

Auto Buyers Guide Used Cars

In today's economy, being a smart consumer and investor is very important. Having a system you can use to help generate extra income can make a huge difference in so many people's lives, so I'm excited to put it out there. Everything in this book comes from what I have learned through trial and error and actually being in the business. Cleveland Williams' *The Secrets of Car Flipping* is a very unique step by step guide that instructs on everything anyone would need to know for buying and selling used cars. This book teaches the reader where to find good used cars and alerts the reader of the dangers of buying from certain places, such as a car auction. Step by step, the reader will learn where to find cars, how to evaluate the condition of a car, how to determine how much the car is worth, and how to decide what one should pay for a car. This book is the ultimate guide for buying and selling used cars because it actually teaches the reader how to negotiate prices, gives the user sales strategies on how to get information from the seller about the car, and gives the reader tips on closing the deal. The second part of the book reverses this scenario and gives the reader step by step instructions on reselling the car and dressing the car for a buyer. The second part of the book also discusses how to advertise the car, deal with potential buyers, negotiate a price, and close the sale. This book has it all, and as a bonus, there are several secrets and tricks of the trade included. Along with giving the readers warning signs, I have also included things the reader should look for, dos and don'ts when buying and selling a car, and sample forms like a bill of sale. This is the only book that I know of that supplies the reader with all this information.

Features recommendations and ratings on hundreds of small, medium, and large-sized cars based on quality, economy, performance, and comfort standards, with judgments on crash protection, and assessments of available options

If you think financial health is beyond your reach, think again. *I Will Teach You To Be Rich* is the modern money classic that has revolutionised the lives of countless people all over the world, teaching them how to effectively manage their finances, demolish their debt, save better and get the most out of their bank accounts, credit cards and investments. Now, Ramit Sethi, who has been described by *Forbes* as a 'wealth wizard' and by *Fortune* as 'the new finance guru', is back with a completely revised second edition of *I Will Teach You To Be Rich*, updating it with new tools and insights on money and psychology, along with fantastic stories of how previous readers have used the book to enrich their lives. From crushing your debt and student loans to talking your way out of late fees, to dead simple investment strategies and negotiating that big raise at work, this is the no-guilt, no-excuses, no-BS 6-week programme that will help you get your finances where you want them to be.

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression! It's estimated there are more than 2 trillion Google searches per year--and 46 percent of all Google searches seek local information. But when shoppers find your store online, will they come? In this timely how-to book, online marketing guru George Nenni walks you through the process of mastering Google My Business, a free online platform for listing your key business information, including address, contact information, photos and reviews. Google My Business is a proven tool for helping businesses increase their visibility with local shoppers. *A Car Dealer's Guide to Google My Business* shows you

how to: * Create a GMB account for single or multiple locations * Refresh and verify your GMB content to stay current * Answer customer questions and monitor reviews to protect your brand * Know which queries car shoppers use for better SEO * Know where customers are searching by zip code * Oversee your listing analytics via the GMB dashboard. Don't just help car buyers find you on Google Search or Google Maps, sell them at the point of discovery!

Now published quarterly, the Consumer Edition of the Kelley Blue Book Used Car Guide includes current trade-in values, private party values, and suggested retail values on more than 10,000 models of used cars, trucks, and vans. Covering 15 model years, the book includes VINs, original list prices, easy-to-use equipment schedules with values for optional equipment, and a table of acceptable mileage ranges by year. In the wake of World War II, the U.S. automobile industry was fully unprepared to meet the growing demands of the public, for whom they had not made any cars for years. In stepped Preston Tucker, a salesman extraordinaire who announced the building of a revolutionary new car: the Tucker '48, the first car in almost a decade to be built fresh from the ground up. Tucker's car, which would include ingenious advances in design and engineering that other car companies could not match, captured the interest of the public, and automakers in Detroit took notice. Here, author Steve Lehto tackles Tucker's amazing story, relying on a huge trove of documents that has been used by no other writer to date. It is the first comprehensive, authoritative account of Tucker's magnificent car and his battles with the government. And in this book, Lehto finally answers the question automobile aficionados have wondered about for decades: exactly how and why the production of such an innovative car was killed.

