

Big Machine

Scraping out an existence as a New York bus porter, recovering addict and suicide cult survivor Ricky Rice is inducted into a band of paranormal investigators who share his experience of having heard disembodied voices that may have a divine source.

Fun and facts for children from one of the most trusted names in learning: the Smithsonian Institution.

A beautifully designed edition of one of the most beloved science fiction novels of all time... First published in 1895, *The Time Machine* won author H.G. Wells immediate recognition and has been regarded ever since as one of the great masterpieces in the literature of science fiction. It popularized the concept of time travel and introduced the concept of a "time machine" device that could travel forwards and backwards through the years. It is the story of one man's astonishing journey beyond the conventional limits of the imagination. One of the most renowned works of science fiction, *The Time Machine* reflects on the adventures of *The Time Traveller* - a man who constructs a machine which allows him to explore what the future has to offer. When he courageously steps out of his machine for the first time, he finds himself in the year 802,701—and everything has changed. In this unfamiliar utopian age, creatures seem to dwell together in perfect harmony. Thinking he can study these marvelous beings and unearth their secret then return to his own time, he discovers that his only avenue of escape, his invention, has been stolen. Wells is generally credited with the popularization of the concept of time travel by using a vehicle that allows an operator to travel purposefully and selectively. The term "time machine", which was coined by Wells, is now universally used to refer to such a vehicle. The book has been adapted for a number of films and television shows, as well as inspiring other science fiction writers.

Present book covers new paradigms in Blockchain, Big Data and Machine Learning concepts including applications and case studies. It explains dead fusion in realizing the privacy and security of blockchain based data analytic environment. Recent research of security based on big data, blockchain and machine learning has been explained through actual work by practitioners and researchers, including their technical evaluation and comparison with existing technologies. The theoretical background and experimental case studies related to real-time environment are covered as well. Aimed at Senior undergraduate students, researchers and professionals in computer science and engineering and electrical engineering, this book: Converges Blockchain, Big Data and Machine learning in one volume. Connects Blockchain technologies with the data centric applications such Big data and E-Health. Easy to understand examples on how to create your own blockchain supported by case studies of blockchain in different industries. Covers big data analytics examples using R. Includes Illustrative examples in python for blockchain creation.

Discover the true meaning of being brave in this tender and whimsical picture book from Daniel Bernstrom (*One Day in the Eucalytus*, *Eucalyptus Tree*) and Shane Evans (*Chocolate Me!*) that follows a grandfather and grandson who travel through time in a beloved 1952 Ford. A little boy who lives with his grandpa isn't reprimanded for being afraid to go to school one day. Instead, Big Papa takes him away in his time machine--a 1952 Ford--back to all of the times when he, himself, was scared of something life was handing him. Full of heartfelt moments and thrilling magical realism, *Big Papa and the Time Machine* speaks to the African American experience in a touching dialogue between two family members from different generations, and emerges as a voice that shares history and asks questions about one family's experience in 20th-century black America. "Wasn't you scared?" "Oh, I was scared," Big Papa said. "Sometimes you gotta walk with giants if you ever gonna know what you made of. That's called being brave."

Advancements in the technology and availability of data sources have led to the 'Big Data' era. Working with large data offers the potential to uncover more fine-grained patterns and take timely and accurate decisions, but it also creates a lot of challenges such as slow training and scalability of machine learning models. One of the major challenges in machine learning is to develop efficient and scalable learning algorithms, i.e., optimization techniques to solve large scale learning problems. *Stochastic Optimization for Large-scale Machine Learning* identifies different areas of improvement and recent research directions to tackle the challenge. Developed optimisation techniques are also explored to improve machine learning algorithms based on data access and on first and second order optimisation methods. Key Features: Bridges machine learning and Optimisation. Bridges theory and practice in machine learning. Identifies key research areas and recent research directions to solve large-scale machine learning problems. Develops optimisation techniques to improve machine learning algorithms for big data problems. The book will be a valuable reference to practitioners and researchers as well as students in the field of machine learning.

In this loving tribute to Virginia Lee Burton, the New York Times best-selling creators Sherri Duskey Rinker and John Rocco pay homage to the storied life of one of the most beloved creators in children's literature. Everyone in Folly Cove knows Virginia Lee as "Jinnee." With her magical wands she can draw whatever she imagines, but for her sons Aris and Michael, she draws the most wonderful characters of all: BIG MACHINES with friendly names like Mary Anne, Maybelle, and Katy. Her marvelous magical wands can make anything move—even a cheerful Little House.

