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Taren dives overboard and is saved by a pirate captain—his people are Ea, shape-shifting merfolk... and Taren is one of them too.

Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (UK) The Law Library presents the official text of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (UK). This book contains: - The complete text of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (UK) - A table of contents with the page number of each section

The book provides an in-depth analysis of the governance of Africa's natural resource sectors (oil, biofuels, forestry, fisheries, minerals) and new insights for readers as they navigate the burgeoning research on global governance initiatives and regional/national strategies that seek to improve the governance of the continent's natural resources.

Guide to Telecommunications Technology focuses on the technology that forms the basis for all voice and data networks. The book discusses fundamental signaling principles and explains how early telephone and computer inventions influenced modern technology. Chapters explore topics such as switching, data transmission, broadband, wireless LANs, and network access methods. Techniques and tools involved in recognizing and addressing information security threats are also covered. The book concludes with a chapter on voice-over-network and convergence technologies, encouraging students to synthesize what they have learned about the traditionally separate fields of telephony and data technologies. Guide to Telecommunications Technology provides a solid foundation for more advanced studies in voice and data networking.

With great detail this book outlines all of the techniques needed to repair and restore Leica cameras, lenses, and accessories?including light meters, winders/motors, viewfinders, and flash units. Each model of equipment is discussed individually with step-by-step illustrated instructions. Readers will not only learn how to disassemble and repair equipment, but also how to troubleshoot and make cosmetic restorations. A glossary of technical terms and an abstract containing the basic fundamentals of camera repair are also included. Known as the Blue Book this fourth edition continues with the endorsement from the Association of Cost Engineers. The guide is designed to be an aid for student engineers in the design activities undertaken during their course and help young engineers in industry to compile their own set of cost data. With much of the material in the third edition retained, the major changes are: new cost data; updated cost index information (which has been donated by industrialists); and short-cut estimating techniques up-dated.

An analysis of the welfare state from a political economy perspective that examines the effects of aging populations, migration, and globalization on industrialized economies. In *The Decline of the Welfare State*, Assaf Razin and

Efraim Sadka use a political economy framework to analyze the effects of aging populations, migration, and globalization on the deteriorating system of financing welfare state benefits as we know them. Their timely analysis, supported by a unified theoretical framework and empirical findings, demonstrates how the combined forces of demographic change and globalization will make it impossible for the welfare state to maintain itself on its present scale. In much of the developed world, the proportion of the population aged 60 and over is expected to rise dramatically over the coming years—from 35 percent in 2000 to a projected 66 percent in 2050 in the European Union and from 27 percent to 47 percent in the United States—which may necessitate higher tax burdens and greater public debt to maintain national pension systems at current levels. Low-skill migration produces additional strains on welfare-state financing because such migrants typically receive benefits that exceed what they pay in taxes. Higher capital taxation, which could potentially be used to finance welfare benefits, is made unlikely by international tax competition brought about by globalization of the capital market. Applying a political economy model and drawing on empirical data from the EU and the United States, the authors draw an unconventional and provocative conclusion from these developments. They argue that the political pressure from both aging and migrant populations indirectly generates political processes that favor trimming rather than expanding the welfare state. The combined pressures of aging, migration, and globalization will shift the balance of political power and generate public support from the majority of the voting population for cutting back traditional welfare state benefits.

A collection of short stories based on Vampire Knight Deranged Love A dying Rido reflects on his obsessive love for Juri. Gifts for Yuki Kaname rewards Yuki for doing well in her studies with tutor Aido. Hidden Love This is the story of Sara's first love. Queen of the Abyss After Zero parts ways with Yuki and returns to being a vampire hunter, he encounters the vampire Shien. A Maiden's Melancholy White Lily reveals her true sentiments for Zero. In a Thousand Years A year after the final battle, the Day and Night Classes find themselves on a hunt at Cross Academy. -- VIZ Media

First novel in the trilogy: "A good read. Death and magic, zombies and assassins, fighting and fleeing. What more could you ask for?" (FantasyBook Review). In a distant corner of the Seven Kingdoms, an ancient curse festers and grows, consuming everything in its path. Only one man can break it: Harkeld of Osgaard, a prince with mage's blood in his veins. But Prince Harkeld has a bounty on his head--and assassins at his heels. Innis is a gifted shapeshifter. Now she must do the forbidden: become a man. She must stand at Prince Harkeld's side as his armsman, both protecting and deceiving him. But the deserts of the Masse are more dangerous than the assassins hunting the prince. The curse has woken deadly creatures, and the magic Prince Harkeld loathes may be the only thing standing between him and death.

