds in business may discover that these puzzles are simply a lot of fun. Why are beer cans tapered on the end, anyway?

## Are You Smart Enough to Work at Google?

You are shrunk to the height of a nickel and thrown in a blender. The blades start moving in 60 seconds. What do you do? If you want to work at Google, or any of America's best companies, you need to have an answer to this and other puzzling questions. *ARE YOU SMART ENOUGH TO WORK AT GOOGLE?* guides readers through the surprising solutions to dozens of the most challenging interview questions. The book covers the importance of creative thinking, ways to get a leg up on the competition, what your Facebook page says about you, and much more. *ARE YOU SMART ENOUGH TO WORK AT GOOGLE?* is a must read for anyone who wants to succeed in today's job market.

## Engaging the Other: 'Japan' and Its Alter-Egos, 1550-1850

In *Engaging the Other: "Japan and Its Alter-Egos", 1550-1850* Ronald P. Toby examines new discourses of identity and difference in early modern Japan, a discourse catalyzed by the "Iberian irruption," the appearance of Portuguese and other new, radical others in the sixteenth century. The encounter with peoples and countries unimagined in earlier discourse provoked an identity crisis, a paradigm shift from a view of the world as comprising only "three countries" (*sangoku*), i.e., Japan, China and India, to a world of "myriad countries" (*bankoku*) and peoples. In order to understand the new radical alterities, the Japanese were forced to establish new parameters of difference from familiar, proximate others, i.e., China, Korea and Ryukyu. Toby examines their articulation in literature, visual and performing arts, law, and customs.

## 100 Views of Mount Fuji

Mount Fuji is renowned worldwide as Japan's highest and most perfectly shaped mountain. Serving as a potent metaphor in classical love poetry and revered since ancient times by mountain-climbing sects of both the Shinto and Buddhist faiths, Fuji has taken on many roles in pre-modern Japan. This volume explores a wide range of manifestations of the mountain in more recent visual culture, as portrayed in more than 100 works by Japanese painters and print designers from the 17th century to the present. Featured alongside traditional paintings of the Kano, Sumiyoshi, and Shijo schools are the more individualistic print designs of Katsushika Hokusai, Utagawa Hiroshige, Munakata Shiko, Hagiwara Hideo, and others. New currents of

empiricism and subjectivity have enabled artists of recent centuries to project a surprisingly wide range of personal interpretations onto what was once regarded as such an eternal, unchanging symbol.

## **Mount Fuji**

Illustrated with color and black-and-white images of the mountain and its associated religious practices, H. Byron Earhart's study utilizes his decades of fieldwork—including climbing Fuji with three pilgrimage groups—and his research into Japanese and Western sources to offer a comprehensive overview of the evolving imagery of Mount Fuji from ancient times to the present day. Included in the book is a link to his twenty-eight minute streaming video documentary of Fuji pilgrimage and practice, *Fuji: Sacred Mountain of Japan*. Beginning with early reflections on the beauty and power associated with the mountain in medieval Japanese literature, Earhart examines how these qualities fostered spiritual practices such as Shugendo, which established rituals and a temple complex at the mountain as a portal to an ascetic otherworld. As a focus of worship, the mountain became a source of spiritual insight, rebirth, and prophecy through the practitioners Kakugyo and Jikigyo, whose teachings led to social movements such as Fujido (the way of Fuji) and to a variety of pilgrimage confraternities making images and replicas of the mountain for use in local rituals. Earhart shows how the seventeenth-century commodification of Mount Fuji inspired powerful interpretive renderings of the "peerless" mountain of Japan, such as those of the nineteenth-century print masters Hiroshige and Hokusai, which were largely responsible for creating the international reputation of Mount Fuji. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, images of Fuji served as an expression of a unique and superior Japanese culture. With its distinctive shape firmly embedded in Japanese culture but its ethical, ritual, and spiritual associations made malleable over time, Mount Fuji came to symbolize ultranationalistic ambitions in the 1930s and early 1940s, peacetime democracy as early as 1946, and a host of artistic, naturalistic, and commercial causes, even the exotic and erotic, in the decades since.