Written by prominent thought leaders in the global fintech space, *The AI Book* aggregates diverse expertise into a single, informative volume and explains what artificial intelligence really means and how it can be used across financial services today. Key industry developments are explained in detail, and critical insights from cutting-edge practitioners offer first-hand information and lessons learned. Coverage includes: · Understanding the AI Portfolio: from machine learning to chatbots, to natural language processing (NLP); a deep dive into the Machine Intelligence Landscape; essentials on core technologies, rethinking enterprise, rethinking industries, rethinking humans; quantum computing and next-generation AI · AI experimentation and embedded usage, and the change in business model, value proposition, organisation, customer and co-worker experiences in today's Financial Services Industry · The future state of financial services and capital markets – what's next for the real-world implementation of AITech? · The innovating customer – users are not waiting for the financial services industry to work out how AI can re-shape their sector, profitability and competitiveness · Boardroom issues created and magnified by AI trends, including conduct, regulation & oversight in an algo-driven world, cybersecurity, diversity & inclusion, data privacy, the 'unbundled corporation' & the future of work, social responsibility, sustainability, and the new leadership imperatives · Ethical considerations of deploying AI solutions and why explainable AI is so important

Demystifying Big Data, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning for Healthcare Analytics presents the changing world of data utilization, especially in clinical healthcare. Various techniques, methodologies, and algorithms are presented in this book to organize data in a structured manner that will assist physicians in the care of patients and help biomedical engineers and computer scientists understand the impact of these techniques on healthcare analytics. The book is divided into two parts: Part 1 covers big data aspects such as healthcare decision support systems and analytics-related topics. Part 2 focuses on the current frameworks and applications of deep learning and machine learning, and provides an outlook on future directions of research and development. The entire book takes a case study approach, providing a wealth of real-world case studies in the application chapters to act as a foundational reference for biomedical engineers, computer scientists, healthcare researchers, and clinicians. Provides a comprehensive reference for biomedical engineers, computer scientists, advanced industry practitioners,

researchers, and clinicians to understand and develop healthcare analytics using advanced tools and technologies Includes in-depth illustrations of advanced techniques via dataset samples, statistical tables, and graphs with algorithms and computational methods for developing new applications in healthcare informatics Unique case study approach provides readers with insights for practical clinical implementation

Synopsis coming soon.....

Ricky Rice is a middle-aged hustler with a lingering junk habit, a bum knee, and a haunted mind. The sole survivor of a suicide cult, he spends his days scraping by as a porter at a bus depot in Utica, New York. Until one day a letter arrives, reminding him of a vow he once made and summoning him to Vermont's remote Northeast Kingdom to fulfill it. There, Ricky is inducted into a band of paranormal investigators comprised of former addicts and petty criminals, all of whom have at some point in their wasted lives heard the Voice: a murmur on the wind, a disembodied shout, a whisper in an empty room. All these may or may not have been messages from God. Their mission is to find the Voice -- and figure out what it wants. Big Machine takes us from Ricky's childhood in a matrilineal cult housed in a New York City tenement to his near-death experience in the basement of an Iowa house owned by a man named Murder. And to his final confrontation with an army of true believers -- and with his own past. Infused with the wonder of a disquieting dream and laced with Victor LaValle's fiendish comic sensibility, Big Machine is a mind-rattling mystery about doubt, faith, and the monsters we carry within us. Big Machine named: •American Book Award 2010 •Shirley Jackson Award 2009 - Winner - Best Novel •10 Best Books of 2009 -- Publisher's Weekly •Favorite Fiction of 2009 -- Chicago Tribune •Best Science Fiction of 2009 -- Los Angeles Times •Best Science Fiction & Fantasy -- Washington Post •Most Valuable Fiction Book of 2009 -- The Nation •Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence 2010 Winner

Get to know the 'why' and 'how' of machine learning and big data in quantitative investment Big Data and Machine Learning in Quantitative Investment is not just about demonstrating the maths or the coding. Instead, it's a book by practitioners for practitioners, covering the questions of why and how of applying machine learning and big data to quantitative finance. The book is split into 13 chapters, each of which is written by a different author on a specific case. The chapters are ordered according to the level of complexity; beginning with the big picture and taxonomy, moving onto practical applications of machine learning and finally finishing with innovative approaches using deep learning. • Gain a solid reason to use machine learning • Frame your question using financial markets laws • Know your data • Understand how machine learning is becoming ever more sophisticated Machine learning and big data are not a magical solution, but appropriately applied, they are extremely effective tools for quantitative investment — and this book shows you how.

