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Modern Office Technology & Administration Mar 30 2022 Fully revised edition of this popular and well-established textbook, which reflects the requirements of the Level 5 modules Information and Administration [5N1389] and Reception and Frontline Office Skills [5N1407]. NEW TO THIS EDITION Unit 1: The Business Working Environment Presents the various legal structures for companies and defines departmental functions within a business. Includes updates to employment, health and safety, and data protection legislation to reflect new EU directives. Unit 2: Receptionist and Office Administrator Duties Outlines developments in switchboard technology, shared electronic diaries and Microsoft Office Outlook 2013 calendar and task modules. Details recent developments in financial transaction activities. Includes adjustments to payroll calculations and business transactions. Unit 3: Information Technology Infrastructure Reflects developments in computer hardware and office software - MS Office Professional 2013, database methods, web security issues and viruses. Introduces cloud computing and social computing. Unit 4: Postal, Electronic and Mobile Communication Presents updates on postal services, charges and online business solutions. Reflects changes in the Microsoft Outlook 2013 email system and advances in mobile communications. Unit 5: Filing and Retrieving Information Outlines developments in Electronic Document Management (EDM) and security of files through encryption. Written For Information and Administration Level 5 module [5N1389], as part of: Office Administration 5M1997 Information Processing 5M2067 Marketing 5M2069 Business Studies 5M2102 Business Administration 5M2468 Health Service Skills 5M3782 Reception and Frontline Office Skills Level 5 module [5N1407], as part of: Office Administration 5M1997 Hospitality Operations 5M2083 Business Administration 5M2468 Community Health Services 5M4468 Tourism with Business 5M5011

Modern Office Management and Commerical Correspondence Jan 28 2022 This book explains all the different aspects of Modern Office Management and Commercial Correspondence, thoroughly and exhaustively. Care has been taken to arrange all the material in a clear and logical manner. The book is written in a reader-friendly and jargon-free language. In fact, even a student not having access to classroom teaching will be able to follow the text easily. Besides students, this book will also be of immense use to those working in private and government organisations as a ready reckoner and a comprehensive reference book.

Modern office Feb 03 2020

Women in the Modern Office Aug 11 2020

The Designer's Workspace Sep 11 2020 The Designer's Workspace presents an extensive resource of distinguished firms' responses to the design of their own offices. Featuring everything from technical detail to interior design, it illustrates what these designers see as the major considerations for modern workplace design. This book reveals design solutions, details, and concepts that have been explored and used by design firms from around the world. From the first impressions at the Reception area and Lobby, to the appeal and diverse uses of the meeting areas, to the functionality and sleekness of the Design Studio itself, it illustrates how the designer's office can be quite unique in style, function, and character whilst also varying from culture to culture. No two designers will produce the same atmosphere. With this objective, The Designer's Workspace showcases an array of designs from the traditional to the contemporary, from the historic renovation to the new office tower and serves as a portfolio of the varied responses and solutions found to the challenge of designing the modern office. * Provides a wealth of information on a diverse selection of international design firms, large and small, and their working environments * Reveals design solutions, details, and concepts that have been explored and used by design firms from around the world * Beautifully illustrated in full color to inspire cutting edge workplace design

Detail in Contemporary Office Design Oct 25 2021 Office design has changed significantly over the last few years and is now one of the most innovative areas of interior design. It used to be the case that only the public spaces of an office were creatively designed, but increasingly the staff areas are seen as key reflections of the company brand as well. In more radical offices, there is also a growing belief in the importance of work areas as social spaces and a blurring of the distinction between work and recreation. This book explores in detail 42 of the best recent office design schemes, featuring projects from leading architects around the world. Each project includes photographs as well as detailed drawings and plans, where appropriate, in addition to informative text describing the design concept and process. A bonus CD contains drawings featured in the book, in both eps and dwg (generic CAD) formats.

Who Touched Base in My Thought Shower? Feb 14 2021 Do you hate going forward? Do you shudder when a colleague wants to reach out? Are you disgusted by low-hanging fruit, sick of being on the team, and reluctant to open the kimono? Does the phrase blue-sky thinking make you see red? Do you really want to drill down or take a helicopter view? Are you past caring whether the key drivers are going to move the needle? Should anyone really punch a puppy? And can you bear to hear about a big hairy audacious goal? If modern office jargon makes you want to throw up, this book is for you. Taking a hilarious and scathing deep dive into the most hated and absurd examples of corporate-speak it is a come to Jesus moment for verbally downtrodden workers everywhere.

