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Summarizes the mechanisms of sinkhole formation in limestone terrain, and provides methods for overcoming sinkhole-related structural failures and for avoiding or minimizing future sinkhole collapses

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that impact human activity. Describes site investigation as well as design and construction methods suitable where sinkholes might occur. Addressed to engineers and geologists. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Crammed with comic capers to try out on unsuspecting victims, and side-splitters to share, this ring-binder is a mix of practical pranks and wisecracks. Readers can depress the laughter button on the front for a tide of titters to accompany their tale telling. Three leaves of stickers and two funny photoframes are included. The jokers journal section contains 365 jokes - one for each day of the year and a space to fill with diary dates.

Foreword by Dr. Asad Madni, C. Eng., Fellow IEEE, Fellow IEE Learn the fundamentals of RF and microwave electronics visually, using many thoroughly tested, practical examples RF and microwave technology are essential throughout industry and to a world of new applications-in wireless communications, in Direct Broadcast TV, in Global Positioning System (GPS), in healthcare, medical and many other sciences. Whether you're seeking to strengthen your skills or enter the field for the first time, Radio Frequency and Microwave Electronics Illustrated is the fastest way to master every key measurement, electronic, and design principle you need to be effective. Dr. Matthew Radmanesh uses easy mathematics and a highly

graphical approach with scores of examples to bring about a total comprehension of the subject. Along the way, he clearly introduces everything from wave propagation to impedance matching in transmission line circuits, microwave linear amplifiers to hard-core nonlinear active circuit design in Microwave Integrated Circuits (MICs). Coverage includes: A scientific framework for learning RF and microwaves easily and effectively Fundamental RF and microwave concepts and their applications The characterization of two-port networks at RF and microwaves using S-parameters Use of the Smith Chart to simplify analysis of complex design problems Key design considerations for microwave amplifiers: stability, gain, and noise Workable considerations in the design of practical active circuits: amplifiers, oscillators, frequency converters, control circuits RF and Microwave Integrated Circuits (MICs) Novel use of "live math" in circuit analysis and design Dr. Radmanesh has drawn upon his many years of practical experience in the microwave industry and educational arena to introduce an exceptionally wide range of practical concepts and design methodology and techniques in the most comprehensible fashion. Applications include small-signal, narrow-band, low noise, broadband and multistage transistor amplifiers; large signal/high power amplifiers; microwave transistor oscillators, negative-resistance circuits, microwave mixers,

rectifiers and detectors, switches, phase shifters and attenuators. The book is intended to provide a workable knowledge and intuitive understanding of RF and microwave electronic circuit design. Radio Frequency and Microwave Electronics Illustrated includes a comprehensive glossary, plus appendices covering key symbols, physical constants, mathematical identities/formulas, classical laws of electricity and magnetism, Computer-Aided-Design (CAD) examples and more. About the Web Site The accompanying web site has an "E-Book" containing actual design examples and methodology from the text, in Microsoft Excel environment, where files can easily be manipulated with fresh data for a new design.

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"The exciting beginning of a promising new epic fantasy series. Prepare for ancient mysteries, innovative magic, and heart-pounding heists."—Brandon Sanderson "Complex characters, magic that is tech and vice versa, a world bound by warring trade dynasties: Bennett will leave you in awe once you remember to breathe!"—Tamora Pierce In a city that runs on industrialized magic, a secret war will be fought to overwrite reality itself—the first in a dazzling new series from City of Stairs author Robert Jackson Bennett. Sancia Grado is a thief, and a damn good one. And her latest target, a heavily guarded warehouse on Tevanne's docks, is nothing her unique abilities can't handle. But unbeknownst to her, Sancia's been sent to steal an artifact of unimaginable power, an object that could revolutionize the magical technology known as scrying. The Merchant Houses who control this magic—the art of using coded commands to imbue everyday objects with sentience—have already used it to transform Tevanne into a vast, remorseless capitalist machine. But if they can unlock the artifact's secrets, they will rewrite the world itself to suit their aims. Now someone in those Houses wants Sancia dead, and the artifact for themselves. And in the city of Tevanne, there's nobody with the power

to stop them. To have a chance at surviving—and at stopping the deadly transformation that’s under way—Sancia will have to marshal unlikely allies, learn to harness the artifact’s power for herself, and undergo her own transformation, one that will turn her into something she could never have imagined. This compilation of 100 SQL Server 2005 and 2008 questions will help update the reader on the latest versions of SQL Server. The text can be used to prepare for certification exams or to handle technical questions in the workplace.

