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The Tzarkomen necromancers sacrificed a thousand women to create a Bride for the Kinslayer so he would spare them in the war. But the Kinslayer is dead and now the creation intended to ensure his eternal rule lies abandoned by its makers in the last place in the world that anyone would look for it. Which doesn't prevent someone finding her by accident. Will the Bride return the gods to the world or will she bring the end of days? It all depends on the one who found her, Kula, a broken-hearted little girl with nothing left to lose. A brand-new collection of stand-alone stories featuring the return of two fan-favourite characters from the world of the critically acclaimed Redemption's Blade and Salvation's Fire novels. Four new tales of Doctors Catt and Fisher... It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was the age of war and peace. It was the epoch of acquisition and of generosity, it was the season of magic and of mundanity. Join Catt and Fisher as a werewolf falls upon the first thief of spring, the winter of six kinds of duck gravy, the feast of a lifetime at the end of an aeon of starvation, and an unmissable, once-in-a-thousand-years auction of the most valuable objects in the world. Not to mention the one about the lighthouse made out of a moth's wing. "Robson writes a tense, fast-paced quest adventure... I hope to see more like it." -- Liz Bourke "If you're looking for something that celebrates the genre, while working to interrogate and question how that genre works, look no further than Redemption's Blade." -- Martin Cahill, Tor.com

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From the New York Times bestselling author of *Steal Like an Artist* and *Show Your Work!* comes an interactive journal and all-in-one logbook to get your creative juices flowing, and keep a record of your ideas and discoveries. The *Steal Like an Artist Journal* is the next step in your artistic journey. It combines Austin Kleon's unique and compelling ideas with the physical quality that makes journals like Moleskines so enormously popular. Page after page of ideas, prompts, quotes, and exercises are like a daily course in creativity. There are lists to fill in—Ten Things I Want to Learn, Ten Things I Probably Think About More Than the Average Person. Challenges to take. Illustrated creative exercises—Make a Mixtape (for someone who doesn't know you) and Fill in the Speech Balloons. Pro and con charts—What Excites You?/What Drains You? The journal has an elastic band for place-marking and a special pocket in the back—a "swipe file" to store bits and pieces of inspiration. Because if you want to steal like an artist, you need a place to keep your loot.

A powerful way to master every performance in your career and life, from presentations and sales pitches to interviews and tough conversations, drawing on the methods the author applied as a working actor and has honed over a decade of coaching salespeople, marketers, managers, and business owners.

"This book takes you through the collection gallery by gallery, illuminating the art and installations in each room"--From preface.

'I like thinking big. I always have. To me it's very simple: If you're going to be thinking anyway, you might as well think big.' - Donald J. Trump Here is Trump in action - how he runs his business and how he runs his life - as he meets the people he needs to meet, chats with family and friends,

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clashes with enemies, and changes the face of the New York City skyline. But even a maverick plays by the rules, and Trump has formulated eleven guidelines for success. He isolates the common elements in his greatest deals; he shatters myths; he names names, spells out the zeros, and fully reveals the deal-maker's art. And throughout, Trump talks - really talks - about how he does it. *Trump: The Art of the Deal* is an unguarded look at the mind of a brilliant entrepreneur and an unprecedented education in the practice of deal-making. It's the most streetwise business book there is - and the ultimate read for anyone interested in making money and achieving success, and knowing the man behind the spotlight.

Rachel Shteir's *The Steal* is the first serious study of shoplifting, looking to history to reveal the roots of our modern dilemma. Dismissed by academia and the mainstream media and largely misunderstood, shoplifting has become the territory of moralists, mischievous teenagers, tabloid television, and self-help gurus. But shoplifting incurs remarkable real-life costs for retailers and consumers. The "crime tax"—the amount every American family loses to shoplifting-related price inflation—is more than \$400 a year. Shoplifting cost American retailers \$11.7 billion in 2009. The theft of one \$5.00 item from Whole Foods can require sales of hundreds of dollars to break even. *The Steal* begins when shoplifting entered the modern record as urbanization and consumerism made London into Europe's busiest mercantile capital. Crossing the channel to nineteenth-century Paris, Shteir tracks the rise of the department store and the pathologizing of shoplifting as kleptomania. In 1960s America, shoplifting becomes a symbol of resistance when the publication of Abbie Hoffman's *Steal This Book* popularizes shoplifting as an antiestablishment act. Some contemporary analysts see our current epidemic as a