Modern Office Technology and Administration Jul 02 2022 Updated edition of this popular text reflects all the changes in relation to: employment legislation, financial institutions, information technology, social networking, mobile communication and online security awareness within the office context.

Modern Business Statistics with Microsoft Excel Dec 03 2019 MODERN BUSINESS STATISTICS, 5E allows students to gain a strong conceptual understanding of statistics with a balance of real-world applications and a focus on the integrated strengths of Microsoft Excel 2013. To ensure student understanding, this best-selling, comprehensive text carefully discusses and clearly develops each statistical technique in a solid application setting. Microsoft Excel 2013 instruction, which is integrated in each chapter, plays an integral part in strengthening this edition's applications orientation. Immediately after each easy-

to-follow presentation of a statistical procedure, a subsection discusses how to use Excel to perform the procedure. This integrated approach emphasizes the applications of Excel while focusing on the statistical methodology. Step-by-step instructions and screen captures further clarify student learning. A wealth of timely business examples, proven methods, and additional exercises throughout this edition demonstrate how statistical results provide insights into business decisions and present solutions to contemporary business problems. High-quality problems noted for their unwavering accuracy and the authors' signature problem-scenario approach clearly show how to apply statistical methods to practical business situations. New case problems and self-tests allow students to challenge their personal understanding. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Office Management Apr 30 2022 Modern Office * Office Management * Office Organisation * Office Accomodation And Layout * Office Environment * Furniture * Correspondence And Mail * Record Administration * Office Stationary And Forms * Office Appliances * Office Communication * Personnel Management * Office Services * Office Supervision * Collection Of Data * Presentation Of Data * Work Measurement And Standards * Office Reports And Preciis Writing * Office Cost Reduction And Cost Savings * Modern Technology * Common Abbreviations

Life of Work Jul 10 2020 Life of Work: What Office Design Can Learn From the World Around Us sets out to make the twenty-first century workplace a more dynamic, engaging, colourful, flexible and inclusive place. Jeremy Myerson and Imogen Privett, from the Royal College of Art in London, looked in some unlikely places for ideas and inspiration'the academic library, theatre design, pop up events in the city and intensive team environments in air traffic control, emergency medical departments and the newsroom. Working from the position that, whilst the design of most contemporary offices satisfies physical and functional requirements, it seldom supports the psychological comfort and individual needs of the people who use them every working day, Life of Work offers an agenda for change that has significant implications for every level of workplace design and implementation. Based on a major research project between the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design at the Royal College of Art and two global industry partners, Haworth and Philips Lighting, Life of Work will be of value to anyone who has an interest in architecture or interior design, the politics and management of the working environment, space design and urban planning, as well as furniture design.

Modern Office Management (As per CBCS, Odisha) Nov 25 2021 This textbook has been specifically designed for the undergraduate students of all the universities in Odisha as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). It will acquaint students with significant skills required in an office for managing day-to-day responsibilities, efficiently and effectively.

Office Jul 30 2019 Inside these pages you will find the most fantastic, ultra modern office designs, all designed to maximize space and advertise your particular company. For example: Office space for a design and decorating company where coffee colour is the main tone of the whole office. There are light coffee walls, dark coffee ceilings, striped coffee carpet and a nostalgic coffee wooden table. Original Space Design Office where the designer boldly introduces white to endow the space with a strong sci-fi colour - a simple colour full of modern sense. The whole project is designed with no extra colour making the space appear clean, neat and full of explosive power. In this project, the English name of the owner - "WIN" is transformed into a variety of elements, and the characteristics of jagged letters are used to make the office space lively, including the main wall at the entrance, the ceiling design, the multi-functional cabinet in the meeting room and so on, all of which are designed with these elements to change the originally vertical and horizontal division into interesting visual effects, and to show the unique character of the company's image. company's image. company's image.

Unworking Jun 01 2022 As we look toward a future of hybrid or virtual offices, a timely call to rethink the very nature and design of the workplace. Over the past one hundred years, the office has been integral to the development of modern society. It has shaped the architecture of our cities, the behavior of our organizations, and the everyday movements of millions of people. In 2020, however, the global pandemic brought our attendance in the office to an abrupt halt and triggered a complete reevaluation of the purpose of the workplace. This book offers a panoramic view of the office and explores what happens next. The authors advance a manifesto for "unworking"—unlearning old habits and rituals established for an outdated office and crafting and creating new ones fit for an age of digital technology, design innovation, and diverse workforces.