Professor and Mrs. Moriarty seek justice where the law can't — or won't — apply. In this series of lively stories, they assemble a band of misfits -- others who have been cast out or falsely accused -- to help them defend the victims of the rich and powerful in

Victorian society. Their efforts often put them at odds with police consultant Sherlock Holmes. Book 1: Moriarty Meets His Match Prof. Moriarty has one desire in his ruined life: to destroy his enemy. Then he meets amber-eyed Angelina and his world turns upside down. Now he's being stalked by the implacable Sherlock Holmes and entangled in a web of murder and deceit. Book 2: Moriarty Takes His Medicine Professor & Mrs. Moriarty tackle a case too ticklish for Sherlock Holmes — a doctor with a private clinic murdering wealthy women for a price. Book 3: Moriarty Brings Down the House The Moriartys must stop the deadly pranks threatening a West End Christmas pantomime before someone they love is killed or Holmes obtains the damning evidence his client demands. Bonus short story: The Stockbroker's Wife Professor Moriarty commits a small fraud to expose a larger one.

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The world's richer democracies all provide such public benefits as pensions and health care, but why are some far more generous than others? And why, in the face of globalization and fiscal pressures, has the welfare state not been replaced — by another model? Reconsidering the myriad issues raised by such pressing questions, Clem Brooks and Jeff Manza contend here that public opinion has been an important, yet neglected, factor in shaping welfare states in recent decades. Analyzing data on sixteen countries, Brooks and Manza find that the preferences of citizens profoundly influence the welfare policies of their governments and the behavior of politicians in office. Shaped by slow-moving forces such as social institutions and collective memories, these preferences have counteracted global pressures that many commentators assumed would lead to the welfare state's demise. Moreover, Brooks and Manza show that cross-national differences in popular support help explain why Scandinavian social democracies offer so much more than liberal democracies such as the United States and the United Kingdom. Significantly expanding our understanding of both public opinion and social policy in the world's most developed countries, this landmark study will be essential reading for scholars of political economy, public opinion, and democratic theory.

Maggie Quinn, girl reporter. Honors student, newspaper staffer, yearbook photographer. Six weeks from graduation and all she wants to do is get out of Avalon High in one piece. A sensible nerd would have kept her head down, done her drive-by photo shoot of the prom, and continued the countdown to Deploma Day. But fate seems to have different plans for Maggie. High school may be a natural breeding ground for evil, but the scent of fire and brimstone is still a little out of the ordinary. It's the distinct smell of sulfur that makes Maggie suspect that something's a bit off. And

when real Twilight Zone stuff starts happening to the school's ruling clique—the athletic elite and the head cheerleader and her minions, all of whom happen to be named Jessica—Maggie realizes it's up to her to get in touch with her inner Nancy Drew and ferret out who unleashed the ancient evil before all hell breaks loose. Maggie has always suspected that prom is the work of the devil, but it looks like her attendance will be mandatory. Sometimes a girl's got to do some pretty undesirable things if she wants to save her town from soul-crushing demons from hell. And the cheerleading squad. "Dripping with wit on nearly every page."-School Library Journal "Smart (and smart-ass)."-KLIATT "There is a lot to like in this story that takes on magic, romance, and even clique politics."-Publisher's Weekly "Fans of shows like Charmed and Buffy the Vampire Slayer will relish the unflappable, edgy humor Maggie brings to her fight against supernatural evil."-The Horn Book Magazine "Sharp, sarcastic wit...[This book] will appeal to supernatural fans of Meg Cabot's Mediator series."-VOYA

Discover the many benefits to the ketogenic diet beyond weight loss--including reduced anxiety, minimized depression, and even a reduction or elimination of prescription medications. In *Weight-Loss Hero*, wildly popular health coach Christine Carter shares her story of leaving behind roller-coaster dieting and losing more than 150 pounds by first changing the way she thought about weight and her own worth. By teaching us how to nourish our minds so we can properly nourish our bodies, Christine provides a sustainable path to a fully integrated healthy low-carb lifestyle. Features include: More than 50 original recipes with photos Inspiring workout tips Practical ways to incorporate a healthy keto diet into your life Keto-friendly grocery lists Recommended keto-friendly meals at popular restaurants Christine uses her personal stories of overcoming failure to encourage us as only the best coaches can. With almost 300,000 Instagram followers and features in *Shape*, *Fitness*, *Popsugar.com*, and *TODAY.com*, Christine already has enthusiastic fans around the world. As she reminds us, when it comes to healthy living, weight loss doesn't begin with a new diet or exercise plan. It begins in the mind.