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response to a culture of hyper-consumerism; others question whether its upticks can be tied to economic downturns at all. Few provide convincing theories about why it goes up or down. Just as experts can't agree on why people shoplift, they can't agree on how to stop it. Shoplifting has been punished by death, discouraged by shame tactics, and protected against by high-tech surveillance. Shoplifters have been treated by psychoanalysis, medicated with pharmaceuticals, and enforced by law to attend rehabilitation groups. While a few individuals have abandoned their sticky-fingered habits, shoplifting shows no signs of slowing. In *The Steal*, Shteir guides us through a remarkable tour of all things shoplifting—we visit the Woodbury Commons Outlet Mall, where boosters run rampant, watch the surveillance footage from Winona Ryder's famed shopping trip, and learn the history of antitheft technology. A groundbreaking study, *The Steal* shows us that shoplifting in its many guises—crime, disease, protest—is best understood as a reflection of our society, ourselves.

Responsible, disciplined William Fox channeled his love for art and his faith in the rules into being an FBI Art Crimes agent. Right and wrong, justice and injustice—the differences are clear, and Will has spent his career drawing a line between them. Maybe his convictions have cost him relationships, but he's not willing to compromise what he knows is right. Until the night he meets Amory Vaughn. As the head of his family's philanthropic foundation, Vaughn knows very well that being rich and powerful can get him almost anything he wants. And when he meets endearingly grumpy and slightly awkward William Fox, he wants him more than he's wanted anything. Vaughn is used to being desired for his name and his money, but Will doesn't care about either. When Vaughn falls back on old habits and attempts to impress Will by stealing a painting Will admires, their nascent

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bond blows up in his face. But Vaughn isn't willing to give up on the glimpse of passion he saw the night he took Will apart. Before Will knows it, he's falling for the man he should have arrested, and Vaughn has to realize that some things can't be bought or stolen. Love has to be given freely. But can a man who lives by the rules, and a man who thinks the rules don't apply to him, ever see eye to eye?

The Art of the Steal is a work of fiction that is built upon a primarily factual foundation. It is written from the point of view of Aimon Niddy Ott -- Trump's Id, as imagined by Dr. Cynthia Zaitz. Ott glorifies his every disastrous thought, choice, and action with exaggerated expressions of braggadocio and victimhood, with the occasional interjected comments and corrections from Zaitz. The Art of the Steal covers Ott's strong influence by prosperity pastor Norman Vincent Peale, his daily schedule, his blatant racism, his constant criticism of the media, many of his foreign and domestic deals, his numerous relationships with shady characters, his admiration for Vladimir Putin, and more. There are cartoons throughout that highlight Ott's insatiable greed, unapologetic self-delusion, constant need for approval, and incredible narcissism. Although taking an imaginary trip through AIMON Ott's psyche does engender some empathy for the man, in general the book is overwhelmingly irreverent and disrespectful -- which seems appropriate in terms of the outrageously irreverent and disrespectful behavior we have seen from the 45th President of the United States.

The second book in the Angelique De Xavier series, from author Christopher Brookmyre. Their eyes met across a crowded room. She was just a poor servant girl and he was the son of a rich industrialist. Er, no, this is a Christopher Brookmyre novel, although the eyes meeting across a crowded room part is true. Where it differs from the fairy tales is that the room in question was crowded with hostages and

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armed bank-robbers, and his eyes were the only part of him she could see behind the mask. He is an art-thief par excellence and she is a connoisseur of crooks. Her job is to hunt him to extinction; his is to avoid being caught and he also has a secret agenda more valuable than anything he might steal. There are risks he can take without jeopardising his plans. He can afford to play cat-and-mouse with the female cop who's on his tail; it might even arguably be necessary. What he can't afford is to let her get too close: he could end up in jail or, even more scary, he could end up in love ...

