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The home, an essential part of the American dream, has been beset by troubles since the beginning of the Great Recession in 2007. Whether from an unstable housing economy, ever-rising energy costs, or the environmental ruin of urban sprawl, the origin and variety of these assaults can be bewildering. Surprisingly, some of the answers to many of these modern-day troubles lie in some of humanity 1/2 most ancient building techniques. Earth-sheltered building has existed since the heyday of Skara Brae in Scotland 5,000 years ago, and is used today by people around the world, from the Yaodong of northwest China to the subterranean residents of Coober Pedy, Australia, and even to converted missile silos in America. If you have ever looked at your power bill in stunned disbelief, if you are interested in green building techniques, or if you want your home to stand out (or hide out), then this book is for you. Contrary to popular misconceptions of being cramped, dark, or dank domiciles, earth-sheltered homes come in a number of different styles, incorporating brilliant techniques designed to bring light and air into the home. With The Complete Guide to Building Affordable Earth-Sheltered Homes, you will learn about the many different types of earth-sheltered homes and their various advantages, including a life span that can be two to three times longer than that of conventional housing, inexpensive building materials, and reduced maintenance costs. Additionally, the energy costs of an earth-sheltered home can be as much as 80 percent lower than a conventional home 1/2s power costs. The book will also examine the different environmental factors that you need to consider when selecting which style to build and how to begin, and carry out, your building process. Some of the factors discussed include the different types of soil and how to adjust to them, the level of precipitation and how to manage runoff, and how to maximize use of natural light sources. Construction experts and earth-sheltered homebuilders have been interviewed and their expertise is included in this guide to help you learn how you can create your own underground home. Details of construction methods are found throughout the book, including tips and advice for planning, excavation, flooring, walls, framing, waterproofing, roofing, drainage, and insulation. You will also learn how to pour your own footings and floor, how to dry stack concrete block walls, how to use post and beam framing, and how to waterproof the membranes. With the information provided in this book, you can start planning and building your own earth-sheltered home in no time so that you, too, can benefit from the natural protection of the earth. If earth-sheltered building is good enough for Bill Gates 1/2 \$136 million mansion, then it just might be good enough for you too.

Crisis in Central America examines the development of various aspects of U.S. policy toward Central America. It analyses external pressures on Central American countries and regional dynamics.

The only textbook bearing the imprimatur of the American College of Surgeons, ACS Surgery 7 provides a comprehensive reference work across all stages of surgical training and practice, from resident to experienced practitioner. ACSS7 covers thoroughly medical knowledge and patient care, as well as other competencies- professionalism, interpersonal communication, systems-based practice, and practice-based learning and improvement. The illustrations, diagrams, tables, and algorithms enhance and clarify concepts outlined in the text. In addition, monthly updating online means the work is continually renewed and current on an ongoing basis.

An emerging star in the field of US-China policy pairs leading scholars from both the US and China in dialogues about the most crucial elements of the relationship. Chronicles the remarkable friendship between reclusive, unconventional poet Emily Dickinson and Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, a radical abolitionist, reformer and writer, who became responsible for the publication of her poetry after her death. Reprint. A National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist.

The QRI-5 has long led the field in offering students and teachers alike a reliable and easy-to-use informal assessment instrument. This Fifth Edition continues to emphasize authentic assessment of children's reading abilities, from the most emergent readers to advanced readers. One of the keys to the success of the QRI-5 is that it contains narrative and expository passages at each pre-primer through high school level. All are self-contained selections highly representative of the structure and topic of materials found in basal readers and content-area textbooks. This new edition includes new narrative texts that are even easier than the pre-primer passages previously included. At the same time, it provides graded word lists and numerous passages designed to assess the oral reading, silent reading, or listening comprehension of a student as well as questions to assess prior knowledge. Instructors can measure comprehension by retelling passages, using implicit and explicit questions, and using other devices. What's New in the QRI-5? # Narrative texts even easier than the pre-primer passages previously included, as well as another narrative to all primary grade levels. # Passages at pre-primer through second grade levels that are presented with and without pictures. # Map and illustrations as part of expository selections at fourth through high school levels. # Accompanying DVD content has been expanded to include * Examples of students reading orally * Scored protocols to accompany readings * Directions for administering each segment of the QRI * Tables/Charts that increase consisters the constant that increase consisters that increase consisters that increase consisters that increase consisters and textures the constant that increase consisters are consisters and to accompany the property of the QRI * Tables/Charts that increase consisters are consistent to accompany the property of the

