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This book gives you all the information you need to buy, collect, sell or simply enjoy sapphires, emeralds, rubies and other coloured gemstones with confidence and knowledge. With more varieties than ever before to choose from, including altogether new gems, revolutionary new cuts and new ways to buy gems -- such as Internet auctions and TV shopping -- there has never been a more exciting time to buy or collect coloured gemstones. But there are also new high-tech treatments and sophisticated frauds to look out for. Lack of information, error or misrepresentation can make the thrill of buying a gem or piece of jewellery confusing, intimidating, overwhelming and costly. Buyers need a source of expert guidance. This practical, comprehensive, easy-to-understand guide provides all the information you need in order to know what to look for, and what to look out for, including: What qualifies as a "gemstone"?; How to evaluate colour -- and its impact on price; Deciding between a natural gem and an enhanced gem . . . and new glass-gemstone compositions; Coloured gemstone synthesis and treatment; What to get in writing; How to get what you want within your budget; Price guides for popular gems, opals and synthetic stones; Important information about buying on the Internet; What to ask when buying the stone . . . and much more! Written by an "insider", this easy-to-read guide is the "unofficial coloured gemstone bible" for anyone who wants to get the most for their money and enjoy what

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they have purchased.

Documents the troubling influence of a small group of scientists who the author contends misrepresent scientific facts to advance key political and economic agendas, revealing the interests behind their detractions on findings about acid rain, DDT, and other hazards.

After plummeting through a hole in her backyard and finding herself once again in the room of mysterious jars, eleven-year-old Olive unwittingly releases two of Elsewhere's biggest, most cunning, most dangerous forces.

In this eighth edition, parents will find helpful tips on "building" the baby's nursery, from crib to diaper bag, plus ratings of car seats, carriers, play yards, and travel systems.

Drug overdose, driven largely by overdose related to the use of opioids, is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in the United States. The ongoing opioid crisis lies at the intersection of two public health challenges: reducing the burden of suffering from pain and containing the rising toll of the harms that can arise from the use of opioid medications. Chronic pain and opioid use disorder both represent complex human conditions affecting millions of Americans and causing untold disability and loss of function. In the context of the growing opioid problem, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched an Opioids Action Plan in early 2016. As part of this plan, the FDA asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a committee to update the state of the science on pain research,

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care, and education and to identify actions the FDA and others can take to respond to the opioid epidemic, with a particular focus on informing FDA's development of a formal method for incorporating individual and societal considerations into its risk-benefit framework for opioid approval and monitoring.

Coverage of popular American makes and trend-setting imports from this youthful decade. Picture-and-caption format with more than 1,600 photos. Historical timeline reviewing the entire era.

From banana chicken appetizers to lychee mandarin ice, this cookbook is filled with recipes to make simple or elaborate Chinese meals. Illustrated.

Based on tests conducted by Consumers Union, this guide rates new cars based on performance, handling, comfort, convenience, reliability, and fuel economy, and includes advice on options and safety statistics.

This specialty buying guide presents easy-to-use historical profiles of some 200 models--cars, trucks, minivans, sport utility vehicles--giving readers a comprehensive view of each model as a used car.

Features recommendations and ratings on hundreds of small, medium, and large-sized cars based on quality, economy, performance, and comfort standards, with judgments on crash protection, and assessments of available options

The third edition of Fitting and Dispensing Hearing Aids provides clinical audiologists, hearing instrument specialists, and graduate students with the latest in practical

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information reflecting current clinical practice standards. Authored by two of the industry's leading authorities on adult amplification and audiology practice management, the book is sequenced to match the patient's journey through a clinical practice. Its 12 chapters are packed with the latest commercial innovations in hearing aids, basic hearing assessment procedures, patient-related outcome measures, and innovative counseling techniques. Experienced clinicians will also find the updated chapters on help-seeking behavior and hearing aid features and benefits to be valuable to their continued professional development. Hearing aid dispensing always has been a technology-driven profession, heavily dependent on the expertise, thoughtfulness, and good judgment of the licensed professional. Over the past few years, even as technology has continued to evolve at breakneck speed, these skills have become more relevant than ever in the delivery of high-quality patient care, especially to the rapidly aging Baby Boomer population. This bestselling text is required reading for those studying to obtain their hearing aid dispensing license or audiology or speech pathology students looking for the latest in dispensing and fitting hearing aids in a succinct, entertaining format. Because each chapter is written around a specific theme—like wine tasting, travel, baseball, country music, and more—this succinct and entertaining textbook is actually fun to read! New to the Third Edition: \* The chapters devoted to fitting modern hearing aids have been thoroughly updated \* Thoroughly updated chapter on connectivity \* Material on over-the-counter hearing aids and