World famous former con artist and bestselling author of *Catch Me If You Can* shares his experiences on both sides of the law to help others from becoming victims of fraud. In his celebrated bestseller, *Catch Me If You Can*, Frank Abagnale recounted his youthful career as a master imposter and forger. Before he was 21 he had cashed US\$2.5 million in forged cheques, practised as a lawyer, doctor, pilot, and college professor, even though he was a high school dropout. In *The Art of the Steal*, Abagnale tells the remarkable story of how he parlayed his knowledge of cons and scams into a successful career as a consultant on preventing financial foul play - while showing readers how they can spot and outsmart perpetrators of fraud. Technology may have made it easier to track down criminals, but cyberspace has spawned a skyrocketing number of ways to commit crime, much of it untraceable. Frank Abagnale has discovered that punishment for fraud, much less recovery of stolen goods, seldom happens - prevention is the best form of protection. Drawing on his early years of experience as a master con man and his 25-year career on the other side of the law, he shares eye-opening stories of true scams - and tips on how they could have been avoided. A peek inside the predatory criminal mind from a past master of the con, *The Art of the Steal* is the

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ultimate defence against even the craftiest crook.

Art scams are today so numerous that the specter of a lawsuit arising from a mistaken attribution has scared a number of experts away from the business of authentication and forgery, and with good reason. Art scams are increasingly convincing and involve incredible sums of money. The cons perpetrated by unscrupulous art dealers and their accomplices are proportionately elaborate. Anthony M. Amore's *The Art of the Con* tells the stories of some of history's most notorious yet untold cons. They involve stolen art hidden for decades; elaborate ruses that involve the Nazis and allegedly plundered art; the theft of a conceptual prototype from a well-known artist by his assistant to be used later to create copies; the use of online and television auction sites to scam buyers out of millions; and other confidence scams incredible not only for their boldness but more so because they actually worked. Using interviews and newly released court documents, *The Art of the Con* will also take the reader into the investigations that led to the capture of the con men, who oftentimes return back to the world of crime. For some, it's an irresistible urge because their innocent dupes all share something in common: they want to believe.

Four new tales of Doctors Catt and Fisher... Scholars, shopkeepers, collectors... aficionados. Obtainers of rare antiquities; relic hunters who can't resist a lead, even when it takes them into terrible danger. There's always an opportunity to be found amid the confusion, in the wake of the terrible Kinslayer War. There's always a deal to be done, a tomb to open, a precious thing to... obtain. From encounters with the monstrous Vathesk to exploring new worlds; from wielding great power to do great good, to unearthing dark things best left lost. If you need the experts, if you can find your way to their Cherivell shop, maybe you can hire Doctors Catt and Fisher.

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A handbook of survival and warfare for the citizens of Woodstock Nation A classic of counterculture literature and one of the most influential--and controversial--documents of the twentieth century, *Steal This Book* is as valuable today as the day it was published. It has been in print continuously for more than four decades, and it has educated and inspired countless thousands of young activists. Conceived as an instruction manual for radical social change, *Steal This Book* is divided into three sections--Survive! Fight! and Liberate! Ever wonder how to start a guerilla radio station? Or maybe you want to brush up on your shoplifting techniques. Perhaps you're just looking for the best free entertainment in New York City. (The Frick Collection--"Great when you're stoned.") Packed with information, advice, and Abbie's unique outlaw wisdom ("Avoid all needle drugs--the only dope worth shooting is Richard Nixon."), *Steal This Book* is a timeless reminder that, no matter what the struggle, freedom is always worth fighting for. "All Power to the Imagination was his credo. Abbie was the best."--Studs Terkel

This edited collection offers the latest scholarship on book catalogues in early modern Europe. Contributors discuss the role that these catalogues played in bookselling and book auctions, as well as in guiding the tastes of book collectors. A 10th anniversary deluxe edition of the bestselling book to inspire creativity for artists and creatives of all types: an oversized hardcover with ribbon marker, hand-drawn endpapers, and a new afterword by the author.

Robert Langdon is called upon to identify a mysterious symbol seared onto a dead man's chest. It belongs to the Illuminati, a secret brotherhood with a vendetta against the Catholic Church.

