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From the bestselling author of *A More Beautiful Question*, hundreds of big and small questions that harness the magic of inquiry to tackle challenges we all face--at work, in our relationships, and beyond. When confronted with almost any demanding situation, the act of questioning can help guide us to smart decisions. By asking questions, we can analyze, learn, and move forward in the face of uncertainty. But "questionologist" Warren Berger says that the questions must be the right ones; the ones that cut to the heart of complexity or enable us to see an old problem in a fresh way. In *The Book of Beautiful Questions*, Berger shares illuminating stories and compelling research on the power of inquiry. Drawn from the insights and expertise of psychologists, innovators, effective leaders, and some of the world's foremost creative thinkers, he presents the essential questions readers need to make the best choices when it truly counts, with a particular focus in four key areas: decision-making, creativity, leadership, and relationships. The powerful questions in this book can help you: - Identify opportunities in your career or industry - Generate fresh ideas in business or in your own creative pursuits - Check your biases so you can make better judgments and decisions - Do a better job of communicating and connecting with the people around you Thoughtful, provocative, and actionable, these beautiful questions can be applied immediately to bring about change in your work or your everyday life. *TypeScript* is a typed superset of *JavaScript* with the potential to solve many of the headaches for which *JavaScript* is famous. But *TypeScript* has a learning curve of its own, and understanding how to use it effectively can take time. This book guides you through 62 specific ways to improve your use of *TypeScript*. Author Dan Vanderkam, a principal software engineer at Sidewalk Labs, shows you how to apply these ideas, following the format popularized by *Effective C++* and *Effective Java* (both from Addison-Wesley). You'll advance from a beginning or intermediate user familiar with the basics to an advanced user who knows how to use the language well. *Effective TypeScript* is divided into eight chapters: Getting to Know *TypeScript* *TypeScript*'s Type System Type Inference Type Design Working with any Types Declarations and @types Writing and Running Your Code Migrating to *TypeScript* Software -- Programming Languages. This book, written by one of the designers of generics, is a thorough explanation of how to use generics, and particularly, the effect this facility has on the way developers use collections. "Every programming language has its quirks. This lively book reveals oddities of the Java programming language through entertaining and thought-provoking programming puzzles." --Guy Steele, Sun Fellow and coauthor of *The Java™ Language Specification* "I laughed, I cried, I threw up (my hands in admiration)." --Tim Peierls, president, Prior Artisans LLC, and member of the JSR 166 Expert Group How well do you really know Java? Are you a code sleuth? Have you ever spent days chasing a bug caused by a trap or pitfall in Java or its libraries? Do you like brainteasers? Then this is the book for you! In the tradition of *Effective Java™*, Bloch and Gafter dive deep into the subtleties of the Java programming language and its core libraries. Illustrated with visually stunning optical illusions, *Java™ Puzzlers* features

95 diabolical puzzles that educate and entertain. Anyone with a working knowledge of Java will understand the puzzles, but even the most seasoned veteran will find them challenging. Most of the puzzles take the form of a short program whose behavior isn't what it seems. Can you figure out what it does? Puzzles are grouped loosely according to the features they use, and detailed solutions follow each puzzle. The solutions go well beyond a simple explanation of the program's behavior--they show you how to avoid the underlying traps and pitfalls for good. A handy catalog of traps and pitfalls at the back of the book provides a concise taxonomy for future reference. Solve these puzzles and you'll never again fall prey to the counterintuitive or obscure behaviors that can fool even the most experienced programmers. This book covers sixty-four additional opening traps that everyone can use. Martin Gardner's *Mathematical Games* columns in *Scientific American* inspired and entertained several generations of mathematicians and scientists. Gardner in his crystal-clear prose illuminated corners of mathematics, especially recreational mathematics, that most people had no idea existed. His playful spirit and inquisitive nature invite the reader into an exploration of beautiful mathematical ideas along with him. These columns were both a revelation and a gift when he wrote them; no one--before Gardner--had written about mathematics like this. They continue to be a marvel. This volume, originally published in 1959, contains the first sixteen columns published in the magazine from 1956-1958. They were reviewed and briefly updated by Gardner for this 1988 edition. A modernized collection of 300 traps in the chess openings used today. The dead wood of traps in unused openings has been cut away and replaced try new traps in the latest openings. Each trap complete in itself--an introductory explanation, opening moves, diagram of position when trap is