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automated real ear measures \* Information on newer outcome measures and updated approaches to counseling patients \* Information on hearables, self-fitting hearing aids, over-the-counter hearing aids, and personal sound amplification products (PSAPs) \* Complete review of all special features with case study examples \* Revised appendix with several up-to-date industry resources

Test reports, profiles, and advice on nearly 200 new cars, sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and pickups are provided by America's #1 consumer product-testing center. 240 photos and charts.

Steers buyers through the the confusion and anxiety of new and used vehicle purchases like no other car-and-truck book on the market. "Dr. Phil," along with George Iny and the Editors of the Automobile Protection Association, pull no punches. This one-stop Mega Reference eBook brings together the essential professional reference content from leading international contributors in the automotive field. An expansion the Automotive Engineering print edition, this fully searchable electronic reference book of 2500 pages delivers content to meet all the main information needs of engineers working in vehicle design and development. Material ranges from basic to advanced topics from engines and transmissions to vehicle dynamics and modelling. \* A fully searchable Mega Reference Ebook, providing all the essential material needed by Automotive Engineers on a day-to-day basis. \* Fundamentals, key techniques, engineering best practice and rules-of-thumb together in one quick-reference. \* Over

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2,500 pages of reference material, including over 1,500 pages not included in the print edition

Part 2 of 2 Today we are releasing Version 2 of the CFPB Supervision and Examination Manual, the guide our examiners use in overseeing companies that provide consumer financial products and services. Our manual, originally released in October 2011, describes how the CFPB supervises and examines these providers and gives our examiners direction on how to determine if companies are complying with consumer financial protection laws. We updated the supervision manual to reflect the renumbering of the consumer financial protection regulations for which the CFPB is responsible. The numbering conventions in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) allow the reader to easily identify which regulations fall under a particular agency's responsibility. The renumbering incorporated throughout the manual reflects the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 transfer of rulemaking responsibility for many consumer financial protection regulations from other Federal agencies to the CFPB. In December 2011, the CFPB published its renumbered regulations in the Federal Register. The renumbered regulations also included certain technical changes but no substantive changes. The CFPB's renumbering reflects the codification of its regulations in Title 12 (Banks and Banking), Chapter X (Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection) of the CFR. For example, before July 21, 2011, the Federal Reserve had rulemaking authority for the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, which was codified in Title 12, Chapter II (Federal Reserve System), Part 203. The CFPB's implementing regulation for the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act is now codified in Title 12, Chapter X, Part 1003.

An award-winning journalist's dramatic account of a shooting that shook a community to its

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core, with important implications for the future On the last evening of summer in 2013, five shots rang out in a part of northeast Denver known as the Holly. Long a destination for African American families fleeing the Jim Crow South, the area had become an “invisible city” within a historically white metropolis. While shootings there weren’t uncommon, the identity of the shooter that night came as a shock. Terrance Roberts was a revered anti-gang activist. His attempts to bring peace to his community had won the accolades of both his neighbors and the state’s most important power brokers. Why had he just fired a gun? In *The Holly*, the award-winning Denver-based journalist Julian Rubinstein reconstructs the events that left a local gang member paralyzed and Roberts facing the possibility of life in prison. Much more than a crime story, *The Holly* is a multigenerational saga of race and politics that runs from the civil rights movement to Black Lives Matter. With a cast that includes billionaires, elected officials, cops, developers, and street kids, the book explores the porous boundaries between a city’s elites and its most disadvantaged citizens. It also probes the fraught relationships between police, confidential informants, activists, gang members, and ex-gang members as they struggle to put their pasts behind them. In *The Holly*, we see how well-intentioned efforts to curb violence and improve neighborhoods can go badly awry, and we track the interactions of law enforcement with gang members who conceive of themselves as defenders of a neighborhood. When Roberts goes on trial, the city’s fault lines are fully exposed. In a time of national reckoning over race, policing, and the uses and abuses of power, Rubinstein offers a dramatic and humane illumination of what’s at stake.