The Chaser's Art of the Steal is the only book about management theory that comes with a free MBA (from

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The Chaser Institute). Divided into seven sections, readers will be fully appraised of everything it takes to become a successful manager, from middling time-server all the way up to mediocre executive. Includes- A guide to corporate slang The history and philosophy of management theory Narcissism checklist- do you have enough of it to be CEO Buzzwords- How to eliminate clear communication from your management style Interspersed throughout the book are case studies to illustrate common management issues. For example, "Donald" was a mediocre student, bullied and harassed, but he turned the tables "The day that switch flipped inside me I was on the path to success", he says. Nowadays "Donald" has a senior job managing geopolitical conflicts by watching TV and sending tweets. Also includes an up-to-date section on dealing with "women" in the workplace. Surprisingly, under the law women are officially categorised as "people" and entitled to equal treatment. In reality, that is rarely followed and you can safely get away with unequal treatment just by appearing to follow the rules. Includes a case study on "Harvey" didn't realise women were real people, who would eventually talk to each other. We also look at lessons that can be learnt from some of the Top 500 companies, including case studies on all the major criminal cartels, including- Commonwealth Bank Westpac ANZ NAB and AMP Journeys inside the price-fixing scandal that rocked the art auction world, describing how billionaire Alfred Taubman; Diana Brooks, the most powerful woman in the art world; and British executive Christopher Davidge

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conspired to cheat clients out of millions, while offering a revealing look at the inner operations of Sotheby's and Christie's. Reprint.

This book delivers the fascinating account of one Western family's time living and working in China. Told through a series of letters, *China from the Inside: Letters from an Economist* presents insights into the society and economy of a country that is often opaque to outsiders and poorly understood. The author's expertise as an economist, and the family's efforts to integrate into Chinese society, furnish a vivid and unique account. It provides a valuable new perspective on the Chinese worldview, social relations and economy, as well as informed opinion on its projected economic development. Addressing issues ranging from the education system to the sustainability of economic growth, this is an accessible and engaging book that will be essential reading for all those interested in China and its future.

Charlotte Holmes, *Lady Sherlock*, is back solving new cases in the Victorian-set mystery series from the USA Today bestselling author of *The Hollow of Fear*. As "Sherlock Holmes, consulting detective," Charlotte Holmes has solved murders and found missing individuals. But she has never stolen a priceless artwork—or rather, made away with the secrets hidden behind a much-coveted canvas. But Mrs. Watson is desperate to help her old friend recover those secrets and Charlotte finds herself involved in a fever-paced scheme to infiltrate a glamorous Yuletide ball where the painting is one handshake away from being sold and the secrets a bare breath from exposure. Her dear friend

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Lord Ingram, her sister Livia, Livia's admirer Stephen Marbleton—everyone pitches in to help and everyone has a grand time. But nothing about this adventure is what it seems and disaster is biding time on the grounds of a glittering French chateau, waiting only for Charlotte to make a single mistake...

A step-by-step guide for the craft of high stakes thievery In *How to Steal the Mona Lisa*, author Taylor Bayouth meticulously describes seven heists of priceless art and artifacts: the Hope Diamond, the "Mona Lisa," the Archaeopteryx Lithographica, Rodin's "Thinker," King Tut's golden death mask, the Crown Jewels, and the Codex Leicester. With this trusty guide, learn to: - Camouflage a getaway car. - Hack security systems. - Navigate air ducts. - Master the art of disguise. - Pick locks, scale buildings, and more. Illustrated throughout, this book contains all the information you need to acquire equipment, recruit partners, strategize the perfect crime, and discreetly sell off your stolen national treasures.

When crooked crooks steal the Mona Lisa from the Louvre, Special Agent Jack is sent on a dangerous mission to steal it back. Includes facts about the painting.

Catch Me If You Can meets Patricia Highsmith in this "stylish" (New York Times Book Review) page-turner of greed and obsession, survival and self-invention that is a piercing character study of one unforgettable female con artist. At the end of the 1990s, with the art market finally recovered from its disastrous collapse, Miss Rebecca Farwell has made a killing at Christie's in New York City, selling a portion of her extraordinary art collection for a rumored 900 percent profit. Dressed in couture YSL, drinking the finest champagne at trendy Balthazar, Reba, as she's known, is

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the picture of a wealthy art collector. To some, the elusive Miss Farwell is a shark with outstanding business acumen. To others, she's a heartless capitalist whose only interest in art is how much she can make. But a thousand miles from the Big Apple, in the small town of Pierson, Illinois, Miss Farwell is someone else entirely—a quiet single woman known as Becky who still lives in her family's farmhouse, wears sensible shoes, and works tirelessly as the town's treasurer and controller. No one understands the ins and outs of Pierson's accounts better than Becky; she's the last one in the office every night, crunching the numbers. Somehow, her neighbors marvel, she always finds a way to get the struggling town just a little more money. What Pierson doesn't see—and can never discover—is that much of that money is shifted into a separate account that she controls, “borrowed” funds used to finance her art habit. Though she quietly repays Pierson when she can, the business of art is cutthroat and unpredictable. But as Reba Farwell's deals get bigger and bigger, Becky Farwell's debt to Pierson spirals out of control. How long can the talented Miss Farwell continue to pull off her double life?

