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Geography is more than just maps and finding your destination. It is about the land, the people on that land, the delicate balance of nature, and our very interdependence upon it, despite the miracles of technology and grocery stores. It's about the effects of nature on places and people, as well as how politics, borders, cities, and towns affect our lives. The Handy Geography Answer Book traces the history of geography from Eratosthenes and Alexander von Humboldt to latitude and longitude, and the latest advances in the Global Positioning System (GPS). It provides insights into economic, social, historic, culture, religious, political, and climate geography, plus oceanography, demographics, and more. Completely revised and updated, it tours the world, its natural features, and the ever-changing mark humans make on our planet, answering 1,200 questions from the trivia (longest, hottest, tallest) to how geography has influenced history, religion, architecture, and the location of cities, including Who first had the idea that there is a magnetic North Pole? What is interesting about Google's "Streetview"? How many people are projected to live on the planet in 2050? Which state has the highest annual divorce rate? What are the largest and smallest counties in the U.S.?

In the quest for sustainability, we strive to meet our present needs without sacrificing the same opportunity for future generations. Our success or failure depends on our ability to think in "systems," integrating environmental, social, and economic considerations. But how do we learn systems-thinking? In a series of engaging, rapid-fire stories, Sustainability through Soccer takes readers on a journey through a progression of systems-thinking and sustainability concepts. Using the beautiful game of soccer as an analogy, Leidy Klotz illuminates real-world interdependencies (such as between climate change and human rights), building the chain of concepts in a fun, accessible way. Soccer nerds and newbies alike will be entertained on the way to a deeper understanding of sustainability science.

The complex regulations of the Endangered Species Act can be challenging for environmental professionals who must comply with them or assist clients in compliance. This volume discusses the Act using clear scientific prose that all professionals can readily comprehend. It explores the history and the basic scientific theory underlying the Act. It provides an overview of its key provisions and examines the Act in the context of other key environmental planning statutes. The book also details the regulatory processes faced by other government agencies and private developers who must routinely ensure that their actions are in compliance.

This book is for those who are not just interested in the ways humans have harmfully altered their environment, but instead wish to learn why the many governmental policies in place to curb such behavior have been unsuccessful. Since humans began to exploit natural resources for their own economic ends, we have ignored a central principle: nature and humans are not separate, but are a unified, interconnected system in which neither is superior to the other. Policy must reflect this reality. We failed to follow this principle in exploiting natural capital without expecting to pay any price, and in hurriedly adopting environmental laws and policies

that reflected how we wanted nature to work instead of how it does work. This study relies on more accurate models for how nature works and humans behave. These models suggest that environmental laws should be consistent with the laws of nature. Chemicals are everywhere. Many are natural and safe, others synthetic and dangerous. Or is it the other way around? Walking through the supermarket, you might ask yourself: Should I be eating organic food? Is that anti-wrinkle cream a gimmick? Is it worth buying BPA-free plastics? This new edition of *Chemistry in the Marketplace* provides fresh explanations, fascinating facts and funny anecdotes about the serious science in the products we buy and the resources we use. It might even save you some money. With chapters on the chemistry found in different parts of our home, in the backyard and in the world around us, Ben Selinger and Russell Barrow explain how things work, where marketing can be deceptive and what risks you should really be concerned about. *Chemistry in the Marketplace* is a valuable resource for university lecturers, high school teachers and students of chemistry and chemistry related subjects and disciplines, such as biochemistry, microbiology and science in society.

This textbook presents a comprehensive overview of the environmental impacts of various types of adventure tourism and how these can be best managed. This volume follows on from the authors previous textbook – ‘*Outdoor Recreation: Environmental Impacts and Management*’ and continues the aim of developing a deeper understanding of how tourist numbers impact the environment and to provide practical solutions to these problems. Combining their own first-hand experience and research with extensive literature review the authors' present several popular adventure tourism destinations from across the globe, including the Arctic, the Himalayas, Africa, Australia and Scotland as case studies. Chapters cover the particular challenges faced by each region: including impacts on animals and birds; the spread of invasive plant species and diseases; trail impacts on vegetation; impacts on geological, historical and archaeological sites and pollution and waste issues. A discussion and evaluation of the possible management actions for minimising these impacts and how outdoor recreation tourists can be regulated concludes each chapter. This practical and engaging textbook will be invaluable to students and scholars of adventure tourism and outdoor recreation as well as practitioners and managers working in the field.