A Guide to Active Working in the Modern Office Nov 06 2022 This is a short guide on sit-stand working in the office. It reviews the research on sitting and standing at work from the 1950s to present and provides guidance for specialists, therapists, practitioners, and managers. The book is illustrated with many photos and figures, provides guidance for active working at the end of every chapter, and is understandable to the layman as well as the specialist. With the increased emphasis on healthy lifestyles, coupled with the obesity and overweight epidemic, many are claiming that we should spend more time standing at work. Some have even claimed that sitting is the new smoking. Readers of the book will learn and understand what is behind these claims, what stacks-up, what doesn't, and be able to make informed decisions about whether to invest in new facilities, and what to invest. This book is of value to human factors specialists, physical therapists, chiropractors and occupational health practitioners, architects, and facilities managers. Features Explains the origins of sedentary office work Summarizes the health risks of sitting and standing and how to avoid them Reviews new research on active working and practical ways of developing active working habits in the office Discusses the obesogenic workplace, and how to avoid it Includes over 60 key points to help you decide how to be more active at work

Modern-Day Apostles Mar 06 2020 The Earth is waiting For Apostolic Power to be Demonstrated! Even though there were 12 apostles in Scripture, there is still an apostolic office and function that all Christians need to know about. In fact, many believers are functioning apostolically and yet, they are not fully stepping into this unclaimed seat in the spirit realm. When the people of God access the apostolic anointing, the Earth will witness a greater manifestation of Jesus fullness and power! Dr. Ch Ahn, president and founder of Harvest International Ministry, is a world-recognized apostolic leader. In this signature book, he is taking all believers to the school of the apostles, where they will learn to either operate in the office of apostle or function apostolically in their current sphere of influence. You will learn how to: Recognize if you are an apostle by office or apostolic in function. Step into your apostolic anointing and multiply the release of Kingdom influence through your life. Operate in your apostolic jurisdiction in the church or marketplace. Re-culturize your sphere of influence as an ambassador of Gods Kingdom. When you learn how to operate apostolically, you can boldly take your place as an ambassador of Gods Kingdom on Earth with a supernatural assignment to transform your sphere of influence to look more like Heaven.

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Office Buildings Jan 04 2020 Offices, as a category of building, have probably faced more challenges and undergone more dramatic changes in the last few years than most other kinds of buildings. Increasing economic globalization, new information and communication technologies, and ecological considerations are all making demands on a branch of architecture which for nearly a century had been marked by the construction norms and standards, and the requirements of office organisation. These old solutions are, however, no longer viable for many modern companies, where flexibility and mobility determine the working day of a new

generation of office nomads, and architecture is having to adapt. With some 70 significant international examples taken from the last five years (including examples from Norman Foster, Frank O. Gehry, Thomas Herzog, Morphosis MVRDV, Renzo Piano, SOM), the authors and editors show how the new issues facing architects can be resolved. In addition to introductory texts there are also thematic contributions by experts, in various disciplines on related topics including the new models of work organisation, facade technology, climatic regulation, lighting etc. Similar to our enormously successful Floor Plan Atlas, this volume will be a crucial standard work in the design of offices.

Modern office procedures May 20 2021

Space to Work Apr 18 2021 This text presents a comprehensive analysis of emerging office design practice to support and enhance the performance of knowledge workers. It explains how the office is being reinvented to respond to the imperatives of knowledge work, as well as the changing social imperatives and technology of the new millennium.

The 21st Century Office Jul 22 2021 This first comprehensive survey of workplace design for the new century, this book captures emerging themes and ideas in office architecture and interiors around the world. Written and researched by the authors of *The Creative Office*, it advances the concept of increasing creativity in planning and design by exploring the new workplace models that are developing in response to rapid organisational, social and technological change. In the introduction the authors discuss how the new workplace of the 21st century is already exhibiting different spatial, organizational and material characteristics from the scientifically managed, process-driven, mechanistic model of the 20th century modern office. This is followed by four thematic chapters that illustrate the key new trends through 45 international case studies.

Administrative Office Management Jan 16 2021

The New Shingled House Nov 13 2020 The architectural style of the classic American summer, the shingled house can suggest the beach, the countryside, the mountains, and even the city. AD100 architects Ike Kligerman Barkley, one of the most successful firms practicing in a traditional style today, presents 14 houses that celebrate the simple wood shingle's infinite flexibility—ranging from richly historic to sculptural and experimental. The *New Shingled House* includes examples throughout the fabled seaside resorts of New England—Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, and the Hamptons—as well as houses in California's Bay Area and Point Loma, on a pristine mountain lake in South Carolina, and a Scandinavian influenced family residence in Connecticut. All are characterized by a sense of graciousness and generosity that makes them unique spaces for the owners and enviable spaces for readers. The versatility of the shingle style allows the designers to explore formal ideas and to respond to client preferences and taste. The houses thus achieve the architects' fundamental goal: when their clients enter their new house for the first time, they should feel as though they have always lived there. This stunning visual presentation features new photography by noted interiors photographer William Waldron, who has captured the graciousness and generosity of the elegant interiors and welcoming porches and terraces that make these houses so inviting and timeless.

