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Our Kids Jul 29 2022 "The bestselling author of *Bowling Alone* offers [an] ... examination of the American Dream in crisis--how and why opportunities for upward mobility are diminishing, jeopardizing the prospects of an ever larger segment of Americans"--

An Introduction to Statistical Learning Oct 27 2019 *An Introduction to Statistical Learning* provides an accessible overview of the field of statistical learning, an essential toolset for making sense of the vast and complex data sets that have emerged in fields ranging from biology to finance to marketing to astrophysics in the past twenty years. This book presents some of the most important modeling and prediction techniques, along with relevant applications. Topics include linear regression, classification, resampling methods, shrinkage approaches, tree-based methods, support vector machines, clustering, and more. Color graphics and real-world examples are used to illustrate the methods presented. Since the goal of this textbook is to facilitate the use of these statistical learning techniques by practitioners in science, industry, and other fields, each chapter contains a tutorial on implementing the analyses and methods presented in R, an extremely popular open source statistical software platform. Two of the authors co-wrote *The Elements of Statistical Learning* (Hastie, Tibshirani and Friedman, 2nd edition 2009), a popular reference book for statistics and machine learning researchers. *An Introduction to Statistical Learning* covers many of the same topics, but at a level accessible to a much broader audience. This book is targeted at statisticians and non-statisticians alike who wish to use cutting-edge statistical learning techniques to analyze their data. The text assumes only a previous course in linear regression and no knowledge of matrix algebra.

20,000 Days and Counting Sep 30 2022 How would our thought process change if we measured our lives in days, instead of in years? Smith decided to put this concept to the test-- and walked away with life-changing information. He reveals a simple plan that will allow you to master your life, starting right now.

Outrage Oct 20 2021 Chronicles the Tawana Brawley case, reveals the truth behind the hoax, and examines racism in America

Robert d'Artois; or, The heron vow [by J.H. St. Aubyn]. Sep 26 2019

The Discovery of the Bismarck Jul 25 2019

Cendrillon Apr 13 2021 A Creole variant of the familiar Cinderella tale is set in the Caribbean and narrated by the godmother who helps Cendrillon find true love. Reprint.

Return to Titanic Aug 25 2019 An illustrated journey back in time to the sinking of the Titanic draws on the latest tools in underwater exploration to provide a close-up look at the changes in the Titanic since its original discovery in 1985 and how it has been damaged over the course of the two decades, calling for the preservation of such wrecks as historical monuments.

Chieftains of the Highland Clans Dec 10 2020 In the seven years since it was published, "Miller's yeoman narrative" (Ryan Byrne, BASOR) has become an important part of academic discourse on early Israel. An illuminating social history of ancient Israel, *Chieftains of the Highland Clans* offers an unusually thorough and original reconstruction of Israelite society prior to the rise of the monarchy around 1000 BC. Using the latest archaeological research and anthropological theories, Robert Miller presents an intriguing picture of what life was like in early Israel. This reprint edition contains a new preface by the author that surveys developments in the past decade impacting issues addressed in *Chieftains of the Highland Clans*.

Balkan Ghosts Mar 25 2022 From the assassination that triggered World War I to the ethnic warfare in Serbia, Bosnia, and Croatia, the Balkans have been the crucible of the twentieth century, the place where terrorism and genocide first became tools of policy. Chosen as one of the Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times*, and greeted with critical acclaim as "the most insightful and timely work on the Balkans to date" (*The Boston Globe*), Kaplan's prescient, enthralling, and often chilling political travelogue is already a modern classic. This new edition of *Balkan Ghosts* includes six opinion pieces written by Robert Kaplan about the Balkans between 1996 and 2000 beginning just after the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords and ending after the conclusion of the Kosovo war, with the removal of Slobodan Milosevic from power.