In a world where temperatures fluctuate and extreme weather has become commonplace, several populations have already found themselves unable to survive in their homeland. Droughts, flooding, and crop failures have caused famine, while extreme weather events like hurricanes and tornadoes have destroyed homes and, at times, whole villages. The articles in this collection examine the phenomenon of climate refugees, including the reasons they must move, the impact it has on humans and the economy, and examining the politics and other factors that affect their arrival in new countries.

A compelling argument that the time has come to use what we know about the fascinating and diverse inner lives of other animals on their behalf Every day we are learning new and surprising facts about just how intelligent and emotional animals are—did you know rats like to play and laugh, and also display empathy, and the ears and noses of cows tell us how they're feeling? At times, we humans translate that knowledge into compassion for other animals; think of the public outcry against the fates of Cecil the lion or the captive gorilla Harambe. But on the whole, our growing understanding of what animals feel is not resulting in more

respectful treatment of them. Renowned animal-behavior expert Marc Bekoff and leading bioethicist Jessica Pierce explore the real-world experiences of five categories of animals, beginning with those who suffer the greatest deprivations of freedoms and choice—chickens, pigs, and cows in industrial food systems—as well as animals used in testing and research, including mice, rats, cats, dogs, and chimpanzees. Next, Bekoff and Pierce consider animals for whom losses of freedoms are more ambiguous and controversial, namely, individuals held in zoos and aquaria and those kept as companions. Finally, they reveal the unexpected ways in which the freedoms of animals in the wild are constrained by human activities and argue for a more compassionate approach to conservation. In each case, scientific studies combine with stories of individual animals to bring readers face-to-face with the wonder of our fellow beings, as well as the suffering they endure and the major paradigm shift that is needed to truly ensure their well-being. The Animals' Agenda will educate and inspire people to rethink how we affect other animals, and how we can evolve toward more peaceful and less violent ways of interacting with our animal kin in an increasingly human-dominated world.

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Special edition of the Federal Register, containing a codification of documents of general applicability and future effect ... with ancillaries.

Menagerie is the story of the panoply of exotic animals that were brought into Britain from time immemorial until the foundation of the London Zoo — a tale replete with the extravagant, the eccentric, and — on occasion — the downright bizarre. From Henry III's elephant at the Tower, to George IV's love affair with Britain's first giraffe and Lady Castlereagh's recalcitrant ostriches, Caroline Grigson's tour through the centuries amounts to the first detailed history of exotic animals in Britain. On the way we encounter a host of fascinating and outlandish creatures, including the first peacocks and popinjays, Thomas More's monkey, James I's cassowaries in St James's Park, and Lord Clive's zebra — which refused to mate with a donkey, until the donkey was painted with stripes. But this is not just the story of the animals themselves. It also the story of all those who came into contact with them: the people who owned them, the merchants who bought and sold them, the seamen who carried them to our shores, the naturalists who wrote about them, the artists who painted them, the itinerant showmen who worked with them, the collectors who collected them. And last but not least, it is about all those who simply came to see and wonder at them, from kings, queens, and nobles to ordinary men, women, and children, often impelled by no more than simple curiosity and a craving for novelty.

This ground-breaking collection focuses on how theatre, dance, and other forms of performance are helping to transform our ecological values. Top scholars explore how familiar and new works of performance can help us recognize our reciprocal relationship with the natural world and how it helps us understand the way we are connected to the land.