sprung, concluding moves to check-mate, or decisive win of material. All classes of players, weak or strong, need the vital information in this book to avoid pitfalls or catch an unwary opponent napping. There is no doubt that the Nimzovich Defense is one of Black's most inspiring openings after 1.e4. Black strives to unbalance the position by creating new problems for White from move two, giving himself every opportunity to fight for the initiative from the outset. It is no surprise that 1...Nc6 appeals ambitious players who relish a complicated battle. In this book, GM Christian Bauer explains how to use this powerful weapon drawing from his own successful experiences. He is not shy to show you the fundamental ideas, the traps, the pitfalls and naturally the move order subtleties which play such an important role in our modern game of chess. We are convinced this book will give you plenty of confidence and make your opponent think more than twice. The puzzles and problems in *Exceptional C++* not only entertain, they will help you hone your skills to become the sharpest C++ programmer you can be. Many of these problems are culled from the famous *Guru of the Week* feature of the Internet newsgroup comp.lang.c++, moderated, expanded and updated to conform to the official ISO/ANSI C++ Standard. Try your skills against the C++ masters and come away with the insight and experience to create more efficient, effective, robust, and portable C++ code. Shows how to avoid and capitalize on the playing errors and psychological problems experienced by most chess enthusiasts Provides advice on how to develop critical thinking skills to navigate the pitfalls of everyday life, including personal finance issues and weight loss. A revolutionary new argument from eminent Yale Law professor Daniel Markovits attacking the false promise of meritocracy It is an axiom of American life that advantage should be earned through ability and effort. Even as the country divides itself at every turn, the meritocratic ideal -- that social and economic rewards should follow achievement rather than breeding -- reigns supreme. Both Democrats and Republicans insistently repeat meritocratic notions. Meritocracy cuts to the heart of who we are. It sustains the American dream. But what if, both up and down the social ladder, meritocracy is a sham? Today, meritocracy has become exactly what it was conceived to resist: a mechanism for the concentration and dynastic transmission of wealth and privilege across generations. Upward mobility has become a fantasy, and the embattled middle classes are now more likely to sink into the working poor than to rise into the professional elite. At the same time, meritocracy now ensnares even those who manage to claw their way to the top, requiring rich adults to work with crushing intensity, exploiting their expensive

educations in order to extract a return. All this is not the result of deviations or retreats from meritocracy but rather stems directly from meritocracy's successes. This is the radical argument that Daniel Markovits prosecutes with rare force. Markovits is well placed to expose the sham of meritocracy. Having spent his life at elite universities, he knows from the inside the corrosive system we are trapped within. Markovits also knows that, if we understand that meritocratic inequality produces near-universal harm, we can cure it. When *The Meritocracy Trap* reveals the inner workings of the meritocratic machine, it also illuminates the first steps outward, towards a new world that might once again afford dignity and prosperity to the American people. Software "style" is about finding the perfect balance between overhead and functionality... elegance and maintainability... flexibility and excess. In *Exceptional C++ Style*, legendary C++ guru Herb Sutter presents 40 new programming scenarios designed to analyze not only the what but the why and help you find just the right balance in your software. Organized around practical problems and solutions, this book offers new insight into crucial C++ details and interrelationships, and new strategies for today's key C++ programming techniques--including generic programming, STL, exception safety, and more. You'll find answers to questions like: What can you learn about library design from the STL itself? How do you avoid making templated code needlessly non-generic? Why shouldn't you specialize function templates? What should you do instead? How does exception safety go beyond try and catch statements? Should you use exception specifications, or not? When and how should you "leak" the private parts of a class? How do you make classes safer for versioning? What's the real memory cost of using standard containers? How can using const really optimize your code? How does writing inline affect performance? When does code that looks wrong actually compile and run perfectly, and why should you care? What's wrong with the design of `std::string`? *Exceptional C++ Style* will help you design, architect, and code with style--and achieve greater robustness and performance in all your C++ software. UPDATED FOR 2017. Learn how to buy a house without getting ripped off! Alysse Musgrave, the owner of one of the country's oldest and most successful Exclusive Buyer Agencies, shows you how to avoid the financial traps and pitfalls that the real estate and mortgage industries have set for you. In *Buying a Home: Don't Let Them Make a Monkey Out of You*, you will learn, in