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THE CLYDE VALLEY STOMPERS became, in the 1950s, Scotland's premier jazz band and first ever super group, creators of a phenomenon dubbed 'Stompermania' decades before most of the country's current rock idols were even born. Yet, in 1963, at the height of its commercial success, the band disappeared mysteriously from the scene. Here, for the first time, is the story as told by clarinettist Peter 'Pete' Kerr, now the award-winning author of the Snowball Oranges series of bestselling Mallorcan travel books. In 1961, at just twenty years of age, Pete inherited leadership of the 'Clydes' after they'd moved their base from Glasgow to London. The band stormed the charts the following year with its recording of Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', produced by George Martin, soon to sign the Beatles. At a stroke, the Clyde Valley Stompers were launched into the glitzy world of mainstream popular music, appearing on all the top TV shows of the time, as well as featuring in movies starring Tommy Steele and Norman Wisdom. Then, to the dismay and bewilderment of the Stompers' legions of fans, the curtain came down - literally. But this is more than just a chronicle of the highlights and hardships, bonhomie, backstabbing, generosity and greed that marked the rise and fall of one of the most iconic British bands of its era. It's also an affectionate recollection of family life during the austerity-gripped years following the Second World War, and of how a young lad went all out to realise his dream of one day playing jazz for a living. This is a story that will entertain, surprise and amuse in equal measure - and will occasionally shock too!

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** If you want to build a better future, you must believe in secrets. The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's

marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. Zero to One presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

Given the wide-ranging implications for global competition, domestic political systems and daily life, US policymakers must prepare for the impacts of new artificial intelligence (AI)-related technologies. Anticipating AI's impacts on the global order requires US policy makers' awareness of certain key aspects of the AI-related technologies--and how those technologies will interact with the rapidly changing global system of human societies. One area that has received little in-depth examination to date is how AI-related technologies could affect countries' domestic political systems--whether authoritarian, liberal democratic, or a hybrid of the two--and how they might impact global competition between different regimes. This work highlights several key areas where AI-related technologies have clear implications for globally integrated strategic planning and requirements.

A definitive guide to the growing field of behavioral finance This reliable resource provides a comprehensive view of behavioral finance and its psychological foundations, as well as its applications to finance. Comprising contributed chapters written by distinguished authors from some of the most influential firms and universities in the world, Behavioral Finance provides a synthesis of the most essential elements of this discipline, including psychological concepts and behavioral biases, the behavioral aspects of asset pricing, asset allocation, and market prices, as well as investor behavior, corporate managerial behavior, and social influences. Uses a structured approach to put behavioral finance in perspective Relies on recent research findings to provide guidance through the maze of theories and concepts Discusses the impact of sub-optimal financial decisions on the efficiency of capital markets, personal wealth, and the performance of corporations Behavioral finance has quickly become part of mainstream finance. If you need to gain a better understanding of this topic, look no further than this book.

Which is more dangerous, a gun or a swimming pool? What do schoolteachers and sumo wrestlers have in common? How much do parents really matter? These may not sound like typical questions for an economist to ask. But Steven D. Levitt is not a typical economist. He studies the riddles of everyday life--from cheating and crime to parenting and sports--and reaches conclusions that turn conventional wisdom on its head. Freakonomics is a groundbreaking collaboration between Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, an award-winning author and journalist. They set out to explore the inner workings of a crack gang, the truth about real estate agents, the secrets of the Ku Klux Klan, and much more. Through forceful storytelling and wry insight, they show that economics is, at root, the study of incentives--how people get what they want or need, especially when other people want or need the same thing.

A comprehensive introduction to statistics that teaches the fundamentals with real-life scenarios, and covers histograms, quartiles, probability, Bayes' theorem, predictions, approximations, random samples, and related topics.