## **The Shooting Star**

Shivya Nath quit her corporate job at age twenty-three to travel the world. She gave up her home and the need for a permanent address, sold most of her possessions and embarked on a nomadic journey that has taken her everywhere from remote Himalayan villages to the Amazon rainforests of Ecuador. Along the way, she lived with an indigenous Mayan community in Guatemala, hiked alone in the Ecuadorian Andes, got mugged in Costa Rica, swam across the border from Costa Rica to Panama, slept under a meteor shower in the cracked salt desert of Gujarat and learnt to conquer her deepest fears. With its vivid descriptions, cinematic landscapes, moving encounters and uplifting adventures, *The Shooting Star* is a travel memoir that maps not just the world but the human spirit.

## **First Snow on Fuji**

A play and eight stories by a Japanese winner of the Nobel Prize. In the title story, an ex-husband and wife try unsuccessfully to recapture their old feelings, in another story a romance fails to take off because he dislikes her ears.

## **Head in the Cloud**

The real-world value of knowledge in the mobile-device age. More people know who Khloe Kardashian is than who Rene Descartes was. Most can't find Delaware on a map, correctly spell the word occurrence, or name the largest ocean on the planet. But how important is it to fill our heads with facts? A few keystrokes can summon almost any information in seconds. Why should we bother learning facts at all? Bestselling author William Poundstone confronts that timely question in *Head in the Cloud*. He shows that many areas of knowledge correlate with the quality of our lives -- wealth, health, and happiness -- and even with politics and behavior. Combining Big Data survey techniques with eye-opening anecdotes, Poundstone examines what Americans know (and don't know) on topics ranging from quantum physics to pop culture. *Head in the*

Cloud asks why we're okay with spelling errors on menus but not on resumes; why Fox News viewers don't know which party controls Congress; why people who know \"trivia\" make more money than those who don't; how individuals can navigate clickbait and media spin to stay informed about what really matters. Hilarious, humbling, and wildly entertaining, *Head in the Cloud* is a must-read for anyone who doesn't know everything.

## **God, Mt. Fuji, and Sweet Tea**

A TRUE STORY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND FORGIVENESS JANET BECOMES DISILLUSIONED WITH MARRIAGE while living on Mark, her husband's, family farm in rural Georgia with their three children. Trapped in a dying marriage and desperate to save her family from divorce, Janet prays that God will save her marriage. An unexpected encounter with a Department of Defense school recruiter and two job offers to teach children on a navy base result in Janet and her family's move to Japan. There she faces new challenges—a son deployed to Iraq, a rebellious teenager who hangs out in Tokyo, a five-year-old who doesn't understand why they left their home, and a homesick husband. Come with Janet on her journey, spanning a war zone and two continents, as she learns to trust God with her marriage.

## **How Do You Fight a Horse-Sized Duck?**

Learn how to succeed at interview mind games and win job offers at A-list companies, with more than eighty difficult and devious questions, puzzles, and brain teasers Each year about 28 million Americans begin a search for a new job. Many more live in the age of the permanent job search, their online profiles eternally awaiting a better offer. Job seekers are more mobile and better informed than ever, aspiring to work for employers offering an appealing culture, a robust menu of perks, and opportunities for personal fulfillment and advancement. The result is that millions of applications stream to the handful of companies that regularly top listings of the best companies to work for: Apple, Netflix, Amazon, Alphabet, Disney, SpaceX, Oracle, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, and others. Tesla has received as many as 200 applications for each open position. How do selective employers choose which people to hire? It's through interviews asking uniquely demanding questions testing imagination, persistence, and creativity, like: Can an astronaut throw a baseball so it hits Earth? If you had \$2,000, how would you double it in 24 hours? How is a milk carton like a plane seat? Chicken McNuggets come in boxes of 6, 9, and 20. What's the largest number of McNuggets that McDonald's can't sell you? How many dogs in the world have the exact same number of hairs? *How Do You Fight a Horse-Sized Duck?* explores the new world of interviewing at A-list employers. It reveals more than eighty notoriously challenging interview questions and supplies both answers and a general strategy for creative problem-solving.

## **Hiring the Best Knowledge Workers, Techies & Nerds**

This is the digital version of the printed book (Copyright © 2004). Proven Methods for Attracting, Interviewing, and Hiring Technical Workers Good technical people are the foundation on which successful high technology organizations are built. Establishing a good process for hiring such workers is essential. Unfortunately, the generic methods so often used for hiring skill-based staff, who can apply standardized methods to almost any situation, are of little use to those charged with the task of hiring technical people. Unlike skill-based workers, technical people typically do not have access to cookie-cutter solutions to their problems. They need to adapt to any situation that arises, using their knowledge in new and creative ways to solve the problem at hand. As a result, one developer, tester, or technical manager is not interchangeable with another. This makes hiring technical people one of the most critical and difficult processes a technical manager can undertake. *Hiring the Best Knowledge Workers, Techies & Nerds: The Secrets & Science of Hiring Technical People* takes the guesswork out of hiring and diminishes the risk of costly hiring mistakes. With the aid of step-by-step descriptions and detailed examples, you'll learn how to write a concise, targeted job description source candidates develop ads for mixed media review résumés quickly to determine Yes, No, or Maybe candidates develop intelligent, nondiscriminatory, interview techniques create fool-proof

