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Summary of World Broadcasts - British Broadcasting Corporation. Monitoring Service 1984

Mexico - Don M. Coerver 2004

Provides information on the events, people, and issues that have shaped twentieth-century Mexico, covering such topics as history, the economy, art, and culture.

Analytic Methods in Sports - Thomas A. Severini 2020-04-14

One of the greatest changes in the sports world in the past 20 years has been the use of mathematical methods to analyze performances, recognize trends and patterns, and predict results. *Analytic Methods in Sports: Using Mathematics and Statistics to Understand Data from Baseball, Football, Basketball, and Other Sports*, Second Edition provides a concise yet thorough introduction to the analytic and statistical methods that are useful in studying sports. The book gives you all the tools necessary to answer key questions in sports analysis. It explains how to apply the methods to sports data and interpret the results, demonstrating that the analysis of sports data is often different from standard statistical analyses. The book integrates a large number of motivating sports examples throughout and offers guidance on computation and suggestions for further reading in each chapter. Features Covers numerous statistical procedures for analyzing data based on sports results Presents fundamental methods for describing and summarizing data Describes aspects of probability theory and basic statistical concepts that are necessary to understand and deal with the randomness inherent in sports data Explains the statistical reasoning underlying the methods Illustrates the methods using real data drawn from a wide variety of sports Offers many of the datasets on the author's website, enabling you to replicate the analyses or conduct related analyses New to the Second Edition R code included for all calculations A new chapter discussing several more advanced methods, such as binary response models, random effects, multilevel models, spline methods, and principal components analysis, and more Exercises added to the end of each chapter, to enable use for courses and self-study Full solutions manual available to course instructors.

Global Sports - Frank P. Jozsa 2009

This interesting book discusses the emergence and development of five extremely popular team sports OCo baseball, basketball, football-soccer, ice hockey and cricket OCo since the 1800s in 15 different countries. It addresses some of the most provocative, recent and unique economic and business issues associated with team sports in the various nations. For example, to what extent has each of these spectator sports prospered as industries, and will they expand into other regions of the world during the early to mid-2000s? This book answers these questions, and compares the performances of each country's amateur, semiprofessional and/or professional sports leagues and their respective teams by providing detailed statistics and other relevant historical information."

[The Irish and the Making of American Sport, 1835-1920](#) - Patrick R. Redmond 2014-02-10

Jerrold Casway coined the phrase "The Emerald Age of Baseball" to describe the 1890s, when so many Irish names dominated teams' rosters. But one can easily agree—and expand—that the period from the mid-1830s well into the first decade of the 20th century and assign the term to American sports in general. This book covers the Irish sportsman from the arrival of James "Deaf" Burke in 1836 through to Jack B.

Kelly's rejection by Henley regatta and his subsequent gold medal at the 1920 Olympics. It avoids recounting the various victories and defeats of the Irish sportsman, seeking instead to deal with the complex interaction that he had with alcohol, gambling and Sunday leisure: pleasures that were banned in most of America at some time or other between 1836 and 1920. This book also covers the Irish sportsman's close relations with politicians, his role in labor relations, his violent lifestyle—and by contrast—his participation in bringing respectability to sport. It also deals with native Irish sports in America, the part played by the Irish in "Team USA's" initial international sporting ventures, and in the making and breaking of amateurism within sport.

Female Gladiators - Sarah K. Fields 2010-10-01

Female Gladiators examines the legal and social history of the right of women to participate with men in contact sports. The impetus to begin legal proceedings was the 1972 enactment of Title IX, which prohibited discrimination in educational settings, but it was the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution and the equal rights amendments of state constitutions that ultimately opened doors. Despite court rulings, however, many in American society resisted—and continue to resist—allowing girls in dugouts and other spaces traditionally defined as male territories. When the leagues continued to bar girls simply because they were not boys, the girls went to court. Sarah K. Fields examines the legal and cultural conflicts over gender and contact sports that continue to rage today.