She wants her fiancé's betrayers found. He yearns to fix a horrible mistake. When tensions explode, will they find an ally in each other or an enemy? Lena Rebel's heart bled out when her military mission went south and her fiancé never made it home alive. Two years later, she still struggles between her drive to gain justice for his death and the potential for healing she's found in the Stryker Security Force. When her next protection assignment has her acting as nanny, her patience and resolve is tested. Marshall Rand's entire existence revolves around redeeming the one decision that cost him everything. After finding out his wife was used and murdered to manipulate his vote in Congress, Marshall spends his energy doing everything he can to support the military that he failed. When his son's life is threatened and he needs covert help, he calls the best security team he knows. With threats escalating to attacks, will Lena and Marshall's escape into the Alaskan wilderness provide the safety they need or more danger than they can handle? If you like page-turning adventure, fascinating characters, and engaging stories of triumph, you'll love Sara Blackard's riveting inspirational security romance series.

Are you looking for the best device for delicious BBQ and grilled meals? If yes, keep reading. What's the best way to infuse your barbecue fixings with that quintessential, smoky flavor? This book explains everything you need to know-picking the right pellet

flavors, maximizing the potential of your smoker-grill, and mastering cold-smoke and slow-roast techniques. You'll be delighted to find that most of the ingredients used in the recipes can be found at your local grocery store, and can satisfy your appetite and fit your budget. In this book you will find: How to use your Pit Boss Tips and tricks for the perfect BBQ Easy and Easy to find recipes The right pellet for the best BBQ Perfect grilling/smoking recipes for any occasion And much more! Also inside the book, you'll find all the information you'll need, and with this book, you can make your life easier, while cutting down the chances of failure into the bargain! Get your copy NOW!

This oversized lift-the-flap board book of a child's first 101 words has big, clearly labeled photos of objects in a baby and toddler's world with an interactive puzzle activity on each spread. Identifying words and their meanings is an important foundational step in language development for babies and toddlers, and Highlights brings Fun with a Purpose® into this essential learning. Babies will love looking at and naming the photos in this sturdy book, while toddlers and parents will enjoy the lift-the-flap questions and answers that help them find the cute red bird hidden on each spread.

This manual provides technical and planning guidance for drinking water utilities that currently operate, are developing, or are considering desalination facilities.

Joanna Lennox is a fine bred English lady. She's pretty, intelligent, witty and...on the shelf. With an influential baron as her brother and a hefty dowry, she should have gentleman lining up at her door but instead she seems doomed to become a spinster. Then one night a handsome highland lord steals a kiss from her in a library which stirs her deepest desires. Desperate for a life and a love of her own, she turns to the darkly handsome, brooding, Scottish lord who lights a fire within her with his touch. But will his secrets and enemies tear them apart? Brock Kincade knows better than to go around kissing English ladies in dark libraries. Especially when a lady is the little sister of the man who will shortly be his brother-in-law. But Joanna is pure temptation, and he's been denied that innocent affection for far too long. He doesn't believe in love, but he believes in lust, and after that single kiss, he knows he wants her as his wife. He might not love her, but he'll care for her and fuel the passionate fire between them with pleasure. There's just one problem: He'll have to steal her away from her overprotective brother and his devilish band of friends, the League of Rogues. It's a race to Greta Green for a hasty anvil marriage that will change their lives forever...

Weight-Loss Hero Transform Your Mind and Your Body with a Healthy Keto Lifestyle Zondervan Master storyteller P.W. Catanese begins the Books of Umber trilogy with Happenstance Found—now available in paperback—when twelve-year-old Happenstance awakens in a cave with no memory of who he is or how he came to be there. Lord Umber and his companions rescue Hap, and the group sets out on dangerous and unusual missions that continue in Dragon Games. Hap's and Umber's journeys take them to the corrupt kingdom of Sarnica, where Umber's nemesis has acquired some dragon eggs. Umber wants to study a new magical species, but what starts as a quest for knowledge turns into a dangerous rescue operation. The deft plotting of these actionpacked, heart-stopping adventures will pique the imagination and leave readers anxious for the final installment.