phone-screens check references with a view to reading between the lines extend an offer that will attract a win-win acceptance or tender a gentle-but-decisive rejection and more An effective hiring process is crucial to saving an organization the costs and consequences of a bad hiring decision. Not only is a bad hire costly in terms of recruiting expenses and the time spent hiring, it can also bog down or derail projects that may already be running late. You, your team, and your organization will live with the long-term consequences of your hiring decision. Investing time in developing a hiring strategy will shorten your decision time and the ramp-up time needed for each new hire. Technical leaders, project and program managers, and anyone putting together a team of technical workers will greatly benefit from this book.

## **This Japanese Life.**

Most books about Japan will tell you how to use chopsticks and say \"konnichiwa!\" Few honestly tackle the existential angst of living in a radically foreign culture. The author, a three-year resident and researcher of Japan, tackles the thousand tiny uncertainties of living abroad. -- Adapted from back cover

## **Power Score**

ghSMART, the bestselling team behind *Who: The A Method for Hiring*, returns with a breakthrough formula for how the best leaders and teams deliver results. “ghSMART is the world’s top firm for helping leaders hire talented teams and run them at full power. Nothing is more important.”—Marshall Goldsmith, bestselling author of *Mojo* and *What Got You Here Won’t Get You There* “The most useful book about leadership.” That is what we hope you and your team will say after finishing *Power Score*. Is your team running at full power? Only 10 percent of leaders run their teams at full power. The formula you are about to learn is based on the most extensive research of its kind, spanning more than 15,000 careers with over 9 million data points. The idea has been battle-tested for more than two decades by leaders in every major industry. It works. Successful leadership starts with three key questions: 1. Priorities—Do we have the right priorities? (Only 24 percent of leaders do.) 2. Who—Do we have the right people on the team? (Only 14 percent of leaders do.) 3. Relationships—Do we have the right relationships that deliver results? (Only 47 percent of leaders do.) Learn how to calculate your team’s Power Score, and how to improve each of the three key areas of leadership. Learn what to do, and what not to do, from compelling statistics and inspiring stories of those leaders who have succeeded and those who have failed. You may be surprised how easy it is to read this little book. And you may be even more surprised by how fast this approach will boost your team’s results. When you dial up your team’s Power Score, you will make a greater impact as a leader, help your team earn more money for your cause (whatever your cause may be), and enjoy greater career success. Praise for *Power Score* “Shaking distrust out of an organization is hard. But the payoff is immense. Bravo to Smart, Street and Foster for sharing their ideas about how to make that happen.”—Forbes “[Power Score] offers insights on improving in each dimension and inspiration. It’s written briskly, in a question-and-answer format that keeps ideas clear and concise. The book’s a winner and maybe you will be too if you try its approach.”—The Globe and Mail “The power score is the secret sauce that gives the group the information needed to fix problems. The authors provide plenty of guidance presented in an accessible Q&A format.”—Success “I wouldn’t be surprised if *Power Score* became the new go-to guide for leadership. Effective teams are key in everything from healthcare to business to government to nonprofits, and this book will help organizations change the conversation about getting results.”—Atul Gawande, New York Times bestselling author of *Being Mortal* and *The Checklist Manifesto* “Smart, Street, and Foster have turned more than twenty years of research on leadership into a practical, systematic approach for getting results.”—Frederick W. Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of FedEx Corporation “My entire team applied the principles of *Power Score* and has enjoyed explosive growth as a result. Even better, I am having more fun as a leader than ever before.”—Jeff Booth, chief executive officer and founder of BuildDirect