Twayne = equal parts: Bukowski Hefner Mark T Freud e-Snowden & the Will of Ferrell Whether he is on a mountain hike, sitting at a bar, or eating in a restaurant, Twayne loves meeting people. Through observations gathered from a journey across the best of the Southwest, Twayne shares a collection of contemporary poems that highlight the varied personalities he met along the way. Presented with a distinctive style, Twayne's provocative poems explore settings and people from Los Angeles to Northern California and Northern Arizona as he witnesses social interactions at the rogue bar where televisions outnumber Dodger pennants; at Bel-Air solstice parties where living, breathing cemetarians hang out, and an imaginary sushi place where a tousled bushy-hair cutie sits at the end of the food bar. Through it all, Twayne proves that life is best experienced when we open our eyes, ears, and hearts and embrace the uniqueness around us. 50 Scenes in 58 days shares an innovative collection of poems that presents a fresh, artistic look at society in a modern world.

Lucy Randall couldn't save her partner, Ragnar, when their mission against a rogue wolf-pack went bad, but she can finish the job and at least honor Ragnar's memory by killing the men who ambushed him. Reaching the investigator who hired her, Smith, seems easy enough -- until she runs into a man with Ragnar's face and twice as much attitude. Axel always thought he would have time to mend fences with his twin brother, until a strange girl with purple hair careens into his life and tells him otherwise. And when it becomes clear Lucy carries other secrets with her, Axel wonders whether inviting her into his life will only destroy what remains of his heart. Can they avenge Ragnar's death and get one step closer to destroying the rogue wolf-pack, or will their hearts grow too heavy to bear?

Since the early 20th century, animated Christmas cartoons have brightened the holiday season around the world--first in theaters, then on television. From devotional portrayals of the Nativity to Santa battling villains and monsters, this encyclopedia catalogs more than 1,800 international Christmas-themed cartoons and others with year-end themes of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the New Year. Explore beloved television specials such as A Charlie Brown Christmas, theatrical shorts such as Santa's Workshop, holiday episodes from animated television series like American Dad! and The Simpsons, feature films like The Nutcracker Prince and obscure productions such as The Insects' Christmas, along with numerous adaptations and parodies of such classics as A Christmas Carol and Twas the Night before Christmas. A Camping Guide and Cookbook with recipes for Hikers, Tent Campers and RV Campers. More than 1000 recipes with directions for cooking on grills, camp stoves, and campfires. United States and Canadian recipes that reflect the diversity of cuisines. Trivia about National Parks, monuments, and forests in the U.S. and Canada. Many guidelines for preparing, packing- includes safety tips; pet tips; camping with children; backpacking equipment; camp kitchens; Menu planning; Dutch Oven cooking; Cooking over open fires and on grills; use of pie irons; and much much more. A Guide that

introduces the reader to many of the Well known National Parks as well as those that are not as well known... All Produced compliments of Mother nature and Father Time!

An unstable homeowner exacting revenge on his mortgage lender. An alcoholic clown coming back from the dead to haunt a family. A roulette addicted oil mogul meeting a mysterious woman during the destructive peak hours of Hurricane Sandy. The brutally

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The complete five book series of City Shifters: the Den! Find out if Barrett Kaiser and his rowdy bear brothers survive the bad guys, wreak some vengeance, and find true love! Bearing Burdens: Josie just needs enough money to pay off her loan shark and get custody of her nieces and nephew. But when she saves Kaiser's life, she discovers a whole world of shifters exists in the city -- and her dead sister might have been involved in it. Josie has to decide whether to risk everything she loves to stay with Kaiser, including her own life and humanity, or shoulder her burdens on her own yet again. Bearing Hearts: Lucy Randall couldn't save her partner, Ragnar, when their mission against a rogue wolf-pack went bad, but she can finish the job and at least honor Ragnar's memory by killing the men who ambushed him.