This colorful book demonstrates how the crane, bulldozer, dump truck, and other construction machines all play a part in building a new park.

Big Data Analytics in Cyber-Physical Systems: Machine Learning for the Internet of Things examines sensor signal processing, IoT gateways, optimization and decision-making, intelligent mobility, and implementation of machine learning algorithms in embedded systems. This book focuses on the interaction between IoT technology and the mathematical tools used to evaluate the extracted data of those systems. Each chapter provides the reader with a broad list of data analytics and machine learning methods for multiple IoT applications. Additionally, this volume addresses the educational transfer needed to incorporate these technologies into our society by examining new platforms for IoT in schools, new courses and concepts for universities and adult education on IoT and data science. . Bridges the gap between IoT, CPS, and mathematical modelling. Features numerous use cases that discuss how concepts are applied in different domains and applications. Provides "best practices", "winning stories" and "real-world examples" to complement innovation. Includes highlights of mathematical foundations of signal processing and machine learning in CPS and IoT.

The adventures of a young boy and his obsession with large construction equipment.

Does your little boy fall in love with big machines that easily? Then this book will be such a treat! There are beautiful images of trucks, trains and big machines in this wonderful book for children. Learn about them and be impressed at what they can do. So what are you waiting for? Go ahead and secure a copy of this book today!

Healthcare transformation requires us to continually look at new and better ways to manage insights – both within and outside the organization today. Increasingly, the ability to glean and operationalize new insights efficiently as a byproduct of an organization's day-to-day operations is becoming vital to hospitals and health systems ability to survive and prosper. One of the long-standing challenges in healthcare informatics has been the ability to deal with the sheer variety and volume of disparate healthcare data and the increasing need to derive veracity and value out of it. Demystifying Big Data and Machine Learning for Healthcare investigates how healthcare organizations can leverage this tapestry of big data to discover new business value, use cases, and knowledge as well as how big data can be woven into pre-existing business intelligence and analytics efforts. This book focuses on teaching you how to: Develop skills needed to identify and demolish big-data myths Become an expert in separating hype from reality Understand the V's that matter in healthcare and why Harmonize the 4 C's across little and big data Choose data fidelity over data quality Learn how to apply the NRF Framework Master applied machine learning for healthcare Conduct a guided tour of learning algorithms Recognize and be prepared for the future of artificial intelligence in healthcare via best practices, feedback loops, and contextually intelligent agents (CIAs) The variety of data in healthcare spans multiple business workflows, formats (structured, un-, and semi-structured), integration at point of care/need, and integration with existing knowledge. In order to deal with these realities, the authors propose new approaches to creating a knowledge-driven learning organization-based on new and existing strategies, methods and technologies. This book will address the long-standing challenges in healthcare informatics and provide pragmatic recommendations on how to deal with them.

Specifically designed for the latest bread machine cookers, this taste-tempting cookbook introduces more than 375 recipes from different size loaves, ranging from sweet to classic, along with special sections on Soups & Stews and Sandwiches, and dozens of useful preparation tips. Original. 40,000 first printing.

The idea behind this book is to simplify the journey of aspiring readers and researchers to understand Big Data, IoT and Machine Learning. It also includes various real-time/offline applications and case studies in the fields of engineering, computer science, information security and cloud computing using modern tools. This book consists of two sections: Section I contains the topics related to Applications of Machine Learning, and Section II addresses issues about Big Data, the Cloud and the Internet of Things. This brings all the related technologies into a single source

so that undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers, academicians and people in industry can easily understand them. Features Addresses the complete data science technologies workflow Explores basic and high-level concepts and services as a manual for those in the industry and at the same time can help beginners to understand both basic and advanced aspects of machine learning Covers data processing and security solutions in IoT and Big Data applications Offers adaptive, robust, scalable and reliable applications to develop solutions for day-to-day problems Presents security issues and data migration techniques of NoSQL databases