## **Excursions in Identity**

In the Edo period (1600–1868), status- and gender-based expectations largely defined a person’s place and

identity in society. The wayfarers of the time, however, discovered that travel provided the opportunity to escape from the confines of the everyday. Cultured travelers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries wrote travel memoirs to celebrate their profession as belle-lettrists. For women in particular the open road and the blank page of the diary offered a precious opportunity to create personal hierarchies defined less by gender and more by culture and refinement. After the mid-eighteenth century—which saw the popularization of culture and the rise of commercial printing—textbooks, guides, comical fiction, and woodblock prints allowed not a few commoners to acquaint themselves with the historical, lyrical, or artistic pedigree of Japan's famous sites. By identifying themselves with famous literary and historical icons of the past, some among these erudite commoners saw an opportunity to rewrite their lives and re-create their identities in the pages of their travel diaries. The chapters in Part One, "Re-creating Spaces," introduce the notion that the spaces of travel were malleable, accommodating reconceptualization across interpretive frames. Laura Nenzi shows that, far from being static backgrounds, these travelscapes proliferated in a myriad of loci where one person's center was another's periphery. In Part Two, "Re-creating Identities," we see how, in the course of the Edo period, educated persons used travel to, or through, revered lyrical sites to assert and enhance their roles and identities. Finally, in Part Three, "Purchasing Re-creation," Nenzi looks at the intersection between recreational travel and the rising commercial economy, which allowed visitors to appropriate landscapes through new means: monetary transactions, acquisition of tangible icons, or other forms of physical interaction.

## **Guesstimation 2.0**

Simple and effective techniques for quickly estimating virtually anything Guesstimation 2.0 reveals the simple and effective techniques needed to estimate virtually anything—quickly—and illustrates them using an eclectic array of problems. A stimulating follow-up to Guesstimation, this is the must-have book for anyone preparing for a job interview in technology or finance, where more and more leading businesses test applicants using estimation questions just like these. The ability to guesstimate on your feet is an essential skill to have in today's world, whether you're trying to distinguish between a billion-dollar subsidy and a trillion-dollar stimulus, a megawatt wind turbine and a gigawatt nuclear plant, or parts-per-million and parts-per-billion contaminants. Lawrence Weinstein begins with a concise tutorial on how to solve these kinds of order of magnitude problems, and then invites readers to have a go themselves. The book features dozens of problems along with helpful hints and easy-to-understand solutions. It also includes appendixes containing useful formulas and more. Guesstimation 2.0 shows how to estimate everything from how closely you can orbit a neutron star without being pulled apart by gravity, to the fuel used to transport your food from the farm to the store, to the total length of all toilet paper used in the United States. It also enables readers to answer, once and for all, the most asked environmental question of our day: paper or plastic?

## **Science of Societal Safety**

This open access book covers comprehensive but fundamental principles and concepts of disaster and accident prevention and mitigation, countermeasures, and recovery from disasters or accidents including treatment and care of the victims. Safety and security problems in our society involve not only engineering but also social, legal, economic, cultural, and psychological issues. The enhancement needed for societal safety includes comprehensive activities of all aspects from precaution to recovery, not only of people but also of governments. In this context, the authors, members of the Faculty of Societal Safety Science, Kansai University, conducted many discussions and concluded that the major strategy is consistent independently of the type and magnitude of disaster or accident, being also the principle of the foundation of our faculty. The topics treated in this book are rather widely distributed but are well organized sequentially to provide a clear understanding of the principles of societal safety. In the first part the fundamental concepts of safety are discussed. The second part deals with risks in the societal and natural environment. Then follows, in the third part, a description of the quantitative estimation of risk and its assessment and management. The fourth part is devoted to disaster prevention, mitigation, and recovery systems. The final, fifth part presents a future perspective of societal safety science. Thorough reading of this introductory volume of societal safety science

provides a clear image of the issues. This is largely because the Japanese have suffered often from natural disasters and not only have gained much valuable information about disasters but also have accumulated a store of experience. We are still in the process of reconstruction from the Great East Japan earthquake and the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident. This book is especially valuable therefore in studying the safety and security of people and their societies.

## The Doomsday Calculation

From the author of *Are You Smart Enough to Work at Google?*, a fascinating look at how an equation that foretells the future is transforming everything we know about life, business, and the universe. In the 18th century, the British minister and mathematician Thomas Bayes devised a theorem that allowed him to assign probabilities to events that had never happened before. It languished in obscurity for centuries until computers came along and made it easy to crunch the numbers. Now, as the foundation of big data, Bayes' formula has become a linchpin of the digital economy. But here's where things get really interesting: Bayes' theorem can also be used to lay odds on the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence; on whether we live in a Matrix-like counterfeit of reality; on the "many worlds" interpretation of quantum theory being correct; and on the biggest question of all: how long will humanity survive? The Doomsday Calculation tells how Silicon Valley's profitable formula became a controversial pivot of contemporary thought. Drawing on interviews with thought leaders around the globe, it's the story of a group of intellectual mavericks who are challenging what we thought we knew about our place in the universe. The Doomsday Calculation is compelling reading for anyone interested in our culture and its future.