DO NOT BUY A USED VEHICLE UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THIS BOOK!!!!!!INTRODUCTION, OVERVIEW, AND WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS BOOK: BE A WINNER IN THE CAR BUYING PROCESS AND SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS\$\$\$; AND/OR GET A QUALITY VEHICLE FOR LESS.IN THIS BOOK ARE SOME SIMPLE AND QUICK "MUST KNOW CONCEPTS" FOR A CAR BUYER TO UNDERSTAND TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FROM A DEALER AND/OR PRIVATE PARTY SELLER AND GET THE BEST PRICE; AND/OR THE BEST INTEREST RATES; AND/OR THE BEST TERMS; AND/OR TO INSURE A QUALITY VEHICLE THAT WILL SERVE YOU WELL.This very short book will give you the ABSOLUTE confidence, from the beginning to the end of the car buying process, of how to go out and purchase a vehicle and save thousands of dollars and receive a quality vehicle that will serve you well. This book is ABSOLUTELY the way to minimize the price you pay for a vehicle; and an ABSOLUTE way to minimize the interest rate; and an ABSOLUTE way to get closer to the terms you want; and an ABSOLUTE way to insure a quality vehicle in any car buying deal. If you do not know these concepts and car buying tips, you will CERTAINLY pay more for the price of the vehicle; and/or the interest rate on the vehicle will be higher; and/or the other terms will CERTAINLY work against you; and you could possibly buy a dud (bad vehicle). FURTHER, this book is short and straight to the point. This book is also very simple to follow and all the concepts are disclosed in a way that is manageable so you can master them easily and quickly and commit them to your memory or strategy and go into the car buying process with extreme CONFIDENCE and get a great deal. By now we all are aware that Dealers, Dealerships, Sales People, and Sellers of vehicle's make more when they sale

the vehicle at a higher price. There is no secret that the seller's whole motivation is to sell you the vehicle at the highest price possible, and/or at the highest interest rates possible, and/or on the seller's terms. It is a very common practice in dealerships that the higher the sales person sales the vehicle for, the higher the sales person's commission. The higher the interest rate, the higher the sales person's commission. The more the sales person can convince you to sign the contract closer to his terms, the higher the sales person's commission. Therefore, it should not be a surprise to you that you need to gain the most knowledge you can to offset the sales person's strategies and tactics and save yourself some money. Money that you can use for other things. This is just common sense. The concepts, and the explanations of these concepts, will CERTAINLY put you at a better advantage and keep the Sales Person from "eating you alive." These concepts are a "MUST KNOW." This book entails a very concise and short but thorough straight to the point step-by-step guide on how to successfully get a good deal on a vehicle. Directly below are 12 SIMPLE and QUICK "MUST KNOW" concepts to understand to be able to get the best PRICE deal; and/or the best interest rates; and/or the best terms; and/or to insure you receive a quality used vehicle. Please read the concepts below. Then, continue reading and the following pages will explain and expound on each concept and what each means in detail; so you understand each.

1. TRUSTING THE SELLER IS A BIG KEY. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, MAKE SURE THE SELLER IS SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST. IF THE SELLER IS SOMEONE YOU DO NOT TRUST, IT MAY BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST NOT TO BUY THE USED VEHICLE. IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THIS IS KEY.
2. MAKE SURE THE VEHICLE IS WHAT YOU NEED AND/OR WANT IN YOUR OWN MIND BEFORE STARTING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
3. MAKE SURE THE CAR IS SOLID AND IN GOOD MECHANICAL CONDITION BEFORE YOU START THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
4. HAVE OTHER VEHICLES THAT YOU ARE ALSO COMPARING, OR AT LEAST ACT AS THOUGH YOU HAVE OTHER VEHICLES THAT YOU ARE COMPARING.
5. DO NOT EXPOSE HOW MUCH MONEY OR FINANCING YOU HAVE TOO SOON (THIS D.....