Adapting the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Global Estate to the Modern World Oct 13 2020 The FCO (the Department) has over 4,000 buildings across its global estate, in 279 different locations. The estate is a mix of properties including embassy, high commission and consular offices, ambassadorial residences, prestige and historical buildings and staff accommodation. The estate is valued at £1.6 billion and capital and revenue expenditure in 2008-09 totalled £269 million. The Committee welcomes the improvements the Department has made in managing its estate more effectively, including the recent appointment of an estates specialist as estates director and the development of a new estate strategy. The Department

however has a poor understanding of its estate and the information it holds on its properties is basic, incomplete, out of date and inaccurate. In addition, the Department does not collect data, such as the cost and amount of space per person, recommended by the Office of Government Commerce for the effective management of government offices in the UK. The Department has unused space in its offices even in locations where other UK government organisations are based in separate premises. Other organisations are often deterred from co-locating with the Department because of the security measures necessary in embassies as well as the high charges they must pay to use the Department's buildings. The Department now needs a better managed estate with improved data to enhance understanding of the estate, and its new strategy to be implemented effectively at each location.

Cubed Dec 27 2021 You mean this place we go to five days a week has a history? Cubed reveals the unexplored yet surprising story of the places where most of the world's work—our work—gets done. From "Bartleby the Scrivener" to The Office, from the steno pool to the open-plan cubicle farm, Cubed is a fascinating, often funny, and sometimes disturbing anatomy of the white-collar world and how it came to be the way it is—and what it might become. In the mid-nineteenth century clerks worked in small, dank spaces called "counting-houses." These were all-male enclaves, where work was just paperwork. Most Americans considered clerks to be questionable dandies, who didn't do "real work." But the joke was on them: as the great historical shifts from agricultural to industrial economies took place, and then from industrial to information economies, the organization of the workplace evolved along with them—and the clerks took over. Offices became rationalized, designed for both greater efficiency in the accomplishments of clerical work and the enhancement of worker productivity. Women entered the office by the millions, and revolutionized the social world from within. Skyscrapers filled with office space came to tower over cities everywhere. Cubed opens our eyes to what is a truly "secret history" of changes so obvious and ubiquitous that we've hardly noticed them. From the wood-paneled executive suite to the advent of the cubicles where 60% of Americans now work (and 93% of them dislike it) to a not-too-distant future where we might work anywhere at any time (and perhaps all the time), Cubed excavates from popular books, movies, comic strips (Dilbert!), and a vast amount of management literature and business history, the reasons why our workplaces are the way they are—and how they might be better.

Running for Office Mar 18 2021 Explains guidelines for running a political campaign, covering details such as making the decision to run for office, creating effective slogans, and staying on track after being elected.

Carrier and Company Jun 20 2021 We often joke that Jesse and Mara are like contributing editors to my own private magazine. Both at Vogue and at home, they always bring a grand vision to the table along with invaluable expertise and an impeccable eye. It continues to amaze me that they managed to turn a series of broken-down barns into a wonderful compound for my family. Anna Wintour Jesse Carrier and Mara Miller, the principals of Carrier and Company Interiors, are a husband-and-wife design duo who create rooms that are a confident mix of timeless and contemporary design familiar and fresh at once. Always refined and sophisticated, the Carriers work ranges in style from elegantly traditional to luxuriously minimalist. Their rooms often features subtle patterns and neutral palettes punctuated by bursts of exuberance and unexpected mixes of high and low, old and new. Whether decorating a sprawling country house or a Tribeca loft, a winter home in Florida or an apartment in a converted New York printing house, the Carriers mission is to connect people with place and combine their tailored, carefully edited and curated approach with the clients collections, artwork, taste and personality, creating exquisitely detailed yet comfortable and personalized spaces. Illustrated with some 275 full-colour photographs and featuring a foreword by Anna Wintour, Carrier and Company: Positively Chic Interiors introduces the

reader to the Carriers unique aesthetic and shows why they are the designers of choice for so many of Americas most discriminating arbiters of taste. It will undoubtedly be the standout decorating book of the year.