## Fuji X Secrets

In this book, X-Pert Corner columnist and workshop mentor Rico Pfister teaches you all about the capabilities of the Fujifilm X series lineup of cameras, which he's discovered through years of in-depth research, experience, and experimentation. No matter which X series camera you own—whether it be the X-T3, X-H1, X-T2, X-Pro2, X100F, X-T20, X-E3, GFX, or any other Fuji X series camera—Rico cuts to the chase and provides a plethora of tips and practical instructions not found in user manuals or anywhere else. With this knowledge, you will be able to take full advantage of your X series camera.

The Fujifilm X series boasts amazing features, but some users may require an adjustment period if they are new to these cameras—even photographers who have been lifetime DSLR shooters. This guide will help you to quickly feel comfortable using your camera so that you can achieve excellent results.

Rico reveals many hidden features, functions, and procedures, so photographers of every level—beginners, enthusiasts, and experienced pros—will learn new and better ways to use their Fuji X series camera to its full potential. Beyond beneficial practices for all X series shooters, Rico also covers advanced concepts, such as the capabilities of Fujifilm's ISOless sensors with Dual Conversion Gain, and offers solutions for common issues, such as inaccurate focus or RAW conversion artifacts.

Topics covered include:

- Firmware upgrades, lens issues, OIS and IBIS
- Menus shortcuts, Custom Settings, My Menu, Quick Menu, and Fn buttons
- Mirrorless exposure metering
- Maximizing dynamic range
- ISOless photography
- Autofocus settings, challenges, and strategies
- Film simulations, white balance, and JPEG settings
- RAW conversion (internal and external)
- Flash photography
- And much more...

## Big Secrets

The inside story on institutional secrets, including the formula for Coca-Cola, how to beat a lie detector,

currency conspiracies, and other hidden facts. Are there really secret backward messages in rock music, or is somebody nuts? We tested suspect tunes at a recording studio to find out. What goes on at Freemason initiations? Here's the whole story, including—yes!—the electric carpet. Colonel Sanders boasted that Kentucky Fried Chicken's eleven secret herbs and spices “stand on everybody's shelf.” We got a sample of the seasoning mix and sent it to a food chemist for analysis. Feverish rumor has it that Walt Disney's body was frozen and now lies in a secret cryonic vault somewhere beneath the Pirates of the Caribbean exhibit at Disneyland. Read the certified stranger-than-fiction truth. Don't bother trying to figure out how Doug Henning, David Copperfield, and Harry Blackstone, Jr., perform their illusions. Big Secrets has complete explanations and diagrams—nothing left to the imagination.

## **DK Eyewitness Japan**

Whether you want to see cherry blossoms in Kyoto, speed through the countryside aboard a shinkansen, or shop til you drop in futuristic Shibuya, your DK Eyewitness travel guide makes sure you experience all Japan has to offer. Japan is a land of contrast - think tranquil zen gardens and peaceful pagodas, neon-lit cities and robot restaurants. Cities might be the first things that spring to mind when you think of Japan, but the countryside is just as epic. There's the iconic Mount Fuji, bubbling hot springs, unspoiled beaches and adrenaline-packed ski resorts. And if that wasn't enough to entice you to visit, there's the food - unctuous noodles, delicate sushi and warming hotpots. Our updated guide brings Japan to life, transporting you there like no other travel guide does with expert-led insights, trusted travel advice, detailed breakdowns of all the must-see sights, photographs on practically every page, and our hand-drawn illustrations which place you inside the country's iconic buildings and neighbourhoods. DK Eyewitness Japan is your ticket to the trip of a lifetime. Inside DK Eyewitness Japan you will find: - A fully-illustrated top experiences guide: our expert pick of Japan's must-sees and hidden gems - Accessible itineraries to make the most out of each and every day - Expert advice: honest recommendations for getting around safely, when to visit each sight, what to do before you visit, and how to save time and money - Colour-coded chapters to every part of from Tokyo to Kyoto City, Hokkaido to Okinawa - Practical tips: the best places to eat, drink, shop and stay - Detailed maps and walks to help you navigate the region country easily and confidently - Covers: Central Tokyo, Northern Tokyo, Western Tokyo, Farther Afield, Central Honshu Kyoto City, Western Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, Okinawa, Northern Honshu, Hokkaido Only visiting Tokyo? Try our DK Eyewitness Tokyo. About DK Eyewitness: At DK Eyewitness, we believe in the power of discovery. We make it easy for you to explore your dream destinations. DK Eyewitness travel guides have been helping travellers to make the most of their breaks since 1993. Filled with expert advice, striking photography and detailed illustrations, our highly visual DK Eyewitness guides will get you closer to your next adventure. We publish guides to more than 200 destinations, from pocket-sized city guides to comprehensive country guides. Named Top Guidebook Series at the 2020 Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards, we know that wherever you go next, your DK Eyewitness travel guides are the perfect companion.

