

Great Courses Guidebooks

This book contains a collection of formal and informal reading assessments for use with students in Grades k-12. These assessments assist the teacher in targeting areas of strength and weakness, in monitoring student reading development, and in planning appropriate instruction. Unlike large-scale achievement tests, the majority of these assessments can be administered individually. Each assessment was selected because it measures an important research-based reading skill and because it is quick, reliable, and easy to use. Each assessment provides clear and accurate individual student information. The assessments included in this book are informal assessments designed to measure specific skills critical to successful reading. Some of the assessments are curriculum-based, while others are criteria-based, depending on the purpose of the assessment. Similarly, some assessments target specific skills, some are instruments for broader screening, and some can be used for both types of assessment. Spanish assessments are provided for the early grades where many students may still be in bilingual programs or may be receiving Spanish primary language instruction before transitioning to English programs. Profile Forms and Class Records found in the Appendix provide an easy way for teachers to summarize assessment results. Appended are: (1) core Reading Assessment Profile Forms; (2) core Reading Assessment Class Records; (3) Performance Criteria for Fluency and Fluency Scores: a Discussion; (4) Assessment-Driven Instruction: a Systems Approach; and (5) Resources for Assessing Reading. [Contributing authors include: Orna Lenchner, Michael Milone, and Jacalyn Mahler.].

The City of God is a monumental work - not just for its scale and structure, but for what it asks of us as readers. In this first lecture, dive into the many layers of this powerful book, surveying why Augustine wrote it, for whom, and what impact it still has on our world today.

Jacques Derrida is one of the most influential and controversial philosophers of the last fifty years. Derrida on Deconstruction introduces and assesses: Derrida's life and the background to his philosophy the key themes of the critique of metaphysics, language and ethics that characterize his most widely read works the continuing importance of Derrida's work to philosophy. This is a much-needed introduction for philosophy or humanities students undertaking courses on Derrida.

Dizzying new technologies are putting unprecedented stress on America's core constitutional values, as protections for privacy, property, and free speech are shrinking due to the wonders of modern life-- from the Internet to digital imaging to artificial intelligence. Today, it's easy to think that we have far more privacy and other personal rights than we in fact do. Only by educating ourselves about the current state of the law and the risks posed by our own inventions can we develop an informed opinion about where to draw hard lines, how to promote changes in the system, and what we can do to protect ourselves.

In the tradition of *The Power of Habit* and *Thinking, Fast and Slow* comes a practical, playful, and endlessly fascinating guide to what we really know about learning and memory today—and how we can apply it to our own lives. From an early age, it is drilled into our heads: Restlessness, distraction, and ignorance are the enemies of success. We're told that learning is all self-discipline, that we must confine ourselves to designated study areas, turn off the music, and maintain a strict ritual if we want to ace that test, memorize that presentation, or nail that piano recital. But what if almost everything we were told about learning is wrong? And what if there was a way to achieve more with less effort? In *How We Learn*, award-winning science reporter Benedict Carey sifts through decades of education research and landmark studies to uncover the truth about how our brains absorb and retain information. What he discovers is that, from the moment we are born, we are all learning quickly, efficiently, and automatically; but in our zeal to systematize the process we have ignored valuable, naturally enjoyable learning tools like forgetting, sleeping, and daydreaming. Is a dedicated desk in a quiet room really the best way to study? Can altering your routine improve your recall? Are there times when distraction is good? Is repetition necessary? Carey's search for answers to these questions yields a wealth of strategies that make learning more a part of our everyday lives—and less of a chore. By road testing many of the counterintuitive techniques described in this book, Carey shows how we can flex the neural muscles that make deep learning possible. Along the way he reveals why teachers should give final exams on the first day of class, why it's wise to interleave subjects and concepts when learning any new skill, and when it's smarter to stay up late prepping for that presentation than to rise early for one last cram session. And if this requires some suspension of disbelief, that's because the research defies what we've been told, throughout our lives, about how best to learn. The brain is not like a muscle, at least not in any straightforward sense. It is something else altogether, sensitive to mood, to timing, to circadian rhythms, as well as to location and environment. It doesn't take orders well, to put it mildly. If the brain is a learning machine, then it is an eccentric one. In *How We Learn*, Benedict Carey shows us how to exploit its quirks to our advantage.