The Triumphant Publication - A.R. M. 2012-11-21

It's a Going-Out-Of-Business Sale! The best short stories, essays, and poems I attempted over the years! It's all gone after this folks! The desire to write exhausted by rejection and disappointment dumped into this final form, now left here to rot! All of it can be purchased at the lowest permissible cost! My father and spouse have finally convinced me to stop wasting my time on writing as if I had a future! So why did I bother doing this at all? To test the axiom 'Tis Better to have tried and failed, than never to have tried at all." I bet it sucks just as much!

Sport and Memory in North America - Steven Wieting 2019-07-23

Cultures and nations remember themselves with select bodily images, evocative rituals and texts. This volume illustrates how sport is used in the creation, maintenance and now global dissemination of a nation's cherished values. Carefully drawn cases of sport in North America - American baseball and football, figure skating and gymnastics, Canadian hockey and track and field, for example - show the potency of sport's "cultural work". The book captures uplifting images which are stressed in the public performance and national and international broadcasting of sport, but also notes the omissions and distortions of social reality that persist in sport performance and mass marketing in North America.

Good Night, Mr. James - Clifford D. Simak 2016-07-05

Strange, poignant tales of life in outer space and on tomorrow's Earth from the multiple Hugo Award-winning Grand Master of Science Fiction. Virtually every major author from science fiction's fabled golden age—including Poul Anderson, Isaac Asimov, and Robert A. Heinlein—agreed that Clifford D. Simak was one of the greatest among them. Named Grand Master by the Science Fiction Writers of America, the award-winning author created enduring visions of future worlds, perilous space explorations, and weird

alien encounters as rich in emotion and humanity as they are in ingenious invention. This is an essential collection of short fiction from the remarkable mind and heart of a true giant of twentieth-century speculative fiction, featuring powerful examples of literary science fiction at its very best. Beginning with the unforgettable title story—a wry and chilling horror tale about cloning and alien invasion that inspired the classic teleplay “The Duplicate Man” from the television series *The Outer Limits*—Simak propels the reader on a breathtaking journey across the galaxies and into the future. He then entralls us with the strange chronicle of twin siblings, one tied to the Earth, the other drawn to the stars; imaginings of a volatile reunion of two former enemies who must join forces on Jupiter’s moon or face extinction; and the story of a house in the middle of nowhere that serves as a gateway back to prehistoric times. With his wondrous tales of a journalist’s miraculous discovery of fairies and sprites in the world, a census three centuries in the making that uncovers an unknown leap forward in human evolution, and the nightmare realities of future elder care, Simak demonstrates once again that he is not only one of the greatest science fiction writers of the twentieth century, but also one of the greatest of all time.

Rhoades to Reading Teacher's Answer Key Levels I-V - Jacqueline Rhoades 2004

Reading program designed for adults grade 5-adult. Includes answers for activity sheets contained in the Level V Teacher Handbook.

The Book of Useless Information - Noel Botham 2006-06-27

What you may so cavalierly call useless information could prove invaluable to someone else. Then again, maybe not. But to The Useless Information Society, any fact that passes its gasp-inducing, not-a-lot-of-people-know-that test merits inclusion in this fascinating but ultimately useless book... Did you know (or do you care)... • That fish scales are used to make lipstick? • Why organized crime accounts for ten percent of the United States’s annual income? • The name of the first CD pressed in the United States? • The last year that can be written upside-down or right side-up and appear the same? • The shortest performance ever nominated for an Oscar®? • How much Elvis weighed at the time of his death? • What the suits in a deck of cards represent? • How many Quarter Pounders can be made from one cow? • How interesting useless information can be? The Book of Useless Information answers these teasers and is packed with facts and figures that will captivate you—and anyone who shares your joy in the pursuit of pointless knowledge.