Reaching the investigator who hired her seems easy enough -- until she runs into a man with Ragnar's face and twice as much attitude. Can they avenge Ragnar's death and get one step closer to destroying the rogue wolf-pack, or will their hearts grow too heavy to bear? Bearing Scars: Kara flees a rogue pack to save her own life, but knows she has to go back to save her brother. When the rogue wolves chase her, though, Kara faces a lonely death in the woods -- until an enormous bear shifter races in to save her. Owen is everything she needs, and as he deals with his own scars, Kara discovers he needs her more. But when the rogue pack demands a trade that endangers Kara, her brother, and most of the bears, how far will Kara go to save her brother? And how much will Owen sacrifice to protect her? Bearing Demons:

Greer O'Brien has seen all kinds of tragedy as a homicide detective, and she's witnessed her fair share as a banshee, too. When she finds a dying man, the banshee sings his death-song – except the handsome shifter doesn't stay dead. Greer isn't ready for Malcolm MacNevin to disrupt her solitary life, and she certainly isn't ready for him to kidnap her. When Malcolm's little sister disappears into the city's underworld, Greer walks a fine line between her oath as a detective and her growing feelings for Malcolm. She'll even face off with Russian mobsters, crazy fae overlords, and a rogue pack to save Malcolm's sister. But will that be enough to save Malcolm from his demons? Bearing Secrets: Sunshine Wilkes runs a shelter and escape route for women with nasty husbands. She handles whatever the world throws at her... until she rescues a crazy pregnant lady raving about werewolves and carrying a little boy with a puppy tail. She's in over her head in a magical world she didn't know existed. So when a detective pal recommends a gorgeous Russian thug as a

bodyguard, Sunny doesn't mind at all. She can handle a guy with a dodgy past -- even him being a werebear is something she can come around to. But when her relationship with Sasha makes Sunny the target of an evil wolf pack and Russian mobsters, she starts to think some of his secrets are too dark to survive. Will Sasha's secrets ruin his future with Sunny, or will he finally break free of the past?

In 1996 Amy Goodman began hosting a show on Pacifica Radio called Democracy Now! to focus on the issues and movements that are too often ignored by the corporate media. Today Democracy Now! is the largest public media collaboration in the US, broadcasting on over 1,400 public television and radio stations around the world, with millions accessing it online at DemocracyNow.org. Now Amy, along with her journalist brother, David, and co-author Denis Moynihan, share stories of the heroes -- the whistleblowers, the organizers, the protesters -- who have brought about remarkable change. This important book looks back over the past two decades of Democracy Now! and the powerful movements and charismatic leaders who are re-shaping our world.

In the latest of TIME's extraordinary volumes on scientific discoveries, this special edition curates the 100 most impactful recent breakthroughs across 10 disciplines. Through sharp photos and TIME's peerless reporting, readers will explore the most captivating news and revelations in technology, botany, archaeology, genetics, zoology, the Earth, the mind, the cosmos, medicine and chemistry. Among the highlights: How to curb Alzheimer's disease with small lifestyle changes
Controversial findings about newfound human ancestors known as the Hobbits
High-tech solutions to diabetes care
The gene-editing technique known as CRISPR, and the ethical questions behind it
Why the plight of the honeybee matters

Throughout the twentieth century, glaciologists and geophysicists from Denmark, Norway and Sweden made important scientific contributions across the Arctic and Antarctic. This research was of acute security and policy interest during the Cold War, as knowledge of the polar regions assumed military importance. But scientists also helped make the polar regions Nordic spaces in a cultural and political sense, with scientists from Norden punching far above their weight in terms of population, geographical size or economic activity. This volume presents an image of Norden that stretches far beyond its conventional limits, covering a vast area in the North Atlantic and the Arctic Sea, as well as parts of Antarctica. Rich in resources, scarce in population, but critically important in global and regional geopolitics, these spaces were contested by major powers such as Russia, the United States, Canada and, in the Antarctic, Argentina, Australia, South Africa and others. The empirical focus on Danish, Norwegian and Swedish influence in the polar regions during the twentieth century embraces a diverse array of themes, from the role of science in policy and diplomacy to the tensions between nationalism and internationalism, with clear relevance to the important role science plays in contemporary

discussions about Nordic engagement with the polar regions.