a clear and concise way: * How to analyze floor plans * The trick to buying a home with great resale potential * The truth about real estate agents * How to fire your agent * All about FSBO's, foreclosures, new construction and MLS listed homes * What to look for when touring homes * The four most common negotiating strategies sellers use when responding to buyer offers * The one thing more important to a seller than price * How to write an offer that protects you * What repairs to request from the seller * How to force your loan officer to give you accurate pricing information and avoid a bait and switch at the closing table * Homeowner scams * All about mortgages, home warranties, homeowner's insurance, title insurance, and much more. In a real estate transaction the buyer assumes all of the risk. The seller walks away from the property and is free of any obligation or responsibility. The buyer pays for inspections, appraisals, closing costs, and ends up with the house and a mortgage. At best, buying a home is a complicated process. At worst, it can be an emotional and financial nightmare. Not only do you have to find a house that you love, you have to verify its condition, negotiate a good price, figure out how to pay for it, insure it, move in, all the while ensuring you are buying a home that you will be able to resell for a profit when the time comes. The list of things to consider is seemingly endless. The sensible information you'll find in this book is unlike anything you have read online or in any other real estate book. Buying a home is a complicated process, and this book simplifies it. You will learn how to make smart choices when you purchase your next home, and how to recognize fraud when you see it! Don't let them make a monkey out of you! "Emily Kane shows clearly that most parents understand children's personality to be some combination of nature and nurture, and many wish they could help nurture their children to escape gender traps. Yet these parents are themselves trapped by the gender structure itself, especially the accountability they feel to other people's expectations, and the fear that if their boys are free to explore activities usually associated with girls they will be punished by the world around them. The author shows clearly that to help parents navigate childrearing, we have to change the world around them. A good read, perfect for the undergraduate classroom, and clear enough even to give to those new parents in your family or the neighborhood."--Cover. This entertaining book presents a collection of 180 famous mathematical puzzles and intriguing elementary problems that great mathematicians have posed, discussed, and/or

solved. The selected problems do not require advanced mathematics, making this book accessible to a variety of readers. Mathematical recreations offer a rich playground for both amateur and professional mathematicians. Believing that creative stimuli and aesthetic considerations are closely related, great mathematicians from ancient times to the present have always taken an interest in puzzles and diversions. The goal of this book is to show that famous mathematicians have all communicated brilliant ideas, methodological approaches, and absolute genius in mathematical thoughts by using recreational mathematics as a framework. Concise biographies of many mathematicians mentioned in the text are also included. The majority of the mathematical problems presented in this book originated in number theory, graph theory, optimization, and probability. Others are based on combinatorial and chess problems, while still others are geometrical and arithmetical puzzles. This book is intended to be both entertaining as well as an introduction to various intriguing mathematical topics and ideas. Certainly, many stories and famous puzzles can be very useful to prepare classroom lectures, to inspire and amuse students, and to instill affection for mathematics. *Financial Starter Kit: Gain Financial Literacy and Avoid the Pitfalls of the American Dream* is a book for gaining a complete understanding of financial literacy. Learn how to avoid the common financial traps that people fall into and create a solid financial foundation. *The Financial Starter Kit* is exactly what you need to get your finances together, gain financial literacy, learn about investing, and put yourself in the position to become financially free. This is the all in one financial literacy book compiled with all of the information you need to build a long lasting financial foundation. This last book from beloved Hollywood icon Carrie Fisher is the crown jewel of ideal Star Wars gifts. *The Princess Diarist* is an intimate, hilarious, and revealing recollection of what happened behind the scenes on one of the most famous film sets of all time. When Carrie Fisher discovered the journals she kept during the filming of the first Star Wars movie, she was astonished to see what they had preserved--plaintive love poems, unbridled musings with youthful naiveté, and a vulnerability that she barely recognized. Before her passing, her fame as an author, actress, and pop-culture icon was indisputable, but in 1977, Carrie Fisher was just a teenager with an all-consuming crush on her costar, Harrison Ford. With these excerpts from her handwritten notebooks, *The Princess Diarist* is Fisher's intimate and revealing recollection of what happened on one of the most famous film sets of all time--and what developed behind