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A comprehensive guide to 2004 vehicles features the latest suggested retails and dealer invoice prices; listed ratings by performance, accommodations, and comfort; warranty information; money-saving tips; a "Best Buys" section; and much more. Original.

The Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography (1979-2015) provides a riveting new way to understand twenty-first-century China and a personal look at the changes that have taken place since the Reform and Opening Up era started in 1979. One hundred key individuals from this period were selected by an international group of experts, and the stories were written by more than 70 authors in 14 countries. The authors map the paths taken by these individuals-some rocky, some meandering, some fateful-and in telling their stories give contemporary Chinese history a human face. The editors have included-with the advice of myriad experts around the world-not only the life stories of politicians and government officials, who play a crucial role in the development of the country, but the stories of cultural figures including, film directors, activists, writers, and entrepreneurs from the mainland China, Hong Kong, and also from Taiwan. The "Greater China" that comes through in this

volume has diverse ideas and identities. It is often contradictory, sometimes fractious, and always full of creative human complexity. Some of the lives rendered here are heroic. Some are tragic, and many are inspirational. Some figures come in for trenchant criticism, and others are celebrated with a sense of wonder and awe. Like previous volumes of the Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography, this volume includes a range of appendices, including a pronunciation guide, a bibliography, and a timeline of key events.

Buying a car is never easy. Besides spending a sizeable amount of money on this investment, your liveliness probably relies on this vehicle. You need to know that your car will get you from point A to point B in a timely and safe manner—so buying a lemon is not something you can afford to do. *Buying A Car For Dummies* is for you if you need to find out how to buy, sell, insure, drive, protect, or rent a vehicle. It doesn't matter how old you are (as long as you can legally drive and have a license), this book can make your experience with cars a smooth ride. *Buying A Car For Dummies* can help you save a truckload of money over the life of your vehicle as you find out all you need to know about new and used car ownership in this entertaining and informative reference guide. This dependable book covers all avenues of buying and owning a car, from negotiating a fair price to finding reliable insurance to

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saving money on routine servicing. You'll stay in the driver's seat as you discover how to: Calculate how much your current car really costs you Weigh the pros and cons of buying new or used Get the best trade-in, resale, or donation value for your vehicle Pick out a cherry and avoid lemons—expert advice for buying a reliable used car Determine what features and options you really need in a new car Get the straight scoop on financing or leasing your car Find an insurance policy and company you can trust Protect your automotive assets—from steering wheel locks to full-blown security systems With *Buying A Car For Dummies* as your guide, you can park your fears, frustrations, and anxieties as you discover how to decide between buying or leasing new wheels, how to negotiate with car dealers, how to foil car thieves and carjackers, how to protect yourself in a breakdown or accident, and how to protect your automotive assets with insurance, warranties, and service contracts. Plus, the book features a list of ten great automotive Web sites for pricing information, ratings, industry news, diagnostic troubleshooting, and more.

The analysis and computational techniques associated with the navigation and guidance of spacecraft are now in a mature state of development. However the documentation has remained dispersed throughout conference papers, journals, company and contract reports, making it

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difficult to get a true, comprehensive picture of the subject. This text brings together the body of literature with suitable attention to the necessary underlying mathematics and computational techniques. It covers in detail the necessary orbital mechanics, orbit determination with emphasis on the SRIF algorithm, gravity assist manoeuvres and guidance, both ground-based and autonomous. Attention is paid to all phases of a space mission including launch and re-entry, and whether culminating in an earth satellite or a deep space mission to planets or primitive bodies. Software associated with the text is available free to the reader by means of the Internet server of the publisher. 'Spacecraft Navigation and Guidance' is an invaluable aid for all those working within astronautics, aeronautics, and control engineering in general.