## **Fundamentals of Physical Volcanology**

The world's leading student text on physical volcanology offers an unmatched introduction to the field In the revised second edition of Fundamentals of Physical Volcanology, the authors provide a comprehensive introduction to the processes that control when and how volcanoes erupt. Understanding these processes involves bringing together ideas from a number of disciplines, including branches of geology, such as petrology and geochemistry, and aspects of physics, such as fluid dynamics and thermodynamics. With the help of new and improved illustrations, this new edition explains eruption types and mechanisms, subsurface processes, volcanic eruption products, and how volcanoes affect their surrounding environment. Readers will also find: Quantitative treatment of physical volcanological processes A review of the historical development of volcanology Examples of current research trends and topics in volcanology Perfect for undergraduate earth sciences students and graduate students starting research programs in volcanology, Fundamentals of Physical Volcanology will also earn a place in the libraries of researchers in related fields seeking an accessible introduction to the principles of physical volcanology.

## **Slave Counterpoint**

On the eve of the American Revolution, nearly three-quarters of all African Americans in mainland British America lived in two regions: the Chesapeake, centered in Virginia, and the Lowcountry, with its hub in South Carolina. Here, Philip Morgan compares and contrasts African American life in these two regional black cultures, exploring the differences as well as the similarities. The result is a detailed and comprehensive view of slave life in the colonial American South. Morgan explores the role of land and labor in shaping culture, the everyday contacts of masters and slaves that defined the possibilities and limitations of cultural exchange, and finally the interior lives of blacks—their social relations, their family and kin ties, and the major symbolic dimensions of life: language, play, and religion. He provides a balanced appreciation for the oppressiveness of bondage and for the ability of slaves to shape their lives, showing that, whatever the constraints, slaves contributed to the making of their history. Victims of a brutal, dehumanizing system, slaves nevertheless strove to create order in their lives, to preserve their humanity, to achieve dignity, and to sustain dreams of a better future.

## **The 900 Days**

Do you want to learn Japanese the fast, fun and easy way? And do you want to master daily conversations and speak like a native? Then this is the book for you. *Learn Japanese: Must-Know Japanese Slang Words & Phrases* by JapanesePod101 is designed for Beginner-level learners. You learn the top 100 must-know slang words and phrases that are used in everyday speech. All were hand-picked by our team of Japanese teachers and experts. Here's how the lessons work: • Every Lesson is Based on a Theme • You Learn Slang Words or Phrases Related to That Theme • Check the Translation & Explanation on How to Use Each One And by the end, you will have mastered 100+ Japanese Slang Words & phrases!

## **Learn Japanese: Must-Know Japanese Slang Words & Phrases**

One of O: The Oprah Magazine's Most Anticipated Books of 2021 One of Publishers Weekly's Top 10 picks for Spring 2021 Ethan, a young lawyer in New York, learns that his father has long kept a second family - a wife and two kids living in Queens. In the aftermath of this revelation, Ethan's mother spends a year travelling abroad, returning much changed, just as her now ex-husband falls ill. Across town, Ethan's half brothers are caught in their own complicated journeys: one brother's penchant for minor delinquency has escalated and the other must travel to Bangkok to bail him out, while the bargains their mother struck about love and money continue to shape all their lives. As Ethan finds himself caught in a love triangle of his own, the interwoven fates of these two households elegantly unfurl to touch many other figures, revealing secret currents of empathy and loyalty, the bounty of improvised families and the paradoxical ties that weave through life's rich contours. With a generous and humane spirit, *Secrets of Happiness* elucidates the ways people marshal the resources at hand in an effort to find joy.