With the 1998 debut of its V92C, Victory Motorcycles became the New American Motorcycle. Victory's innovative, stylish heavyweight cruiser motorcycles attracted a loyal, hard-riding following, but not the market share needed to survive. This richly illustrated book covers the brand's history model-by-model and analyzes why the parent company announced in

early 2017 that its Victory division would cease operation. This book also features a full reprint of the collectible first Victory history from 1998, *The Victory Motorcycle*.

In his latest graphic novel, *Dragon Hoops*, New York Times bestselling author Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches. Gene understands stories—comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him "Stick" and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well.

J-Rod moves like a small tank on the court, his face mean, staring down his opponents. "I play just like my father," he says. "Before my father died, he was a problem on the court. I'm a problem." Playing basketball for him fuses past and present, conjuring his father's memory into a force that opponents can feel in each bone-snapping drive to the basket. On the street, every ballplayer has a story. Onaje X. O. Woodbine, a former streetball player who became an all-star Ivy Leaguer, brings the sights and sounds, hopes and dreams of street basketball to life. He shows that big games have a trickster figure and a master of black talk whose commentary interprets the game for audiences. The beats of hip-hop and reggae make up the soundtrack, and the ballplayers are half-men, half-heroes, defying the ghetto's limitations with their flights to the basket. Basketball is popular among young black American men but not because, as many claim, they are "pushed by poverty" or "pulled" by white institutions to play it. Black men choose to participate in basketball because of the transcendent experience of the game. Through interviews with and observations of urban basketball players, Onaje X. O. Woodbine composes a rare portrait of a passionate, committed, and resilient group of athletes who use the court to mine what urban life cannot corrupt. If people turn to religion to reimagine their place in the world, then black streetball players are indeed the hierophants of the asphalt.

"Catrona" is the SWEET/CLEAN edition of "Highland Song" by Tanya Anne Crosby -- a New York Times bestselling author and her daughter Catrona is no stranger to solitude. Driven deep into the Highland mountains, her people have become little more than legend. But no one knows better than Catrona that you cannot hide from fate. Read what happens when a fey, flame-haired beauty, wearing nothing but woad, turns her hand to captivating the last of the Brodie men... For readers who prefer romance without strong language or sex. This is a clean read book. BOOK DETAILS

Five of Tanya Anne and Alaina Christine Crosby's Sweet Scottish Brides series A full-length novel PG-rated: Kisses only, no love scenes! Contains new scenes Humorous historical romance CONNECTING BOOKS, HIGHLAND SWEETHEARTS While Catrona can be read as a stand-alone novel, many readers enjoy reading it as part of a series.

The following titles will be coming soon! Page Meghan Seana Elizabeth

This book is an anthology of motorcycle stories. These 50 stories were submitted to me over a 13-year period by a wide range of motorcyclists from all walks of life. These authors tell their own personal stories of what happened to them as they rode their motorcycles. Among these writers are a few professionals who made some of their works available to me early in their careers. They now have books of their own. Some tales are very short, and some are very long. I've tried to mix them up. You may find the stories of some authors grouped together. Each tale was intensively edited to provide a good reader experience. You'll find humor, risk-taking, adventures, poetry, rhyming verse, 2-up excursions, world travelers, stupid tricks on bikes, lessons learned, winter riding perils, hazards while riding, and stories told by returning riders. I wrote five of these stories. Two of my stories relate my experiences on my motorcycle trips. Two stories are fictional children's stories that involve fantasy and motorcycles. The last story is a short fictional tale that describes an alternate world of motorcycles. Got a better original tale? Send it to me for consideration in a possible sequel.