the scenes. Fisher also ponders the joys and insanity of celebrity, and the absurdity of a life spawned by Hollywood royalty, only to be surpassed by her own outer-space royalty. Laugh-out-loud hilarious and endlessly quotable, *The Princess Diarist* brims with the candor and introspection of a diary while offering shrewd insight into one of Hollywood's most beloved stars. We live in the Golden Age of publishing for spiritual, esoteric, and new age books of all conceivable stripes (and then there is the Internet). Amongst this wild proliferation of available information there has occurred a cheapening effect, in which many teachings have been watered down to make them palatable for a public with diminishing attention spans and suffering from information overload. For the sincere spiritual seeker there needs to be an awareness of the various ways we can go astray on the path, or fall off the path altogether. The whole idea of spirituality is to be awake, yet it is all too easy to simply end up in yet another dream world, thinking that we have found some higher truth. *Rude Awakening: Perils, Pitfalls, and Hard Truths of the Spiritual Path* is dedicated to examining, under a sharp light, the many ways our spiritual development goes wrong, or disappears altogether in the sheer crush of books and the routine grind of daily life. Do you enjoy completing puzzles? Perhaps one of the most challenging (yet rewarding) puzzles is delivering a successful data warehouse suitable for data mining and analytics. *The Analytical Puzzle* describes an unbiased, practical, and comprehensive approach to building a data warehouse which will lead to an increased level of business intelligence within your organization. New technologies continuously impact this approach and therefore this book explains how to leverage big data, cloud computing, data warehouse appliances, data mining, predictive analytics, data visualization and mobile devices. Here are the main objectives for each of the book's 19 chapters: • Chapter 1: Develop a foundational knowledge of data warehousing, business intelligence and analytics • Chapter 2: Build the business case needed to sell your data warehousing project, and then produce a project plan that avoids common pitfalls • Chapter 3: Elicit and organize business intelligence and data warehousing business requirements • Chapter 4: Specify the technical architecture of the data warehousing system, including software and infrastructure components, technology stack, and non-functional requirements. Gain an

understanding of cloud based data warehousing and data warehouse appliances • Chapter 5: Learn about data attributes including metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs), the raw material of data warehousing and business intelligence • Chapter 6: Learn about data modeling and how to apply design patterns for each part of the data warehouse • Chapter 7: Speak the dimensional modeling language of measures, dimensions, facts, cubes, stars, and snowflakes • Chapter 8: Organize a successful data governance program. Learn how to manage metadata for your data warehousing and business intelligence project • Chapter 9: Identify useful data sources and implement a data quality program • Chapter 10: Use database technology for your data warehousing project, and understand the impact of data warehouse appliances, big data, in memory databases, columnar databases and OnLine Analytical Processing (OLAP) • Chapter 11: Apply data integration and understand the role data mapping, data cleansing, data transformation, and loading data play in a successful data warehouse • Chapter 12: Use the business intelligence (BI) operations of slice, dice, drill down, roll up, and pivot to analyze and present data • Chapter 13: Learn about descriptive and predictive statistics, and calculate mean, median, mode, variance and standard deviation • Chapter 14: Harness analytical methods such as regression analysis, data mining, and statistics to make profitable decisions and anticipate the future • Chapter 15: Appreciate the components and design patterns that compose a successful analytic application • Chapter 16: Gain an understanding of the uses and benefits of scorecards and dashboards including support of mobile device users • Chapter 17: Gain insight into applications of business intelligence that could profit your organization, including risk management, finance, marketing, government, healthcare, science and sports • Chapter 18: Perform customer analytics to better understand and segment your customers • Chapter 19: Test, roll out, and sustain the data warehouse Proven methods for building an online income stream You don't have to quit your current job, or already have piles of money, or be 24 years old, or riding a booming economy, in order to start a successful online business. The Six-Figure Second Income explains how to start or grow a business even when you think you have plenty of strikes against you. In the course of building an eight-figure real estate information marketing business, David Lindahl and Jonathan Rozek tested dozens of tools and techniques. This book is centered around principles they derived from all the tests they ran, tools they used, and money they spent. If you're tired of the gimmicks and skepticism that anyone can really succeed online, this book will give you the no-hype, no-nonsense advice you need. Develop your coding skills by exploring Java concepts and techniques such as