Guidebook for the Preparation of HACCP Plans

This book is for all the brides and fans of Makeup Makeovers who want more specific tips on bridal makeup. A complete guide to wedding beauty by a well-known makeup artist and beauty consultant. The author travels all over the country every month speaking to real women just like you. If you have always wanted to learn from a makeup artist that knows how to make a bride look her most beautiful then this is the book for you. This stunning book is a full-color guide to applying wedding makeup, with countless stunning before-and-after pictures of regular women throughout. It is highly instructional and does not just show model perfect women, instead it focuses on the girl next door, your best friend and you. Every woman can be beautiful on her wedding day, no matter what her age or ethnic background, with Robert's makeup techniques. Every women will be able to find women that she can relate to in this book. Makeup Makeovers: Weddings features special makeup techniques for morning, midday, afternoon

and evening weddings; because with each time of day you will photograph differently and as we all know one of the most important things to think about is how you will photograph. There is also chapters on more makeup tricks for wedding photos, and, of course, makeup for bridesmaids and matrons of honor. This is THE book for every bride wether you are buying it for your self or as a gift, it will tell you everything you ever needed or wanted to know about bridal makeup.

ADOBE DREAMWEAVER CS6: COMPLETE, International Edition follows the Shelly Cashman Series® proven step-by-step, screen-by-screen approach to teaching the Adobe Dreamweaver CS6 software. The pedagogy of this text has been enhanced to reflect the learning styles of today's students. Readers will easily follow along with the chapters in the text to gain valuable and comprehensive software skills to build their own exciting and dynamic Web sites and develop Internet applications.

For private eye Rich Weed, the smart thing to do would've been to say no. No to the heart-stoppingly beautiful woman who sauntered through the front door. No to the case that smelled fishier than a Venusian squid farm. No to the thief who left behind more than he made off with. But no one's ever accused Rich of taking the easy path in life--or the smart one. Now Rich is stuck in the thick of it, bouncing between clues as he tries to unravel a bizarre case of religious brainwashing--one that leads him from the mandibles of waffle-loving aliens to the unwashed hands of half-baked hippies and back. As the mystery thickens, only one thing is clear: as lovely as the client was, he really should've told her no.

What if you found out that there was another world inside your own? What if all of the things you thought made you weird, actually made you powerful? Artemis's life is changed forever when the mysterious man from her dreams, Ares, comes to claim her as his mate. The seventeen year old girl must find a way to adapt to her true life and accept her fate or run from it. She must overcome her fears and human ideals to give her self to the dangerous world, and man, that is her destiny.

This book addresses the complications and implications of parental involvement as a policy, through an exploratory theoretical approach, including historical and sociological accounts and personal reflection. This approach represents the author's effort to understand the origins, meanings, and effects of parental involvement as a prerequisite of schooling and particularly as a policy 'solution' for low achievement and even inequity in the American educational system. Most of the policy and research discourse on school-family relations exalts the partnership ideal, taking for granted its desirability and viability, the perspective of parents on specific involvement in instruction, and the conditions of diverse families in fulfilling their appointed role in the partnership. De Carvalho takes a distinct stance. She argues that the partnership-parental ideal neglects several major factors: It proclaims parental involvement as a means to enhance (and perhaps equalize) school outcomes, but disregards how family material and cultural conditions, and feelings about schooling, differ according to social class; thus, the partnership-parental involvement ideal is more likely to be a projection of the model of upper-middle class, suburban community schooling than an open invitation for diverse families to recreate schooling. Although it appeals to the image of the traditional community school, the pressure for more family educational accountability really overlooks history as well as present social conditions. Finally, family-school relations are relations of power, but most families are powerless. De Carvalho makes the case that two linked effects of this policy are the gravest: the imposition of a particular parenting style and intrusion into family life, and the escalation of educational inequality. Rethinking Family-School Relations: A Critique of Parental Involvement in Schooling--a carefully researched and persuasively argued work--is essential reading for all school professionals, parents, and individuals concerned

This volume provides advice for keeping your broadband network safe and secure. It contains detailed configuration information for different operating systems and explains personal Internet security in layman's terms. It also reviews home security software.

What if you inherited Sherlock Holmes's book of unsolved cases? Xena and Xander Holmes have just discovered they're related to Sherlock Holmes and have inherited his unsolved casebook! The siblings set out to solve the cases their famous ancestor couldn't, starting with the mystery of a prized painting that vanished more than a hundred years ago. Can two smart twenty-first-century kids succeed where Sherlock Holmes could not? Modern technology meets the classic detective story in The 100-Year-Old Secret, the first in Tracy Barrett's terrific new mystery series that will intrigue young sleuths everywhere!