From America's most authoritative source: the quintessential primer on understanding and managing your money *Money* courses through just about every corner of our lives and has an impact on the way we live today and how we'll be able to live in the future. Understanding your money, and getting it to work for you, has never been more important than it is today, as more and more of us are called upon to manage every aspect of our financial lives, from managing day-to-day living expenses to planning a college savings fund and, ultimately, retirement. From *The Wall Street Journal*, the most trusted name in financial and money matters, this indispensable book takes the mystery out of personal finance. Start with the basics, learn how they work, and you'll become a better steward of your own money, today and in the future. Consider *The Wall Street Journal Complete Personal Finance Guidebook* your cheat sheet to the finances of your life. This book will help you:

- Understand the nuts and bolts of managing your money: banking, investing, borrowing, insurance, credit cards, taxes, and more
- Establish realistic budgets and savings plans
- Develop an investment strategy that makes sense for you
- Make the right

financial decisions about real estate • Plan for retirement intelligently Also available—the companion to this guidebook: The Wall Street Journal Personal Finance Workbook, by Jeff D. Opdyke Get your financial life in order with help from The Wall Street Journal. Look for: • The Wall Street Journal Complete Money and Investing Guidebook • The Wall Street Journal Complete Identity Theft Guidebook • The Wall Street Journal Complete Real Estate Investing Guidebook

Over the decades, the game of golf has witnessed all manner of books profiling the "Great Courses You Can Play," with countless state, regional and national titles highlighting America's best public and resort facilities. But this, a fully revised and expanded second edition of The American Private Golf Club Guide, is entirely different, for it is a guidebook dedicated to the nation's private clubs - 1,100 of them in particular which, given the number of multi-course facilities covered, adds up to more than 1,230 profiled courses. Its purpose is to provide accurate, detailed and candid assessments of the country's best and most important private golf facilities, in order to aid the traveling golfer in determining where he or she might wish to play. Course profiles range from 150-400 words and also include complete contact information, a course's current national/state ranking(s) and a five-star Collectability Rating - a unique course rating method entirely exclusive to the Guide. Also something of a reference volume for historians and architectural aficionados, The American Private Golf Club Guide is the centerpiece of MT III Golf Media's series of national and regional course guidebooks, and is an indispensable source of information to golfers nationwide.

Provides the information needed to manage and conduct a customer survey program. The book walks the reader through the various stages of a survey with particular emphasis on the design of a survey questionnaire, the administration of that questionnaire, and the analysis of data using spread sheet tools. Questions a novice surveyor might have are answered. The book also dedicates a chapter to electronic surveying tools.

Thirty-six lessons on the world history taught by Professor J. Rufus Fears from University of Oklahoma.

So, you want to go to Europe? But how could you not? There's something awfully romantic about spending midnight in Paris, watching the lights shine on the famed La Seine. There's something special about hearing the growls and grunts of cars on the vias and around the piazzas of Rome. There's something magical about walking on the streets of London in front of Buckingham Palace as the roads close down for the iconic Changing of the Guard. Europe--rich with history, culture, art, and adventure-- is the ultimate destination for any backpacker from any background. For all the hullabaloo around this small piece of land attached to Asia, the fairytale-like legends that you hear from old men in the park, friends, and parents are, for most part, true stories. Well, maybe all except for that one time Uncle Marty claimed he found an old manuscript of Ulysses on a Dublin pub crawl. Pub crawls and pretentious reading material aside, Europe awaits you. Paraglide in the mountains of Gimmelwald, shimmy your way into the most exclusive clubs of Berlin, or scuba dive between two tectonic plates in Iceland. When in Dubrovnik, find love on Lokrum Island and, in Athens, find your Adonis or Aphrodite. Get blown away by the beat of the Pamplona's Running of the Bulls and cheer on European sports teams in Munich's beer gardens. Europe has been, and will continue to be, the starting point for the adventures of students all around the world. Join the company of your fellow wanderlust-stricken adventure seekers and set your trip apart from the rest. Ready, set, Let's Go!

All writing--whether it's an essay, a personal letter, or a detailed business report--is at its most memorable when it's built on the fundamental and critical skills that transform your words from good to great. The first lectures provide the first key to more engaging and effective writing: understanding literary genres and the ways their unique styles can shape and inform your own voice. The focus then shifts to the art of rhetoric and the ways it can help you adapt your writing to a variety of situations. The final part is a step-by-step guide through the writing process in its four major stages: researching, first draft, editing and rewriting.

This book celebrates the beauty, tradition, and variety of golf across the Carolinas, featuring eighteen beloved courses as experienced by the walking golfer. One of golf's earliest appeals was its health-giving benefits, with players walking some four miles over varied terrain, making stamina and endurance an important part of the sport. Most recreational players today choose motorized carts. But Lee Pace believes that the slower pace and on-the-ground view associated with walking gives one an opportunity to savor the experience, understand the nuances of course design and landscape architecture, and appreciate the small touches that make our region's best clubs and courses special. The Carolinas are a cradle for the game in the United States, making walking its courses an ideal way to connect past and present. Attractively illustrated with full-color photography, each essay tells the story of a course and how it is experienced on foot. Guiding readers around fabled courses like Pinehurst No. 2 and new classics like Kiawah Island's Ocean Course, private clubs and municipal courses, resort destinations and urban gems, Pace reflects on legendary course architects, famous tournaments, notable players, ties between the game's founders and the Carolinas, and more. Whether you're a committed traditionalist or new to the game, this book will inspire you to slow down and enjoy the best of what golf has to offer.