Robert D. Thorne and John M. Deutch Nominations Jun 03 2020

Robert d'Artois Nov 28 2019

Adriatic Feb 09 2021 "[An] elegantly layered exploration of Europe's past and future . . . a multifaceted masterpiece."—The Wall Street Journal "A lovely, personal journey around the Adriatic, in which Robert Kaplan revisits places and peoples he first encountered decades ago."—Peter Frankopan, author of *The Silk Roads* In this insightful travelogue, Robert D. Kaplan, geopolitical expert and bestselling author of *Balkan Ghosts* and *The Revenge of Geography*, turns his perceptive eye to a region that for centuries has been a meeting point of cultures, trade, and ideas. He undertakes a journey around the Adriatic Sea, through Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, and Greece, to reveal that far more is happening in the region than most news stories let on. Often overlooked, the Adriatic is in fact at the center of the most significant challenges of our time, including the rise of populist politics, the refugee crisis, and battles over the control of energy resources. And it is once again becoming a global trading hub that will determine Europe's relationship with the rest of the world as China and Russia compete for dominance in its ports. Kaplan explores how the region has changed over his three decades of observing it as a journalist. He finds that to understand both the historical and contemporary Adriatic is to gain a window on the future of Europe as a whole, and he unearths a stark truth: The era of populism is an epiphenomenon—a symptom of the age of nationalism coming to an end. Instead, the continent is returning to alignments of the early modern era as distinctions between East and West meet and break down within the Adriatic countries and ultimately throughout Europe. With a brilliant cross-pollination of history, literature, art, architecture, and current events, in *Adriatic*, Kaplan demonstrates that this unique region that exists at the intersection of civilizations holds revelatory truths for the future of global affairs.

A Time for War Apr 25 2022 Even after two decades, the memory of the Vietnam War seems to haunt our culture. From Forrest Gump to Miss Saigon, from Tim O'Brien's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Going After Cacciato* to Robert McNamara's controversial memoir *In retrospect*, Americans are drawn again and again to ponder our long, tragic involvement in Southeast Asia. Now eminent historian Robert D. Schulzinger has combed the newly available documentary evidence, both in public and private archives, to produce an ambitious, masterful account of three decades of war in Vietnam--the first major full-length history of the conflict to be based on primary sources. In *A Time for War*, Schulzinger paints a vast yet intricate canvas of more than three decades of conflict in Vietnam, from the first rumblings of rebellion against the French colonialists to the American intervention and eventual withdrawal. His comprehensive narrative incorporates every aspect of the war--from the military (as seen in his brisk account of the French failure at Dienbienphu) to the economic (such as the wage increase sparked by the draft in the United States) to the political. Drawing on massive research, he offers a vivid and insightful portrait of the changes in Vietnamese politics and society, from the rise of Ho Chi Minh, to the division of the country, to the struggles between South Vietnamese president Diem and heavily armed religious sects, to the infighting and corruption that plagued Saigon. Schulzinger reveals precisely how outside powers--first the French, then the Americans--committed themselves to war in Indochina, even against their own better judgment. Roosevelt, for example, derided the French efforts to reassert their colonial control after World War II, yet Truman, Eisenhower, and their advisers gradually came to believe that Vietnam was central to American interests. The author's account of Johnson is particularly telling and tragic, describing how president would voice clear headed, even prescient warnings about the dangers of intervention--then change his mind, committing America's prestige and military might to supporting a corrupt, unpopular regime. Schulzinger offers sharp criticism of the American military effort, and offers a fascinating look inside the Nixon White House, showing how the Republican president dragged out the war long past the point when he realized that the United States could not win. Finally, Schulzinger paints a brilliant political and social portrait of the times, illuminating the impact of the war on the lives of ordinary Americans and Vietnamese. Schulzinger shows what it was like to participate in the war--as a common soldier, an American nurse, a navy flyer, a conscript in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, a Vietcong fighter, or an antiwar protester. In a field crowded with fiction, memoirs, and popular tracts, *A Time for War* will stand as the landmark history of America's longest war. Based on extensive archival research, it will be the first place readers will turn in an effort to understand this tragic, divisive conflict.