Machine Learning, Big Data, and IoT for Medical Informatics focuses on the latest techniques adopted in the field of medical informatics. In medical informatics, machine learning, big data, and IOT-based techniques play a significant role in disease diagnosis and its prediction. In the medical field, the structure of data is equally important for accurate predictive analytics due to heterogeneity of data such as ECG data, X-ray data, and image data. Thus, this book focuses on the usability of machine learning, big data, and IOT-based techniques in handling structured and unstructured data. It also emphasizes on the privacy preservation techniques of medical data. This volume can be used as a reference book for scientists, researchers, practitioners, and academicians working in the field of intelligent medical informatics. In addition, it can also be used as a reference book for both undergraduate and graduate courses such as medical informatics, machine learning, big data, and IoT. Explains the uses of CNN, Deep Learning and extreme machine learning concepts for the design and development of predictive diagnostic systems. Includes several privacy preservation techniques for medical data. Presents the integration of Internet of Things with predictive diagnostic systems for disease diagnosis. Offers case studies and applications relating to machine learning, big data, and health care analysis.

A free eBook that asks hard questions about why politics once worked, and how today's politics do not. What if idealistic reform itself is a culprit? In Political Realism, Jonathan Rauch argues that well-meaning efforts to stem corruption and increase participation have stripped political leaders and organizations of the tools they need to forge compromises and make them stick. Fortunately, he argues, much of the damage can be undone by rediscovering political realism. Instead of trying to drive private money away out of politics, how about channeling it to strengthen parties and leaders? Instead of doubling down on direct democracy, how about giving political professionals more influence over candidate nominations? Rauch shows how a new generation of realist thinkers is using timetested truths about politics and government to build reforms for our time. Rich with contrarian insights and fresh thinking, Political Realism is an eye-opening challenge to today's conventional wisdom about what ails American government and politics.

An exciting sticker book packed full of lively scenes for children to cover with hundreds of big machine stickers. Age 3+ Each colourful scene is begging to be filled with diggers, cranes, trucks, bulldozers and workers. Simple text gently suggests which scene needs which big vehicles. Age 3+

Now in its second edition, this book focuses on practical algorithms for mining data from even the largest datasets.

With big data analytics comes big insights into profitability Big data is big business. But having the data and the computational power to process it isn't nearly enough to produce meaningful results. Big Data, Data Mining, and Machine Learning: Value Creation for Business Leaders and Practitioners is a complete resource for technology and marketing executives looking to cut through the hype and produce real results that hit the bottom line. Providing an engaging, thorough overview of the current state of big data analytics and the growing trend toward high performance computing architectures, the book is a detail-driven look into how big data analytics can be leveraged to foster positive change and drive efficiency. With continued exponential growth in data and ever more competitive markets, businesses must adapt quickly to gain every competitive advantage available. Big data analytics can serve as the linchpin for initiatives that drive business, but only if the underlying technology and analysis is fully understood and appreciated by engaged stakeholders. This book provides a view into the topic that executives, managers, and practitioners require, and includes: A complete overview of big data and its notable characteristics Details on high performance computing architectures for analytics, massively parallel processing (MPP), and in-memory databases Comprehensive coverage of data mining, text analytics, and machine learning algorithms A discussion of explanatory and predictive modeling, and how they can be applied to decision-making processes Big Data, Data Mining, and Machine Learning provides technology and marketing executives with the complete resource that has been notably absent from the veritable libraries of published books on the topic. Take control of your organization's big data analytics to produce real results with a resource that is comprehensive in scope and light on hyperbole.

The Berenstain Bears discover various construction vehicles in this heavy-duty addition to the classic New York Times bestselling series. Gramps takes Brother, Sister, and Honey around town with Big Jake to learn all about construction vehicles. They see different types of machines workers use at construction sites, farms, and even in the woods. These are certainly no ordinary machines—they are big machines! The Berenstain Bears' Big Machines is a Level One I Can Read book, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences.

The ultimate in pressure cooker books--with 500 recipes for breakfasts, soups, mains, grains, vegetables, and desserts--each adapted for stovetop or electric models, such as Instapot. The old-fashioned pressure cooker has been rediscovered by modern home cooks, both for its quick-cooking powers (dried beans are perfectly soft in 35 minutes; risottos are tender in 20 minutes) and for its ability to infuse foods with intense flavor (carrots become sweeter, meat more savory). The Great Big Pressure Cooker Book has recipes for every device, stovetop and electric, no matter the manufacturer. Whether you're seeking an adventurous array of spices, found in dishes such as Cherry Chipotle Pulled Chicken or Smashed Sweet Potatoes with Pineapple and Ginger, or pure comfort food, like French Toast Bread Pudding or Classic Pot Roast and Potatoes, you'll find the perfect recipe--each labeled by level of ease--to feed your family. This is the only pressure cooker book you'll ever need.