America's best-selling and best-loved guide to baby gear is back with an updated and revised edition! Yes, a baby book that actually answers the big question about having a baby: How am

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I going to afford all this? With the average cost of a baby topping \$7400 for just the first year alone, new parents need creative solutions and innovative ideas to navigate the consumer maze that confronts all parents-to-be. Baby Bargains is the answer! Inside, you'll discover: \* BEST BET PICKS for cribs, car seats, strollers, high chairs, diapers and more! \* CHEAT SHEETS for your baby registry--create a baby registry in minutes with our good, better, best ideas. \* SEVEN THINGS no one tells you about baby gear, from nursery furniture to feeding baby. \* THE TRUTH ABOUT STROLLERS--and which brands work best in the real world. \* Dozens of SAFETY TIPS to keep baby safe and affordably baby proof your home. \* DETAILED CHARTS that compare brands of cribs, high chairs, car seats and more. This new 14th edition adds the latest tips and advice on getting bargains on baby gear, including: Streamlined recommendations by parenting lifestyle, from a crib for space-challenged urban parents to an affordable car seat for Grandma's car. New recommendations for baby feeding, from baby food processors to storage ideas for homemade baby food. BUDGET-FRIENDLY picks for dozens of items, from high chairs to infant car seats. Expanded coverage of new baby gear items, like extra-large playpens, sleep soothers and more

In a 2009 study of the debt collection industry, the Commission concluded that the “most significant change in the debt collection business in recent years has been the advent and growth of debt buying.” “Debt buying” refers to the sale of debt by creditors or other debt owners to buyers that then attempt to collect the debt or sell it to other buyers. Debt buying can reduce the losses that creditors incur in providing credit, thereby allowing creditors to provide more credit at lower prices. Debt buying, however, also may raise significant consumer protection concerns. The FTC receives more consumer complaints about debt collectors,

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including debt buyers, than about any other single industry. Many of these complaints appear to have their origins in the quantity and quality of information that collectors have about debts. In its 2009 study, the Commission expressed concern that debt collectors, including debt buyers, may have insufficient or inaccurate information when they collect on debts, which may result in collectors seeking to recover from the wrong consumer or recover the wrong amount. The FTC initiated this debt buyer study in late 2009 for two main purposes. First, the FTC sought to obtain a better understanding of the debt buying market and the process of buying and selling debt. Second, the Commission wanted to explore the nature and extent of the relationship, if any, between the practice of debt buying and the types of information problems that the FTC has found can occur when debt collectors seek to recover and verify debts. Many stakeholders recognize the concerns that have been raised about debt buying, including consumer groups, members of Congress, federal and state regulatory and enforcement agencies, and the debt buyer industry itself. Indeed, the debt buyer industry has launched a self-regulatory effort to address some of these concerns, and the FTC is encouraged by that effort. This study of debt buyers is the first large-scale empirical assessment of the debt buying sector of the collection industry. The FTC hopes that its findings contribute to a greater understanding of debt buying, enhance ongoing reform efforts, and prompt further study of the industry. To conduct its study, the Commission obtained information about debts and debt buying practices from nine of the largest debt buyers that collectively bought 76.1% of the debt sold in 2008, with six of these debt buyers providing the information the Commission used in most of its analysis. The FTC also considered its prior enforcement and policy work related to debt collection, as well as available research concerning debt

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buying. The study focused on large debt buyers because they account for most of the debt purchased; it did not address the practices of smaller debt buyers that are a frequent source of consumer protection concerns, a limitation that must be considered in evaluating the study's findings. The Commission acquired and analyzed an unprecedented amount of data from the studied debt buyers, which submitted data on more than 5,000 portfolios, containing nearly 90 million consumer accounts, purchased during the three-year study period. These accounts had a face value of \$143 billion, and the debt buyers spent nearly \$6.5 billion to acquire them. Most portfolios for which debt buyers submitted data were credit card debt, with such debt accounting for 62% of all portfolios and 71% of the total amount that the buyers spent to acquire debts. In addition to these data, the debt buyers provided copies of many purchase and sale agreements between themselves and sellers of debts. The debt buyers also submitted narrative responses to questions concerning their companies and their practices, as well as the debt buying industry. The key findings of the study are as follows:

Financial planner and broker Julie Stav has been helping women get rich for years. Now she offers her hands-on techniques and inspiring advice in a book that simplifies the stock market and puts a new world of wealth within reach. And with updated information—including current examples, the hottest new websites, and more—this smart, sensible, and down-to-earth book is the ideal guide for women who want to invest in their dreams.