Written for the do-it-yourselfer, good enough for the pro! Find hidden rust, spot crash damage, detect body filler, size up a car with a 10-minute walk-around, find mechanical problems, road-test the vehicle, plus checklists to insure you get what you pay for.

This specialty buying guide presents easy-to-use historical profiles of some 200 models--cars, trucks, minivans, sport utility vehicles--giving readers a comprehensive view of each model as a used car.

Steers buyers through the the confusion and anxiety of new and used vehicle purchases like no other car-and-truck book on the market. "Dr. Phil," along with George Iny and the Editors of the Automobile Protection Association, pull no punches.

From New York Times bestselling author and nationally syndicated talk radio host Dave Ramsey comes the secret to how he grew a multimillion dollar company from a card table in his living room. If you're at all responsible for your company's success, you can't just be a hard-charging entrepreneur or a motivating, encouraging leader. You have to be both! Dave Ramsey, America's

trusted voice on money and business, reveals the keys that grew his company from a one-man show to a multimillion-dollar business—with no debt, low turnover, and a company culture that earns it the “Best Place to Work” award year after year. This book presents Dave’s playbook for creating work that matters; building an incredible group of passionate, empowered team members; and winning the race with steady momentum that will roll over any obstacle.

Regardless of your business goals, you’ll discover that anyone can lead any venture to unbelievable growth and prosperity through Dave’s common sense, counterculture, EntreLeadership principles!

You're no idiot, of course. You keep your projects on budget at work, shop around to find the best prices on groceries and clothing, and even manage to sock away money for your kids' college tuition. But when it comes to wheeling and dealing to buy a car, you feel like someone else is in the driver's seat. Don't be taken for a ride! The Complete Idiot's Guide to Buying or Leasing a Car helps you learn the techniques you need to drive away in the car you want at the price you can afford. Feel confident about asking questions and bargaining, even when you have to say "no" to a salesperson. In this Complete Idiot's Guide, you get: ****FREE e-book with purchase of paperback. E-book includes over 150 color photos!** "How to Inspect ANY Used Car or Truck! A Used Car Buyer's Guide: " will teach you the tricks used by professional mechanics to inspect a used vehicle before you purchase it! Using descriptive text, and over 150 detailed photos, this buyers guide will show you how to differentiate between a car with major problems and a car with normal wear and tear. Then, the guide will help you make a list of maintenance items and repairs that will be needed in the near future. A list that you can bargain with, during price negotiations. The book will show you tips on finding flood damaged cars, "lemons", and cars that have been destroyed in wrecks, fixed, and put back on the road. "How to Inspect Any Used Car or Truck" will teach you just what you need to know about the workings of an automobile and where to look for the problems. This inspection process can be done on site and is non invasive. The only things you will need for your inspection is a flashlight, a small mirror and something to lay or kneel on. The author has 15 years of experience as an ASE Master Mechanic and has written this guide so that anyone can thoroughly inspect any used vehicle. Even if you have never checked your oil level or air pressure in your tires, this guide will give you the knowledge and wisdom to inspect any used car or truck! You can keep this guide to help friends and family members inspect potential vehicles before they purchase. This guide will not only save you a fortune on car repairs, by helping you avoid the true money pits, but will also make you a smarter consumer and more knowledgeable about car repairs, so you don't get taken by dishonest, used car dealers and mechanics.