Like the animal it's named for, Mac OS X Panther is beautiful, sleek, superbly efficient, dangerously alluring, and all muscle under the surface. Beneath its appealing interface, it's a hard-working machine. Those coming to Mac OS X from previous incarnations of the operating system recognize much of the friendly face of the Macintosh they're used to, but they're also plunged into a whole new world. Unix converts to Mac OS X find a familiar FreeBSD-like operating system at the core and many of the command-line applications that they're familiar with:

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it's like an open invitation to roll up their sleeves and hack. Mac OS X Panther Hacks brings together the perfect combination of tips, tricks, and tools to help serious Mac users--regardless of their background--get the most from their machines. This revised collection reflects the real-world know how of those well-steeped in Unix history and expertise, sharing their no-nonsense, sometimes quick-and-dirty solutions to administering and taking full advantage of everything a Unix desktop has to offer: Web, Mail, and FTP serving, security services, SSH, Perl and shell scripting, compiling, configuring, scheduling, networking, and hacking. Add to that the experience of die-hard Macintosh users, customizing and modifying their hardware and software to meet their needs. The end result is cool stuff no power user should be without. The hacks in the book range from the quick and easy to the more complex. Each can be read easily in a few minutes, saving countless hours of searching for the right answer. Mac OS X Panther Hacks provides direct, hands-on solutions in topics such as: User Interface Accessories (iPod, USB devices, mobile phones, PDAs, etc.) Wired and wireless networking (Ethernet, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc.) Email (servers and clients) Web (servers and clients) Messaging (iChat and associated apps) Printing and Faxing (sharing printers, fax server, etc.) Multimedia If you want more than your average Mac user--you want to

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explore and experiment, unearth shortcuts, create useful tools, and come up with fun things to try on your own--this book will set you on the right track. Written for users who need to go beyond what's covered in conventional manuals--Mac OS X Panther Hacks will bring your Mac to its full potential. Few people have experienced as much aerospace history as Bob Brulle (Lt. Col. Robert V. Brulle, USAF, Ret.), and fewer still possess his meticulous recall and research skills. The P-47 fighter pilot turned engineer, inventor, educator, and author found himself immersed in the Cold War race to the moon, developing cutting-edge technology, instructing future astronauts in aerodynamics and orbital mechanics, perfecting high-performance fighter aircraft to meet the Soviet challenge, overseeing the procurement of new weapon systems, and exploring alternative energy sources. In this book, he shares his unique personal insights into the triumphs and tragedies of one of the most exciting eras in American history.

The Smell of Kerosene tells the dramatic story of a NASA research pilot who logged over 11,000 flight hours in more than 125 types of aircraft. Donald Mallick gives the reader fascinating firsthand descriptions of his early naval flight training, carrier operations, and his research flying career with NASA and its predecessor agency, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA).

From Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen, the untold USA Today bestselling story of the CIA's secret paramilitary units.

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Surprise . . . your target. Kill . . . your enemy. Vanish . . . without a trace. When diplomacy fails, and war is unwise, the president calls on the CIA's Special Activities Division, a highly-classified branch of the CIA and the most effective, black operations force in the world. Originally known as the president's guerrilla warfare corps, SAD conducts risky and ruthless operations that have evolved over time to defend America from its enemies. Almost every American president since World War II has asked the CIA to conduct sabotage, subversion and, yes, assassination. With unprecedented access to forty-two men and women who proudly and secretly worked on CIA covert operations from the dawn of the Cold War to the present day, along with declassified documents and deep historical research, Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen unveils -- like never before -- a complex world of individuals working in treacherous environments populated with killers, connivers, and saboteurs. Despite Hollywood notions of off-book operations and external secret hires, covert action is actually one piece in a colossal foreign policy machine. Written with the pacing of a thriller, *Surprise, Kill, Vanish* brings to vivid life the sheer pandemonium and chaos, as well as the unforgettable human will to survive and the intellectual challenge of not giving up hope that define paramilitary and intelligence work. Jacobsen's exclusive interviews -- with members of the CIA's Senior Intelligence Service (equivalent to the Pentagon's generals), its counterterrorism chiefs, targeting officers, and Special Activities Division's Ground Branch operators who conduct today's close-quarters killing operations around the world -- reveal, for the first time, the enormity of this shocking, controversial, and morally complex terrain. Is the CIA's paramilitary army America's weaponized strength, or a liability to its principled standing in the world? Every operation reported in this book, however unsettling, is legal.