U.S. Diplomacy Since 1900 Dec 30 2019 Long admired as the most comprehensive and accessible American diplomacy survey available, *U.S. Diplomacy Since 1900* has never been more relevant. Now in its sixth edition, the book chronicles the major events in the history of U.S. foreign relations. Updated to include a complete account of the second Bush administration, the new edition also addresses the developments that both preceded and followed the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The Good American May 15 2021 From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Revenge of Geography* comes a sweeping yet intimate story of the most influential humanitarian you've never heard of--Bob Gersony, who spent four decades in crisis zones around the world. "One of the best accounts examining American humanitarian pursuits over the past fifty years . . . With still greater challenges on the horizon, we will need to find and empower more people like Bob Gersony--both idealistic and pragmatic--who can help make the world a more secure place."—The Washington Post In his long career as an acclaimed journalist covering the "hot" moments of the Cold War and its aftermath, bestselling author Robert D. Kaplan often found himself crossing paths with Bob Gersony, a consultant for the U.S. State Department whose quiet dedication and consequential work made a deep impression on Kaplan. Gersony, a high school dropout later awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam, conducted on-the-ground research for the U.S. government in virtually every war and natural-disaster zone in the world. In Thailand, Central and South America, Sudan, Chad, Mozambique, Rwanda, Gaza, Bosnia, North Korea, Iraq, and beyond, Gersony

never flinched from entering dangerous areas that diplomats could not reach, sometimes risking his own life. Gersony's behind-the-scenes fact-finding, which included interviews with hundreds of refugees and displaced persons from each war zone and natural-disaster area, often challenged the assumptions and received wisdom of the powers that be, on both the left and the right. In nearly every case, his advice and recommendations made American policy at once smarter and more humane—often dramatically so. In *Gersony*, Kaplan saw a powerful example of how American diplomacy should be conducted. In a work that exhibits Kaplan's signature talent for combining travel and geography with sharp political analysis, *The Good American* tells Gersony's powerful life story. Set during the State Department's golden age, this is a story about the loneliness, sweat, and tears and the genuine courage that characterized Gersony's work in far-flung places. It is also a celebration of ground-level reporting: a page-turning demonstration, by one of our finest geopolitical thinkers, of how getting an up-close, worm's-eye view of crises and applying sound reason can elicit world-changing results.

What Is Christianity? Jan 11 2021 A basic text to help provide structure, background, and perspective for a first year college course in theology or religious studies. It is ecumenical in approach, though not without some impact from the author's being a Roman Catholic.

Bowling Alone Jan 23 2022 Shows how changes in work, family structure, women's roles, and other factors have caused people to become increasingly disconnected from family, friends, neighbors, and democratic structures--and how they may reconnect.

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For Prophet and Tsar Nov 08 2020 In stark contrast to the popular "clash of civilizations" theory that sees Islam inevitably in conflict with the West, Robert D. Crews reveals the remarkable ways in which Russia constructed an empire with broad Muslim support. *For Prophet and Tsar* unearths the fascinating relationship between an empire and its subjects. As America and Western Europe debate how best to secure the allegiances of their Muslim populations, Crews offers a unique and critical historical vantage point.

Into the Deep Aug 30 2022 The legendary explorer of *Titanic* and *Lusitania* reveals the secret military missions behind his famous exploits and unveils a major new discovery on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the *Titanic* find. Best known for finding the wreck of the *Titanic*, celebrated adventurer Robert Ballard has a lifetime of stories about exploring the ocean depths. From discovering new extremophile life-forms thriving at 750°F hydrothermal vents in 1977 to finding famous shipwrecks including the *Bismarck* and *PT 109*, Ballard has made history. Now the captain of *E/V Nautilus*, a state-of-the-art scientific exploration vessel rigged for research in oceanography, geology, biology, and archaeology, he leads young scientists as they map the ocean floor, collect artifacts from ancient shipwrecks, and relay live-time adventures from remote-controlled submersibles to reveal amazing sea life. Now, for the first time, Robert Ballard gets personal, telling the inside stories of his adventures and challenges as a midwestern kid with dyslexia who became an internationally renowned ocean explorer. Here is the definitive story of the danger and discovery, conflict and triumph that make up his remarkable life.