The second in Amberley Publishing's wargaming series. Since the founding of the United States, culinary texts and practices have played a crucial role in the making of cultural identities and social hierarchies. *A Taste of Power* examines culinary writing and practices as forces for the production of social order and, at the same time, points of cultural resistance. Culinary writing has helped shape dominant ideas of nationalism, gender, and sexuality, suggesting that eating right is a gateway to becoming an American, a good citizen, an ideal man, or a perfect wife and mother. In this brilliant interdisciplinary work, Katharina Vester examines how cookbooks became a way for women to participate in nation-building before they had access to the vote or public office, for Americans to distinguish themselves from Europeans, for middle-class authors to assert their class privileges, for men to claim superiority over women in the kitchen, and for lesbian authors to insert themselves into the heteronormative economy of culinary culture. *A Taste of Power* engages in close reading of a wide variety of sources and genres to uncover the intersections of food, politics, and privilege in American culture.

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Take a stand against the giants in this adventure for the world's greatest roleplaying game. Giants have emerged from their strongholds to threaten civilization as never before. Hill giants are stealing all the grain and livestock they can while stone giants have been scouring settlements that have been around forever. Fire giants are press-ganging the smallfolk into the desert, while frost giant longships have been pillaging along the Sword Coast. Even the elusive cloud giants have been witnessed, their wondrous floating cities appearing above Waterdeep and Baldur's Gate. Where is the storm giant King Hekaton, who is tasked with keeping order among the giants? The humans, dwarves, elves, and other small folk of the Sword Coast will be crushed underfoot from the onslaught of these giant foes. The only chance at survival is for the small folk to work together to investigate this invasion and harness the power of rune magic, the giants' weapon against their ancient enemy the dragons. The only way the people of Faerun can restore order is to use the giants' own power against them. To defeat giants, you need to be giant!"

Results of research into large scale eigenvalue problems are presented in this volume. The papers fall into four principal categories: novel algorithms for solving large eigenvalue problems, novel computer architectures, computationally-relevant theoretical analyses, and problems where large scale eigenvalue computations have provided new insight.

Toward the end of the year 1920 the Government of the United States had practically completed the programme, adopted during the last months of President Winthrop's administration. The country was apparently tranquil.

Everybody knows how the Tariff and Labour questions were settled. The war with Germany, incident on that country's seizure of the Samoan Islands, had left no visible scars upon the republic, and the temporary occupation of Norfolk by the invading army had been forgotten in the joy over repeated

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naval victories, and the subsequent ridiculous plight of General Von Gartenlaube's forces in the State of New Jersey. The Cuban and Hawaiian investments had paid one hundred per cent and the territory of Samoa was well worth its cost as a coaling station. The country was in a superb state of defence. Every coast city had been well supplied with land fortifications; the army under the parental eye of the General Staff, organized according to the Prussian system, had been increased to 300,000 men, with a territorial reserve of a million; and six magnificent squadrons of cruisers and battleships patrolled the six stations of the navigable seas, leaving a steam reserve amply fitted to control home waters. The gentlemen from the West had at last been constrained to acknowledge that a college for the training of diplomats was as necessary as law schools are for the training of barristers; consequently we were no longer represented abroad by incompetent patriots. The nation was prosperous; Chicago, for a moment paralyzed after a second great fire, had risen from its ruins, white and imperial, and more beautiful than the white city which had been built for its plaything in 1893. Everywhere good architecture was replacing bad, and even in New York, a sudden craving for decency had swept away a great portion of the existing horrors. Streets had been widened, properly paved and lighted, trees had been planted, squares laid out, elevated structures demolished and underground roads built to replace them. The new government buildings and barracks were fine bits of architecture, and the long system of stone quays which completely surrounded the island had been turned into parks which proved a god-send to the population. The subsidizing of the state theatre and state opera brought its own reward. The United States National Academy of Design was much like European institutions of the same kind. Nobody envied the Secretary of Fine Arts, either his cabinet position or his