Strings, Objects and Types, Data Structures and Algorithms, Concurrency, and Functional programming Key Features Solve Java programming challenges and get interview-ready by using the power of modern Java 11 Test your Java skills using language features, algorithms, data structures, and design patterns Explore areas such as web development, mobile development, and GUI programming Book Description The super-fast evolution of the JDK between versions 8 and 12 has increased the learning curve of modern Java, therefore has increased the time needed for placing developers in the Plateau of Productivity. Its new features and concepts can be adopted to solve a variety of modern-day problems. This book enables you to adopt an objective approach to common problems by explaining the correct practices and decisions with respect to complexity, performance, readability, and more. Java Coding Problems will help you complete your daily tasks and meet deadlines. You can count on the 300+ applications containing 1,000+ examples in this book to cover the common and fundamental areas of interest: strings, numbers, arrays, collections, data structures, date and time, immutability, type inference, Optional, Java I/O, Java Reflection, functional programming, concurrency and the HTTP Client API. Put your skills on steroids with problems that have been carefully crafted to highlight and cover the core knowledge that is accessed in daily work. In other words (no matter if your task is easy, medium or complex) having this knowledge under your tool belt is a must, not an option. By the end of this book, you will have gained a strong understanding of Java concepts and have the confidence to develop and choose the right solutions to your problems. What you will learn Adopt the latest JDK 11 and JDK 12 features in your applications Solve cutting-edge problems relating to collections and data structures Get to grips with functional-style programming using lambdas Perform asynchronous communication and parallel data processing Solve strings and number problems using the latest Java APIs Become familiar with different aspects of object immutability in Java Implement the correct practices and clean code techniques Who this book is for If you are a Java developer who wants to level-up by solving real-world problems, then

this book is for you. Working knowledge of Java is required to get the most out of this book. The Queen's Gambit Accepted is one of the oldest openings. It comprises one of the chapters of the Göttingen manuscript, c.1490, the earliest known work devoted entirely to modern chess. Twenty of the today's top 50 chess players play the QGA. It's popularity has increased steadily over the last 20 years. After 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4, Black yields the center and increases the scope and dynamics of every piece. This is an opening that gives the advantage to the stronger tactical player, There are numerous sacrifices on both sides. In open games such as the QGA, attention to tactics is a more effective alternative to memorizing long variations. This volume is indexed by ECO classification so that the reader can focus on his or her area of expertise. Each of these sections contains their own pitfalls and traps. It is more fruitful to study the tactics of an opening you might encounter as White or Black than to study the knight fork, pin or skewer, one tactic at a time. When the type of tactic is provided with the puzzle, it is already half solved. Study the more common tactics found within an opening you face and you will come away with an understanding of the real dynamics of the opening and pick up tactics you can already use. This is a collection of 436 chess puzzles culled from thousands of QGA miniatures where decisive positions are reached in 25 moves or less. They are chosen only if there is only one winning move, i.e. a move that results in a clear two pawn advantage or better. Where there is a mate puzzle, only one move by White or Black will result in a forced mate in that specific number of moves. Solutions are found at the end of the book along with illustrative variations in italics. All variations have been checked for accuracy and uniqueness by Houdini6, a grandmaster-rated chess engine. Each variation ends with '1-0' (White wins/Black resigns) or '0-1' (Black wins/White resigns). Oracle Certified Professional Java SE 7 Programmer Exams 1Z0-804 and 1Z0-805 is a concise, comprehensive, step-by-step, and one-stop guide for the Oracle Certified Professional Java SE 7 Programmer Exam. The first two chapters set the stage for exam preparation and let the reader get started quickly. The first chapter answers frequently asked questions about the OCPJP exam. This book assumes that the reader is already familiar with Java fundamentals which is in line with the prerequisite of having a OCAJP certification. The book sports considerable supportive material to help the reader in effective exam preparation in the form of appendices: 2 mock tests to give the reader a sense of a real-exam. An instant refresher summarizing the most important concepts (with tips on answering questions) to revise just before the exam. This book will be a delectable read for any OCPJP aspirant because of its simple language, example driven approach, and easy-to-read style. Further, given its 100% focus on the exam and helpful supportive material, this book is clearly an attractive buy to OCPJP aspirants worldwide. Are you looking