Earning the Rockies Nov 20 2021 An incisive portrait of the American landscape that shows how geography continues to determine America's role in the world Book Club Pick for *Now Read This*, from PBS NewsHour and *The New York Times* • "There is more insight here into the Age of Trump than in bushels of political-horse-race journalism."—*The New York Times* Book Review (Editors' Choice) At a time when there is little consensus about who we are and what we should be doing with our power overseas, a return to the elemental truths of the American landscape is urgently needed. In *Earning the Rockies*, *New York Times* bestselling author Robert D. Kaplan undertakes a cross-country journey, traversing a rich and varied landscape that still remains the primary source of American power. Traveling west, in the same direction as the pioneers, Kaplan witnesses both prosperity and decline, and reexamines the history of westward expansion in a new light: as a story not just of genocide and individualism but also of communalism and a respect for the limits of a water-starved terrain. Concluding at the edge of the Pacific Ocean with a gripping description of an anarchic world, *Earning the Rockies* shows how America's foreign policy response ought to be rooted in its own geographical situation. Praise for *Earning the Rockies* "Unflinchingly honest . . . a lens-changing vision of America's role in the world . . . a jewel of a book that lights the path ahead."—Secretary of Defense James Mattis "A sui generis writer . . . America's East Coast establishment has only one Robert Kaplan, someone as fluently knowledgeable about the Balkans, Iraq, Central Asia and West Africa as he is about Ohio and Wyoming."—*Financial Times* "Kaplan has pursued stories in places as remote as Yemen and Outer Mongolia. In *Earning the Rockies*, he visits a place almost as remote to many Americans: these United States. . . . The author's point is a good one: America is formed, in part, by a geographic setting that is both sanctuary and watchtower."—*The Wall Street Journal* "A brilliant reminder of the impact of America's geography on its strategy. . . . Kaplan's latest contribution should be required reading."—Henry A. Kissinger "A text both evocative and provocative for readers who like to think . . . In his final sections, Kaplan discusses in scholarly but accessible detail the significant role that America has played and must play in this shuddering world."—*Kirkus Reviews*

Afghan Modern Jun 15 2021 Rugged, remote, riven by tribal rivalries and religious violence, Afghanistan seems to many a forsaken country frozen in time. Robert Crews presents a bold challenge to this misperception. During their long history, Afghans have engaged and connected with a wider world, occupying a pivotal position in the Cold War and the decades that followed.

Monsoon Dec 22 2021 For much of the twentieth century, Europe dominated global attention. Two world wars were won and lost on its battle fields, and the great ideological struggles of the Cold War were

played out in its cities. The Atlantic Ocean was the locus of international power. This is no longer the case, as bestselling author Robert D. Kaplan deftly proves in *Monsoon*. He shows how the rise of India, Pakistan, China, Indonesia, Burma and Oman, among others, represents a crucial shift in the global balance of power. It is in 'Monsoon Asia' that the fight for democracy, energy independence and religious freedom will be lost or won. It is here that European interests are being replaced by Chinese and Indian influences, and where the often tense dialogue is taking place between Islam and the West. It is towards this region that global powers need to shift their focus if they are to remain dominant in the new century.

Blue Gold Jun 23 2019 Clive Cussler's New York Times bestselling *Blue Gold*, now available in ebook, is a heart-pounding thriller in the NUMA adventure series. Kurt Austin navigates the Amazon jungle in search of a legend that could change the path of science—but secretive powers will do anything to stop him. From deep within the Venezuelan rain forest emanates the legend of a white goddess and a mysterious tribe with startling technical accomplishments. Few believe the tribe exists—and even fewer suspect its deity may hold knowledge that can change the course of history. For National Underwater & Marine Agency crew leader Kurt Austin, an investigation into the sudden deaths of rare whales leads him to the Mexican coast, where someone tries to put him and his mini-sub permanently out of commission. Meanwhile, in South America's lush hills, a specially assigned NUMA crew turns up the white-goddess legend—and a murderous cadre of bio-pirates intent on stealing medicinal secrets worth millions. Soon Austin and his crew realize they're working the opposite ends of the same grand scheme. A billionaire California tycoon is poised to rise to power by monopolizing the earth's vastly depleted freshwater reserves and ultimately dominate the world. Austin has a hunch Venezuela's mythical tribal goddess has some real roots in science, and may be the key to locating a secret formula that could turn vast amounts of seawater into fresh. But with each step into the bush, he and his NUMA team feel like fish out of water—and must fight a deadly, twisting trail of enemies through a dense jungle of treachery, blackmail, and murder.