A collection of essays from today's most acclaimed authors—from Cheryl Strayed to Roxane Gay to Jennifer Weiner, Alexander Chee, Nick Hornby, and Jonathan Franzen—on the realities of making a living in the writing world. In the literary world, the debate around writing and commerce often begs us to take sides: either writers should be paid for everything they do or writers should just pay their dues and count themselves lucky to be published. You should never quit your day job, but your ultimate goal should be to quit your day job. It's an endless, confusing, and often controversial conversation that, despite our bare-it-all culture, still remains taboo. In *Scratch*, Manjula Martin has gathered interviews and essays from established and rising authors to

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confront the age-old question: how do creative people make money? As contributors including Jonathan Franzen, Cheryl Strayed, Roxane Gay, Nick Hornby, Susan Orlean, Alexander Chee, Daniel Jose Older, Jennifer Weiner, and Yiyun Li candidly and emotionally discuss money, MFA programs, teaching fellowships, finally getting published, and what success really means to them, *Scratch* honestly addresses the tensions between writing and money, work and life, literature and commerce. The result is an entertaining and inspiring book that helps readers and writers understand what it's really like to make art in a world that runs on money—and why it matters. Essential reading for aspiring and experienced writers, and for anyone interested in the future of literature, *Scratch* is the perfect bookshelf companion to *On Writing*, *Never Can Say Goodbye*, and *MFA vs. NYC*.

"Art is theft," Picasso once proclaimed, and much of the best and most "original" new art involves an act or two of unequivocal, overt theft. Paradoxically, the law relating to artistic borrowing has grown more restrictive. "The plagiarism and copyright trials of the twenty-first century are what the obscenity trials were to the twentieth century," Kenneth Goldsmith, has observed. "These are really the issues of our time." *Beg, Steal and Borrow* offers a comprehensive and provocative survey of a complex subject that is destined to grow in relevance and importance. It traces an artistic lineage of appropriation from Michelangelo to Jeff Koons, and examines the history of its legality from the sixteenth century to now.

The Art of Activism is an all-purpose guide to artistic activism, combining the creative power of the arts to move us emotionally with the strategic planning of activism necessary to bring about social change. With contemporary case studies and historical examples, chapters on cultural and cognitive theory, sections on what can be learned from unlikely sources

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like popular culture and marketing techniques, along with investigations into ethics and evaluation, explorations of the creative process and the importance of utopian thinking, and an attached workbook with over fifty exercises to practice, the co-founders of the Center for Artistic Activism take readers step-by-step through the process of becoming, or becoming even better, artistic activists.

Unlock your creativity. An inspiring guide to creativity in the digital age, *Steal Like an Artist* presents ten transformative principles that will help readers discover their artistic side and build a more creative life. Nothing is original, so embrace influence, school yourself through the work of others, remix and reimagine to discover your own path. Follow interests wherever they take you—what feels like a hobby may turn into you life's work. Forget the old cliché about writing what you know: Instead, write the book you want to read, make the movie you want to watch. And finally, stay Smart, stay out of debt, and risk being boring in the everyday world so that you have the space to be wild and daring in your imagination and your work. "Brilliant and real and true."—Rosanne Cash

In a secret meeting in 1981, a master thief named Louis Royce gave career gangster Ralph Rossetti the tip of a lifetime. As a kid, Royce had visited the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and made a habit of sneaking in at night to find a good place to sleep. He knew the Museum's security was lax, and he gave this information to a boss of the Boston criminal underworld. It took years before the Museum was hit. But when it finally happened, it quickly became one of the most infamous art heists in history: 13 works of art valued at up to 500 million—including Rembrandt's "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee." The identity of the thieves were a mystery, the paintings were never found. What happened in those intervening years? Which Boston crew landed the big score? And why, more than 20 years later, did the FBI issue a press