The saga of Gaunt's Ghosts continues in this two-book collection charting the first half of the Victory story arc. Gaunt's Ghosts is Black Library's longest-running single author war series; military science fiction at its visceral best, beloved by fans for its gritty realism, superb storytelling, and humanity of its characters. \n"}" style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: Arial; text-align: center;">After twenty-five hard, blood-soaked years, Warmaster Macaroth's crusade to free the Sabbat Worlds from the clutch of Chaos has ground to a halt. The Warmaster's forces are split and deadlocked on two separate fronts, haemorrhaging momentum, men and materiel. A series of ambitious covert operations is planned across the sector – their aim to break the stalemate so the Imperial forces can move forward once more. Key players in this shadow war are Colonel-Commissar Gaunt and the Tanith First-and-Only. Will the bravery and cunning of this infamous regiment tip the balance in the Imperium's favour? Gaunt's Ghosts is Black Library's longest-running single author war series; military science fiction at its visceral best, beloved by fans for its gritty realism, superb storytelling, and humanity of its characters. \n"}" style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: Arial; text-align: center;">Gaunt's Ghosts is Black Library's longest-running single author war series; military science fiction at its visceral best, beloved by fans for its gritty realism, superb storytelling, and humanity of its characters.

Thinking Skills, second edition, is the only endorsed book offering complete coverage of the Cambridge International AS and A Level syllabus.

In the wrong hands, math can be deadly. Even the simplest numbers can become powerful forces when manipulated by politicians or the media, but in the case of the law, your liberty -- and your life -- can depend on the right calculation. In *Math on Trial*, mathematicians Leila Schneps and Coralie Colmez describe ten trials spanning from the nineteenth century to today, in which mathematical arguments were used -- and disastrously misused -- as evidence. They tell the stories of Sally Clark, who was accused of murdering her children by a doctor with a faulty sense of calculation; of nineteenth-century tycoon Hetty Green, whose dispute over her aunt's will became a signal case in the forensic use of mathematics; and of the case of Amanda Knox, in which a judge's misunderstanding of probability led him to discount critical evidence -- which might have kept her in jail. Offering a fresh angle on cases from the nineteenth-century Dreyfus affair to the murder trial of Dutch nurse Lucia de Berk, Schneps and Colmez show how the improper application of mathematical concepts can mean the difference between walking free and life in prison. A colorful narrative of mathematical abuse, *Math on Trial* blends courtroom drama, history, and math to show that legal expertise isn't always enough to prove a person innocent.

A long-time chief data scientist at Amazon shows how open data can make everyone, not just corporations, richer Every time we Google something, Facebook someone, Uber somewhere, or even just turn on a light, we create data that businesses collect and use to make decisions about us. In many ways this has improved our lives, yet, we as individuals do not benefit from this wealth of data as much as we could. Moreover, whether it is a bank evaluating our credit worthiness, an insurance company determining our risk level, or a potential employer deciding whether we get a job, it is likely that this data will be used against us rather than for us. In *Data for the People*, Andreas Weigend draws on his years as a consultant for commerce, education, healthcare, travel and finance companies to outline how Big Data can work better for all of us. As of today, how much we benefit from Big Data depends on how closely the interests of big companies align with our own. Too often, outdated standards of control and privacy force us into unfair contracts with data companies, but it doesn't have to be this way. Weigend makes a powerful argument that we need to take control of how our data is used to actually make it work for us. Only then can we the people get back more from Big Data than we give it. Big Data is here to stay. Now is the time to find out how we can be empowered by it.

Discover the business law and legal environment book you'll actually enjoy reading. Time after time, readers like you have commented that this is the most interesting introduction to law they've ever read. Beatty/Samuels/Abril's *BUSINESS LAW AND THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT, STANDARD EDITION, 9E* is packed with current examples and real scenarios that bring law to life, whether you are a business learner or practicing professional. This reader-friendly, thorough presentation uses conversational writing to explain complex topics in easy-to-understand language. The