## **Secrets of Happiness**

**A STORM IS COMING** When she first moved to Japan, American Katie Greene had no idea she would get caught in a battle between the Japanese Mafia and the supernatural forces that have governed Japan for most of its history. Despite the danger, Katie is determined to stay put. Tomohiro, the guy's she fallen in love with, is struggling—his connection to the ancient gods of Japan and his power to bring drawings to life have begun to spiral out of control. When Tomo decides to stop drawing, the ink finds other ways to seep into his life—blackouts, threatening messages and the appearance of unexplained sketches. In order to save themselves, Katie and Tomohiro must unravel the truth about Tomo's dark ancestry and confront one of the darkest gods in Japanese legend.

## **Koya Bound**

This book is a part of ICL new book series “ICL Contribution to Landslide Disaster Risk Reduction” founded in 2019. Peer-reviewed papers submitted to the Fifth World Landslide Forum were published in six volumes of this book series. This book contains the followings: • Five keynote lectures • Recent development in physical modeling of landslides • Recent development in numerical modeling of landslides • Recent development in soil and rock testing techniques, application and analysis methods • Recent advancements in the methods of slope stability and deformation analyses • Recent development in disaster risk assessment

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## **Rain**

In a tech-dominated world, the most needed degrees are the most surprising: the liberal arts Did you take the right classes in college' Will your major help you get the right job offers' For more than a decade, the national spotlight has focused on science and engineering as the only reliable choice for finding a successful post-grad career. Our destinies have been reduced to a caricature: learn to write computer code or end up behind a counter, pouring coffee. Quietly, though, a different path to success has been taking shape. In YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, George Anders explains the remarkable power of a liberal arts education - and the ways it can open the door to thousands of cutting-edge jobs every week. The key insight: curiosity, creativity, and empathy aren't unruly traits that must be reined in. You can be yourself, as an English major, and thrive in sales. You can segue from anthropology into the booming new field of user research; from classics into management consulting, and from philosophy into high-stakes investing. At any stage of your career, you can bring a humanist's grace to our rapidly evolving high-tech future. And if you know how to attack the job market, your opportunities will be vast. In this book, you will learn why resume-writing is fading in importance and why \"telling your story\" is taking its place. You will learn how to create jobs that don't exist yet, and to translate your campus achievements into a new style of expression that will make employers' eyes light up. You will discover why people who start in eccentric first jobs - and then make their own luck - so often race ahead of peers whose post-college hunt focuses only on security and starting pay. You will be ready for anything.

## **Understanding and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk**

The book proves to be a definitive guide needed for real and quirky questions from employers. It depicts how to finesse way onto a company's payroll.

## **You Can Do Anything**

A masterful work of science writing that's \"both a fascinating biography of von Neumann, the Hungarian exile whose mathematical theories were building blocks for the A-bomb and the digital computer, and a brilliant social history of game theory and its role in the Cold War and nuclear arms race\" (San Francisco Chronicle). Should you watch public television without pledging?...Exceed the posted speed limit?...Hop a subway turnstile without paying? These questions illustrate the so-called \"prisoner's dilemma\"

## **301 Smart Answers To Tough Interview Questions**

After spending an eventful day at the fair held on New Year's Eve, Mei Li arrives home just in time to greet the Kitchen God.

### **Prisoner's Dilemma**

The 35 hikes featured in this guide lead to some of the most beautiful, unspoiled scenery in Japan. The book offers history, maps and points of geological and ornithological interest.

### **Mei Li**

Ideal for job seekers and interviewers alike, this employment resource provides an overview to the interview process including techniques on acing the job interview for applicants and assessing the potential of job candidates for hiring managers. A range of potential interview questions and the best possible answers for individual job seekers are discussed with consideration of how managers should evaluate these answers. A discussion of the kinds of questions potential employees should ask of the interviewer emphasizes that a successful interview illustrates a candidate's ability to meet the needs of the employer.

### **Hiking in Japan**

Twenty autobiographical stories describe with honesty and self-deprecating humour the women, the suicide attempts, the drinking and the struggle against a staid literary establishment of Japan's enfant terrible.