Buying a used car isn't what it used to be. Car-shopping doesn't have to be an ordeal anymore. Transparency. Market-based pricing. Fair value. Surprise! These are terms that identify today's used-car dealers. Not all of them, to be

sure. Tricksters are still around, adapting old hard-sell tactics to the digital world; but this book helps you spot them - and avoid them. Modern, progressive dealers shun the ethics-challenged, hard-sell tactics of the past, taking their business seriously and intent on satisfying their customers. They're still in it to make money, ready to drive a hard bargain. But they know that today's shoppers are better-informed than ever, typically arriving at the dealership armed with facts and figures. In this Buyer's Guide, consumers will find plenty of additional information, to help find the right car and get it for an acceptable price. They can also see how vehicle history reports and certified pre-owned (CPO) programs help reduce the risk when buying secondhand. Dealers and salespeople, too, can find useful advice on working with today's knowledgeable customers. Part I - New vs. Used: Why buy used, where to buy, whether CPO is right for you. Part II - Homework Comes First: How to narrow down your search, emphasizing vehicle condition, fuel economy, and safety. Part III - Test Drive: Questions to ask, visual inspection, road test. Part IV - Dollars and Sense: How much to pay and how to negotiate; plus details on service contracts, financing, and insurance. Part V - Resources: How to read ads, information sources, buyer's worksheet. Part VI - Popular Used Cars: Details, specifications, test-drive reports, and average retail prices of selected moderately-priced, mainstream models, arranged by vehicle category. Addendum - Further details on today's used-car market.

After plummeting through a hole in her backyard and finding herself once again in the room of mysterious jars, eleven-year-old Olive unwittingly releases two of Elsewhere's biggest, most cunning, most dangerous forces.

Since its introduction in 1996, the Porsche Boxster has established an enviable reputation for versatility and all-round performance capabilities. The Boxster S, introduced for the 2000 model year, elevated this world beating roadster's performance to the top level. An 80 per cent new model arrived for the 2005 model year and reinvented a winning formula. A year later, the long awaited Boxster coupé – the Cayman – set a new benchmark for the Porsche sports car. From the incomparable Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award winner, a powerful and revealing autobiography about race, sexuality, art, and healing It's easy to be yourself when who and what you are is in vogue. But growing up Black and gay in America has never been easy. Before Billy Porter was slaying red carpets and giving an iconic Emmy-winning performance in the celebrated TV show Pose; before he was the groundbreaking Tony and Grammy Award-winning star of Broadway's Kinky Boots; and before he was an acclaimed recording artist, actor, playwright, director, and all-around legend, Porter was a young boy in Pittsburgh who was seen as different, who didn't fit in. At five years old, Porter was sent to therapy to "fix" his effeminacy. He was endlessly bullied at school, sexually abused by his stepfather, and criticized at his church. Porter came of age in a world where simply being himself was a constant struggle. Billy Porter's Unprotected is the life story of a singular artist and survivor in his own words. It is the story of a boy whose talent and courage opened doors for him, but only a crack. It is the story of a teenager discovering himself, learning his voice and his craft amidst deep trauma. And it is the story of a young man whose unbreakable determination led him through countless hard times to where he is now; a proud icon who refuses to back down or hide. Porter is a multitalented, multifaceted treasure at the top of his game, and Unprotected is a resonant, inspirational story of trauma and healing, shot through with his singular voice. Illustrated Plymouth & DeSoto Buyer's Guide Jim Benjaminson. This specially created buyer's guide contains coverage of all Plymouth cars and trucks from 1928 through today,

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including the new Prowler, plus all DeSoto cars from 1929 through 1961. Packed with hundreds of photos on your favorite models. Our unique 5-star rating system helps you determine the most valuable models. Filled with useful tips on "problem cars" to stay away from. Softbound, 7 3/8"x 9 1/4 ", 16 pgs., 2 b&w ill.

Having this book in your pocket is just like having a real marque expert by your side. Benefit from the author's years of MG TD & TF ownership, learn how to spot a bad car quickly and how to assess a promising one like a professional. Get the right car at the right price!

Based on tests conducted by Consumers Union, this guide rates new cars based on performance, handling, comfort, convenience, reliability, and fuel economy, and includes advice on options and safety statistics.

Completely redesigned for 1996, to make it easier to find all the information on the cars on any reader's shopping list, Used Car Buying Guide now presents all models in alphabetical order. This annual bestseller steers consumers to the makes and models most likely to provide reliable and practical transportation, thus minimizing the chance of making a costly mistake. Photos. Charts.