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conference stating that they knew who had pulled off the heist and what had happened to the artwork, but provided no identities and scant details? These mysteries are the story of Kurkjian's revealing book. The best and longest-tenured reporter on this case, and one of the most decorated investigative reporters in America, Kurkjian will reveal the identities of this who plotted the heist, the motive for the crime, and the details that the FBI refused to reveal. He will take the reader deep into the Boston mob, and paint the most complete and compelling picture of this story ever told. Now 101 years old, Master T. T. Liang came to the U.S. from Taiwan in the 1960s to introduce t'ai chi to America. His life story is full of the stuff that makes a great martial arts adventure: a career as a high-ranking government official, street fights and shootouts, opium dens and prostitutes, mystical martial arts masters and monks—the story of a life lived to the absolute maximum. Twenty-five photographs add to the captivating life story of this great t'ai chi master. The world-famous former con artist and bestselling author of *Catch Me if You Can* now reveals the mind-boggling tricks of the scam trade—with advice that has made him one of America's most sought-after fraud-prevention experts. "I had as much knowledge as any man alive concerning the mechanics of forgery, check swindling, counterfeiting, and other similar crimes. Ever since I'd been released from prison, I'd often felt that if I directed this knowledge into the right channels, I could help people a great deal. Every time I went to the store and wrote a check, I would see two or three mistakes made on the part of the clerk or cashier, mistakes that a flimflam artist would take advantage of. . . . In a certain sense, I'm still a con artist. I'm just putting down a positive con these days, as opposed to the negative con I used in the past. I've merely redirected the talents I've always possessed. I've applied the same relentless attention to working on

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stopping fraud that I once applied to perpetuating fraud." In *Catch Me if You Can*, Frank W. Abagnale recounted his youthful career as a master imposter and forger. In *The Art of the Steal*, Abagnale tells the remarkable story of how he parlayed his knowledge of cons and scams into a successful career as a consultant on preventing financial foul play--while showing you how to identify and outsmart perpetrators of fraud. Technology may have made it easier to track down criminals, but cyberspace has spawned a skyrocketing number of ways to commit crime--much of it untraceable. Businesses are estimated to lose an unprecedented \$400 billion a year from fraud of one sort or another. If we were able to do away with fraud for just two years, we'd erase the national debt and pay Social Security for the next one hundred years. However, Abagnale has discovered that punishment for committing fraud, much less recovery of stolen funds, seldom happens: Once you're a victim, you won't get your money back. Prevention is the best form of protection. Drawn from his twenty-five years of experience as an ingenious con artist (whose check scams alone mounted to more than \$2 million in stolen funds), Abagnale's *The Art of the Steal* provides eye-opening stories of true scams, with tips on how they can be prevented. Abagnale takes you deep inside the world and mind of the con artist, showing you just how he pulled off his scams and what you can do to avoid becoming the next victim. You'll hear the stories of notorious swindles, like the mustard squirter trick and the "rock in the box" ploy, and meet the criminals like the famous Vickers Gang who perpetrated them. You'll find out why crooks wash checks and iron credit cards and why a thief brings glue with him to the ATM. And finally, you'll learn how to recognize a bogus check or a counterfeit bill, and why you shouldn't write your grocery list on a deposit slip. A revealing look inside the predatory criminal mind from a former master of the con, *The*

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Art of the Steal is the ultimate defense against even the craftiest crook.

Napoleons Plunder chronicles one of the most spectacular art appropriation campaigns in history and, in doing so, sheds new light on the complex origins of what was once called the Musée Napoléon, now known as the Louvre. In 1796, four years after the founding of the First French Republic and only two days after his marriage to Josephine de Beauharnais, Napoleon Bonaparte left Paris to take command of his first campaign in Italy, aged only twenty-six. One year later, Napoleons army was in Venice and his commissioners were determining which great Renaissance artworks to bring back to France. Among the paintings the French chose was The Wedding Feast at Cana by Paolo Veronese, a vast masterpiece that had hung in the refectory of San Giorgio Maggiore since it was painted in 1563. Once pulled from the wall, the Venetian canvas crossed the Mediterranean packed among paintings commandeered from Venice and made its way by river and canal to Paris where Napoleon gathered his spoils of war treasures from the cities of Rome, Milan, and later Berlin and Vienna. In 1801 the Veronese was placed on triumphant display in the Louvre, the former palace of the French kings, which had been transformed into a public museum that ostensibly belonged to the French people, but which also functioned as a monument to Napoleons power. Saltzman interweaves the stories of Napoleons military campaigns, uncovering the treaties through which he obtained his loot, with the histories of the plundered works themselves, exploring how these

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masterpieces came into being. As much as a story of military might, this is an account of one of the most ambitious cultural projects ever conducted.

