

As Safe As Houses Cracking The Code To Profitable Property Investment

This SME classic is both a reference book for the working engineer and a textbook for the mining student. This hardcover edition gives a brief history of surface mining and a general overview of the state of surface mining today--topics range from production and productivity to technological developments and trends in equipment. This extremely useful text takes the approach that exploration and mining geologists must be expert in a number of fields, including basic finance and economics, logistics, and pragmatic prospecting. Readers will find material on all these topics and more. The book's nine chapters include: Introduction, Exploration and Geology Techniques, Ore Reserve Estimation, Feasibility Studies and Project Financing, Planning and Design of Surface Mines, Mine Operations, Mine Capital and Operating Costs, Management and Organization, and Case Studies. The book is fully indexed.

Brick and Block Masonry - Trends, Innovations and Challenges contains the lectures and regular papers presented at the 16th International Brick and Block Masonry Conference (Padova, Italy, 26-30 June 2016). The contributions cover major topics: - Analysis of masonry structures - Bond of composites to masonry - Building physics and durability - Case studies - Codes and standards - Conservation of historic buildings - Earthen constructions - Eco-materials and sustainability - Fire resistance, blasts, and impacts - Masonry bridges, arches and vaults - Masonry infill walls and RC frames - Masonry materials and testing - Masonry repair and strengthening - New construction techniques and technologies - Reinforced and confined masonry - Seismic performance and vulnerability assessment In an ever-changing world, in which innovations are rapidly implemented but soon surpassed, the challenge for masonry, the oldest and most traditional building material, is that it can address the increasingly pressing requirements of quality of living, safety, and sustainability. This abstracts volume and full paper USB device, focusing on challenges, innovations, trends and ideas related to masonry, in both research and building practice, will prove to be a valuable source of information for researchers and practitioners, masonry industries and building management authorities, construction professionals and educators.

Tampa Bay Magazine is the area's lifestyle magazine. For over 25 years it has been featuring the places, people and pleasures of Tampa Bay Florida, that includes Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg. You won't know Tampa Bay until you read Tampa Bay Magazine.

This volume makes a significant contribution to the crisis management literature. It also adds to our inchoate understanding of network governance: temporary teams and task forces, communities of practice, alliances, and virtual organizations. It hints that the distinction between networks and organizations may be somewhat spurious, a matter of degree rather than kind. Indeed, it seems that this distinction may derive more from mental models in which we consistently reify organizations than anything else. Finally, the volume emphasizes the functional importance of leadership in network governance and puzzles over its provision in the absence of hierarchy. As such, it adds to the contributions made by Marc Granovetter (1973), John Seeley Brown and Paul Duguid (1991), Bart Nooteboom (2000), Paul J. DiMaggio (2001), John Arquilla and David Ronfeldt (2001), Laurence O'Toole and Ken Meier (2004), and others, as well as Nancy Roberts' seminal work on wicked problems and hastily formed teams. The result is a product the editor and the contributors can be proud of. Overall, it is one that will edify, surprise, and delight its readers.

Are you considering retirement and wondering how you will afford it? Do you want to retire early or sack your boss? Maybe you have tried investing and it didn't work out or you lost money. If these are your experiences, then this book is just what you are looking for. The unique formula that thousands of successful property investors are using to retire early and live the life others only dream about is revealed here. As Safe As Houses explains why your money is safer in property now more than ever and how to use property to become sustainably wealthy.

Building Surveyor's Pocket Book is an accessible encyclopaedia of matters vital to building surveyors. Well-illustrated with diagrams, pictures, tables, and graphs, it covers all essential elements of building pathology, building performance, and building construction terminology in a simple, accessible way for the practitioner and student. This Pocket Book provides a practical and portable reference text, working as a first-stop publication for those wishing to refresh their knowledge or in need of guidance on surveying practice. Working through fundamental principles in key practice areas, the book is not overly bound by the regulation and legislation of one region, and the principles can be applied internationally. This book is ideal reading for individual surveyors, practitioners, and students in building surveying, facilities management, refurbishment, maintenance, renovation, and services management. It is also of use for those interested in building forensics, building performance, pathology, and anyone studying for their RICS APC. Many other professions in architecture, contracting, engineering, and safety will also find the book of use when undertaking similar practice.

Old-House Journal is the original magazine devoted to restoring and preserving old houses. For more than 35 years, our mission has been to help old-house owners repair, restore, update, and decorate buildings of every age and architectural style. Each issue explores hands-on restoration techniques, practical architectural guidelines, historical overviews, and homeowner stories--all in a trusted, authoritative voice.