When Franklin D. Roosevelt's agriculture secretary and vice-president, Henry A. Wallace, had completed his junior year at lowa State College in 1909, his family sent him on a western tour "in search of the Corn Belt farmer." Young Henry was to report to the family journal, Wallace's Farmer, how former Corn Belt farmers were prospering in the districts newly irrigated under public or private auspices, such as Arizona's Salt River, Idaho's Boise-Payette and Twin Falls, and farms on the Arkansas River near Garden City, Kansas. Wallace's articles, collected and reprinted here for the first time, are lively descriptions of up-and-coming western locales such as Amarillo, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; the orange groves of southern California; the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys; and the Greeley District of Colorado. Along the way, the young reporter and agriculturist critiqued dry farming in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and wrestled calves on a Matador Land Company ranch in the Texas panhandle. Henry Wallace made a specialty of down-home conversation with farmers and their wives and of cross-examining the real-estate agents who profited from the government's commitment to sell water rights to the new property owners. He wrote what today we call New History, concentrating on the impact of irrigation on individuals more than technology, law, or institutions. Modern-day readers will prize Wallace's clear, expert analysis of the different environments that he visited and his farmer-conservationist ethic. Social historians will be interested as he explains how the closer proximity of irrigated farms and greater abundance of neighbors would produce prosperous communities with schools, roads, and social institutions better than most that then prevailed in America's rural regions. They will be fascinated to learn how the cooperative aspects of irrigation farming tempered the independence of the immigrants from the Corn Belt.

In Post-War Britain cultural interventions were a feature of fascist parties and movements, just as they were in Europe. This book makes a new major contribution to existing scholarship which begins to discuss British fascism as a cultural phenomenon. A collection of essays from leading academics, this book uncovers how a cultural struggle lay at the heart of the hegemonic projects of all varieties of British fascism. Such a cultural struggle is enacted and reflected in the text and talk, music and literature of British fascism. Where other published works have examined the cultural visions of British fascism during the inter-war period, this book is the first to dedicate itself to detailed critical analysis of the post-war cultural landscapes of British fascism. Through discussions of cultural phenomena such as folk music, fashion and neo-nazi fiction, among others, Cultures of Post-War British Fascism builds a picture of Post-War Britain which emphasises the importance of understanding these politics with reference to their corresponding cultural output. This book is essential reading for undergraduates and postgraduates studying far right politics and British history.

This acclaimed book examines Germany's external relations with four former enemies—France, Israel, Poland, and the Czech Republic—as it achieved international rehabilitation after the Holocaust. Blending and balancing moral imperatives with pragmatic interests, Germany emerges as a model for how the bitterest of enemies can reconcile.

From starry night rituals to garden toad totems, discover the enchanting craft of the HedgeWitch. Transform your life with a little help from nature! Working in harmony with the earth's energy is the heart of the free-spirited, simple garden magick known as HedgeWitchery. This guidebook from the immensely popular Silver RavenWolf has everything a new HedgeWitch needs to connect in a personal way with nature's creative, life-affirming energy and use it in magick and spellwork. HedgeWitch features a fourteen-lesson, hands-on guide that you complete at your own pace, interacting with different aspects of nature in simple yet life-changing ways. The fourteen rituals, which can be done alone or with a group, culminate in an inspiring dedication ceremony. Along with a wealth of helpful hints on using HedgeWitch magick for love, health, and beauty, this guide presents tips and recipes for soap making, tea-leaf reading, butterfly garden magick, organically growing your own herbs, and a variety of other ways to use HedgeWitchery in your hearth, home, and garden. Praise for Silver RavenWolf: "RavenWolf's prose is delightful and inviting...a wonderful guidebook for readers who are serious about beginning a Wiccan spiritual journey."—Publishers Weekly

Part of the "Research in the Sociology of Health Care" series, this title deals with both macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving access to care, factors that impact access, patients as partners in care and changing roles of health providers.

If you are a developer who is working on data mining for large companies and would like to enhance your knowledge of SQL Server Data Mining Suite, this book is for you. Whether you are brand new to data mining or are a seasoned expert, you will be able to master the skills needed to build a data mining solution.