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portfolio. The Secretary of Forestry and Game Preservation had a much easier time, thanks to the new system of National Mounted Police. We had profited well by the latest treaties with France and England; the exclusion of foreign-born Jews as a measure of self-preservation, the settlement of the new independent negro state of Suanee, the checking of immigration, the new laws concerning naturalization, and the gradual centralization of power in the executive all contributed to national calm and prosperity. When the Government solved the Indian problem and squadrons of Indian cavalry scouts in native costume were substituted for the pitiable organizations tacked on to the tail of skeletonized regiments by a former Secretary of War, the nation drew a long sigh of relief. When, after the colossal Congress of Religions, bigotry and intolerance were laid in their graves and kindness and charity began to draw warring sects together, many thought the millennium had arrived, at least in the new world which after all is a world by itself.

In Alagaësia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

As the most radical change to the Office interface in its history, the Ribbon replaces the traditional menu bar and toolbars and requires a new set of skills for customizing Instructions and examples demonstrate how to customize the Ribbon using VBA, XML, Access, Excel, and Word Covers the relevant aspects of security, such as trust centers and digital certificates Packed with real-world code examples that readers can immediately apply Features helpful references Discover everything there is to know about dragons--the most iconic of D&D monsters--in this quintessential reference guide. Meet Fizban the Fabulous: doddering archmage, unlikely war hero, divine avatar of a dragon-god--and your

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guide to the mysteries of dragonkind. What is the difference between a red dragon and a gold dragon? What is dragonsight? How does a dragon's magic impact the world around them? This comprehensive guide provides Dungeon Masters with a rich hoard of tools and information for designing dragon-themed encounters, adventures, and campaigns. Dragonslayers and dragon scholars alike will also appreciate its insight into harnessing the power of dragon magic and options for players to create unique, memorable draconic characters. - Introduces gem dragons to fifth edition! - Provides Dungeon Masters with tools to craft adventures inspired by dragons, including dragon lair maps and detailed information about 20 different types of dragons - Adds player character options, including dragon-themed subclasses for monks and rangers, unique draconic ancestries for dragonborn, additional spell options, and a feat - Presents a complete dragon bestiary and introduces a variety of dragons and dragon-related creatures--including aspects of the dragon gods, dragon minions, and more - Reveals the story of the First World and the role the dragon gods Bahamut and Tiamat played in its creation and destruction

A road map for how to navigate the confusing, secretive world of consumer credit, and how to upgrade and correct your score.

NEW ENTRY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING, GENRE-DEFINING ALTERNATE HISTORY SERIES. It's been five years since a cosmic incident known as The Ring of Fire transported the modern day town of Grantville, West Virginia, through time and space to 17th century Europe. The course of world history has been forever altered. And Mother Russia is no exception. Inspired by the American up-timers' radical notion that all people are created equal, Russian serfs are rebelling. The entire village of Poltz, led by blacksmith Stefan Andreevich, pulls up stakes to make a run for

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freedom. Meanwhile, Czar Mikhail has escaped house arrest, with the aid of up-time car mechanic Bernie Zeppi, his Russian associates—and a zeppelin. The czar makes his way to the village of Ufa. There he intends to set up a government-in-exile. It is to Ufa that the serfs of Poltz are heading, as well. The path is dangerous—for the serfs as well as the czar. They face great distances and highwaymen. But the worst threat are those in the aristocracy who seek to crush the serfs and execute the czar in a bid to drive any hope for Russian freedom under their Parisian-crafted boot heels. But the Russians of 1637 have taken inspiration from their up-timer counterparts. And it could be that a new wind of liberty is about to blow three centuries early—and change Mother Russia forever.