The date is October 15, 1954. Thirteen-year-old Elizabeth, who lives in the Toronto suburb of Weston, is a typical grade 8 girl. She has a secret crush on a boy in her class and she thinks Elvis Presley is "dreamy." Elizabeth also has a part-time job babysitting an adorable little grade 2 girl named Suzie, and Suzie's not-so-adorable grade 6 brother, David. Elizabeth's job is to walk Suzie and David home after school and then stay at their house with them until their mother gets home from work. David resents Elizabeth because he thinks he is too old for a babysitter, and he goes out of his way to make life miserable for her. On this particular evening, however, Elizabeth has more than a badly behaved boy to contend with. It is on this October night that Hurricane Hazel roars down on Toronto, bringing torrential rains that cause extensive flooding. David and Suzie's house is on Raymore Drive, a street that will be practically wiped out by the floodwaters. David and Suzie's parents are unable to reach the house, which means the children's safety on this most deadly of nights is Elizabeth's responsibility. She finds herself increasingly isolated. They are surrounded by rising water. The electricity goes out. The phone goes dead. Still, Elizabeth is sure they will be safe as long as they remain in the house. But are Elizabeth and the children really as "safe as houses"? Before this terrifying night is over, Elizabeth and David will have to learn to communicate and cooperate if they are to save their own lives and Suzie's. Their survival in the midst of one of Canada's worst disasters will depend upon their resourcefulness, maturity and courage.

John “Lofty” Wiseman is the author of the bestselling SAS Survival Handbook, the definitive guide to survival in the wild from Britain’s Special Air Service. Now he has compiled the complete guide to surviving among crowds of people, the mazes of office buildings, the dangers of an unfeeling city—put simply, how to stay safe in the urban jungle. Thousands of preventable fatalities occur in the home every year— more than on the roads, more than in the great outdoors. Household chemicals, electricity, cooking knives, and rodent poisons—in the wrong hands and with improper usage, these day-to-day resources bring danger to your home. Add to this the risks of moving through city streets (the threat of rape, muggings, and gang violence) and the menace of natural disasters (floods, earthquakes, blizzards) that cannot be avoided. Every day serves as a constant reminder: The world is truly a frightening place. The SAS Urban Survival Guide advises readers to think practically about urban environments and offers tips and instructions on how to avoid hazards wherever one goes. From self-defense techniques to home security systems to coping with natural disasters, this book teaches readers to recognize danger, make quick decisions, and live confidently in the modern world.

A human rights lawyer travels to hot zones around the globe before and after 9/11 to document abuses by warlords, terrorists, and counterterrorism forces. John Sifton reminds us that human rights advocates can only shame the world into better behavior; to invoke rights is to invoke the force to uphold them, including the very violence they deplore.

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Named for her dark skin and for being one of a kind; a product of a pimp and his bottom chick, Ace Spade ain't got time for the BS. Her life has no room for new love. Her current boyfriend, Deuce, is all that she needs. So when he goes to jail, Ace promises to be his ride or die. However, a series of events puts her in the crosshairs of a trap king. Quavo Robinson is on his way to becoming the plug, and he ain't got time for no messy females. But after coming across a girl that has skin that's as dark as a starless night, known as Ace, Quavo starts to reconsider love. There's one problem... Ace has a man. That's not going stop Quavo. He has set his sights to go from Ace's side nigga to the only nigga. Ace wants nothing but to be happy, and while her choice may be Quavo, there are too many obstacles for them to be together. It's only a matter of time before her boyfriend, Deuce, comes home from jail. Will Quavo be able to hold his title as Ace's man, or will their trap love be demolished once Deuce touches down? Dive into this page-turner of love, lust, betrayal, and lies.

As a child during the height of the Cold War, Steve Healey learns that his father is a spy for the CIA. Beneath the banality of everyday life—the suburbs of Washington, DC; school and play; his parents’ deteriorating marriage—assumed names, parallel lives, and myriad Cold War menaces linger. Drawing from CIA training manuals and pop culture references alike, Healey’s poetry is both intimate and claustrophobic. In these poems, the natural anxiety of childhood is compounded by the weight of both national and family secrets, and Healey draws deep parallels between the shaky foundations of truth in his past and the paranoia and obfuscation that envelops our nation’s present.