The pioneer and undisputed expert in bread machine baking puts over 600 of her delicious bread recipes together in one convenient volume, with information and tips for successful results every time. This book is fully indexed and contains complete ingredient information, recipes and baking hints from five bread machine cookbooks.

The hug machine is available to hug anyone, any time, whether they are square or long, spikey or soft.

Don't have a CS degree? Neither does Rob. That's why he wrote this book: to fill the gaps in his career. The result? Over 450 pages of essentials skills and ideas every developer should know with illustrations by the author, who loves to sketch. An illustrated CS Primer, if you will. Rob is a self-taught software developer (like so many) and for most of his career he learned what was required to get the job done. When conversations veered toward core concepts, he disengaged. Rob decided to change all of this in 2014. He sat down and looked up all of the topics that a typical CS degree covers and then dove in. Half way through, he decided to write a book about what he was learning. That book is The Imposter's Handbook, a compendium of useful programming concepts from Algorithms to Complexity

Theory, TDD to Garbage Collection. Things you should really know if you're paid to write software.

Open out the giant fold-out pages to find out about some of the world's biggest, strongest and tallest machines. Full of the world's biggest machines found on building sites, farms, airports and dockyards including one of the biggest machines ever, the bucket-wheel excavator used in mining. For the biggest of machines, the book includes two giant foldout pages. This attractive picture book format replaces the original board book format, ISBN 9781409507314.

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Why do some cryptographic systems fail and others succeed? Stephen Kelley's new book, *Big Machines*, explores this fundamental question of cryptology by examining the history of three of the most renowned cipher systems of World War II - the German Enigma, the Japanese PURPLE, and the American SIGABA/ECM - to understand why the first two were broken by the allies and last remained unbroken. Were the allies' successes against Enigma and PURPLE due to inherent weaknesses in the Axis' machines, to poor communications security procedures, to physical compromise, or to all three? Was their failure to break the SIGABA/ECM due to the strength built into the American cipher or to Axis cryptanalytic incompetence? *Big Machines* investigates the histories of these three cryptosystems - how they were designed, how they were used, and how they were attacked by hostile cryptanalysts. Mr. Kelley compares the strengths and weaknesses inherent in each machine, and considers external factors influencing their ultimate security. *Big Machines* helps explain the allies' overwhelming victory in the critical information war with Germany and Japan. Aegean Park Press is pleased to offer this unique and valuable addition to the literature of both cryptology and the Second World War.

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Machine Learning: A Constraint-Based Approach provides readers with a refreshing look at the basic models and algorithms of machine learning, with an emphasis on current topics of interest that includes neural networks and kernel machines. The book presents the information in a truly unified manner that is based on the notion of learning from environmental constraints. While regarding symbolic knowledge bases as a collection of constraints, the book draws a path towards a deep integration with machine learning that relies on the idea of adopting multivalued logic formalisms, like in fuzzy systems. A special attention is reserved to deep learning, which nicely fits the constrained-based approach followed in this book. This book presents a simpler unified notion of regularization, which is strictly connected with the parsimony principle, and includes many solved exercises that are classified according to the Donald Knuth ranking of difficulty, which essentially consists of a mix of warm-up exercises that lead to deeper research problems. A software simulator is also included. Presents fundamental machine learning concepts, such as neural networks and kernel machines in a unified manner Provides in-depth coverage of unsupervised and semi-supervised learning Includes a software simulator for kernel machines and learning from constraints that also includes exercises to facilitate learning Contains 250 solved examples and exercises chosen particularly for their progression of difficulty from simple to complex

In *The Big Red Machine*, astute Liberal observer Stephen Clarkson tells the story of the Liberal Party's performance in the last nine elections, providing essential historical context for each and offering incisive, behind-the-scenes detail about how the party has planned, changed, and executed its successful electoral strategies. Arguing that the Liberal Party has opportunistically straddled the political centre since Sir John A. Macdonald -- leaning left or moving right and as circumstances required -- Clarkson also shows that the party's grip on power is becoming increasingly uncertain, having lost its appeal not just in the West, but now in Quebec. Its campaigns now reflect the splintering of the party system and the integration of Canada into the global economy.