Liberty – A ROUSING TALE OF DANGER ON THE HIGH SEAS-- When Santiago is thrust into the farm's pigsty, Penelope is captivated by Santiago Talbert's boast, "I plan to sail the Seven Seas." Together, these extraordinary pigs escape the farm and cross into the land of Liberty, a parallel world where an intelligent human or animal can get ahead. They follow their dream to Boston Harbor, where they try to convince sea captains that pigs can sail. First, though, Santiago learns mapmaking, while Penelope works on the docks loading ships. Eventually Penelope signs onto the Ice King's crew as he cuts and packs ice to ship to the far-flung corners of the world. When the fleet of ice ships sails, Penelope and Santiago join the crew of the flagship, captained by Captain Kingsley, the Ice King himself. A massive polar bear, he harbors dark secrets, and the pigs face the shocking truth: they alone can save the friendly sea serpents from the Ice King's clutches. From the fascinating world of tall ships comes this unlikely tale of humble pigs who follow their dream. Come and join the Talberts on their journey.

With the help of a wisecracking, steampunk robot, two accidental superheroes discover that they have inherited some amazing, if unusual, abilities. Computer whiz Megan can fly (mostly sleep-flying, but she's working on it) while her best friend Cameron can (in theory) transform into any animal, but mostly ends up as a were-hamster. Together they must protect the source of their ancestral powers from a wannabe evil mastermind and his gang of industrial transformer robots who've disguised themselves as modern art installations on their Greenock estate. It isn't easy to balance school and epic super-battles, not to mention finding time to search for other super-talents and train with their Mr Miyagi-esque were-tiger coach. Can Megan and Cam beat the bad guy, defeat his robot transformers and become the superheroes they were born to be? Kelpies Prize shortlisted author Paul Bristow creates a hilarious tongue-in-cheek superhero mash up with a dangerous twist!

A Climate Vocabulary of the Future offers a compelling perspective on climate change that breaks down the formidable challenges facing our species and our planet -- rising temperatures, melting glaciers, and an indifferent global populace quietly overwhelmed by the science and inconceivable consequences of inaction. By skillfully explaining -- with humor, brevity, and clarity -- more than four hundred new, as well as often overlooked words and phrases, A Climate Vocabulary of the Future empowers readers with the information they need to both understand and act. For example, readers will learn the importance of dark snow, carbon war criminals, and negative emissions, as well as the background behind deceptively humorous phrases such as frozen chicken syndrome and robin carbon hood tax. Author Herb Simmens also offers many new ideas to inspire action before it is too late to save ourselves from ourselves. Use A Climate Vocabulary of the Future as a reference or as a creative way to learn the many dimensions of climate change. Above all, use it to

acquire the words, images, ideas, and actions necessary to thrive in a world increasingly dominated by climate chaos. Written by locals, Fodor's travel guides have been offering insider tips and advice for all tastes and budgets for 80 years. Fodor's Colorado highlights the best this playground for nature lovers has to offer: the majestic Rocky Mountain National Park, Denver's cultural riches, and the winding trails and raging rivers perfect for outdoor enthusiasts looking to bike, raft, horseback ride, or fish. Every recommendation has been vetted by a local Fodor's expert to ensure travelers plan the perfect trip, whether skiing the champagne powder of the Rocky Mountains or setting out on an urban adventure in cool cities like Boulder and Aspen. This travel guide includes:

- Dozens of maps plus a handy pullout map with essential information
- An 8-page color insert with a brief introduction and spectacular photos that capture the top experiences and attractions throughout Colorado.
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks
- Major sights such as Mesa Verde National Park, Dude Ranches and Old West Mining Towns
- Side trips from Colorado Springs including Cripple Creek, Florissant Fossil Beds, Palmer Lake, Canon City and Royal Gorge, Buena Vista and Salida
- Coverage of Denver, Summit County, Vail Valley, Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley, Boulder and North Central Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park, Northwest Colorado and Steamboat Springs, Southwest Colorado's Black Canyon and the Gunnison National Park, Telluride and the San Juan Mountains, Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado Springs, the Collegiate Peaks, and the San Luis Valley