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Auto Repair For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9781119543619) was previously published as Auto Repair For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9780764599026). While this version features a new Dummies cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product. The top-selling auto repair guide--400,000 copies sold--now extensively reorganized and updated Forty-eight percent of U.S. households perform at least some automobile maintenance on their own, with women now accounting for one third of this \$34 billion automotive do-it-yourself market. For new or would-be do-it-yourself mechanics, this illustrated how-to guide has long been a must and now it's even better. A complete reorganization now puts relevant repair and maintenance information directly after each automotive system overview, making it much easier to find hands-on fix-it instructions. Author Deanna Sclar has updated systems and repair information throughout, eliminating discussions of carburetors and adding coverage of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles. She's also revised schedules for tune-ups and oil changes, included driving tips that can save on maintenance and repair costs, and added new advice on troubleshooting problems and determining when to call in a professional mechanic. For anyone who wants to save money on car repairs and maintenance, this book is the place to start. Deanna Sclar (Long Beach, CA), an acclaimed auto repair expert and consumer advocate, has contributed to the Los Angeles Times and has been interviewed on the Today show, NBC Nightly News, and other television programs.

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The first English-language study of German-Japanese interwar relations to employ sources in both languages. The challenges to humanity posed by the digital future, the first detailed examination of the unprecedented form of power called "surveillance capitalism," and the quest by powerful

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corporations to predict and control our behavior. In this masterwork of original thinking and research, Shoshana Zuboff provides startling insights into the phenomenon that she has named surveillance capitalism. The stakes could not be higher: a global architecture of behavior modification threatens human nature in the twenty-first century just as industrial capitalism disfigured the natural world in the twentieth. Zuboff vividly brings to life the consequences as surveillance capitalism advances from Silicon Valley into every economic sector. Vast wealth and power are accumulated in ominous new "behavioral futures markets," where predictions about our behavior are bought and sold, and the production of goods and services is subordinated to a new "means of behavioral modification." The threat has shifted from a totalitarian Big Brother state to a ubiquitous digital architecture: a "Big Other" operating in the interests of surveillance capital. Here is the crucible of an unprecedented form of power marked by extreme concentrations of knowledge and free from democratic oversight. Zuboff's comprehensive and moving analysis lays bare the threats to twenty-first century society: a controlled "hive" of total connection that seduces with promises of total certainty for maximum profit -- at the expense of democracy, freedom, and our human future. With little resistance from law or society, surveillance capitalism is on the verge of dominating the social order and shaping the digital future -- if we let it.

Don't these boys get it? How many times must they get into trouble before they catch on? Best friends William and Thomas are back at it again with even more action and adventure. The poor community of Itchygooney isn't safe when William has a plan. This time there's an attack drone, a ghostly rocking chair,

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a slam-dunking wizard, and a UFO. Will these boys ever be stopped? Let's hope not! Back 4 More is the fourth book in the ongoing I Told You So series of humorous stories shared in short standalone bursts. If they were any longer you couldn't handle it! This book developed from the close friendship between Patrick and his dad, Aloysius Casey. Although their residences are on opposite coasts of the country, they collaborated through years of research by e-mailing and telephoning each other several times a week; however, Aloysius Casey wrote the bulk of the text. Aloysius and Patrick directly confronted the only serious cloud hanging over Gen Jerome F. "Jerry" O'Malley's career, the Lavelle raids. Knowing Jerry's reputation for truthfulness, the authors believed his involvement in these raids presented a serious character question. During a meticulous review of the conduct of every member of the command structure in Vietnam, as well as a careful examination of congressional testimony, Patrick developed the view that senior Pentagon officials acted in a manner eerily similar to the behavior of officials he had faced in public corruption cases in his practice of law. This view fueled the authors' desire to seek the truth. The biography was delayed for two years while the Nixon White House audio recordings could be identified, obtained, and transcribed. It was delayed further so that Top Secret messages sent by the Joint Chiefs of