Asia's Cauldron Sep 06 2020 NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY FINANCIAL TIMES From Robert D. Kaplan, named one of the world's Top 100 Global Thinkers by Foreign Policy magazine, comes a penetrating look at the volatile region that will dominate the future of geopolitical conflict. Over the last decade, the center of world power has been quietly shifting from Europe to Asia. With oil reserves of several billion barrels, an estimated nine hundred trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and several centuries' worth of competing territorial claims, the South China Sea in particular is a simmering pot of potential conflict. The underreported military buildup in the area where the Western Pacific meets the Indian Ocean means that it will likely be a hinge point for global war and peace for the foreseeable future. In *Asia's Cauldron*, Robert D. Kaplan offers up a vivid snapshot of the nations surrounding the South China Sea, the conflicts brewing in the region at the dawn of the twenty-first century, and their implications for global peace and stability. One of the world's most perceptive foreign policy experts, Kaplan interprets America's interests in Asia in the context of an increasingly assertive China. He explains how the region's unique geography fosters the growth of navies but also impedes aggression. And he draws a striking parallel between China's quest for hegemony in the South China Sea and the United States' imperial adventure in the Caribbean more than a century ago. To understand the future of conflict in East Asia, Kaplan argues, one must understand the goals and motivations of its leaders and its people. Part travelogue, part geopolitical primer, *Asia's Cauldron* takes us on a journey through the region's boom cities and ramshackle slums: from Vietnam, where the superfueled capitalism of the erstwhile colonial capital, Saigon, inspires the geostrategic pretensions of the official seat of government in Hanoi, to Malaysia, where a unique mix of authoritarian Islam and Western-style consumerism creates quite possibly the ultimate postmodern society; and from Singapore, whose "benevolent autocracy" helped foster an economic miracle, to the Philippines, where a different brand of authoritarianism under Ferdinand Marcos led not to economic growth but to decades of corruption and crime. At a time when every day's news seems to contain some new story—large or small—that directly relates to conflicts over the South China Sea, *Asia's Cauldron* is an indispensable guide to a corner of the globe that will affect all of our lives for years to come. Praise for *Asia's Cauldron* "Asia's Cauldron is a short book with a powerful thesis, and it stands out for its clarity and good sense. . . . If you are doing business in China, traveling in Southeast Asia or just obsessing about geopolitics, you will want to read it."—The New York Times Book Review "Kaplan has established himself as one of our most consequential geopolitical thinkers. . . . [Asia's Cauldron] is part treatise on geopolitics, part travel narrative. Indeed, he writes in the tradition of the great travel writers."—The Weekly Standard "Kaplan's fascinating book is a welcome challenge to the pessimists who see only trouble in China's rise and the hawks who view it as malign."—The Economist "Muscular, deeply knowledgeable . . . Kaplan is an ultra-realist [who] takes a non-moralistic stance on questions of power and diplomacy."—Financial Times

The Revenge of Geography Aug 18 2021 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In this provocative, startling book, Robert D. Kaplan, the bestselling author of *Monsoon* and *Balkan Ghosts*, offers a revelatory new prism through which to view global upheavals and to understand what lies ahead for continents and countries around the world. Bestselling author Robert D. Kaplan builds on the insights, discoveries, and theories of great geographers and geopolitical thinkers of the recent and distant past to look back at critical pivots in history and then to look forward at the evolving global scene. Kaplan traces the history of the world's hot spots by examining their climates, topographies, and proximities to other embattled lands. He then applies the lessons learned to the present crises in Europe, Russia, China, the Indian Subcontinent, Turkey, Iran, and the Arab Middle East. The result is a holistic interpretation of the next cycle of conflict throughout Eurasia, a visionary glimpse into a future that can be understood only

in the context of temperature, land allotment, and other physical certainties. A brilliant rebuttal to thinkers who suggest that globalism will trump geography, this indispensable work shows how timeless truths and natural facts can help prevent this century's looming cataclysms. Praise for *The Revenge of Geography* "[An] ambitious and challenging new book . . . [The *Revenge of Geography*] displays a formidable grasp of contemporary world politics and serves as a powerful reminder that it has been the planet's geophysical configurations, as much as the flow of competing religions and ideologies, that have shaped human conflicts, past and present."—Malise Ruthven, *The New York Review of Books* "Robert D. Kaplan, the world-traveling reporter and intellectual whose fourteen books constitute a bedrock of penetrating exposition and analysis on the post-Cold War world . . . strips away much of the cant that suffuses public discourse these days on global developments and gets to a fundamental reality: that geography remains today, as it has been throughout history, one of the most powerful drivers of world events."—*The National Interest* "Kaplan plunges into a planetary review that is often thrilling in its sheer scale . . . encyclopedic."—*The New Yorker* "[The *Revenge of Geography*] serves the facts straight up. . . . Kaplan's realism and willingness to face hard facts make *The Revenge of Geography* a valuable antidote to the feel-good manifestoes that often masquerade as strategic thought."—*The Daily Beast*