For cultural and heritage institutions around the world, sustainability is the major challenge of the twenty-first century. In the first major work to analyze this critical issue, Barthel-Bouchier argues that programmatic commitments to sustainability arose both from direct environmental threats to tangible and intangible heritage, and from social and economic contradictions as heritage developed into a truly global organizational field. Drawing on extensive fieldwork and interviews over many years, as well as detailed coverage of primary documents and secondary literature, she examines key international organizations including UNESCO, ICOMOS, and the World Monuments Fund, and national trust organizations of Great Britain, the United States, and Australia, and many others. This wide-ranging study establishes a foundation for critical analysis and programmatic advances as heritage professionals encounter the growing challenge of sustainability.

Alaska is truly bear country. It is the only one of America's fifty states to be inhabited by all three of North America's ursine species: black, polar bear, and brown bear (also known as grizzly). Alaska's Bears is a handy guidebook to the bears of Alaska, a book that slips easily into a jacket pocket or a day pack, and that provides entertaining armchair reading when you're not in bear country. Here in one compact edition is a book that can help you understand Alaska's bears and their natural histories. Learn about their appearances, behaviors, yearly cycles, ecological niches, and

relationships with humans. Find full details on how to visit Alaska's prime bear-viewing and get tips for traveling safely through bear country. Complementing Bill Sherwonit's text are photographs from longtime Alaskan Tom Walker, a premier wildlife photographer who has spent hundreds of hours in the company of bears.

Cryptozoology, and relic, (re) introduced populations of strange creatures in North America. A description and map distribution of these creatures. Example – Sasquatch, Skunk Apes, Chupacabras, Oogopogos, Ocelots, Jaguarundi, Pythons, Mambas and more. Keywords: Cryptozoology, Creatures, Sasquatch, Skunk Apes, Chupacabras, Oogopogos, Ocelots, Jaguarundi, Pythons, Mambas

Polar Bears in the Hot Tub is an inquiry that asks different questions about global warming and the predicted hazards. This book follows a different path of research to find answers to questions that no one is bothering to ask. Is climate change inevitable? Are we solving the wrong problem? Are Polar bears languishing in warmer and warmer arctic waters? Maybe not.

Among the world's myriad cultures and their associated calendars, the idea of a "New Year" is relative and hardly specifies a universal celebration or even a universal point in time. Ways of celebrating the New Year range from the observances of religious rituals and superstitions to social gatherings featuring particular foods, music, dancing, noisemaking, fireworks and drinking. This first encyclopedia devoted exclusively to the New Year includes 320 entries that give a global perspective on the New Year, beyond its traditional Western associations with Christmas. National or regional entries detail the principal traditions and customs of 130 countries, while 27 entries discuss major calendar systems in current use or of significant historical interest. The remaining entries cover a wide variety of subjects including literary works, movies, and television specials; the customs of specific ethnic groups; universal customs such as toasting and drinking; football bowl games and parades; and the New Year celebrations at the White House and the Vatican.

AN EPIC ADVENTURE THAT REVEALS MANY ANSWERS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG-AT-HEART. Joshua the Polar Bear with his wife, Josey, and their children, Fred and Flo, find themselves in two theatres of conflict that could threaten the balance of world peace. Crazy villains and master criminals are active throughout this humorous, yet poignant and profound, story. Joshua and his family have developed extraordinary magnetic powers, including the ability to see into the future. Russia becomes the beneficiary of their abilities, and President RockovOs prodigy son, Ivan, enlists the help of the young English genius, Ethan the Enlightened One. The two boys find themselves in confrontation with Grigory Metimovich, the richest oligarch in the world, who is based in Moscow. Further help comes from another galaxy, as Joshua is able to harness energy and help from that source, along with assistance from the wealthy English entrepreneur, Rich Pickens."