authors draw from their experience practicing law to offer real stories that illustrate how legal concepts apply to everyday business practice. This edition also emphasizes today's digital landscape with new information on privacy and intellectual property. An updated ethics chapter offers a practical approach, using the latest research to explain why people make unethical decisions. In addition, an in-depth discussion of executive compensation contrasts theory with everyday reality. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This Prayer book is written to set tenants free from every form of troubles, evil landlords, wicked co-tenants and territorial powers that may have been holding destinies in bondage. Prayers of victory and weapons of warfare to fight good fight of freedom are contained in this book. It has seven days double barrel warfare prayers. Each day is loaded with an average of eighty (80) prayer points written to set tenants free from every form of bewitchment, enchantments, dark rivers, evil cage, evil altars and arrows of the wicked. The book shall serve as eye opener to all who, thought building a house is like walking from earth to heaven! Chapter two of this book incorporates civil engineering touch that analyzes materials needed to complete a self-contain house, two Bedroom and three Bedroom flats. By this, readers shall awake from slumber of tenancy to Landlord-ship. Don't entertain doubt Obtain a copy and move forward in life.

Aces and Aerial Victories is a collection of first-hand accounts by Air Force fighter crews who flew combat missions over North Vietnam between 1965 and 1973. They recall their air battles with enemy MIG fighters, the difficult and dangerous tactical maneuvers they had to perform to survive, and their victories and defeats.

Plunkett's Automobile Industry Almanac 2008 The Only Comprehensive Guide to Automotive Companies and Trends Plunkett Research, Ltd.

“What the future fortunes of [Gramsci's] writings will be, we cannot know. However, his permanence is already sufficiently sure, and justifies the historical study of his international reception. The present collection of studies is an indispensable foundation for this.” —Eric Hobsbawm, from the preface Antonio Gramsci is a giant of Marxian thought and one of the world's greatest cultural critics. Antonio A. Santucci is perhaps the world's preeminent Gramsci scholar.

Monthly Review Press is proud to publish, for the first time in English, Santucci's masterful intellectual biography of the great Sardinian scholar and revolutionary. Gramscian terms such as “civil society” and “hegemony” are much used in everyday political discourse. Santucci warns us, however, that these words have been appropriated by both radicals and conservatives for contemporary and often self-serving ends that often have nothing to do with Gramsci's purposes in developing them. Rather what we must do, and what Santucci illustrates time and again in his dissection of Gramsci's writings, is absorb Gramsci's methods. These can be summed up as the suspicion of “grand explanatory schemes,” the

unity of theory and practice, and a focus on the details of everyday life. With respect to the last of these, Joseph Buttigieg says in his Nota: "Gramsci did not set out to explain historical reality armed with some full-fledged concept, such as hegemony; rather, he examined the minutiae of concrete social, economic, cultural, and political relations as they are lived in by individuals in their specific historical circumstances and, gradually, he acquired an increasingly complex understanding of how hegemony operates in many diverse ways and under many aspects within the capillaries of society." The rigor of Santucci's examination of Gramsci's life and work matches that of the seminal thought of the master himself. Readers will be enlightened and inspired by every page.

These seven precedent-setting case studies taken from the files of the Nevada Gaming Control Board and Commission illustrate vital issues addressed in the first decade of Las Vegas' megaresorts.

The Brennan Center at NYU convened a high-level task force of voting experts from government, academia, and business to systematically analyze various threats to voting technologies that are widely used across the country today. This book offers specific remedies and countermeasures to identify and protect democratic elections from widespread fraud and sabotage.

Kyra St. Croix is a strong, feisty, independent woman who is not afraid to tell speak her mind. An incredibly powerful white witch born of the High Priestess and a human father, she hasn't let a little thing like lack of height stop her from having the life she knows she deserves. Early on she learned to use all she was given to achieve her goals and twenty-five years ago, turned her back on her birthright hoping that one day Destiny would bring her the love she was promised. Her belief that she will doing anything for that love is stretched to the breaking point when the One she waited for will not accept who she is and can only see what she is. Now, the Hope she has always clung to may be Kyra's worst enemy.