Life has never been easy. Life has never been kind. It is always hungry. It is never full. Enter the struggles within the pages of *The Big Machine Eats*. Where fathers clash with sons, cannibals turn on cannibals, and sometimes sandwich meat is far from the worst choice a person can make. These stories, along with the continuing adventures of Bishop Rider, make up the bulk of this collection. They are not for the faint of heart. They are not for those who fail to believe one should get what one deserves. We must help ourselves. We must help those who find themselves unable. If not, it's as the sign says: *The Big Machine Will Eat*. Praise for *THE BIG MACHINE EATS*: "Beau Johnson has put together a collection of stories so compelling that you will want to set aside a few hours each time you come to it. One just isn't enough, and the next thing you know you'll be grumpy at work because you stayed up way past your bedtime." —Paul Heatley, author of *Fatboy* "Beau Johnson takes you to dark places and shines a light on the ugly things that happen there. His perfectly created, bigger-than-life Bishop Rider is a modern-day anti-hero and Johnson writes the surrounding stories with savage suspense. *The Big Machine Eats* is the perfect follow-up to his debut *A Better Kind of Hate*." —Marietta Miles, author of *Route 12* and *May* "These deliciously dark stories will stay with you long after you've read them. Johnson is a natural storyteller—insightful, empathic, and, above all, brutally honest. He takes readers places they really don't want to go, drawing them into a grubby underworld of bad guys doing very bad things to very bad people. Retribution is a common theme, and Johnson never shirks from the grisly details as his characters come up with even more inventive ways to settle old scores. Revenge, here, isn't just served cold—it's delivered on ice, and then some. *The Big Machine Eats* is a gripping collection from a writer at the top of his game." —Gary Duncan, author of *You're Not Supposed To Cry* "An extremely entertaining and clever collection of stories from one of the biggest names in the game. He invites readers along for a wild ride through the seediest neighborhoods of his twisted mind in this fantastic follow up to *A Better Kind of Hate*. He holds your heart in his hand as he introduces you to some fascinating characters, then rips it out as the world is turned on its head, so you can see that everything bad can touch even the most beautiful. No matter how safe you feel. Let him help you see the demons that walk among us and shine some light through the darkness. Clearly the best collection you will read this year." —Kevin Berg, author of *Daddy Monster* and *Indifference* "Beau Johnson has a way of luring you in with his sharp wit, discerning eye, and conversational voice. You'd follow him anywhere, even after you careen off a cliff and plunge into the darkest depths of the human psyche—and sometimes not so human. A helluva brutal collection from a ferociously twisted mind." —Sarah M. Chen, author of *Cleaning Up Finn* "Beau is back, once again proving he is the alchemist of conflict as he continues to peel back the fingernails of human frailty and forces us to stare into the darkness found there." —Tom Pitts, author of *American Static* and *101* "Beau Johnson excels at the base, those twisted places we don't want to go. Whether that is sexually motivated, or fueled by revenge or something more sinister (if not all three at once), Johnson puts his subjects beneath the microscope. What we get is, yes, the truth, but more than that: we get an extreme close-up of the horrifically beautiful." —Joe Clifford, author of *The Jay Porter* thriller series and *The One That Got Away*

The #1 New York Times bestseller—Now a Major Motion Picture from Paramount Pictures From the author of *The Blind Side* and *Moneyball*, *The Big Short* tells the story of four outsiders in the world of high-finance who predict the credit and housing bubble collapse before anyone else. The film adaptation by Adam McKay (*Anchorman I and II*, *The Other Guys*) features Academy Award® winners Christian Bale,

Brad Pitt, Melissa Leo and Marisa Tomei; Academy Award® nominees Steve Carell and Ryan Gosling. When the crash of the U.S. stock market became public knowledge in the fall of 2008, it was already old news. The real crash, the silent crash, had taken place over the previous year, in bizarre feeder markets where the sun doesn't shine and the SEC doesn't dare, or bother, to tread. Who understood the risk inherent in the assumption of ever-rising real estate prices, a risk compounded daily by the creation of those arcane, artificial securities loosely based on piles of doubtful mortgages? In this fitting sequel to Liar's Poker, Michael Lewis answers that question in a narrative brimming with indignation and dark humor.

"This lively poem captures the excitement and enthusiasm of a class of students who have created their own "big machine boogie", inspired by the movements of machines at work nearby"--Publisher's website.

Looks at the history of the Cincinnati Reds, describes the role of Riverfront Stadium in the city's rejuvenation, and examines the city's longterm relationship with baseball.

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