Completely redesigned for 1996, to make it easier to find all the information on the cars on any reader's shopping list, *Used Car Buying Guide* now presents all models in alphabetical order. This annual bestseller steers consumers to the makes and models most likely to provide reliable and practical transportation, thus minimizing the chance of making a costly mistake.

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**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •** This instant classic explores how we can change our lives by changing our habits. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Wall Street Journal • Financial Times** In *The Power of Habit*, award-winning business reporter Charles Duhigg takes us to the thrilling edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed. Distilling vast amounts of information into engrossing narratives that take us from the boardrooms of Procter & Gamble to the sidelines of the NFL to the front lines of the civil rights movement, Duhigg presents a whole new understanding of human nature and its potential. At its core, *The Power of Habit* contains an exhilarating argument: The key to exercising regularly, losing weight, being more productive, and achieving success is understanding how habits work. As Duhigg shows, by harnessing this new science, we can transform our businesses, our communities, and our lives. With a new Afterword by the author "Sharp, provocative, and useful."—Jim Collins "Few [books] become essential manuals for business and living. *The Power of Habit* is an exception. Charles Duhigg not only explains how habits are formed but how to kick bad ones and hang on to the good."—Financial Times "A flat-out great read."—David Allen, bestselling author of

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Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity “You’ll never look at yourself, your organization, or your world quite the same way.”—Daniel H. Pink, bestselling author of *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind* “Entertaining . . . enjoyable . . . fascinating . . . a serious look at the science of habit formation and change.”—The New York Times Book Review

Focuses on careful preparation as the key to academic success Brimming with practical ideas and useful resources, this book aims to prepare nurses at all levels to advance and attain their educational goals. Each chapter details how to prepare and stay motivated for the journey ahead, including how to stop contemplating the decision and move forward. The book addresses common barriers and fears about a return to school, such as how to handle multiple responsibilities, refresh writing skills, finance a college education, and deal with the fear of technology or being too old. Through real life examples from nurses who have faced the challenges of re-entering college, *Advancing Your Nursing Degree: The Experienced Nurse’s Guide to Returning to School*, details the process of selecting a program, completing an application, and orienting to college life. In a friendly and personal voice, this book describes the current academic environment and the expectations facing students today. Included are checklists on what to look for when deciding on a school and program, how to identify gaps in computer skills, and what resources may help promote ultimate success. Each chapter builds on the previous one and contains resources and examples on preparing

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mentally for the rigors of school, getting family and other support systems onboard, balancing job responsibilities and schedules, sharpening academic and computer skills, setting up a study area that is conducive to success, and celebrating achievements along the way. The book also details ideas on how to finance a college education, including particular resources available to nurses. While written for nurses at all educational levels, each chapter includes specific information for graduate nurses. Key Features: Written by a nurse for nurses at all levels of education and experience Focuses on thoughtful preparation, an often overlooked strategy for success when re-entering the academic environment Addresses the fears frequently expressed by nurses when returning to school Provides practical ideas and real life examples from nursing students and faculty Includes a checklist of items to consider when exploring program choices Presents strategies and resources to fund nursing education

“Funny, tender, and so good.” —Mindy Kaling, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Why Not Me?* Remember when we hit it off so well that we decided *We’re Going to Need More Wine?* Well, this time you and I are going to turn to our friend the bartender and ask, *You Got Anything Stronger?* I promise to continue to make you laugh, but with this round, the stakes get higher as the conversation goes deeper. So. Where were we? Right, you and I left off in October 2017, when my first book came out. The weeks before were filled with dreams of loss. Pets dying. My husband leaving me. Babies not being born. My therapist told me it was my soul preparing for my true self to emerge

