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Why is it that Pope Francis is admired by so many? What gives him the uncanny ability to speak with young people in language familiar to them? In this book, John Raymaker and Gerry Gruzden explore the life and writings of Pope Francis which have a prophetic, visionary ability to speak to important issues of the day. The authors evaluate how Pope Francis' encounters with religious leaders of other faiths have broken new ground to help unite mankind. They reach back into Christian history to explore the teachings of such Catholic mystics as Thomas Merton while also delving into the beliefs of Islamic and Buddhist mystics to demonstrate how well the pope is in touch with a spirituality that can speak to those seeking the truth. In its final chapters, the book examines how the pope endorses the work of Christians who live their faith in small Christian communities and reveals how such communities can strengthen parish life in various parts of the world. Like St. Francis, his namesake, and like Teilhard de Chardin before him, the pope has an appropriate vision to rebuild God's Church in a transitional age. His writings have focused on caring for the earth and preaching the good news of the gospels in a way that allows him to reach young people in need of joy as they face an uncertain future. He is the Conscience of the World.

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The Dogon believed that the alien Nummo would one day return to Earth. It was the duty of the Hogan, their spiritual leader, to safe guard the Earth until that time. The day of the Nummos' return was known to the Dogon as the "Day of the Fish." Day of the Fish reveals that the amphibious Nummo, who came to Earth from the stars, were the goddesses known to the peoples of the Neolithic and Paleolithic ages. Many of the Dogon symbols identified with the Nummo were the same symbols that Marija Gimbutas associated with the goddesses of Old Europe. Dorey also compares the Dogon religion with what is known of the Jomon people of Japan, who were Mesolithic-Neolithic hunters and gatherers from around 14,000 to 300 BCE. Dorey's research reveals that this is the oldest religion known to humanity and that understanding it is critical to our survival. She believes that knowing the truth about our past, will provide us with an understanding of the present and give us renewed hope for the future.

In this book, Dr. Jim Taylor—an internationally recognized authority on sport psychology, child development, and parenting—offers a guiding hand to help parents ensure their children's sports participation fosters nurturing experiences, encourages positive attitudes, and promotes healthy developments as they move toward adulthood.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

"Sport has the power to change the world," South African president Nelson Mandela told the Sporting Club in Monte Carlo in 2000. Today, we are inundated with similar claims—from politicians, diplomats, intellectuals, journalists, athletes, and fans—about the many ways that international sports competitions make the world a better place. Promoters of the Olympic Games and similar global sports events have spent more than a century telling us that these festivals offer a multitude of "goods": that they foster friendship and mutual understanding among peoples and nations, promote peace, combat racism, and spread democracy. In recent years boosters have suggested that sports mega-events can advance environmental protection in a world threatened by climate change, stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty in developing nations, and promote human rights in repressive countries. If the claims are to be believed, sport is the most powerful and effective form of idealistic internationalism on the planet. The Ideals of Global Sport investigates these grandiose claims, peeling away the hype to reveal the reality: that shockingly little evidence underpins these endlessly repeated assertions. The essays, written by scholars from many regions and disciplines and drawn from an exceptionally diverse array of sources, show that these bold claims were sometimes cleverly leveraged by activist groups to pressure sports bodies into supporting moral causes. But the essays methodically debunk sports organizations' inflated proclamations about the record of their contributions to peace, mutual understanding, antiracism, and democracy. Exposing enduring shortcomings in the newer realm of human rights protection, from the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games to Brazil's 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Rio Olympics, The Ideals of Global Sport suggests that sport's idealistic pretensions can have distinctly non-idealistic side effects, distracting from the staggering financial costs of hosting the events, serving corporate interests, and aiding the spread of neoliberal globalization.

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Plenty of software testing books tell you how to test well; this one tells you how to do it while decreasing your testing budget. A series of essays written by some of the leading minds in software testing, How to Reduce the Cost of Software Testing provides tips, tactics, and techniques to help readers accelerate the testing process, improve the performance of the test teams, and lower costs. The distinguished team of contributors—that includes corporate test leaders, best paper authors, and keynote speakers from leading software testing conferences—supply concrete suggestions on how to find cost savings without sacrificing outcome. Detailing strategies that testers can immediately put to use to reduce costs, the book explains how to make testing nimble, how to remove bottlenecks in the testing process, and how to locate and track defects efficiently and effectively. Written in language accessible to non-technical executives, as well as those doing the testing, the book considers the latest advances in test automation, ideology, and technology. Rather than present the perspective of one or two experts in software testing, it supplies the wide-ranging perspectives of a team of experts to help ensure your team can deliver a completed test cycle in less time, with more confidence, and reduced costs.

Chinese edition of The black swan: the impact of the highly improbable. The author examines the highly improbable events that have massive impacts. An enlightening book that will change the way we think about the world. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

the Ranks," and "Marry Your Office Love?" * Describes office policies, including love contracts