Radical Office Design May 08 2020 Traditional office work, characterized by repetitive clerical tasks, is rapidly giving way to "knowledge work," characterized by the creative application and exchange of information. In response, architects around the world are leaving aside the old cubicle grid to design innovative, high-tech offices that foster knowledge work and, at the same time, help workers balance the competing demands of colleagues, customers, and family. The forty-three exceptional workplaces profiled in this timely volume were all completed within the last six years and serve a wide variety of organizations both private and public, small and large. Examples range from the headquarters of an advertising firm where one enormous table seats all two hundred employees, facilitating communication, to a BMW plant where the factory production line runs through and above the administrative offices, unifying the corporate community. The authors skillfully distinguish the primary trends in contemporary office design by dividing their engagingly written case studies among four chapters, each dedicated to a particular type of workplace: "Academics" encourage the sharing of knowledge within a corporate structure; "Guilds" allow the members of a profession to interact as peers; "Agoras" bring the workplace closer to the marketplace, and to civic life; and "Lodges" combine the home and the office. Two hundred vivid color photographs and fifty architectural drawings show how the featured architects have configured public areas, meeting rooms, and private work spaces to meet the needs of today's increasingly versatile and mobile workers. The inclusion of an informative introduction, which outlines the economic and technological factors driving the rapid evolution of contemporary workplace architecture, further ensures that this attractive book will be an essential reference for everybody who has a hand in designing offices, and thought-provoking reading for everybody who works in one.

Out of Office Jun 28 2019 The future isn't about where we will work, but how. For years we have struggled to balance work and life, with most of us feeling overwhelmed and burned out because our relationship to work is broken. This "isn't just a book about remote work. It's a book that helps us imagine a future where our lives – at the office and home – are happier, more productive, and genuinely meaningful" (Charles Duhigg, bestselling author of *The Power of Habit*). *Out of Office* is a book for every office worker – from employees to managers – currently facing the decision about whether, and how, to return to the office. The past two years have shown us that there may be another path forward, one that doesn't involve hellish daily commutes and the demands of jam-packed work schedules that no longer make sense. But how can we realise that future in a way that benefits workers and companies alike? Based on groundbreaking reporting and interviews with workers and managers around the world, *Out of Office* illuminates the key values and questions that should be driving this conversation: trust, fairness, flexibility, inclusive workplaces, equity, and work-life balance. Above all, they argue that companies need to listen to their employees – and that this will promote, rather than impede, productivity and profitability. As a society, we have talked for decades about flexible work arrangements; this book makes clear that we are at an inflection point where this is actually possible for many employees and their companies. *Out of Office* is about so much more than zoom meetings and hybrid schedules: it aims to reshape our entire relationship to the office.

Work Life Aug 03 2022 In the modern workplace, corner offices and water coolers have given way to open layouts and office dogs. But while the workplace itself is changing, what it takes to be a good employee and reliable coworker remains steadfast. From maximizing your productivity to navigating office dating and communal kitchens, *Work Life* is a handbook for the modern office--whatever yours looks like.

The Other Office 3 Aug 23 2021 The latest volume in Frame's series of books on workplace design, *The Other Office 3* highlights inspirational interiors that are setting the trends in creative workplace design. At its core are around 100 pioneering projects drawn from 86 practices all over the world. Featured offices include ad agencies, media outfits, technology firms and co-workspaces, ranging from compact offices and design hubs to large workplaces. *The Other Office 3* is divided into three chapters, each of which offers insight into the main factors driving contemporary office design: the role of the workplace as a brand asset, the growing concern for employee wellbeing, and the need to create inspiring and energising workspaces. Projects are presented on four to six pages, including an in-depth description of both concept and design, illustrated by stunning photography. Outlined are the challenges that designers must overcome to be able to realize more efficient, modern and – all importantly – creative work environments. This book focuses on the current trends in office design, developed with a knowledge of what is at the heart of a creative workforce and its day-to-day requirements. *The Other Office 3* highlights outstanding projects and inspirational spaces from across the globe. Features - This 512-page reference book, the latest in Frame's workplace design series, offers a global overview of prevailing trends in office design - It is filled with nearly 100 pioneering office designs, developed by 86 international studios in the past three years - The book is divided into three chapters, each of which offers insight into the main factors driving contemporary office design - The book's chapters are contextualised through a brief introduction that sets the tone of the pages ahead. - Featured projects are accompanied by descriptive text and stunning photography.