There Are No Coincidences... Royce O'Reilly is the oldest and most respected member of the MacLendon Force. Since joining the Golden Fire Clan, he has been proud to watch all whom he calls brethren become fierce warriors, ever faithful to eradicating those that would destroy all they hold dear. His life has been dedicated to the training and guidance of the younger Guardsmen, one of his proudest accomplishments. One hundred and fifty-six years of life have given him immeasurable joy and now that three of his brethren have found and mated the One the Universe made for them, hope has been restored not only to the honorable Guardsman but also to dragon kin. Unfortunately, Royce is learning that Hope can be fickle and the Universe has a sick sense of humor, especially when they have made his Destiny in the form of a five-foot two-inch bundle of powerful Earth witch named Kyra St. Croix. The Universe Does Not Make Mistakes...

Two souls...destined for a Great Love decreed by Fate. But Fate has Her hands full with this couple and if that wasn't enough, the traitor has an army ready to destroy all they both hold dear. Can Royce forget the past and believe in the

future? Can Kyra forgive a betrayal that cuts deep and believe Love will always find a way? Can they defeat an evil with no conscience, only the desire for vengeance? The Universe, the Goddess and Fate have their work cut out for them if Kyra is to know the love of her dragon. Fate Will Not Be Denied...

Microsoft PowerPivot is a free add-on to Excel from Microsoft that allows users to produce new kinds of reports and analyses that were simply impossible before, and this book is the first to tackle DAX formulas, the core capability of PowerPivot, from the perspective of the Excel audience. Written by the world's foremost PowerPivot blogger and practitioner, the book's concepts and approach are introduced in a simple, step-by-step manner tailored to the learning style of Excel users everywhere. The techniques presented allow users to produce, in hours or even minutes, results that formerly would have taken entire teams weeks or months to produce. It includes lessons on the difference between calculated columns and measures; how formulas can be reused across reports of completely different shapes; how to merge disjointed sets of data into unified reports; how to make certain columns in a pivot behave as if the pivot were filtered while other columns do not; and how to create time-intelligent calculations in pivot tables such as "Year over Year" and "Moving Averages" whether they use a standard, fiscal, or a complete custom calendar. The "pattern-like" techniques and best practices contained in this book have been developed and refined over two years of onsite training with Excel users around the world, and the key lessons from those seminars costing thousands of dollars per day are now available to within the pages of this easy-to-follow guide. This updated second edition covers new features introduced with Office 2015.

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

The automobile industry is evolving rapidly on a worldwide basis. Manufacturers are merging, component design and manufacture are now frequently outsourced instead of being created in-house, brands are changing and the giant auto makers are expanding deeper into providing financial services to car buyers. The skyrocketing price of gas spurs

developments in hybrid technology and clean diesel, as manufacturers look for ways to improve fuel efficiency. Meanwhile, all of the biggest, most successful firms have become totally global in nature. Plunkett's Automobile Industry Almanac will be your complete guide to this immense, fascinating industry. On the car dealership side, giant, nationwide holding companies have acquired the best dealers in major markets. Even the used car business is being taken over by national chains. E-commerce is having profound effects on the car industry. Consumers use the Internet to become better informed before making a purchase. Online sites like Autobytel steer millions of car buyers toward specific dealers while the same sites deliver competing bids for cars, insurance and financing in a manner that lowers costs and improves satisfaction among consumers. Meanwhile, auto makers are using the latest in e-commerce methods to manage their supply chains and replenish their inventories. This exciting new book (which includes a database on CD-ROM) is a complete reference tool for everything you need to know about the car, truck and specialty vehicles business, including: Automotive industry trends and market research; Mergers, acquisitions, globalization; Automobile manufacturers; Truck makers; Makers of specialty vehicles such as RVs; Automobile loans, insurance and other financial services; Dealerships; Components manufacturers; Retail auto parts stores; E-commerce ; and much, much more. You'll find a complete overview, industry analysis and market research report in one superb, value-priced package. This book also includes statistical tables, an automobile industry glossary, industry contacts and thorough indexes. The corporate profile section of the book includes our proprietary, in-depth profiles of the 400 leading companies in all facets of the automobile industry. Purchasers may also receive a free copy of the company profiles database on CD-ROM.