PCONSUMER SOURCEBOOK provides a comprehensive digest of accessible resources and advisory information for the American consumer. This new edition identifies and describes some 23,000 programs and services available to the general public at little or no cost. These services are provided by federal, state, county, and local governments and their agencies as well as by organizations and associations. PCONSUMER AFFAIRS AND CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENTS for corporations are also listed as well as related publications, multimedia products, general tips and recommendations for consumers. The master index is arranged alphabetically by name and by subject term.

In the Internet age, Edmunds.com has emerged as the foremost authority on buying or leasing new or used cars. A key component to learning the industry's insider secrets involved sending an Edmunds.com editor to work undercover at multiple car dealerships. That information, along with knowledge gleaned from countless buying experiences and numerous dealership sources, has been honed into step-by-step buying and leasing strategies. Many car-buying books give tips and advice, but this book outlines proven buying scenarios, clearly explaining the consumer's course of action in simple terms. This complex and sometimes frightening process is demystified in a guide that covers the following subjects: * How car buying has become easier and faster than ever before * How to choose the right car for you * New car-buying strategies * Getting a used car bargain * Avoid leasing pitfalls and getting a good deal * Insuring your car for less money

Test reports, profiles, and advice on nearly 200 new cars, sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and pickups are provided by America's #1 consumer product-testing center. 240 photos and charts.

In today's uncertain economy, more car buyers are turning to the used car market. Based on the results of unbiased tests and surveys conducted by Consumer Reports, the guide evaluates fuel economy, performance level, repair record, and overall quality of hundreds of 1984-1989 cars, with detailed reports on 1987-1989 models. Ratings charts, tables, index.

Don't Pay Too Much on Your Next Vehicle Purchase, Read This Guide Buying a car can be a daunting task. There are many things to consider and salespeople can be intimidating. This guide was designed to help eliminate many of the fears associated with car buying and can keep you from getting ripped off. Let's face it; you work hard for your money so I want to help you keep more of it when you buy a car and get more back when you sell yours. This guide will help make the search for your next vehicle less stressful with recommendations on what to consider and how to narrow down your search. Included are links to websites that can help you with buying and selling cars. Remember, not knowing what to expect, not doing your research and rushing through a transaction can be costly. Avoid those costs by learning from this guide. Real-life Examples Included in this guide are real-life examples of cars I have bought and sold myself. I include exactly where I sold them and how I didn't pay anything for advertising to one of the largest audiences available today. These examples also include things I did wrong so that you can learn from them. What You Will Learn: What to consider when preparing for a vehicle search Things you will want to avoid How to locate the ideal vehicle for you How to negotiate the price with proper tools Bogus fees; what they are and how to avoid Trading in your current vehicle vs. selling private party Best way to sell private party for the most money back My recent real-life example of a purchase with walk-through of the steps mentioned About the Author I have personally been buying and selling used cars for over 24 years. I was even a used car salesman myself and I know the ins and outs of the industry. I love helping others and I know that this guide can help you save hundreds or even thousands on your next purchase. Scroll up and buy now!

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The first-ever full reckoning with Marvel Comics' interconnected, half-million-page story, a revelatory guide to the "epic of epics"—and to the past sixty years of American culture—from a beloved authority on the subject who read all 27,000+ Marvel superhero comics and lived to tell the tale "Brilliant, eccentric, moving and wholly wonderful. . . . Wolk proves to be the perfect guide for this type of adventure: nimble, learned, funny and sincere. . . . All of the Marvels is magnificently marvelous. Wolk's work will invite many more alliterative superlatives. It deserves them all." —Junot Díaz, New York Times Book Review