Where We Work Sep 23 2021 As we think about the future of the office in a post-pandemic world, this book provides an indispensable reference tool. The office isn't dead. But just in what form will it live? Departing from Frame's successful *The Other Office* series, *Where We Work* explores ground-breaking workspaces, providing an indispensable reference tool for interior designers, architects and companies alike. As we think about the future of the office in a post-pandemic world, this book presents important design lessons from the modern office through a curated showcase of 51 projects by designers worldwide. These lessons are highlighted as key takeaways at the end of each of the book's four chapters: *Designing for Community, Flexibility, Identity, and Wellbeing*. An introductory essay explores how these four ideas – or ideals – will continue to drive the workspaces of the future. Features •As we think about the future of the office in a post-pandemic world, this 320-page reference book showcases 51 pioneering workspace designs. •The book explores the various iterations of the contemporary workspace, from co-works and corporate offices to work cafés and material libraries, and everything in between. •Projects are accompanied by a detailed description of the design concept, sketches, and stunning photography on four to eight-page features. •Key takeaways at the end of each of the book's four chapters highlight important design lessons from the modern office.

How to Steal Fire Oct 01 2019 _____ 'Promises to show readers how to think boldly and spark imaginative thought' (FT) _____ Creativity is a powerful force. It drives innovation, boosts our economy and enables us to fulfil our human potential. But what actually is creativity? Is it overrated? And where exactly do ideas come from in the first place? In this book, design gurus Stephen Bayley and Roger Mavity debunk the myths and common misconceptions that form our current thinking around this complex subject. In showing readers how to think boldly and remain undaunted by challenges, they examine the phenomenon from all sides: not only the creativity of invention and of imagination but also that of perception and of discovery, in order to reveal the truths we often overlook. Ultimately, *How to Steal Fire* will help you reclaim yourself from the anonymous dreariness of a data-driven culture and spark imaginative thought.

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Severance Aug 30 2019 Candace Chen, a millennial drone self-sequestered in a Manhattan office tower, is devoted to routine: her work, watching movies with her boyfriend, avoiding thoughts of her recently deceased Chinese immigrant parents. So she barely notices when a plague of biblical proportions sweeps the world. Candace joins a small group of survivors, led by the power-hungry Bob, on their way to the Facility, where, Bob promises, they will have everything they need to start society anew. But Candace is carrying a secret she knows Bob will exploit. Should she escape from her rescuers? A send-up and takedown of the rituals, routines and missed opportunities of contemporary life, *Severance* is a moving family story, a deadpan satire and a heartfelt tribute to the connections that drive us to do more than survive. Ling Ma was born in Sanming, China and grew up in Utah, Nebraska and Kansas. She attended the University of Chicago and received an MFA from Cornell University. Prior to graduate school she worked as a journalist and editor. Her writing has appeared in *Granta*, *Vice*, *Playboy*, *Chicago Reader*, *Ninth Letter* and other publications. A chapter of *Severance* received the 2015 Graywolf SLS Prize. She lives in Chicago. Winner of the 2019 NYPL Young Lions Fiction Award Winner of the 2018 Kirkus Prize for Fiction Winner of the 2019 VCU Cabell First Novelist Award Winner of the 2019 Friends of American Writers First Prize in Literature Finalist for the 2019 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel Shortlisted for the 2019 Neukom Institute Literary Arts Award for Debut Speculative Fiction A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2018 An NPR Best Book of 2018 An Elle Best Book of 2018 A Marie Claire Best Book of 2018 A BuzzFeed Best Book of 2018 A Refinery29 Best Book of 2018 A Jezebel Favorite Book of 2018 A Bustle Best Book of 2018 An Electric Lit Best Novel of 2018 A Lit Hub Best Book of 2018 A BookPage Best Book of 2018 A Bookish Best Book of 2018 A Mental Floss Best Book of 2018 A Chicago Review of Books Best Book of 2018 A HuffPost Best Fiction Book of 2018 An Electric Literature Best Book of 2018 An A.V. Club Favorite Book of 2018 A Jezebel Favorite Book of 2018 A Vulture Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Book of 2018 Longlisted for the Aspen Words Prize A Book of the Month Club Selection for December 2018 Shortlisted for the 2018 Chicago Review of Books Award New York Magazine Approval Matrix, "Highbrow Brilliant" An Indie Next Great Reads Selection A Southern Living Best New Book of Summer 2018 A Millions Most Anticipated Book of 2018 An Alma Favorite Book for Fall A Nylon Best Book of Summer 2018 A Chicago Magazine Summer Reading Pick A Library Journal Summer Fall Best Debut Novel An April Magazine Most Anticipated Book of 2018 A BookBub Laugh-Out-Loud Book of 2018 A Library Journal Debut With Credentials A Refinery29 Best New Book of August 2018 A Greenlight Bookstore Pick in Brooklyn Paper 'Laced within its dystopian narrative is an encapsulation of a first-generation immigrant's nostalgia for New York...*"Severance"* evokes traces of, if not Meghan Daum in her "misspent youth," then the essay "Goodbye to All That," when a young and equally bemused Joan Didion looks at gleaming kitchens through brownstone windows, considering New York not as a place of residence but as a romantic notion.' *New York Times* 'It's a novel that sneaks up on you from all sides: it's an affecting portrayal of loss, a precise fictional evocation of group dynamics, and a sharp character study of its protagonist, Candace Chen. It also features one of the most hauntingly plausible end-of-the-world scenarios I've encountered in recent fiction...[T]his is a monumentally unnerving novel, one that leaves no easy answers or comfortable nooks in which to take refuge.' Tor 'A hilariously searing critique of who we are and how we survive in a modern world...Ma's caustic humor and incredibly smart commentary on late capitalism compares our adherence to routine and groupthink to a terminal infection. Her precise language, original voice, and use of all-too-relatable details inform the debut's deadpan depiction of a society teetering on the edge.' Shondaland 'It's a stunning book. I devoured *Severance* in as close to a single sitting as possible...and it shook me on an emotional level that no other apocalyptic novel