The Youth Sports Crisis: Out-of-Control Adults, Helpless Kids - Steven J. Overman 2014-10-14

This provocative critique of the youth sports movement examines the various issues surrounding children in sports and provides a plan for reform based on a change in philosophy and practice. • Contains a separate chapter on youth football that highlights the toxic elements of the sport • Features a comprehensive bibliography of some 275 sources containing scholarly and popular books, periodicals, conference papers, and online resources • Offers a comprehensive view on the topic, including the expenses, injuries, and exploitation by coaches • Explores the damaging culture of hypermasculinity inherent in boys sports

Classic Home Video Games, 1972-1984 - Brett Weiss 2011-12-20

This reference work provides a comprehensive guide to popular and obscure video games of the 1970s and early 1980s, covering virtually every official United States release for programmable home game consoles of the pre-Nintendo NES era. Included are the following systems: Adventure Vision, APF MP1000, Arcadia 2001, Astrocade, Atari 2600, Atari 5200, Atari 7800, ColecoVision, Fairchild Channel F, Intellivision, Microvision, Odyssey, Odyssey2, RCA Studio II, Telstar Arcade, and Vectrex. Organized alphabetically by console brand, each chapter includes a history and description of the game system, followed by substantive entries for every game released for that console, regardless of when the game was produced. Each video game entry includes publisher/developer information and the release year, along with a detailed description and, frequently, the author’s critique. An appendix lists “homebrew” titles that have been created by fans and amateur programmers and are available for download or purchase. Includes glossary, bibliography and index.

The Art of Fielding - Chad Harbach 2011-09-07

A disastrous error on the field sends five lives into a tailspin in this widely acclaimed tale about love, life, and baseball, praised by the *New York Times* as "wonderful...a novel that is every bit as entertaining as it is affecting." Named one of the year's best books by the *New York Times*, NPR, *The New Yorker*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Bloomberg*, *Kansas City Star*,

Richmond Times-Dispatch, and *Time Out New York*. At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment -- to oneself and to others. "First novels this complete and consuming come along very, very seldom." --Jonathan Franzen

Memoir of a Useless Boy - S. Leonard Syme 2011-07-27

S. Leonard Syme tells the story of a skinny 12-year-old boy whose father challenged him to squish the caps of soda pop bottles. He regularly failed. He clearly remembers feeling bruised every time his father walked away muttering about his useless boy. Looking back, he realized that he devoted his life to proving his father wrong. The lessons he learned in successfully dealing with his father's rejections and disapprovals allowed him to help others. His Memoir is an optimistic one: it describes his humorous and revealing journey from squeezing bottle caps to changing the way we as a society understand health and well-being.

Pediatric Orthopedics in Practice - Fritz Hefti 2015-08-04

This book communicates the latest findings in pediatric orthopedics and answers key everyday questions in the field in an informative, readily understandable manner. The scope is comprehensive, encompassing all aspects of diagnosis and therapy. After an opening section on basic principles, the two main sections discuss diseases and injuries by site and cover systemic conditions including trauma, infections, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, tumors and hereditary diseases. The book is the translation of the latest edition of the well-known classic *Kinderorthopädie in der Praxis*, which presents the collected knowledge of experts from Basel University Children's Hospital - Fritz Hefti and his co-workers Reinald Brunner, Carol Claudius Hasler, and Gernot Jundt. This edition has been revised and updated in a variety of ways. New findings are incorporated into all chapters, important advances in treatment are presented and the latest concepts in tumor diagnosis and neuro-orthopedics are discussed. The book contains more than 150 additional illustrations, including new clinical images and radiographs and many further amusing cartoons by Franz Freuler. The aim is to make children’s orthopedics fun - in both practice and theory! The book has received several awards.

Professional Sports Team Community Protection Act - United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 1984

Antitrust Policy and Professional Sports - United States. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law 1984

The Indispensable Book of Useless Information - Don Voorhees 2011-05-03

Nothing you'll ever need to know is in this book The #1 *New York Times* bestselling series continues to prove that there are plenty of things in this world no one needs to know about. Why bother learning that... *Poland sells a drink called Fart Juice? *ATMs in Vatican City are in Latin? *a two-year-old learns about ten new words a day? *President George Washington checked out two library books that are now 220 years overdue? Do you really need to know... *how many clocks are in the Pentagon? *which state has towns called Intercourse and Virginville? *what WD-40 stands for? *the state with the fastest drivers?