OGT Exit Level Reading Workbook prepares students for the reading portion of the Ohio Graduation Test. Samples from similar tests provide plenty of practice and students learn to take multiple choice tests on their comprehension of what they read. Students learn to evaluate their own short answers to targeted questions, and learn from other students' responses to similar questions. This book is suitable for students in all states who need to take a reading exam for graduation or course completion.

Set in post-war Britain, this Potter screenplay has been made into a C4 TV series. It is the time of Suez and the setting is the War Office - half of the department's incumbents are true army

men, British to the core and proud of it, but the remainder are world-weary national servicemen, aching to get into the civvies and the promise of a new life. Post-war austerity is still with us, but the younger style is making itself felt - and Potter's rock 'n' roll music reflects this.

This book maps the postcolonial terrain of art therapy in Australia. It documents Australian approaches that simultaneously reflect and challenge some of the dominant discourses of art therapy. It is visually innovative and addresses four overarching themes: histories, aesthetics, postcolonialism and place.

Eckhardt takes your prayer life to a whole new level, and shows you want to pray when you need God's attention. These prayers guarantee that you will have God's ear and get victory over stubborn demons and strongholds in your life.

New York City Police detective Dave Strauss is haunted by the one case he couldn't solve. A schoolgirl vanished off the streets of Brooklyn, with only a trail of blood and a series of untraceable phone calls from "the Groom" hinting at her fate. Now the cold dark night has engulfed another young girl -- but this time she is part of Dave's family. He and his wife, Susan, know fourteen-year-old Lisa has not run away, and they know her disappearance is not just a tragic coincidence. And once the first phone call comes, they know she's not alone.

Unmasks the tough, street-smart persona of Charles Bukowski—America's "Ultimate Outsider" Amazing letters filled with passionate, literary, and personal observation Insights into the author of *Tales of Ordinary Madness*, *Notes of a Dirty Old Man*, and *Run with the Hunted* Insights into Sheri Martinelli: the protege of Anais Nin, an accomplished painter, and the mistress of Ezra Pound Charels Bukowski's persona as the Dirty Old Man of American Literature is just that: a persona, a mask beneath which there was a man better read and more cultured than most people realize. Sheri Martinelli was one of the favored few for whom Bukowski dropped the mask and engaged in serious discussion of literature and art, and for that reason the discovery and publication of his letters to her give us a more complete picture of this complicated man.

Two strangers. One rule. Don't ask questions. Lex Amos is not a woman who gets walked on. She does the walking. So when her boss hands her a project she always swore she'd never take, and her boyfriend breaks up with her, she does exactly that. She quits her job and plans the vacation of her dreams. Iceland in February. Northern Lights, delicious food and frozen vistas. There's just one problem--her rental car crashes in a blizzard on an isolated stretch of road through the Arctic tundra and there's only one light in sight. She stomps through the wind and snow to the light, opens the door and finds a man--a big burly man with no name, a killer body and a brazen idea. They'll be stuck together for two, maybe three days. The blizzard ensures it. They have a choice. They can spend those three days in awkward silence, part ways, and promptly forget one another. Or, she can strip off her wet clothes, indulge in her every carnal desire, and they can go to their death beds with a single burning memory of the wild blizzard they spent shackled-up in the arms of a stranger. Life's full of tough choices, isn't it? When it's all over, they say goodbye forever. But the mystery man won't get out of her head. He's slithered his way into her heart. And apparently she slithered into his, because he shows up again. This time it's real life. Same rules. No questions except for the single biggest one of all. Can Lex stop fighting her mysterious man and start fighting for him? *Fight Dirty With Me* is a standalone suspense romance novel with

secret billionaire identity, lots of laughs, steamy content and no fade to black. It is book 2 in the Dirty Series, but you do not need to have read book 1.

The struggle between the main political parties has been reduced to an unpopularity contest, in which voters hold their noses and sigh as they trudge to the polls. Peter Hitchens explains how and why British politics has sunk to this dreary level - the takeover of the parties and the media by conventional left-wing dogmas which then call themselves 'the centre ground'. The Tory party under David Cameron has become a pale-blue twin of New Labour, offering change without alteration. Hitchens, a former Lobby reporter, examines and mocks the flock mentality of most Westminster journalists, explains how unattributable lunches guide coverage and why so many reporters - once slavish admirers of Labour - now follow the Tory line. This updated edition of Hitchens's *The Broken Compass* (2009) features a brand new introduction. In an excoriating analysis, Hitchens examines the Tory Party's record in government and opposition, dismissing it as a failure on all fronts but one - the ability to win office without principle. The one thing it certainly isn't is conservative.