A Shadow's Tale Jun 27 2022 Divina felt joy and sadness as she lay in the palace bed. Through good fortune as a serf, she and her sister, Carolina, had freed King Vicentros son, Prince Roderick, from his curse as a lily growing next to the pond where the two women hunted for frogs for a living. Prince Roderick married Carolina and brought Divina and her mother into the palace. Divina was sad because she missed her father who disappeared several years ago. As she mused, Divina was startled to see an apparition at the foot of her bed. I am Zelda, said the apparition. I am the sorcerer Barmellos assistant. Your father is not dead. When King Vicentro suspected Peter might thwart his attempt to conquer the peaceful fief of King Celentro, he had Barmello turn Peter into a ghost and lock him into the Valley of Shadows. Peters soul is locked. He has no self or personality. I have stolen the incantations, which will allow you to enter the Valley of Shadows and retrieve your father as a whole person. But by mistake Zelda sends Peters ghost and Divina into a strange world where they confront danger and magic that tests his unstable personality and her resolve. *A Shadow's Tale* is an entertaining and instructive modern fable that takes the reader on a journey both mythical and practical, showing how Peter learns who he is and breaks the five locks binding his soul, and how Divina matures from an insecure teenager into a confident woman. As she mused, Divina was startled to see an apparition at the foot of her bed. "I am Zelda," said the apparition. "I am the sorcerer Barmello's assistant. Your father is not dead. When King Vicentro suspected Peter might thwart his attempt to conquer the peaceful fife of King Celentro. He had his sorcerer Barmello turn Peter into a ghost and lock him in the Valley of Shadows. Peter's soul is locked. He has no self or personality. I have stolen the incantations, which will allow you to enter the Valley of Shadows and retrieve your father as a whole complete person." But by mistake Zelda sends Peter's ghost and Divina into a strange world. In this strange world Divina and Peter confront danger and magic that tests his unstable personality and her resolve. Peter fights puppets and turns the mirage of a castle into a real one. Divina is changed into goo, thrown off of a cliff, and sentenced to death. As Peter learns whom he is and how to react to adversity, he is able to break the five locks upon his soul. With the help of friends they meet on their journey, they find a way out of this alien land.

In Europe's Shadow Oct 08 2020 From the *New York Times* bestselling author Robert D. Kaplan, named one of the world's Top 100 Global Thinkers by *Foreign Policy* magazine, comes a riveting journey through one of Europe's frontier countries—and a potent examination of the forces that will determine Europe's fate in the postmodern age. Robert Kaplan first visited Romania in the 1970s, when he was a young journalist and the country was a bleak Communist backwater. It was one of the darkest corners of Europe, but few Westerners were paying attention. What ensued was a lifelong obsession with a critical, often overlooked country—a country that, today, is key to understanding the current threat that Russia poses to Europe. *In Europe's Shadow* is a vivid blend of memoir, travelogue, journalism, and history, a masterly work thirty years in the making—the story of a journalist coming of age, and a country struggling to do the same. Through the lens of one country, Kaplan examines larger questions of geography, imperialism, the role of fate in international relations, the Cold War, the Holocaust, and more. Here Kaplan illuminates the fusion of the Latin West and the Greek East that created Romania, the country that gave rise to Ion Antonescu, Hitler's chief foreign accomplice during World War II, and the country that was home to the most brutal strain of Communism under Nicolae Ceaușescu. Romania past and present are rendered in cinematic prose: the ashen faces of citizens waiting in bread lines in Cold War-era Bucharest; the Bărăgan Steppe, laid bare by centuries of foreign invasion; the grim labor camps of the Black Sea Canal; the majestic Gothic church spires of Transylvania and Maramureș. Kaplan finds himself in dialogue with the great thinkers of the past, and with the Romanians of today, the philosophers, priests, and politicians—those who struggle to keep the flame of humanism alive in the era of a resurgent Russia. Upon his return to Romania in 2013 and 2014, Kaplan found the country transformed yet again—now a traveler's destination shaped by Western tastes, yet still emerging from the long shadows of Hitler and Stalin. *In Europe's Shadow* is the story of an ideological and geographic frontier—and the book you must read in order to truly understand the crisis Europe faces, from Russia and from within. Praise for *In Europe's Shadow* "[A] haunting yet ultimately optimistic examination of the human condition as found in Romania . . . Kaplan's account of the centuries leading up to the most turbulent of all—the twentieth—is both sweeping and replete with alluring detail."—Alison Smale, *The New York Times Book Review* "This book reveals the confident, poetical Kaplan . . . but also a reflective, political Kaplan, seeking at times to submerge his gift for romantic generalization in respectful attention to the ideas of