This lecture course by Professor Robert C. Solomon of the University of Texas explores existentialism and the leading writers and philosophers who have been associated with this philosophical movement. CosmologyThe History and Nature of Our Universe

The full canon of Daoism comprises roughly 1500 texts. Study seminal scriptures such as the Neiye, the Huainanzi, the Scripture on Great Peace, and the Declarations of the Perfected. Grasp how the Daozang, or complete canon, is organized into three "Caverns" or divisions, reflecting the major schools of Daoism.

In the second edition of this title, Nickolas Pappas extends his exploration of Plato's text to include substantial revisions and new material. The chapters on Plato's ethics and politics have been revised and enlarged to include two brand new sections, plus further discussion of Plato on aesthetics.

Lectures by Dr. David Zarefsky, Professor of Argumentation and Debate and Professor of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, cover the history of rhetoric and debate as well as analysis of different types of arguments in various situations.

This course provides a non-technical and accesible description of the central foundational concepts and historical development of the topic in theoretical physics called superstring/M-theory.

Provides an overview of fundamental nutrition concepts and the science underlying them.

Aristotle's Poetics is the first philosophical account of an art form and the foundational text in aesthetics. The Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Aristotle and the Poetics is an accessible guide to this often dense and cryptic work. Angela Curran introduces and assesses: Aristotle's life and the background to the Poetics the ideas and text of the Poetics the continuing importance of Aristotle's work to philosophy

today.

A thirty-six lecture course that explores the history and culture of China.

Part 1 includes an introduction to the entire series and to the enduring problems of philosophy. The critical tensions in Western thought are identified and the context is set for the great conversation that follows. This first part of the series is foundational, designed to teach basic facts about the philosophers and traditions covered. Classical Origins examines the origins of philosophy in the Greco-Roman world. Learn the basics of operating a camera and get practical tips for taking your photography to the next level. Suggested homework assignments can be completed after each lecture to help you put the principles of this course into practice.

A guide to the best beaches, restaurants, casinos and shopping—and everything else—that the Bahamas has to offer. Explorer's Guide The Bahamas: A Great Destination treads confidently where other guidebooks stop short: it goes past the beaches, casinos, and duty-free shops to bring you into ancestral lands, fishing settlements, goat farms, conch shacks, theaters, and art galleries. The Bahamas' clear waters and multihued coral reefs are gifts just waiting to be unwrapped.

With half a million copies in print, How to Read a Book is the best and most successful guide to reading comprehension for the general reader, completely rewritten and updated with new material. A CNN Book of the Week: "Explains not just why we should read books, but how we should read them. It's masterfully done." –Farheed Zakaria Originally published in 1940, this book is a rare phenomenon, a living classic that introduces and elucidates the various levels of reading and how to achieve them—from elementary reading, through systematic skimming and inspectional reading, to speed reading. Readers will learn when and how to "judge a book by its cover," and also how to X-ray it, read critically, and extract the author's message from the text. Also included is instruction in the different techniques that work best for reading particular genres, such as practical books, imaginative literature, plays, poetry, history, science and mathematics, philosophy and social science works. Finally, the authors offer a recommended reading list and supply reading tests you can use measure your own progress in reading skills, comprehension, and speed.

A series of 24 half-hour lectures on a college course level. Examines what available sources can reliably tell us about Jesus' words and deeds in the context of 1st-century Roman Palestine and the Jewish religious environment of the time.

Everything you never knew about sushi—its surprising origins, the colorful lives of its chefs, and the bizarre behavior of the creatures that compose it Trevor Corson takes us behind the scenes at America's first sushi-chef training academy, as eager novices strive to master the elusive art of cooking without cooking. He delves into the biology and natural history of the edible creatures of the sea, and tells the fascinating story of an Indo-Chinese meal reinvented in nineteenth-century Tokyo as a cheap fast food. He reveals the pioneers who brought sushi to the United States and explores how this unlikely meal is exploding into the American heartland just as the long-term future of sushi may be unraveling. The Story of Sushi is at once a compelling tale of human determination and a delectable smorgasbord of surprising food science, intrepid reporting, and provocative cultural history.

In his 36 lectures, professor Mark Whittle talks on knowledge of astronomy and our universe.

Provides basic information about the biology, life cycles, and behavior of birds, along with brief profiles of each of the eighty bird families in North America.

Professor J. Rufus Fears presents his choices of some of the most essential writings in history. These are works that shaped the minds of great individuals and that offer an extraordinary gift of wisdom to those willing to receive it. Focus is on intellectual history and ethics, taking the underlying ideas of each great work and revealing how these ideas can be put to use in a moral and ethical life. From the Aeneid and the Book of Job to Othello and 1984, the range in time is from the 3rd millennium B.D. to the 20th century, and in locale from Mesopotamia and China to Europe and America.

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