Steroids and Doping in Sports: A Reference Handbook, 2nd Edition - David E. Newton 2018-04-30

This book provides a comprehensive introduction to one of the most controversial issues in modern society—steroid abuse among athletes—as well as to the ongoing debate over the use and misuse of illegal substances in amateur and professional sporting events. • Helps readers towards an understanding of the

nature of anabolic steroids and their effects on the human body, both beneficial and harmful • Comprises an extensive array of tools that permits students to continue their own research on the topic • Includes a glossary of terms that will aid readers in better understanding the technical language used in discussions of steroids and doping in sports • Introduces readers to the complex issue of testing for illegal drugs in both amateur and professional sports, and to methods of testing and problems involved with mediating the validity and reliability of tests • Introduces students to important individuals and organizations involved in steroid abuse and doping in sports, both historically and currently

Servanthood as Worship - Nate Palmer 2010-12

So many Christian books on leadership. Whatever happened to servanthood? Here is a biblical understanding of every Christians' calling to serve, motivated by grace. This book can revitalize service teams in churches of any size.

Ethics in Sport - William John Morgan 2007

This is a text for students in sport philosophy, sport ethics, sport management and sport studies courses, as well as a reference for professionals with an interest in sport ethics. World-renowned experts examine the moral and ethical issues surrounding sport in contemporary society, addressing current debates.

From My Chair - Humberto Gurmilan 2016-08-14

"From My Chair" is the chronicle of events that followed a traumatic surfing accident that left Beto Gurmilón paralyzed at the young age of 15. His dreams and hopes of a "normal" life were shattered but his will remained intact. Through perseverance and with strong family support Gurmilón has recovered and has accomplished many of the dreams that at one point seemed so distant. In his first published book, Gurmilón interweaves anecdotes and personal experiences that have helped him in his route to regaining control of his life and completing his dreams. He revisits his road to recovery from spinal cord injury but also shares perspectives about love, life, family and some of the keys to happiness that have helped him turn a tragedy into valuable life lessons for everyone to learn from. Gurmilón teaches us that limitations only exist in the mind and that the human spirit is the fuel of all accomplishments. He encourages us to cherish each moment -good or bad- and learn from them. "From My Chair" provides footnotes for life in a lighthearted yet powerful language that all can understand.

Yea, Alabama! The Uncensored Journal of the University of Alabama (Volume 3 - 1901 through 1926) - David M. Battles 2019-06-20

The University of Alabama (UA) is one of the most prominent universities in the US. Volume One of this series explored UA's birth, formative years, its burning by Union soldiers, and its rebirth in 1871. Volume Two noted the adolescent years of the school, rebellion by the students against the military system of government, the rise of a student culture via the admission of women, and a nascent men's sports program. This third volume explores rising enrollment and a new style of student governance. The book investigates how UA dealt with student smoking, cursing, and hazing. It covers how UA became nationally respected academically, the rise of a successful sports program, the first use of the phrase "Crimson Tide," the history of the Million Dollar Band and how "Yea, Alabama" became the school fight song, the UA/Auburn rift, and the UA response to WWI and to the women's rights movement.

From My Chair - Humberto Gurmilan 2013-01-30

[The Other Journal: Sport](#) - The Other Journal 2016-11-04

FEATURING: Adam Joyce, Lincoln Harvey, Marcia W. Mount Shoop, Margot Starbuck, and Tim Suttle
PLUS: Let's Dance: Zumba and the Imago Dei of Beautiful Black Bodies * Commercial Participation: Modern Sports Fandom and Sacramental Ontology * The Work of Play * Lines and Lines Athwart Lines * Singing with Losers --AND MORE . . . The ancient Olympic games were held every four years at the temple of Zeus. They were a major cultural and religious event that doubled as a contest between rivaling nation-states. Certain strands of mythology even suggest that Heracles, the strongest of mortal men, organized the event and built the Olympic stadium in honor of his father, Zeus. Today, few athletes devote their efforts to the honor of Zeus, but there remains a certain religiosity at work in sport's place within Western culture. Fame, fortune, and honor; character and fair play; skill and artistic perfection also remain at stake, just in new ways. As Marcia W. Mount Shoop explains in her interview with Jessica Coblentz, sports still "tap into