A marathon dance mix consisting of thousands of mashed up text and image samples, In the House of the Hangman tries to give a taste of what life is like there, where it is impolite to speak of the noose. It is the third part of the life project Zeitgeist Spam. If you can't afford a copy ask me for a pdf.

The Stage Lives of Animals examines what it might mean to make theatre beyond the human. In this stunning collection of essays, Una Chaudhuri engages with the alternative modes of thinking, feeling, and making art offered by animals and animality, bringing insights from theatre practice and theory to animal studies as well as exploring what animal studies can bring to the study of theatre and performance. As our planet lives through what scientists call "the sixth extinction," and we become ever more aware of our relationships to other species, Chaudhuri takes a highly original look at the "animal imagination" of well-known plays, performances and creative projects, including works by: Caryl Churchill Rachel Rosenthal Marina Zurkow Edward Albee Tennessee Williams Eugene Ionesco Covering over a decade of explorations, a wide range of writers, and many urgent topics, this volume demonstrates that an interspecies imagination deeply structures modern western drama.

If you listen to any political argument, you're eventually bound to hear something like: "The science is settled on this." Or: "Just look at the statistics!" Or: "There have been studies that say..." You'd think we were living in the golden age of science and reason. But the truth is far more sinister, says Austin Ruse. We're actually living in the age of the low information voter, easily misled by all-too-convincing false statistics and studies. In Fake Science, Ruse debunks so-called "facts" used to advance political causes one after the other, revealing how poorly they stand up to actual science. This is an annually updated presentation of Canada past and present. The contents in this volume are organized into sections dealing with Canada's culture; Geography; people; history (from New France to the constitutional debates in the late 20th century); political system (including the constitution, monarchy, parliament, legal and court system, federalism and the provinces, provincial governments, parties and elections); defense; economy; the future; and a comprehensive bibliography. The combination of factual accuracy and up-to-date detail along with its informed projections make this an outstanding resource for researchers, practitioners in international development, media professionals, government officials, potential investors and students. Now in its 32nd edition, the content is thorough yet perfect for a one-semester introductory course or general library reference. Available in both print and e-book formats and priced low to fit student and library budgets.

Filling a gap in the market, this new title approaches the field through a uniquely international angle, with increased emphasis on the impact of digital technology and supported by international case-studies.

The last book on Alaska politics came out over twenty years ago, long before the rise of the Tea Party and Sarah Palin

and the decline of oil revenue and fisheries. With Alaska Politics and Public Policy, Clive Thomas has pulled together a diverse team of specialists to update and expand our understanding of the political and policy realities of Alaska. This comprehensive volume lays out a detailed map of a political landscape that's physically huge, environmentally diverse, and constrained in economics and population. This book, the most comprehensive on Alaska politics and public policy published to date, explores how beliefs, institutions, personalities, and power shape Alaska politics and public policies. Understanding how these elements interact helps explain why and how some issues get dealt with by government in Alaska, why others get little attention, why some are tackled but cannot be resolved, and why others are not addressed at all. Combining the human element with the interrelationships within the political system gets to the very nature of politics. The book ranges from covering the basics of Alaska politics to providing detailed treatments of the factors shaping politics and the operation of government to providing in-depth analysis of issues and policies. Alaska Politics and Public Policy provides a wide range of information and analysis to a broad readership--from those with very little knowledge of Alaska politics to Alaska politics junkies. The book also includes an extensive glossary of terms related to Alaska and its politics. Two types of people were asked to contribute to the book: One group is political scientists and other social scientists. The other includes past and present state elected and appointed officials, as well as other political practitioners and observers, such as lobbyists and journalists. This combination of contributors enables the book to provide both conceptual and hands-on insights into its comprehensive coverage of topics ranging from the role of Alaska Natives to the influence of interest groups to the reality of the state's dependence on oil to the ambivalent attitude toward the federal government to the likely potential of the Arctic in Alaska's future.

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