This guide was commissioned by the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Building Research Establishment to provide practical guidance for homeowners whose properties have been affected by subsidence, or heave, or who are concerned by the potential risk of damage. The first, best-selling, edition dealt specifically with the problems associated with properties founded on shrinkable clay soils, and was reprinted many times. The second edition has been expanded to include sections on other types of subsidence and causes of damage that are unrelated to foundation movement. It also looks at the potential problems that can arise when buying or selling a property that has previously been affected by subsidence.

Hamma Zylberfajn was only six when they buried her beloved music teacher, Emil Schneier—who died mysteriously in Leipzig—not long after the revolution deposed the Soviet Empire. It was a time when her papa was always on the move, and they changed houses quicker than socks. Her Papa Darius whisked them away from Leipzig without any explanation. And since that day, he had forced his family to wander around and witness a war-torn Eastern Europe. Darius was cruel with Hamma, and she was cut off from children her age. The girl became detached from her world and surroundings and became a difficult—if brash—child. Now fourteen, Hamma is determined to discover what happened to Emil. She devises a plan to get her family and herself out of Crimea and back to the safety of Leipzig—a place that is full of alive memories. The years spent on her own have created a musical prodigy. Hamma’s talents have helped support her family. Now she plans to use them to start afresh and find out what happened to Emil in Leipzig all those years before. It’s the start of a great mystery and a nightmare.

Collection of excellent articles presenting the latest developments in blast vibration measurements, modeling and mitigation techniques. Includes contributions on novel environmentally-induced vs blast-induced movements, non-conventional geophysical processing techniques, new modeling approaches, mitigation techniques using smarter blasting methods, new blasting approaches in quarries and tunnels as well as mine case studies. For researchers and practitioners working on blasting vibrations.

Although spying has always been a part of warfare, espionage didn't become an official part of American war efforts until World War II. The United States government established the Office of Strategic Services, which employed spies, translators, map readers, and code breakers to help gather information. Many of these roles were filled by women. This compelling book tells the riveting stories of six of these lady spies, including singer Josephine Baker, who smuggled military secrets on her sheet music; model and countess Aline Griffith; and the dangerously effective "Limping Lady," Virginia Hall.

There can be few everyday financial issues more important than the price of houses. Whether we own one and worry about its value or aspire to own one and are frustrated by their high prices, nobody can avoid the issue. In the UK, while prices have fluctuated during our lifetimes, overall they have risen steadily and sometimes spectacularly. The accepted wisdom is that houses are a safe and excellent investment for the long term. But are they really as good an investment as we believe? Might the future be different from the past? Are houses really so safe? This book looks at house prices over the long term in several countries -- including the UK, the US, France, Holland, Norway, Germany and Australia -- to find out what has happened to house prices and why. The author illustrates his findings with authoritative data on trends and provides intriguing details including a century-long index of UK house prices, an analysis of the value of the White House and a fascinating four-hundred-year story of houses in Amsterdam. - To what extent are we right to view our houses as an investment as well as a home? - If prices can rise for decades and then fall for more than a whole generation, then what does the future hold? - If prices rise further, will houses become unaffordable for many young people? How will that affect our society? - If they crash, will that endanger our banks once more? - Are politicians, policymakers and regulators prepared for the true range of possibilities? Anybody who owns a house, wants to own a house or follows the prices and economics of

housing will find this book an accessible, fascinating and door-opening read. Neil Monnery studied at Oxford and Harvard Business School. He worked for many years at The Boston Consulting Group as a Director and Senior Vice President and is now active in business, investing and research.

New for 2020, The Complete Survival Book Collection combines the best in emergency readiness and disaster survival with sustainable living and survival practices. This collection pairs up two of the best books in surviving and thriving, whether facing a natural disaster or creating your own home away from it all. Writer Tim MacWelch brings us the know-how in survival and homesteading from the editors of Outdoor Life. How to Survive Anything, a comprehensive guide to surviving anything from the normal to the rare, brings us everything from confronting wild animals to living through a meteor impact. How to Survive Off the Grid gives the reader the know-how to engage in sustainable living and housing off the grid, ranging from backyard chicken coops to building and living in your own distant cabin retreat.

First published in 1949 (this edition in 1968), this book is a dictionary of the past, exploring the language of the criminal and near-criminal worlds. It includes entries from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, as well as from Britain and America and offers a fascinating and unique study of language. The book provides an invaluable insight into social history, with the British vocabulary dating back to the 16th century and the American to the late 18th century. Each entry comes complete with the approximate date of origin, the etymology for each word, and a note of the milieu in which the expression arose.

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