our most primal existential needs for vitality, for purpose, for creativity, for connection and community, and for work and play," and in this, our twenty-fifth issue of *The Other Journal*, we dive into these characteristics of sport, starting literally with Jennifer Stewart Fueston's poem "A Swim" and then continuing on to the ancient Greek stadium at Nemea. Our contributors consider the ethics, commodification, and embodiment of particular events, as well as the personal and cultural stories which weave in and out of sport. They do the hard work of conscientious fandom at football games; walk us through baseball liturgies; and take us to the windy courts of Philo, Illinois, where noted author David Foster Wallace was an outdoor tennis savant. They show us how to fly and then how to lose. And they invite us to dance, "to let our bodies taste the salt of our sweat, hear the pant of exhalation, and feel the perspiration on our skin, for it is in these very possibilities," argues John B. White, "that we relate to God, others, and self." The issue features essays and reviews by Jeff Appel, Andrew Arndt, Ben Bishop, Jen Grabarczyk-Turner, Lincoln Harvey, Jonathan Hiskes, Adam Joyce, Lakisha R. Lockhart-Rusch, Benj Petroelje, Justin Randall Phillips, Heather L. Reid, Margot Starbuck, Tim Suttle, and John B. White; an interview by Jessica Coblentz with Marcia W. Mount Shoop; creative nonfiction by Brett Beasley, Meghan Florian, and Katie Karnehm-Esh; poetry by Bethany Bowman, Catherine Thiel Lee, and Jennifer Stewart Fueston; and art by Allen Forrest, Gerald Lopez, and Abigail Platter.

Anti-Sport Sentiments in Literature - John Bale 2007-11-05

This book draws on literature, specifically on the writings of selected novelists and poets to widen an existing anti-sport discourse to include hitherto excluded voices from the world of literature. The book commences with a review of exiting pro- and anti-sport discourses and then proceeds to examine, in turn, the written works of five eminent authors, excavating from their writings their anti-sports rhetorics. These writers are Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson), Charles Hamilton Sorley, Jerome K. Jerome, John Betjeman and Alan Sillitoe. In its conclusion, the book draws together the broad themes discussed in the preceding chapters. Innovative in its approach to sport and literature and remarkable for its not having been previously explored in any depth, this book will be of interest to readers from both social sciences and humanities backgrounds.

The Best Book of Useless Information Ever - Noel Botham 2007-09-10

Hot on the heels of the sensational success of the "World's Greatest Book of Useless Information", the Official Useless Information Society brings you another essential compendium of everything you never needed but always wanted to know. Were you aware, for example, that cigarettes contain honey? Or that a ferret will die if it cannot find a mate? Would you like to know what Madonna did before she was famous, or how many toothpick accidents there are every year. If you are a lover of the wonderfully pointless, then this is the book for you.

Sports and Christianity - Nick J. Watson 2013

This interdisciplinary text examines the sports-Christianity interface from Protestant and Catholic perspectives. In addition to a systematic review of literature, the contributors, who include many of the pioneers in the field, address a wide range of topics. These include biblical athletic metaphors, disability, evangelism, professionalism and celebrity, humility, the Vatican's perspective on sport and genetic enhancement technologies.

[Sports & Mathematics](#) - Reza Noubary 2020-12-07

Sports and Mathematics The universal popularity of sports has inspired a goldmine of interesting examples for mathematicians, sport fans, and for the teaching and learning. Sports provide an inexhaustible source of fascinating and challenging problems. Today most sports can be studied from a mathematical perspective to valid quantitative results. Mathematical methods are applied to estimate an athlete's chances of success, identify the best training conditions, and to measure their effectiveness. Applied probability and statistics has been instrumental in analysis of vast amount of sport data available. Probabilistic Monte Carlo method are used for simulation model. In fact, it is generally recognized that the use of sports marks an exciting new direction in teaching and learning mathematics and related subjects. With the present state of education, ideas that connect mathematics to popular activities like sports is much needed. The goal of this book is to find a way to delight sport lovers about mathematics and mathematicians about sports to help them to see their connections. Its hope is to bring a variety of applications within the reach of sport fans

with some mathematics background or interests.