The superhero comic books that Marvel Comics has published since 1961 are, as Douglas Wolk notes, the longest continuous, self-contained work of fiction ever created: over half a million pages to date, and still growing. The Marvel story is a gigantic mountain smack in the middle of contemporary culture. Thousands of writers and artists have contributed to it. Everyone recognizes its protagonists: Spider-Man, the Avengers, the X-Men. Eighteen of the hundred highest-grossing movies of all time are based on parts of it. Yet not even the people telling the story have read the whole thing—nobody's supposed to. So, of course, that's what Wolk did: he read all 27,000+ comics that make up the Marvel Universe thus far, from Alpha Flight to Omega the Unknown. And then he made sense of

it—seeing into the ever-expanding story, in its parts and as a whole, and seeing through it, as a prism through which to view the landscape of American culture. In Wolk's hands, the mammoth Marvel narrative becomes a fun-house-mirror history of the past sixty years, from the atomic night terrors of the Cold War to the technocracy and political division of the present day—a boisterous, tragicomic, magnificently filigreed epic about power and ethics, set in a world transformed by wonders. As a work of cultural exegesis, this is sneakily significant, even a landmark; it's also ludicrously fun. Wolk sees fascinating patterns—the rise and fall of particular cultural aspirations, and of the storytelling modes that conveyed them. He observes the Marvel story's progressive visions and its painful stereotypes, its patches of woeful hackwork and stretches of luminous creativity, and the way it all feeds into a potent cosmology that echoes our deepest hopes and fears. This is a huge treat for Marvel fans, but it's also a revelation for readers who don't know Doctor Strange from Doctor Doom. Here, truly, are all of the marvels.

Car values fluctuate wildly, never more so than in our current economic environment. Pricing information is a must for collectors, restorers, buyers, sellers, insurance agents and a myriad of others who rely on reliable authoritative data. With well over 300,000 listings for domestic cars and light trucks, and various import vehicles manufactured between 1901 and 2012, this is the most thorough price guide on the market. This invaluable reference is for the serious car collector as well as anyone who wants to know the value of a collector car they are looking to buy or sell. Prices in this must-have reference reflect the latest values, in up to six grades of condition, from the esteemed Old Cars Price Guide database. New information for the most recent model year will also be added to our new Old Car Report database.

In his first work of narrative nonfiction, Matthew Pearl, bestselling author of acclaimed novel *The Dante Club*, explores the little-known true story of the kidnapping of legendary pioneer Daniel Boone's daughter and the dramatic aftermath that rippled across the nation. On a quiet midsummer day in 1776, weeks after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, thirteen-year-old Jemima Boone and her friends Betsy and Fanny Callaway disappear near the Kentucky settlement of Boonesboro, the echoes of their faraway screams lingering on the air. A Cherokee-Shawnee raiding party has taken the girls as the latest salvo in the blood feud between American Indians and the colonial settlers who have decimated native lands and resources. Hanging Maw, the raiders' leader, recognizes one of the captives as Jemima Boone, daughter of Kentucky's most influential pioneers, and realizes she could be a valuable pawn in the battle to drive the colonists out of the contested Kentucky territory for good. With Daniel Boone and his posse in pursuit, Hanging Maw devises a plan that could ultimately bring greater peace both to the tribes and the colonists. But after the girls find clever ways to create a trail of clues, the raiding party is ambushed by Boone and the rescuers in a battle with reverberations that nobody could predict. As Matthew Pearl reveals, the exciting story of Jemima Boone's kidnapping vividly illuminates the early days of America's westward expansion, and the violent and tragic clashes across cultural lines that ensue. In this enthralling narrative in the tradition of Candice Millard and David Grann, Matthew Pearl unearths a forgotten and dramatic series of events from early in the Revolutionary War that opens a window into America's transition from colony to nation, with the heavy moral costs incurred amid shocking new alliances and betrayals.

The ultimate used car buyer's guide introduces readers to helpful techniques, strategies, and tips for finding the best used vehicle while providing profiles and ratings for more than 250

cars, trucks, SUVs, and minivans, as well as crash-test data, safety features, reliability history, and listings of recalls. Original. 200,000 first printing.