others.”—Timothy Snyder, *The Washington Post* “A serious yet impassioned survey of Romania . . . Kaplan is a regional geographer par excellence.”—*The Christian Science Monitor* “Kaplan is one of America’s foremost writers on the region. . . . In a series of deep dives into the region’s past—Byzantine, Ottoman, Habsburg and Soviet—he finds parallels and echoes that help us understand the present.”—*The Wall Street Journal* “Kaplan moves seamlessly from sights, sounds, and conversations to the resonance of history.”—*Foreign Affairs*

The Upswing Feb 21 2022 From the author of *Bowling Alone* and *Our Kids*, a “sweeping yet remarkably accessible” (*The Wall Street Journal*) analysis that “offers superb, often counterintuitive insights” (*The New York Times*) to demonstrate how we have gone from an individualistic “I” society to a more communitarian “We” society and then back again, and how we can learn from that experience to become a stronger, more unified nation. Deep and accelerating inequality; unprecedented political polarization; vitriolic public discourse; a fraying social fabric; public and private narcissism—Americans today seem to agree on only one thing: This is the worst of times. But we’ve been here before. During the Gilded Age of the late 1800s, America was highly individualistic, starkly unequal, fiercely polarized, and deeply fragmented, just as it is today. However as the twentieth century opened, America became—slowly, unevenly, but steadily—more egalitarian, more cooperative, more generous; a society on the upswing, more focused on our responsibilities to one another and less focused on our narrower self-interest. Sometime during the 1960s, however, these trends reversed, leaving us in today’s disarray. In a sweeping overview of more than a century of history, drawing on his inimitable combination of statistical analysis and storytelling, Robert Putnam analyzes a remarkable confluence of trends that brought us from an “I” society to a “We” society and then back again. He draws inspiring lessons for our time from an earlier era, when a dedicated group of reformers righted the ship, putting us on a path to becoming a society once again based on community. Engaging, revelatory, and timely, this is Putnam’s most ambitious work yet, a fitting capstone to a brilliant career.

Oral Tradition in Ancient Israel Aug 06 2020 Providing a comprehensive study of “oral tradition” in Israel, this volume unpacks the nature of oral tradition, the form it would have taken in ancient Israel, and the remains of it in the narrative books of the Hebrew Bible. The author presents cases of oral/written interaction that provide the best ethnographic analogies for ancient Israel and insights from these suggest a model of transmission in oral-written societies valid for ancient Israel. Miller reconstructs what ancient Israelite oral literature would have been and considers criteria for identifying orally derived material in the narrative books of the Old Testament, marking several passages as highly probable oral derivations. Using ethnographic data and ancient Near Eastern examples, he proposes performance settings for this material. The epilogue treats the contentious topic of historicity and shows that orally derived texts are not more historically reliable than other texts in the Bible.

Cendrillon Jul 17 2021 A Creole variant of the familiar Cinderella tale is set in the Caribbean and narrated by the godmother who helps Cendrillon find true love. Reprint.