The Business of Sports - Scott Rosner 2011

The Business of Sports, Second Edition is a comprehensive collection of readings that focus on the multibillion-dollar sports industry and the dilemmas faced by today's sports business leaders. It contains a dynamic set of readings to provide a complete overview of major sports business issues. The Second Edition covers professional, Olympic, and collegiate sports, and highlights the major issues that impact each of these broad categories. The Second Edition continues to provide insight from a variety of stakeholders in the industry and cover the major business disciplines of management, marketing, finance, information technology, accounting, ethics and law. In addition, it features concise introductions, targeted discussion questions, and graphs and tables to convey relevant financial data and other statistics discussed. This book is designed for current and future sports business leaders as well as those interested in the inner-workings of the industry.

Anyone But England - Mike Marqusee 1995-03-01

Anyone But England is a timely and entertaining exploration of the bonds which the English cricket to the English nation as both face apparently inexorable decline. Mike Marqusee, an American who has lived in England for twenty years, turns the amused gaze of an outsider on to the idiosyncrasies of the English at play, delving into the interminable wrangles over coloured clothing, covered pitches and commercial sponsorship. Yet Marqusee also displays the knowledgeability and passion of a dedicated cricket follower who has watched matches on four continents. His elegant and concise accounts of the origins of the game, its romance with the British Empire, and its traumatic adjustment to the modern market lift the lid on the paradoxes and hypocrisies that have made cricket what it is: democratic and elitist, national and international, ancient and modern. In a revealing scrutiny of the long saga of South Africa's exclusion from world cricket, Marqusee charts England's collusion with apartheid. Spectacularly failing the Tebbit test on every point, his eye-opening account of Pakistan's controversial 'ball-tampering' tour of England will provoke intense debate amongst cricket fans about the role of both the media and racism in the modern game. From the phoney war over the omission of Gower from the England side to England's women cricketers receiving the World Cup outside the Lord's pavilion from which they are banned, Anyone But England goes where no cricket book has gone before. In so doing it sheds new light not only on cricket but also on what it means to be part of a nation for whom the game is well and truly up.

Organized Professional Team Sports - United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly 1958

Considers legislation to provide antitrust law exemptions for professional baseball, football, basketball, and hockey organizations.

The Sports Gene - David Epstein 2013-08-01

The New York Times bestseller - with a new afterword about early specialization in youth sports - by the author of *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World*. The debate is as old as physical competition. Are stars like Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps, and Serena Williams genetic freaks put on Earth to dominate their respective sports? Or are they simply normal people who overcame their biological limits through sheer force of will and obsessive training? In this controversial and engaging exploration of athletic success and the so-called 10,000-hour rule, David Epstein tackles the great nature vs. nurture debate and traces how far science has come in solving it. Through on-the-ground reporting from below the equator and above the Arctic Circle, revealing conversations with leading scientists and Olympic champions, and interviews with athletes who have rare genetic mutations or physical traits, Epstein forces us to rethink the very nature of athleticism.

Sports Fields - Jim Puhalla 1999-08-27

Explains how athletic fields are designed, constructed, and maintained

Dead Man Talking... and talking... and talking - Philip Sorgen 2014-08-20

"Philip Sorgen is not really dead-- it's just that since he received his poetic license he has been dying to use it. Philip has been an actuarial trainee at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a Sp4 in the U.S. Army reserve and then for thirty-four rewarding years a mathematics teacher at Great Neck North High School. He plays the piano by ear, composes music (with a pencil) and has tennis elbow, which is a lot less severe

than tennis balls. He is the husband of one, a father of two and a grandfather of three. This is the story of his life."--Back cover

The Pocket Idiot's Guide to More Not So Useless Facts - Dana Sherwood 2007-11-06

People love weird facts. And judging from the success of the original Pocket Idiot's Guide to Not So Useless Facts, readers love the collection of wacky and interesting facts and factoids. Now, back by popular demand is The Pocket Idiot's Guide to MORE Not So Useless Facts, with completely new entertaining and insightful facts. Gathered by an expert team of fact finders and pop culture specialists, this collection includes only facts that are interesting and could be useful to students, collectors, tourists, and enthusiasts alike.