Remember that monster on the wing of the airplane? William Shatner saw it on *The Twilight Zone*, John Lithgow saw it in the movie-even Bart Simpson saw it. "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" is just one of many classic horror stories by Richard Matheson that have insinuated themselves into our collective imagination. Here are more than twenty of Matheson's most memorable tales of fear and paranoia, including: "Duel," the nail-biting tale of man versus machines that inspired Steven Spielberg's first film; "Prey," in which a terrified woman is stalked by a malevolent Tiki doll, as chillingly captured in yet another legendary TV moment; "Blood Son," a disturbing portrait of a strange little boy who dreams of being a vampire; "Dress of White Silk," a seductively sinister tale of evil and innocence. Personally selected by Richard Matheson, the bestselling author of *I Am Legend* and *What Dreams May Come*, these and many other stories, more than demonstrate why he is rightfully regarded as one of the finest and most influential horror writers of our generation. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

From the bestselling, award-winning author-illustrator team of Doreen Cronin and Kevin Cornell comes the first book in a heavily illustrated, hilarious chapter book series about the adventures of a dog detective. Perfect for fans of Sara Pennypacker's *Clementine* series and Jarrett J. Krosoczka's *Lunch Lady* series. J.J. Tully is a former search-and-rescue dog who is trying to enjoy his retirement after years of performing daring missions saving lives. So he's not terribly impressed when two chicks named Dirt and Sugar (who look like popcorn on legs) and their chicken mom show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings. Driven by the promise of a cheeseburger, J.J. begins to track down clues. Is Vince the Funnel hiding something? Are there dark forces at work—or is J.J. not smelling the evidence that's right in front of him?

In this groundbreaking book, Dr. Henry Grayson shares his breakthrough techniques for creating deeper and more lasting connections with our loved ones. Henry Grayson, a psychologist, relationship counselor, psychoanalyst, and former minister who has been working with couples and individuals to improve their relationships for over thirty years, has found that most people are actually more unhappy after marriage counseling or couples therapy. In *Mindful Loving* he sets aside the traditional methods of therapy to show you how to look at your relationships from a completely different perspective. By

getting to the root of our relationship problems, which stem from our thoughts and beliefs and mistaken ideas about our own identities, Grayson creates a whole new framework—one where psychology, spirituality, and science meet—in which to view intimacy.

The twelfth-century French poet Chrétien de Troyes is a major figure in European literature. His courtly romances fathered the Arthurian tradition and influenced countless other poets in England as well as on the continent. Yet because of the difficulty of capturing his swift-moving style in translation, English-speaking audiences are largely unfamiliar with the pleasures of reading his poems. Now, for the first time, an experienced translator of medieval verse who is himself a poet provides a translation of Chrétien's major poem, *Yvain*, in verse that fully and satisfyingly captures the movement, the sense, and the spirit of the Old French original. *Yvain* is a courtly romance with a moral tenor; it is ironic and sometimes bawdy; the poetry is crisp and vivid. In addition, the psychological and the socio-historical perceptions of the poem are of profound literary and historical importance, for it evokes the emotions and the values of a flourishing, vibrant medieval past.

Featuring three novellas set in the Roaring Twenties, this collection of sensual romance stories describes a cheating flapper, a silent film star who likes the sordid side of the business and a seemingly innocent society girl with shocking secrets. Original. 25,000 first printing.

Archie has a dream that a fairy magically transforms him to walk in the shoes of those less fortunate than himself. It is a new Archie that plays with his cousin, Lina, the next day.

The official guide to Valve Corporation's Xbox 360 video game. The guide follows a new concept: the solution only gives away as much as the player wants to know. Thanks to a multi-layered walkthrough consisting of different levels of information, the guide lets players decide for themselves how much help they receive. From just a small hint right up to a complete solution -- everything is there. This guarantees a maximized gaming experience. Also included are an interview with the game's producers, previously unpublished concept drawings and artwork from *Portal* and *Portal 2*, and a comprehensive section on Trophies/Achievements, for all of those who wish to fully master the game.

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