The surprising and compelling story of two rival geniuses in an all-out race to decode one of the world's most famous documents—the Rosetta Stone—and their twenty-year-long battle to solve the mystery of ancient Egypt's hieroglyphs. The Rosetta Stone is one of the most famous objects in the world, attracting millions of visitors to the British museum ever year, and yet most people don't really know what it is. Discovered in a pile of rubble in 1799, this slab of stone proved to be the key to unlocking a lost language that baffled scholars for centuries. Carved in ancient Egypt, the Rosetta Stone carried the same message in different languages—in Greek using Greek letters, and in Egyptian using picture-writing called hieroglyphs. Until its discovery, no one in the world knew how to read the hieroglyphs that covered every temple and text and statue in Egypt. Dominating the world for thirty centuries, ancient Egypt was the mightiest empire the world had ever known, yet everything about it—the pyramids, mummies, the Sphinx—was shrouded in mystery. Whoever was able to decipher the Rosetta Stone, and learn how to read hieroglyphs, would solve that mystery and fling open a door that had been locked for two thousand years. Two brilliant rivals set out to win that prize. One was English, the other French, at a time when England and France were enemies and the world's two great superpowers. The Writing of the Gods chronicles this high-stakes intellectual race in which the winner would win glory for both himself and his nation. A riveting portrait of empires both ancient and modern, this is an unparalleled look at the culture and history of ancient Egypt and a fascinating, fast-paced story of human folly and discovery unlike any other.

A behind-the-scenes look at the robustly competitive race to dominate the market for electric cars, the larger-than-life moguls behind them, and the changes that are transforming the auto industry. In the 1980s, it was unimaginable that the home computer would become as common and easy to use as a toaster. Today, plug-in charging stations and smart grids seem like something still far off in the future. But by 2020, the auto industry will look very different from today's field of troubled auto giants. The combination of technological breakthroughs and charging networks driven by global warming and peak oil makes it clear that revolutionary change in the auto industry is happening right now. In *High Voltage*, Jim Motavalli captures this period of unprecedented change, documenting the evolution from internal combustion engines to electric power. Driven by the auto world's ambitious and sometimes outlandish personalities, the book chronicles the race to dominate the market, focusing on big players like Tesla and Fisker, as well as a tiny start-up and a battery supplier. Flashing forward to the changes we'll see in the coming years, *High Voltage* shows a not-so-distant future where we will live on a smart grid, our cars "fueling," that is, charging, while we shop or sleep. The ramifications of these changes will be on a grander scale than most of us ever imagined—altering foreign policy, reducing trade deficits, and perhaps even ending global warming.

A hilarious book about learning to share from the much-loved, award-winning author and illustrator Aaron Blabey.

The vibrant, sprawling saga of Empress Maria Theresa—one of the most renowned women rulers in history—and three of her extraordinary daughters, including Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen of France. Out of the thrilling and tempestuous eighteenth century comes the sweeping family saga of beautiful Maria Theresa, a sovereign of uncommon strength and vision, the only woman ever to inherit and rule the vast Habsburg Empire in her own name, and three of her remarkable daughters: lovely, talented Maria Christina, governor-general of the Austrian Netherlands; spirited Maria Carolina, the resolute queen of Naples; and the youngest, Marie Antoinette, the glamorous, tragic queen of France, and perhaps the most famous princess in history. Unfolding against an irresistible backdrop of brilliant courts from Vienna to Versailles, embracing the exotic lure of Naples and Sicily, this epic history of Maria

Theresa and her daughters is a tour de force of desire, adventure, ambition, treachery, sorrow, and glory. Each of these women's lives was packed with passion and heart-stopping suspense. Maria Theresa inherited her father's thrones at the age of twenty-three and was immediately attacked on all sides by foreign powers confident that a woman would be too weak to defend herself. Maria Christina, a gifted artist who alone among her sisters succeeded in marrying for love, would face the same dangers that destroyed the monarchy in France. Resourceful Maria Carolina would usher in the golden age of Naples only to face the deadly whirlwind of Napoleon. And, finally, Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen whose stylish excesses and captivating notoriety have masked the truth about her husband and herself for two hundred and fifty years. Vividly written and deeply researched, *In the Shadow of the Empress* is the riveting story of four exceptional women who changed the course of history.

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