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after letting go of my grief. I had finally spoken openly about my fertility journey. I was having second thoughts—in fact, so many thoughts they were organizing to go on strike. But I knew I had to be honest because I didn't want other women going through IVF to feel as alone as I did. I had suffered in isolation, having so many miscarriages that I could not give an exact number. Strangers shared their own journeys and heartbreak with me. I had led with the truth, and it opened the door to compassion. When I released *We're Going to Need More Wine*, the response was so great people asked when I would do a sequel. The New York Times even ran a headline reading "We're Going to Need More Gabrielle Union." Frankly, after being so open and honest in my writing, I wasn't sure there was more of me I was ready to share. But life happens with all its plot twists. And new stories demand to be told. This time, I need to be more vulnerable—not so much for me, but anyone who feels alone in what they're going through. A lot has changed in four years—I became a mom and I'm raising two amazing girls. My husband retired. My career has expanded so that I have the opportunity to lift up other voices that need to be heard. But the world has also shown us that we have a lot we still have to fight for—as women, as black women, as mothers, as aging women, as human beings, as friends. In *You Got Anything Stronger?*, I show you how this ever-changing life presents challenges, even as it gives me moments of pure joy. I take you on a girl's night at Chateau Marmont, and I also talk to Isis, my character from *Bring It On*. For the first time, I truly open up about my surrogacy journey and the birth of

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Kaavia James Union Wade. And I take on racist institutions and practices in the entertainment industry, asking for equality and real accountability. You Got Anything Stronger? is me at my most vulnerable. I have recently found true strength in that vulnerability, and I want to share that power with you here, through this book.

Answers legal questions of concern to tenants and explains how to deal with a landlord who is acting unfairly

This Guide, prepared by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), is intended to assist attorneys counseling identity theft victims. It explains: common types of identity theft the impact of identity theft on clients the tools available for restoring victims to their pre-crime status. Specifically, the Guide highlights the rights and remedies available to identity theft victims under federal laws, most notably: the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) the Fair Credit Billing Act (FCBA) the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) the Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA). It also includes information and materials published by other organizations that address less common, more complex, and emerging forms of identity theft, such as medical or employment related identity theft.

Small enough to fit in your pocket, this practical little book will help you change the world as you shop! While we strive to make our vote count every four years, few of us realize that our most immediate power to shape the world is squandered on a daily basis. Every dollar we spend has the potential to create social and environmental

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change. In fact, it already has. The world that exists today is in large part a result of our purchasing decisions. The Better World Shopping Guide rates hundreds of products and services from A to F, so you can quickly tell the "good guys" from the "bad guys" and ensure your money is not supporting corporations that make decisions based solely on the bottom line. Drawing on decades of meticulous research, this completely revised and updated sixth edition will help you find out who actually "walks the talk" when it comes to: Environmental sustainability Human rights Community involvement Animal protection Social justice Small enough to fit in a back pocket or handbag and organized in a user-friendly format, The Better World Shopping Guide helps you reward companies who are doing good, penalize those involved in destructive activities, and change the world as you shop! Ellis Jones, PhD is the award-winning, bestselling author of five previous editions of The Better World Shopping Guide , and co-author of The Better World Handbook . A scholar of social responsibility, global citizenship, and everyday activism, he has dedicated himself to uncovering practical ways for people to make a difference in the world. He currently teaches at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

In The Lost Ways you'll find the long forgotten secrets that helped our ancestors survive famines, wars, economic crises, diseases, droughts, and anything else life threw at them.

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toys, clothes, food, and cribs.

Essential advice for buying and caring for a new or used piano. A '97-'98 supplement is available.

While most of us have heard the phrase “use it or lose it,” very few understand what “it” means, or how to properly “use it” in order to maintain brain function and fitness. The SharpBrains Guide to Brain Fitness is an invaluable guide that helps readers navigate growing brain research and identify the lifestyle factors and products that contribute to brain fitness. By gathering insights from eighteen of the world’s top scientists and offering tools and detailed descriptions of over twenty products, this book is an essential guide to the field of brain fitness, neuroplasticity and cognitive health. Focusing on new reference sources published since 2008 and reference titles that have retained their relevance, this new edition brings O’Gorman’s complete and authoritative guide to the best reference sources for small and medium-sized academic and public libraries fully up to date.

The first book to apply the latest scientific research to America’s favorite form of cooking, by the curator of the highly successful website Amazingribs.com, with 175 sure-fire recipes

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