for a deeper understanding of the Java™ programming language so that you can write code that is clearer, more correct, more robust, and more reusable? Look no further! Effective Java™, Second Edition, brings together seventy-eight indispensable programmer's rules of thumb: working, best-practice solutions for the programming challenges you encounter every day. This highly anticipated new edition of the classic, Jolt Award-winning work has been thoroughly updated to cover Java SE 5 and Java SE 6 features introduced since the first edition. Bloch explores new design patterns and language idioms, showing you how to make the most of features ranging from generics to enums, annotations to autoboxing. Each chapter in the book consists of several "items" presented in the form of a short, standalone essay that provides specific advice, insight into Java platform subtleties, and outstanding code examples. The comprehensive descriptions and explanations for each item illuminate what to do, what not to do, and why. Highlights include: New coverage of generics, enums, annotations, autoboxing, the for-each loop, varargs, concurrency utilities, and much more Updated techniques and best practices on classic topics, including objects, classes, libraries, methods, and serialization How to avoid the traps and pitfalls of commonly misunderstood subtleties of the language Focus on the language and its most fundamental libraries: java.lang, java.util, and, to a lesser extent, java.util.concurrent and java.io Simply put, Effective Java™, Second Edition, presents the most practical, authoritative guidelines available for writing efficient, well-designed programs. Presents over two hundred chess openings arranged by classical variations and by level of difficulty An updated, concise reference for the Java programming language, version 8.0, and essential parts of its class languages, offering more detail than a standard textbook. The third edition of Java Precisely provides a concise description of the Java programming language, version 8.0. It offers a quick reference for the reader who has already learned (or is learning) Java from a standard textbook and who wants to know the language in

more detail. The book presents the entire Java programming language and essential parts of the class libraries: the collection classes, the input-output classes, the stream libraries and Java 8's facilities for parallel programming, and the functional interfaces used for that. Though written informally, the book describes the language in detail and offers many examples. For clarity, most of the general rules appear on left-hand pages with the relevant examples directly opposite on the right-hand pages. All examples are fragments of legal Java programs. The complete ready-to-run example programs are available on the book's website. This third edition adds material about functional parallel processing of arrays; default and static methods on interfaces; a brief description of the memory model and visibility across concurrent threads; lambda expressions, method reference expressions, and the related functional interfaces; and stream processing, including parallel programming and collectors. The winners of the Nobel Prize show how economics, when done right, can help us solve the thorniest social and political problems of our day. Figuring out how to deal with today's critical economic problems is perhaps the great challenge of our time. Much greater than space travel or perhaps even the next revolutionary medical breakthrough, what is at stake is the whole idea of the good life as we have known it. Immigration and inequality, globalization and technological disruption, slowing growth and accelerating climate change--these are sources of great anxiety across the world, from New Delhi and Dakar to Paris and Washington, DC. The resources to address these challenges are there--what we lack are ideas that will help us jump the wall of disagreement and distrust that divides us. If we succeed, history will remember our era with gratitude; if we fail, the potential losses are incalculable. In this revolutionary book, renowned MIT economists Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo take on this challenge, building on cutting-edge research in economics explained with lucidity and grace. Original, provocative, and urgent, *Good Economics for Hard Times* makes a persuasive case for an intelligent interventionism and a society built on compassion and respect. It is an extraordinary achievement, one that shines a light to help us appreciate and understand our precariously balanced world. This book helps to prevent such problems by showing how C programmers get themselves into trouble. Each of the book's many examples has trapped a professional programmer. Distilled from the author's experience over a decade of programming in C, this book is an ideal resource for anyone, novice or expert, who has ever written a C program. Thomas Gilovich offers a wise and readable guide to the fallacy of the obvious in everyday life. When can we trust what we believe—that "teams and players have winning streaks," that "flattery works," or that "the more people who agree, the more likely they are to be right"—and when are such beliefs suspect? Thomas Gilovich offers a guide to the fallacy of the obvious in everyday life. Illustrating his points with examples, and supporting them with the latest research findings, he documents the cognitive, social, and motivational