Visions a collection of all the gorgeous artwork from The S.T.E.A.L Saga trilogy, including all new, never-seen art. Also, it features a sneak peek art from the upcoming series "The Vondrak Chronicles", by the same authors.

The issue of election fraud remains as contentious as it is relevant. Perhaps you have heard that it isn't happening, or maybe you believe that its existence is undeniable. As a writer who isn't afraid to tackle tough issues, Adrian Norman decided to take on the task of investigating election fraud. While many are aware of reporting that shows limited instances of it, the question of how pervasive it is still needed to be answered. This book provides those answers in no uncertain terms. The Art of the Steal takes a robust look at this subject, giving readers a clear picture of the true nature of America's election architecture. This book addresses the most controversial issues surrounding elections and voter fraud, including ballot harvesting, foreigners voting in U.S. elections, voter identification, voter suppression and much more. Whether you're a policymaker, an elections worker or an ordinary citizen who simply wants their vote to count, this book is an absolute must-read. "Adrian Norman exposes how the crusade to grow government and stifle freedom is often achieved without popular support. The Art of the Steal explains in great detail how the left relies on a win-at-all-costs election strategy rooted in fallacies and fraud to force its agenda on America--seizing power in a mockery of election laws.

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From vote harvesting to raising dead voters to outright graft and more, this book exposes a terrifying and two-faced assault on democracy."-David Almasi, Vice President of the National Center for Public Policy Research

The charismatic forger immortalized in *Catch Me If You Can* exposes the astonishing tactics of today's identity theft criminals and offers powerful strategies to thwart them based on his second career as an acclaimed fraud-fighting consultant. When Frank Abagnale trains law enforcement officers around the country about identity theft, he asks officers for their names and addresses and nothing more. In a matter of hours he can obtain everything he would need to steal their lives: Social Security numbers, dates of birth, current salaries, checking account numbers, the names of everyone in their families, and more. This illustrates how easy it is for anyone from anywhere in the world to assume our identities and in a matter of hours devastate our lives in ways that can take years to recover from. Considering that a fresh victim is hit every four seconds, *Stealing Your Life* is the reference everyone needs by an unsurpassed authority on the latest identity theft schemes. Consider these sobering facts:

- Six out of ten American companies and government agencies have already been hacked.
- An estimated 80 percent of birth certificate requests are fulfilled through the mail for people using only a name and a return address.
- Americans write 39 billion checks a year, and half of them never reconcile their bank statements.
- A Social Security number costs \$49 on the black market. A

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driver's license goes for \$90. A birth certificate will set you back \$79. Abagnale offers dozens of concrete steps to transform anyone from an easy mark into a hard case that criminals are likely to bypass: • Don't allow your kids to use the computer on which you do online banking and store financial records (children are apt to download games and attachments that host damaging viruses or attract spyware). • Beware of offers that appeal to greed or fear in exchange for personal data. • Monitor your credit report regularly and know if anyone's been "knocking on your door." • Read privacy statements carefully and choose to opt out of sharing information whenever possible. Brimming with anecdotes of creative criminality that are as entertaining as they are enlightening, *Stealing Your Life* is the practical way to shield yourself from one of today's most nefarious and common crimes.

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They say diamonds are a girl's best friend—until they're stolen. Ania Throne is devoted to her jewelry company. The daughter of one of the world's most famous jewelers, she arrives in Cannes with a stunning new collection. But a shocking theft by the notorious thief known as the Leopard throws her into upheaval—and plunges her on an unexpected hunt that challenges everything she believes. Jerome Curtis thinks he's seen

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it all, especially when it comes to crime. Until he's hired to investigate the loss of Ania Thorne's collection, his every skill put to the test as he chases after a mysterious master-mind responsible for some of the costliest heists in history—and finds himself in a tangled web with a woman he really shouldn't fall in love with. From the fabled Carlton Hotel to the elegant boulevards of Paris, Ania and Jerome must race against time to catch a thief before the thief catches them. With everything on the line, can they solve the steal or will the steal take more than diamonds from them? Set in the late 1950s, THE STEAL is a romantic caper by bestselling authors C.W. Gortner and M.J. Rose.

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