has reached.' Chicago Review of Books 'In the end, *Severance* isn't so much a story about zombies as it is an imaginative critique of capitalism. Underneath Ma's deadpan comedy lie shrewd observations of the West and the decadence of our everyday existence.' Paris Review 'In this shrewd postapocalyptic debut, Ma imagines the end times in the world of late capitalism, marked by comforting, debilitating effects of nostalgia on its characters . . . The novel's strength lies in Ma's accomplished handling of the walking dead conceit to reflect on what constitutes the good life. This is a clever and dextrous debut.' Publishers Weekly 'Funny, frightening, and touching...Ling Ma manages the impressive trick of delivering a bildungsroman, a survival tale, and satire of late capitalist millennial angst in one book, and *Severance* announces its author as a supremely talented writer to watch.' Millions Most Anticipated 'This is a biting indictment of late-stage capitalism and a chilling vision of what comes after, but that doesn't mean it's a Marxist screed or a dry Hobbesian thought experiment...Ma also offers lovely meditations on memory and the immigrant experience. Smart, funny, humane, and superbly well-written.' Kirkus Reviews, starred review 'Ma's language does so much in this book, and its precision, its purposeful specificity, implicates an entire generation. But what is most remarkable is the gentleness with which Ma describes those working within the capital-S System. What does it mean if a person finds true comfort working as a "cog" in a system they disagree with? Is that comfort any less real?' BuzzFeed, #1 Summer Read Pick 'Embracing the [apocalyptic fiction] genre but somehow transcending it, Ma creates a truly engrossing and believable anti-utopian world. Ma's extraordinary debut marks a notable creative jump by playing on the apocalyptic fears many people share today.' Booklist, American Library Association (starred review) 'Ma's writing about the jargon of globalised capitalism has a mix of humour and pathos that reminded me a little of *Infinite Jest* and a little of George Saunders; it produced a sense of estrangement from my cosmetics, my clothes, and my iPhone. I finished it feeling sad and sensitive to the garbage all around us that comes at such a high cost to planetary and human welfare.' New Yorker, What We're Reading This Summer 'The novel's strength lies in Ma's accomplished handling of the walking dead conceit to reflect on what constitutes the good life. This is a clever and dextrous debut.' Publishers Weekly 'A smart, searing exposé on the perils of consumerism, Google overload, and millennial malaise...An already established audience will be eager to discover this work.' Library Journal 'Severance is the most gorgeously written novel I've read all year; when I finished it, I immediately picked it up and read it all over again.' The New Republic 'Severance is the best work of fiction I've read yet about the millennial condition—the alienation and cruelty that comes with being a functional person under advanced global capitalism, and the compromised pleasures and irreducibly personal meaning to be found in claiming some stability in a terrible world. I love how, in this novel, doom is inevitable, and yet it comes so slowly you might not even notice it. Ling Ma has written one of my favorite novels of the year.' Jia Tolentino 'A satirical spin on the end times—kind of like *The Office* meets *The Leftovers*.' Elle '[A] standout debut. Satiric and playful—as well as scary . . . Ling Ma is an assured and inventive storyteller [and her novel] reflects on the nature of human identity and how much the repetitive tasks we perform come to define who we are. . . . A sardonic wake-up call.' Maureen Corrigan, Fresh Air, National Public Radio '[A] semi-surreal sendup of a workplace and its utopia of rules, not unlike Joshua Ferris's *Then We Came to the End* . . . Laced within Ma's dystopian narrative is an arresting encapsulation of a first-generation immigrant's nostalgia for New York . . . *Severance* evokes traces of . . . Joan Didion.' The New York Times Book Review 'How do you fit a zombie novel inside an immigrant story inside a coming-of-age tale? Ling Ma . . . accomplished this feat in her gripping and original turducken of a novel . . . Fascinating.' The Chicago Tribune 'Ma's prose is, for the most part, understated and restrained,