processes that distort our thoughts, beliefs, judgments and decisions. In a rapidly changing world, the biases and stereotypes that help us process an overload of complex information inevitably distort what we would like to believe is reality. Awareness of our propensity to make these systematic errors, Gilovich argues, is the first step to more effective analysis and action. Threads are a fundamental part of the Java platform. As multicore processors become the norm, using concurrency effectively becomes essential for building high-performance applications. Java SE 5 and 6 are a huge step forward for the development of concurrent applications, with improvements to the Java Virtual Machine to support high-performance, highly scalable concurrent classes and a rich set of new concurrency building blocks. In *Java Concurrency in Practice*, the creators of these new facilities explain not only how they work and how to use them, but also the motivation and design patterns behind them. However, developing, testing, and debugging multithreaded programs can still be very difficult; it is all too easy to create concurrent programs that appear to work, but fail when it matters most: in production, under heavy load. *Java Concurrency in Practice* arms readers with both the theoretical underpinnings and concrete techniques for building reliable, scalable, maintainable concurrent applications. Rather than simply offering an inventory of concurrency APIs and mechanisms, it provides design rules, patterns, and mental models that make it easier to build concurrent programs that are both correct and performant. This book covers: Basic concepts of concurrency and thread safety Techniques for building and composing thread-safe classes Using the concurrency building blocks in `java.util.concurrent` Performance optimization dos and don'ts Testing concurrent programs Advanced topics such as atomic variables, nonblocking algorithms, and the Java Memory Model More Exceptional C++ continues where Herb Sutter's best-selling *Exceptional C++*

left off, delivering 40 puzzles that illuminate the most challenging -- and most powerful -- aspects of C++. More *Exceptional C++* offers many new puzzles focused on generic programming and the C++ Standard Template Library, including important techniques such as traits and predicates, as well as key considerations in using standard containers and algorithms -- many of them never covered elsewhere. More *Exceptional C++* contains a detailed new section (and two appendices) on optimization in single- and multithreaded environments. It also provides important new insights on crucial topics first introduced in *Exceptional C++*, including exception safety, generic programming, and memory management. For all C++ programmers. Based on real-world errors, the 101 fun and challenging C++ puzzles in *How Not to Program in C++* range from easy (one wrong character) to mind twisting (errors with multiple threads). Match your wits against the author's and polish your language skills as you try to fix broken programs. Clues help along the way, and answers are provided at the back of the book. This title was first published in 2002: This field guide assesses two views of human error - the old view, in which human error becomes the cause of an incident or accident, or the new view, in which human error is merely a symptom of deeper trouble within the system. The two parts of this guide concentrate on each view, leading towards an appreciation of the new view, in which human error is the starting point of an investigation, rather than its conclusion. The second part of this guide focuses on the circumstances which unfold around people, which causes their assessments and actions to change accordingly. It shows how to "reverse engineer" human error, which, like any other component, needs to be put back together in a mishap investigation. The revised edition of this widely acclaimed textbook provides a clear, accessible and comprehensive introduction to modern social theory. As with the first edition, the book is based around the themes of structure and action. After the introductory chapters which examine the nature of theory and its role in the social world, the book then turns to theories of action and the inability of those theories to comprehend social structures in a coherent way. Part 1 covers: Parson's structural-functionalism and the development of conflict theory and neofunctionalism; rational choice theory; symbolic interactionism; ethnomethodology and structuration theory. Part 2 looks at structuralism, structuralist Marxism, and the development of post-structuralist and postmodernist theory. Part 3 examines Critical Theory and the work of Jurgen Habermas. In conclusion, Ian Craib discusses current trends in theory and what might be expected in the future. This second edition has been revised throughout. There are new chapters on rational choice theory and structuration theory and existing chapters have been extended to deal with the development of neofunctionalism, postmodernism and the recent works of Habermas as well as recent developments in other approaches. Throughout, the aim of the book is to demystify a difficult subject area, emphasising the practical and everyday nature of theoretical thinking in the context of making sense of a rapidly changing world. The late Ian Craib was Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Essex.

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