About 1636: *The Kremlin Games*: "...a well-constructed plot filled with satisfying measures of comedy, romance, political intrigue, and action."—*Publishers Weekly*

About 1635: *A Parcel of Rogues*: "The 20th volume in this popular, fast-paced alternative history series follows close on the heels of the events in *The Baltic War*, picking up with the protagonists in London, including sharpshooter Julie Sims. This time the 20th-century transplants are determined to prevent the rise of Oliver Cromwell and even have the support of King Charles."—*Library Journal*

About 1634: *The Galileo Affair*: "A rich, complex alternate history with great characters and vivid action. A great read and an excellent book."—David Drake "Gripping . . . depicted with power!"—*Publishers Weekly*

About Eric Flint's *Ring of Fire* series: "This alternate history series is . . . a landmark..."—*Booklist* "[Eric] Flint's 1632 universe seems to be inspiring a whole new crop of gifted alternate historians."—*Booklist* ". . . reads like a technothriller set in the age of the Medicis . . ."—*Publishers Weekly*

Like *The Group*, Mary McCarthy's classic tale about coming of age in New York, Joanna Smith Rakoff's richly drawn and

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immensely satisfying first novel details the lives of a group of Oberlin graduates whose ambitions and friendships threaten to unravel as they chase their dreams, shed their youth, and build their lives in Brooklyn during the late 1990s and the turn of the twenty-first century. There's Lil, a would-be scholar whose marriage to an egotistical writer initially brings the group back together (and ultimately drives it apart); Beth, who struggles to let go of her old beau Dave, a onetime piano prodigy trapped by his own insecurity; Emily, an actor perpetually on the verge of success -- and starvation -- who grapples with her jealousy of Tal, whose acting career has taken off. At the center of their orbit is wry, charismatic Sadie Peregrine, who coolly observes her friends' mistakes but can't quite manage to avoid making her own. As they begin their careers, marry, and have children, they must navigate the shifting dynamics of their friendships and of the world around them. Set against the backdrop of the vast economic and political changes of the era -- from the decadent age of dot-com millionaires to the sobering post-September 2001 landscape -- Smith Rakoff's deeply affecting characters and incisive social commentary are reminiscent of the great Victorian novels. This brilliant and ambitious debut captures a generation and heralds the arrival of a bold and important new writer.

In this conceptually bold project, Heonik Kwon uses anthropology to interrogate the cold war's cultural and historical narratives. Adopting a truly panoramic view of local politics and international events, he challenges the notion that the cold war was a global struggle fought uniformly around the world and that the end of the war marked a radical, universal rupture in modern history. Incorporating comparative ethnographic study into a thorough analysis of the period, Kwon upends cherished ideas about the global and their hold on contemporary social science. His narrative

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describes the slow decomposition of a complex social and political order involving a number of local and culturally creative processes. While the nations of Europe and North America experienced the cold war as a time of "long peace," postcolonial nations entered a different reality altogether, characterized by vicious civil wars and other exceptional forms of violence. Arguing that these events should be integrated into any account of the era, Kwon captures the first sociocultural portrait of the cold war in all its subtlety and diversity.

Based on a careful reading of Lenin's Collected Works, Roland Boer pursues the implications for linking Lenin with religion and theology and seeks to bring Lenin into recent debates over the intersections between theology and the Left, between the Bible and political thought.

High in the Citadel there exists a bio-dome of clean air and pure water, protected from the toxicity and anarchy of the Wasteland. Here, the warlord Immortan Joe keeps his most prized possessions--his wives--imprisoned for his pleasure and his insistence that they bear him healthy male heirs.

Then, amid this cruel depravity, an unlikely rescuer emerges...the Immortan's most lethal warrior: the Imperator Furiosa. From the mind of George Miller, the creator of the Mad Max trilogy, the prelude miniseries to the upcoming film Mad Max: Fury Road continues!