somewhat in the manner of Kazuo Ishiguro . . . Ma is at her most deft when depicting this kind of Severance: the amputation of the immigrant's past, preserved like a phantom limb whose pain is haunted with absence.' The New Yorker 'Gorgeously wacky.' Vulture 'Tense and elegant, Ma's writing here masterfully treads the line between genre fiction and literature. Part bildungsroman, part horror flick, Severance thrillingly morphs into a novel about self-worth, about the kinds of value we place on our own lives.' The Nation 'Ling Ma's extraordinary debut encompasses many genres and might just be the first and only coming-of-age, immigrant experience, anti-capitalist zombie novel you'll ever need.' The Cut 'I recommend [Severance] unreservedly: it's perfect for when you're living in that space between "oh shit, what if the world ends" and "oh shit, what if the world doesn't end"—and truly, who isn't living in that space right now?' Lit Hub 'Shocking and ferocious . . . a fierce debut from a writer with seemingly boundless imagination. . . a wicked satire of consumerism and work culture . . . It's a stunning, audacious book with a fresh take on both office politics and what the apocalypse might bring: This is the way the world ends, Ma seems to be saying, not with a bang but a memo.' NPR.org 'A suspenseful adventure that doubles as a sly critique of late capitalism.' Vulture 'As debut novels go, Severance is about as original and assured as they come.' The Chicago Tribune 'Ling Ma's debut novel tackles countless themes—immigration, work culture, family, capitalism, and the confusing aimlessness of your early 20s—with a dry wit that keeps the horrific digestible, the repetitive laughable, and the pages turning.' Marie Claire 'Astounding . . . Ma's engrossing, masterfully written debut transforms the mundane into a landscape of tricky memory, where questions of late-stage capitalism, immigration, displacement and motherhood converge in such a sly build-up as to render the reader completely stunned.' BookPage 'A brilliantly unsettling dystopian novel following a young woman who somehow escapes a fever epidemic and joins a cult-like group of fellow survivors.' Bust 'Ma's writing is compelling and cogent, perfectly satirizing a world that often feels beyond parody.' Nylon '[Severance is] a book about work that puts the work in the context of globalization, a book that is mordant and sad and full of quicksilver allegories. I loved that book so much.' Lydia Kiesling, The Millions 'With exquisite pacing, Ling Ma alternates between Candace's precarious present and her childhood as the daughter of Chinese immigrants, and contemplates the possibility of a future in a lonely, blasted world. Severance is a scathing portrait of a society collapsing under its own ungovernable appetites, as well as a haunting meditation on family inheritance and its loss.' Huffington Post 'Severance meets and exceeds the promise of [its] exciting description. In many ways, Severance is a novel of ideas—it artfully blends/bends genre, it boldly indicts global capitalism, consumerism, and materialism—but every one of its intellectual aims is deeply grounded in the richly felt experiences of the narrator. Electric Lit 'For readers who love their literary fiction with a dash of apocalypse, this one's for you.' Bookish 'Ma is satiric about the workplace, in a way that's less snobbish than Nell Zink but just as funny and imaginative . . . All the best metaphors in the book are cleverly crafted harbingers . . . Her dexterity in joking about capitalism rivals the skill of the great Richard Powers.' BookForum 'Ling Ma's novel Severance is an astute combination of workplace novel and apocalyptic tale. Smart and filled with humanity, this debut is one of the year's best books.' Large-Hearted Boy 'This depiction of the Midwest feels unexpectedly of our time, at a moment when coastal nostalgia for the heartland has fixated as much on frontier sentimentalism (prairie dresses, artisanal foods) as it has dead mall videos and ruin porn.' Lit Hub 'In this shrewd postapocalyptic debut, Ma imagines the end times in the world of late capitalism, marked by comforting, debilitating effects of nostalgia on its characters . . . The novel's strength lies in Ma's accomplished handling of the walking dead conceit to reflect on what constitutes the good life. This is a clever

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