Staff to Vietnam could be acquired through the Freedom of Information Act. The publication of this book puts to rest 35 years of false history. It also decisively concludes the erroneous dishonor suffered by Gen John Daniel Lavelle, the Seventh Air Force commander. General Lavelle, Colonel O'Malley, and personnel of the Seventh Air Force acted pursuant to presidential orders secretly issued on 3 February 1972 in the Oval Office. It is clear that they loyally and bravely served, protected, and defended the Constitution of the United States. General Lavelle's constitution in weathering the firestorm resulting from those strikes reveals him as a unique figure in American military history. Even when he was being framed by Pentagon and White House officials, he did not succumb to blaming those who served him in combat. His unflinching and selfless perseverance in his assumption of exclusive responsibility resulted in giving the United States Air Force some of its finest commanders during the Cold War-Generals Alton D. Slay, Charles A. Gabriel, and Jerome F. O'Malley. Wrongfully demoted and publicly ridiculed because of the obvious conspiratorial conduct of several senior Pentagon officials, General Lavelle's reputation for truthfulness now towers above the reputation of his accusers. Equally interesting is General O'Malley's ability not to sour on an Air Force career.

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and tools to improve their technology and their world. The core belief that Popular Science and our readers share: The future is going to be better, and science and technology are the driving forces that will help make it better.

Robinette Broadhead, who learned the secrets of a cache of Heechee starships found hidden in an asteroid, is brought face to face with the mysterious race who made them

A key aspect of robotics today is estimating the state, such as position and orientation, of a robot as it moves through the world. Most robots and autonomous vehicles depend on noisy data from sensors such as cameras or laser rangefinders to navigate in a three-dimensional world. This book presents common sensor models and practical advice on how to carry out state estimation for rotations and other state variables. It covers both classical state estimation methods such as the Kalman filter, as well as important modern topics such as batch estimation, the Bayes filter, sigmapoint and particle filters, robust estimation for outlier rejection, and continuous-time trajectory estimation and its connection to Gaussian-process regression. The methods are demonstrated in the context of important applications such as point-cloud alignment, pose-graph relaxation, bundle adjustment, and simultaneous localization and mapping. Students and practitioners of robotics alike

will find this a valuable resource.

A collection of short stories from one of Britain's most celebrated novelists of our time. The short stories which Daphne du Maurier has written throughout her career have always had a haunting quality, and from two of them - *The Birds* and *Don't Look Now* - memorable films have been made. The fourteen tales included in the present volume were written over a period of many years some of them before her first novels were published, others in her thirties and forties; they reflect many human emotions: romance, disenchantment, fantasy, nostalgia, ambition, irony, the longing for adventure. Each story is based on something du Maurier observed or overheard and will provide pleasure for every mood.

Just what does it take to be a stratonaut, soaring to higher and higher altitudes of Earth's atmosphere? Brave men and women have reached extreme heights in balloons, aircraft and rocket ships over the past two centuries, from the first untethered balloon flight to the first flights in the newly defined stratosphere, through to the present flights that continue to set new records. This book defines the altitudes related to the stratosphere, how it changes with latitude and the effects on ascending aviators. Also described is how over time technology enabled aircraft and balloons to achieve higher altitudes. The book shows the clear influence of the military on designs that initially focused on speed and maneuverability, but only later on reaching new altitudes. The early flights into the troposphere and eventually the mid to upper reaches of the stratosphere are chronicled, with great

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emphasis on flight operations. This includes decompression, bailouts, inertia coupling, ejections, catastrophic disintegration, crashes and deaths. Although the book highlights major altitude attempts and records, it also focuses on the life-threatening problems confronting the would-be stratonaut and the causes of many of their deaths. In doing so, it tries to define just what it takes to be a stratonaut. Presents the latest safety ratings, dealer prices, fuel economy, insurance premiums, maintenance costs, and tires of new model automobiles.

The consumer guide to shopping for and purchasing new cars and trucks features MSRP & dealer invoice prices, specifications, information on standard and optional equipment, reviews for every make and model, buying and leasing advice, and much more. Original.