Snakes in Suits, Revised Edition May 27 2022 Revised and updated with the latest scientific research and updated case studies, the business classic that offers a revealing look at psychopaths in the workplace—how to spot their destructive behavior and stop them from creating chaos in the modern corporate organization. Over the past decade, *Snakes in Suits* has become the definitive book on how to discover and defend yourself against psychopaths in the office. Now, Dr. Paul Babiak and Dr. Robert D. Hare return with a revised and updated edition of their essential guide. All of us at some point have—or will—come into contact with psychopathic individuals. The danger they present may not be readily apparent because of their ability to charm, deceive, and manipulate. Although not necessarily criminal, their self-serving nature frequently is destructive to the organizations that employ them. So how can we protect ourselves and our organizations in a business climate that offers the perfect conditions for psychopaths to thrive? In *Snakes in Suits*, Hare, an expert on the scientific study of psychopathy, and Babiak, an industrial and organizational psychologist and a leading authority on the corporate psychopath, examine the role of psychopaths in modern corporations and provide the tools employers can use to avoid and deal with them. Together, they have developed the B-Scan 360, a research tool designed specifically for business professionals. Dr. Babiak and Dr. Hare reveal the secret lives of psychopaths, explain the ways in which they manipulate and deceive, and help you to see through their games. The rapid pace of today’s corporate environment provides the perfect breeding ground for these “snakes in suits” and this newly revised and updated classic gives you the insight, information, and power to protect yourself and your company before it’s too late.

Perón and the Enigmas of Argentina Mar 13 2021 A study of the life of Juan Peron, discussing his achievements and the unique bond that united Peron and his fellow Argentinians in a relationship of unusual loyalty

The Biology Coloring Book Mar 01 2020 Readers experience for themselves how the coloring of a carefully designed picture almost magically creates understanding. Indispensable for every biology student.

Better Together Apr 01 2020 In his acclaimed bestselling book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, Robert Putnam described a thirty-year decline in America’s social institutions. The book ended with the hope that new forms of social connection might be invented in order to revive our communities. In *Better Together*, Putnam and longtime civic activist Lewis Feldstein describe some of the diverse locations and most compelling ways in which civic renewal is taking place today. In response to civic crises and local problems, they say, hardworking, committed people are reweaving the social fabric all across America, often in innovative ways that may turn out to be appropriate for the twenty-first century. *Better Together* is a book of stories about people who are building communities to solve

specific problems. The examples Putnam and Feldstein describe span the country from big cities such as Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Chicago to the Los Angeles suburbs, small Mississippi and Wisconsin towns, and quiet rural areas. The projects range from the strictly local to that of the men and women of UPS, who cover the nation. *Bowling Alone* looked at America from a broad and general perspective. *Better Together* takes us into Catherine Flannery's Roxbury, Massachusetts, living room, a UPS loading dock in Greensboro, North Carolina, a Philadelphia classroom, the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, naval shipyard, and a Bay Area Web site. We meet activists driven by their visions, each of whom has chosen to succeed by building community: Mexican Americans in the Rio Grande Valley who want paved roads, running water, and decent schools; Harvard University clerical workers searching for respect and improved working conditions; Waupun, Wisconsin, schoolchildren organizing to improve safety at a local railroad crossing; and merchants in Tupelo, Mississippi, joining with farmers to improve their economic status. As the stories in *Better Together* demonstrate, bringing people together by building on personal relationships remains one of the most effective strategies to enhance America's social health.

Zigzag Jul 05 2020 With some help from a group of field mice, an odd-looking doll--named Zigzag for his crooked mouth--searches for a child to love him.

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The Forgiving Life Sep 18 2021 *The Forgiving Life* offers scientifically supported guidance to help people forgive those in their lives who have acted unfairly and have inflicted emotional hurt. It does not minimize the devastation of that hurt. It does not require reconciliation with the one who inflicted the hurt. Rather, it describes a process, followed with success by people around the world, to confront the pain, rise above it to forgive, and in so doing, to loosen the grip of depression, anger, and resentment that has soured life. In this book, noted forgiveness expert Robert D. Enright invites readers to learn the benefits of forgiveness and to embark on a path of forgiveness, leaving behind a legacy of love. Guided by thought-provoking questions, journaling exercises, and Enright's kind encouragement, readers can chart their own journey through a new life of forgiveness.

Pedro and T Monkey Jan 29 2020 In this Filipino trickster tale, Pedro finally catches the monkey that has been stealing his corn. But when the wily thief begs for his release, the kindhearted farmer sets him free. In return, the monkey tells Pedro that he will arrange for the poor young man to marry the daughter of Don Francisco, the rich landowner. Gorgeous illustrations are the perfect complement to this spirited retelling of a beloved Filipino trickster tale.