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 solved problems, what he 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.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy meets Bringing Down the House.

Now a Netflix film starring and directed by Chiwetel Ejiofor, this is a gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic

young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village. When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land. Retold for a younger audience, this exciting memoir shows how, even in a desperate situation, one boy's brilliant idea can light up the world. Complete with photographs, illustrations, and an epilogue that will bring readers up to date on William's story, this is the perfect edition to read and share with the whole family. American historians and anyone interested in the history of labor or Las Vegas will find this account highly original, insightful, and even-handed.

Franklin, Jack, Marla, Thadius, and Caitlin... this unlikely group of assorted misfits are the Cemeterians, a group that will take on any job - no, really, we mean any bloody job (money's a bit tight right now)! Trudge through disgusting sewers to battle manatee-massacring mermaids and soggy cultists, creep through creepy, fog-littered cemeteries straight out of an ancient Hammer Film soundstage, confront undead lecherous lodgers and other assorted beasties, creepies, and ghoulies. It all comes down to whether an adolescent giant Automaton, a truly mad, Mad Scientist, a surly Necromancer, a Banshee's granddaughter, and a reluctant furry monster straight from under your little sister's bed can manage not to kill each other - or, at least, quit fighting over the tele-privilege-schedule long enough to get the job done! Not likely.

**NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER** • A grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin. From the prize-winning and bestselling author of *Say Nothing*, as featured in the HBO documentary *Crime of the Century*. The Sackler name adorns the walls of many storied institutions—Harvard, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Oxford, the Louvre. They are one of the richest families in the world, known for their lavish donations to the arts and the sciences. The source of the family fortune was vague, however, until it emerged that the Sacklers were responsible for making and marketing a blockbuster painkiller that was the catalyst for the opioid crisis. *Empire of Pain* begins with the story of three doctor brothers, Raymond, Mortimer and the incalculably energetic Arthur, who weathered the poverty of the Great Depression and appalling anti-Semitism. Working at a barbaric mental institution, Arthur saw a better way and conducted groundbreaking research into drug treatments. He also had a genius for marketing, especially for pharmaceuticals, and bought a small ad firm. Arthur devised the marketing for Valium, and built the first great Sackler fortune. He purchased a drug manufacturer, Purdue Frederick, which would be run by Raymond and Mortimer. The brothers began collecting art, and wives, and grand residences in exotic locales. Their children and grandchildren grew up in luxury. Forty years later, Raymond's son Richard ran the family-owned Purdue. The template Arthur Sackler created to sell Valium—co-opting doctors, influencing the FDA, downplaying the drug's addictiveness—was employed to launch a far more potent product: OxyContin. The drug went on to generate some thirty-five billion dollars in revenue, and to launch a public health crisis in which hundreds of

thousands would die. This is the saga of three generations of a single family and the mark they would leave on the world, a tale that moves from the bustling streets of early twentieth-century Brooklyn to the seaside palaces of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Cap d'Antibes to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. Empire of Pain chronicles the multiple investigations of the Sacklers and their company, and the scorched-earth legal tactics that the family has used to evade accountability. The history of the Sackler dynasty is rife with drama—baroque personal lives; bitter disputes over estates; fistfights in boardrooms; glittering art collections; Machiavellian courtroom maneuvers; and the calculated use of money to burnish reputations and crush the less powerful. Empire of Pain is a masterpiece of narrative reporting and writing, exhaustively documented and ferociously compelling. It is a portrait of the excesses of America's second Gilded Age, a study of impunity among the super elite and a relentless investigation of the naked greed and indifference to human suffering that built one of the world's great fortunes.

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