Alodar was a mere apprentice thaumaturge, learning the least of the five arts of magic. As such, he had no right to aspire to the hand of the fair lady, Queen Vendora, not even when he saved her during the demon-inspired seige of her frontier castle. But aspire he did. His quest forced him from one exacting brance of magic to another, with the rewards he earned always going to others. Finally, only the branch of wizardry remained--the

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great, almost lost art of controlling demons. It was then he learned of the ancient plot behind his rise--and faced the greatest danger any man could dare!

Dude 101 features Jagger, a dating columnist who takes young adults into a series of practical essays devoted to finding love in a universe that defies this notion. He covers the similarities and differences between straight and gay men, to loyalty and adultery, while putting guys into the categories of Knights, Princes and Kings. Dude 101 demonstrates the rise and fall of love, what to stay away from, what to go after, how eligible bachelors are not always so eligible, the bad boy and the dating rules that should be memorized as mantra. Author, Kevin Hunter, takes a backseat allowing his alter ego Jagger guide us through the journey. His terrain involves random musings and ultimately a peek at his real love romance with Garth through scene vignettes. Jagger is the main protagonist in the book Jagger's Revolution, a tale that surfaces around a heated erotic crush between a writer and an Australian lifeguard. Through the cynicism in both, he ultimately finds and ends...in love. Provides a common setting for various methods of bounding the eigenvalues of a self-adjoint linear operator and emphasizes their relationships. A mapping principle is presented to connect many of the methods. The eigenvalue problems studied are linear, and linearization is shown to give important information about nonlinear problems. Linear vector spaces and their properties are used to uniformly describe the eigenvalue problems presented that involve matrices, ordinary or partial differential operators, and integro-differential operators.

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Silent death stalks the Harpers of Faerûn. One by one, members of the semi-secret society for good in the Realms are falling to a murderer's blade. Now a Harper agent and a beautiful half-elf assassin must solve the mystery. If they fail, they will be the next victims. But things in the Realms are rarely that simple.

Terry Pratchett's profoundly irreverent novels are consistent number one bestsellers in England, where they have garnered him a revered position in the halls of parody next to Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, Douglas Adams, and Carl Hiaasen. In *The Light Fantastic* only one individual can save the world from a disastrous collision. Unfortunately, the hero happens to be the singularly inept wizard Rincewind, who was last seen falling off the edge of the world...

Antic world-traveller, deKlend, is in search of the holy city of Votu, where time runs backwards and gangs of scavenging Pigeon Girls and Rabbit Girls are locked in

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strange rivalries. *Celebrant* is a sweeping fantasy of pilgrimage and reincarnation, and a travellers' guide to altered states of geography. The lives of the characters in this dream-adventure intersect like the architecture of an Escher woodcut.

An official tie-in to the globally popular video game traces the story of a new hero stranded in the world of *Minecraft* who must survive a harsh environment while unraveling the secrets of a mysterious island.

As a magical revolution remakes a city, an ancient evil is awakened in a brilliant novel from the Hugo-nominated author of *Foundryside* and the *Divine Cities* trilogy. “An absolutely wild ride . . . *Foundryside* blew me away, and this is a perfect sequel.”—Amal El-Mohtar, *The New York Times Book Review* A few years ago, Sancia Grado would've happily watched Tevanne burn. Now, she's hoping to transform her city into something new.

Something better. Together with allies Orso, Gregor, and Berenice, she's about to strike a deadly blow against Tevanne's cruel robber-baron rulers and wrest power from their hands for the first time in decades. But then comes a terrifying warning: Crasedes Magnus himself, the first of the legendary hierophants, is about to be reborn. And if he returns, Tevanne will be just the first place to feel his wrath. Thousands of years ago, Crasedes was an ordinary man who did the impossible: Using the magic of scrying—the art of imbuing objects with sentience—he convinced reality that he was something more than human. Wielding powers beyond comprehension, he strode the world like a god for centuries, meting out justice and razing empires single-