I have often heard people express their wish that someone who has died would return to us and relate what the life-death-rebirth experience is really like. Well, someone has! This is exactly what Beethoven does in my third novel, Beethoven, Then and Now. Like Beethoven, each one of us is the proud possessor of a human soul. This clearly defined object is none other than our very own spiritual subelectron. Our physical hulk is only a pile of ashes; but our soul (spiritual subelectron) is unique, eternal, indestructible. Because of its high vibrations, Beethovens soul is immediately attracted to the third subelectronic ring of our First-Second-Order universe. Here it awaits rebirth via fusion with the spiritual subelectron of a Major-Order being within our Second-Order-Major universe. Paul Rezler (age seventeen) is the fortunate recipient of this unbelievable prize. He had awakened to the day at hand with his usual zero interest in music. Now (1827 Earth-time) he is the greatest Earth- musician yet to live. Try as Beethoven does, he cannot adjust to the Second-Order reality of corporate composers, not even to being the absolute leader of the Beethoven Corporation. He must be entirely on his own-- a single man vs. the world! Counselor Robinson does his best in selecting a Subsidiary culture which contains a Vienna as close as possible to the one which Beethoven had left behind upon his Earthly death. Within a month, our hero makes his translation and enjoys living where theres not the trace of anything resembling a musical corporation. Sketches for new third-period works begin to flow: a piano sonata, a string quartet, a piano trio, a violin concerto, even some encouraging vibrations of Symphony 10. A handful of piano and violin students emerges, including an exceptional young lady named Anna Rosecranz, who is already a master of these instruments. Her musicianship is so strong that they soon fall in love and are married. How they enjoy performing concerts together! In time, as Beethoven works at his composers desk, she starts peering over his shoulder. She begs him for lessons in composition. He replies, I compose, and AM NOT a teacher of composition! This declaration does not frighten her away. As Beethoven fumbles and bumbles his way from sketchbook to finished score, Anna carefully watches each step of the process. Her comments are invaluable: Use a pedal-point here. Not so dissonant a chord.. Pure melody would fit here. Please, not so sustained. Too many notes in the melody. Avoid more of this rhythm. Two-voice counterpoint would do. Too much for the brass here. This use of strings is perfect. Thanks to Anna, Beethoven accomplishes the impossible. He realizes that he works far better with her help than without it. He now loves to share the very process which only yesterday had demanded his total aloofness. As if by magic, he is now prepared to return to Major-Order life as managing partner in charge of the Beethoven Corporation. But considering all that Anna has done for him, he cannot now simply go his own way. As a Subsidiary being, her lifespan is a mere 100 years, compared to his Second-Order-Major span of 1000 years. Being happily married, he plans to share life for the balance of her days. But Fate has his own plan for their lives. After all their years of loving and sharing, Anna is killed in an automobile accident. When Beethoven returns to the Major Order, a super surprise awaits him. There stands Anna Rosecranz, a full Major-Second-Order being, with whom he can share the rest of their 1000 years in joyful creative activity. His first question: On Earth, who were you, my dear? Her reply causes our hero to faint for the second time in his entire Second-Order life!

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Expert Oracle Exadata, 2nd Edition opens up the internals of Oracle's Exadata platform so that you can fully benefit from the most performant and scalable database hardware appliance capable of running Oracle Database. This edition is fully-updated to cover Exadata 5-2 and Oracle Database 12c. If you're new to Exadata, you'll soon learn that it embodies a change in how you think about and manage relational databases. A key part of that change lies in the concept of offloading SQL processing to the storage layer. In addition there is Oracle's engineering effort in creating a powerful platform for both consolidation and transaction processing. The resulting value proposition in the form of Exadata has truly been a game-changer. Expert Oracle Exadata, 2nd Edition provides a look at the internals and how the combination of hardware and software that comprise Exadata actually work. Authors include Martin Bach, Andy Colvin, and Frits Hoogland, with contributions from Karl Arao, and built on the foundation laid by Kerry Osborne, Randy Johnson, and Tanel Poder in the first edition. They share their real-world experience gained through a great many Exadata implementations, possibly more than any other group of experts today. Always their goal is toward helping you advance your career through success with Exadata in your own environment. This book is intended for readers who want to understand what makes the platform tick and for whom—"how" it does what it is does is as important as what it does. By being exposed to the features that are unique to Exadata, you will gain an understanding of the mechanics that will allow you to fully benefit from the advantages that the platform provides. This book changes how you think about managing SQL performance and processing. It provides a roadmap to successful Exadata implementation. And it removes the "black box" mystique. You'll learn how Exadata actually works and be better able to manage your Exadata engineered systems in support of your business. This book: Changes the way you think about managing SQL performance and processing Provides a roadmap to successful Exadata implementation Removes the "black box" mystique, showing how Exadata actually works

This book is the holistic health road map for the interested, aware person in the twenty-first century. Following this path will allow you to take dynamic responsibility for your total wellness. Health maintenance, rapid disease recovery, personal development, leading to maximising lifespan - and of course, enjoyment. A journey of a thousand miles starts with one small step, so what are you waiting for?'Beginning with a gentle account of health philosophy and the failures of the western medical paradigm, Steve Kippax discusses nutrition, exercise and positive thinking and their practical application to health. However, it is when he moves on to Traditional Chinese Medicine that Stephen really lets us see the decades of hardwon clinical experience and the book illuminates parts of our nature, both physical and non physical, of which many of us are quite unaware. The practical implications of herbal medicine and homeopathy are well covered and the listing of common ailments shows the various appropriate complementary treatments. As Kippax says, integrated medicine is the synthesis of the best of complementary and orthodox medicine. Not only a practical text but a road map to a saner world, this book shows us how to take control in our lives.'- Dr Eric Asher, MBBS, FRACGH, FFHom'I am delighted to read my former student Steve Kippax's book. He studied Chinese medicine with me over twenty years ago, worked really hard, and has become an excellent Chinese Medicine practitioner in the West. His talent and deep understanding about health can be seen from this book.'- Prof Song Xuan Ke, Principal, Asante Academy of Chinese Medicine, London'I received some extremely effective herbal treatment from Steve which helped to restore my energy levels after an exhausting tour and enabled me to shake off a stomach bug. I always found him to be professional, approachable, helpful, and wise.'- Brett Anderson, lead singer with Suede