Follow two abolitionists who fought one of the most shockingly persistent evils of the world: human trafficking and sexual exploitation of slaves. Told in alternating chapters from perspectives spanning more than a century apart, read the riveting 19th century first-hand account of Harriet Jacobs and the modern-day eyewitness account of Timothy Ballard. Harriet Jacobs was an African-American, born into slavery in North Carolina in 1813. She thwarted the sexual advances of her master for years until she escaped and hid in the attic crawl space of her grandmother's house for seven years before escaping north to freedom. She published an autobiography of her life, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, which was one of the first open discussions about sexual abuse endured by slave women. She was an active abolitionist, associated with Frederick Douglass, and, during the Civil War, used her celebrity to raise money for black refugees. After the war, she worked to improve the conditions of newly-freed slaves. As a former Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security who has seen the horrors and carnage of war, Timothy Ballard founded a modern-day "underground railroad" which has rescued hundreds of children from being fully enslaved, abused, or trafficked in third-world countries. His story includes the rescue and his eventual adoption of two young siblings--Mia and Marky, who were born in Haiti. Section 2 features the lives of five abolitionists, a mix of heroes from past to present, who call us to action and teach us life lessons based on their own experiences: Harriet Tubman--The "Conductor"; Abraham Lincoln--the "Great Emancipator"; Little Mia--the sister who saved her little brother; Guesno Mardy--the Haitian father who lost his son to slave traders; and Harriet Jacobs--a teacher for us all. Latin Vocabulary - Volume I has over 15,000 Latin words with their English translations.

Historian Thomas J. Misa's sweeping history of the relationship between technology and society over the past 500 years reveals how technological innovations have shaped -- and have been shaped by -- the cultures in which they arose. Spanning the preindustrial past, the age of scientific, political, and industrial revolutions, as well as the more recent eras of imperialism, modernism, and global security, this compelling work evaluates what Misa calls "the question of technology." Misa brings his acclaimed text up to date by examining how today's unsustainable energy systems, insecure information networks, and vulnerable global shipping have helped foster geopolitical risks and instability. A masterful analysis of how technology and culture have influenced each other over five centuries, Leonardo to the Internet frames a history that illuminates modern-day problems and prospects faced by our technology-dependent world. Praise for the first edition "Closely reasoned, reflective, and written with insight, grace, and wit, Misa's book takes us on a personal tour of technology and history, seeking to define and analyze paradigmatic techno-cultural eras." -- Technology and Culture "Follows [Thomas] Hughes's model of combining an engaging historical narrative with deeper lessons about technology." -- American Scholar "His case studies, such as that of Italian futurism or the localizations of the global McDonalds, provide good starting points for thought and discussion." -- Journal of Interdisciplinary History "This review cannot do justice to the precision and grace with which Misa analyzes technologies in their social contexts. He convincingly demonstrates the usefulness of his conceptual model." -- History and Technology "A fascinating, informative, and well-illustrated book." -- Choice

Thousands of terms associated with apparel worn in the principal countries of Europe appear in this extensive and convenient reference. Alphabetically arranged, the profusely illustrated volume features over 1,300 detailed line drawings.

First English U.S. PREMIUM HARDCOVER Edition of the cult dystopia "METRO 2033". * * * Metro 2033 tells the story of a young man named Artyom who goes a long way to save his world from mortal danger. The book describes the consequences of an atomic war. Its only survivors strive for existence in the mazes of the Moscow subway (Metro) some two decades after the nuclear Holocaust. Formally a sci-fi novel, Metro 2033 describes a dystopia, in which Russia's present-day society is superficially analyzed and described. It also critically examines communism in the former Soviet Union and the rise of fascism in modern Russia. Over 2,000,000 copies of Metro 2033 have been sold worldwide. Foreign book rights have been sold to more than 37 countries. The franchise gave birth to two cult video games, Metro 2033 and Metro Last Light. Film rights were optioned by MGM Studios in Hollywood.

Cybercrime Case Presentation is a "first look" excerpt from Brett Shavers' new Syngress book, Placing the Suspect Behind the Keyboard. Case presentation requires the skills of a good forensic examiner and great public speaker in order to convey enough information to an audience for the audience to place the suspect behind the keyboard. Using a variety of visual aids, demonstrative methods, and analogies, investigators can effectively create an environment where the audience fully understands complex technical information and activity in a chronological fashion, as if they observed the case as it happened.

Growing up poor and on the move, Benjamin Zephaniah didn't tap into his true potential until he had sunk into the depths of despair. His way with words, his mother's love and his strong sense of community helped him to overcome the obstacles in his path. The moving story of a man who informs and amuses people all over the world with his love of life and his rapping rhythms. The Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) system is a scientific approach to process control where biological, chemical, or physical contamination of food products may occur. Copyright: 5558ab11ea9218dfd245494ae8c1b552