From the resumption of automobile production at the close of World War II through the 1950s, the American auto industry would see the births and deaths of several manufacturers, great technological advances, and an era of dramatic styling as a prospering nation asserted its growing mobility. Cars of this period are among the most iconic vehicles ever built in the United States: the 1949 Ford, the remarkable Studebaker designs of 1950 and 1953, the 1955–1957 Chevrolets, the “Forward Look” Chrysler products, the ill-fated Edsel and many others. This comprehensive reference book details every model from each of the major manufacturers (including independents such as Kaiser-Frazer and Crosley but excluding very low-volume marques such as Tucker) from model years 1946 through 1959. Year by year, it provides an overview of the industry and market, followed by an individual report on each company: its main news for the year (introductions or cancellations of models, new engines and transmissions, advertising themes, sales trends etc.); its production figures and market status; and its powertrain

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offerings, paint colors and major options. The company's models are then detailed individually with such information as body styles, prices, dimensions and weights, standard equipment and production figures. Nearly 1,000 photographs are included.

For more than 39 years, millions of consumers have turned to Edmunds' buyer's guides for their shopping needs. This format makes it easy for consumers to get the advice and information they need to make a wise purchase on their next used vehicle. Readers benefit from features such as: - Recommendations for the Best Bets in the used car market - Detailed histories on popular models - Certified Used Vehicle Information - Hundreds of photographs - Glossary of Used Car Buying Terms In addition to these features, vehicle shoppers can benefit from the best they've come to expect from the Edmunds name: - True Market Value pricing for trade-in, private party and dealer retail - Highlighted yearly model changes - In-depth advice on buying and selling a used car

From a National Book Critics Circle Award winner, a brilliantly conceived and illuminating reconsideration of a key period in the life of Ernest Hemingway that will forever change the way he is perceived and understood. Focusing on the years 1934 to 1961—from Hemingway's pinnacle as the reigning monarch of American letters until his suicide—Paul Hendrickson traces the writer's exultations and despair around the one constant in his life during this time: his beloved boat, Pilar. We follow him from Key West to Paris, to New York, Africa, Cuba, and finally Idaho, as he wrestles with his best angels and worst demons. Whenever he could, he returned to his beloved fishing cruiser, to exult in the sea, to fight the biggest fish he could find, to drink, to entertain celebrities and friends and seduce women, to be with his children. But as he began to succumb to the diseases of fame, we see that Pilar was also

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where he cursed his critics, saw marriages and friendships dissolve, and tried, in vain, to escape his increasingly diminished capacities. Generally thought of as a great writer and an unappealing human being, Hemingway emerges here in a far more benevolent light. Drawing on previously unpublished material, including interviews with Hemingway's sons, Hendrickson shows that for all the writer's boorishness, depression, and alcoholism, and despite his choleric anger, he was capable of remarkable generosity—to struggling writers, to lost souls, to the dying son of a friend. We see most poignantly his relationship with his youngest son, Gigi, a doctor who lived his adult life mostly as a cross-dresser, and died squalidly and alone in a Miami women's jail. He was the son Hemingway forsook the least, yet the one who disappointed him the most, as Gigi acted out for nearly his whole life so many of the tortured, ambiguous tensions his father felt. Hendrickson's bold and beautiful book strikingly makes the case that both men were braver than we know, struggling all their lives against the complicated, powerful emotions swirling around them. As Hendrickson writes, "Amid so much ruin, still the beauty." Hemingway's Boat is both stunningly original and deeply gripping, an invaluable contribution to our understanding of this great American writer, published fifty years after his death.

Stories and novellas, including "The Destruction of Pompeii," "The Steel Bird," "Quest for an Island," "Super-deluxe," "Rendezvous," and "Victory," reveal the everyday life and language of Soviet young people, as well as the struggle between creativity an

The story of a young Parisian woman, the daughter of a famous conductor and a high-fashion model, follows her struggle to survive the aftermath of her parents' turbulent divorce

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