Hop on Pop - Henry Jenkins III 2003-01-02

Hop on Pop showcases the work of a new generation of scholars—from fields such as media studies, literature, cinema, and cultural studies—whose writing has been informed by their ongoing involvement with popular culture and who draw insight from their lived experiences as critics, fans, and consumers. Proceeding from their deep political commitment to a new kind of populist grassroots politics, these writers challenge old modes of studying the everyday. As they rework traditional scholarly language, they search for new ways to write about our complex and compelling engagements with the politics and pleasures of popular culture and sketch a new and lively vocabulary for the field of cultural studies. The essays cover a wide and colorful array of subjects including pro wrestling, the computer games *Myst* and *Doom*, soap operas, baseball card collecting, the Tour de France, karaoke, lesbian desire in the Wizard of Oz, Internet fandom for the series *Babylon 5*, and the stress-management industry. Broader themes examined include the origins of popular culture, the aesthetics and politics of performance, and the social and cultural processes by which objects and practices are deemed tasteful or tasteless. The commitment that binds the contributors is to an emergent perspective in cultural studies, one that engages with popular culture as the culture that "sticks to the skin," that becomes so much a part of us that it becomes increasingly difficult to examine it from a distance. By refusing to deny or rationalize their own often contradictory identifications with popular culture, the contributors ensure that the volume as a whole reflects the immediacy and vibrancy of its objects of study. Hop on Pop will appeal to those engaged in the study of popular culture, American studies, cultural studies, cinema and visual studies, as well as to the general educated reader. Contributors. John Bloom, Gerry Bloustein, Aniko Bodroghkozy, Diane Brooks, Peter Chvany, Elana Crane, Alexander Doty, Rob Drew, Stephen Duncombe, Nick Evans, Eric Freedman, Joy Fuqua, Tony Grajeda, Katherine Green, John Hartley, Heather Hendershot, Henry Jenkins, Eithne Johnson, Louis Kaplan, Maria Koundoura, Sharon Mazer, Anna McCarthy, Tara McPherson, Angela Ndalianis, Edward O'Neill, Catherine Palmer, Roberta Pearson, Elayne Rapping, Eric Schaefer, Jane Shattuc, Greg Smith, Ellen Strain, Matthew Tinkhom, William Uricchio, Amy Villarego, Robyn Warhol, Charles Weigl, Alan Wexelblat, Pamela Robertson Wojcik, Nabeel Zuberi

The True Creator of Everything - Miguel Nicolelis 2020-01-07

A radically new cosmological view from a groundbreaking neuroscientist who places the human brain at the center of humanity's universe. Renowned neuroscientist Miguel Nicolelis introduces a revolutionary new theory of how the human brain evolved to become an organic computer without rival in the known universe. He undertakes the first attempt to explain the entirety of human history, culture, and civilization based on a series of recently uncovered key principles of brain function. This new cosmology is centered around three fundamental properties of the human brain: its insurmountable malleability to adapt and learn; its exquisite ability to allow multiple individuals to synchronize their minds around a task, goal, or belief; and its incomparable capacity for abstraction. Combining insights from such diverse fields as neuroscience, mathematics, evolution, computer science, physics, history, art, and philosophy, Nicolelis presents a neurobiologically based manifesto for the uniqueness of the human mind and a cautionary tale of the threats that technology poses to present and future generations.

Baseball's First Inning - William J. Ryczek 2014-11-29

This history of America's pastime describes the evolution of baseball from early bat and ball games to its growth and acceptance in different regions of the country. Such New York clubs as the Atlantics, Excelsiors and Mutuals are a primary focus, serving as examples of how the sport became more sophisticated and

popular. The author compares theories about many of baseball's "inventors," exploring the often fascinating stories of several of baseball's oldest founding myths. The impact of the Civil War on the sport is discussed and baseball's unsteady path to becoming America's national game is analyzed at length.