### **Top Answers to Job Interview Questions**

A New Scientist best book of 2021 Shortlisted for the 'Sports Performance Book of the Year' Award for 2022 Did you know that walking can improve your cognitive skills? That strengthening your muscular core reduces anxiety? That light stretching can combat a whole host of mental and bodily ailments, from stress to inflammation? We all know that exercise changes the way you think and feel. But scientists are just starting to discover exactly how it works. Hailed as a 'delight' by The New York Times and 'fascinating' by Women's Health, Caroline Williams explores the emerging science of how movement opens up a hotline to our minds. Interviewing researchers and practitioners around the world, *Move!* reveals how you can work your body to improve your mind. As we emerge from over a year's worth of lockdowns, there is no better time to take control of how you think and feel.

### **Self Portraits**

A beautiful, luxurious notebook from Flame Tree. Combining high-quality production with magnificent fine art, the covers are printed on foil in five colours, embossed then foil stamped. And they're powerfully practical: a pocket at the back for receipts and scraps and two bookmarks. Hokusai: The Great Wave design.

### **Move!**

You're smart. This book can make you smarter. *Mind Performance Hacks* provides real-life tips and tools for overclocking your brain and becoming a better thinker. In the increasingly frenetic pace of today's information economy, managing your life requires hacking your brain. With this book, you'll cut through the clutter and tune up your brain intentionally, safely, and productively. Grounded in current research and theory, but offering practical solutions you can apply immediately, *Mind Performance Hacks* is filled with life hacks that teach you to: Use mnemonic tricks to remember numbers, names, dates, and other flotsam you need to recall Put down your calculator and perform complex math in your head, with your fingers, or on the back of a napkin Spark your creativity with innovative brainstorming methods Use effective systems to

capture new ideas before they get away Communicate in creative new ways-even using artificial languages  
Make better decisions by foreseeing problems and finding surprising solutions Improve your mental fitness  
with cool tricks and games While the hugely successful Mind Hacks showed you how your brain works,  
Mind Performance Hacks shows you how to make it work better.

## **Hokusai: The Great Wave (Foiled Blank Journal)**

Miles of shelf space in contemporary Japanese bookstores and libraries are devoted to travel guides, walking maps, and topical atlases. Young Japanese children are taught how to properly map their classrooms and schoolgrounds. Elderly retirees pore over old castle plans and village cadasters. Pioneering surveyors are featured in popular television shows, and avid collectors covet exquisite scrolls depicting sea and land routes. Today, Japanese people are zealous producers and consumers of cartography, and maps are an integral part of daily life. But this was not always the case: a thousand years ago, maps were solely a privilege of the ruling elite in Japan. Only in the past four hundred years has Japanese cartography truly taken off, and between the dawn of Japan's cartographic explosion and today, the nation's society and landscape have undergone major transformations. At every point, maps have documented those monumental changes. Cartographic Japan offers a rich introduction to the resulting treasure trove, with close analysis of one hundred maps from the late 1500s to the present day, each one treated as a distinctive window onto Japan's tumultuous history. Forty-seven distinguished contributors--hailing from Japan, North America, Europe, and Australia--uncover the meanings behind a key selection of these maps, situating them in historical context and explaining how they were made, read, and used at the time. With more than one hundred gorgeous full-color illustrations, Cartographic Japan offers an enlightening tour of Japan's magnificent cartographic archive.

## **Mind Performance Hacks**

If the idea of climbing an iconic route on a beautiful mountain that few people outside of Japan have experienced sounds attractive to you, but you're not sure where to begin with planning, or how to go about finding such a climb in English, then this book is for you. The Japanese archipelago is covered with mountains, many of them over 3000m above sea level in the alpine regions, and they are home to some of the most beautiful routes in the world. And yet very few people know much about them, and even fewer have succeeded in climbing them. From the rock walls of Mt Tanigawa and the arêtes and ridgelines of Mt Yari, Mt Kita and Mt Hotaka, to the winter alpine playground of Mt Yatsu, this second volume in the Climb Japan series details ten of the finest big routes for all seasons. Inside this guidebook you will find: \* Comprehensive route descriptions and strategies for a successful ascent \* Topo diagrams and approach maps \* Beautiful photographs to illustrate the climbs, and to help with route-finding \* A list of many of the best Japanese alpine climbs sorted by difficulty \* Practical advice on Japanese climbing grades and how they correspond to international grading systems; the Japanese climbing seasons; Japanese maps; insurance; and much much more... With over a decade of intensive climbing experience in the Japanese alpine, and dozens of classic climbs accomplished, Tony Grant is uniquely situated to help you access some unforgettable experiences on the most iconic Japanese mountains.

## **Cartographic Japan**

10 Classic Alpine Climbs of Japan (Volume 2)

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