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Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young redneck gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the "soul of pampered self-absorption"; the uproariously funny black drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young blacks dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances,

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hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is a sublime and seductive reading experience. Brilliantly conceived and masterfully written, this enormously engaging portrait of a most beguiling Southern city has become a modern classic.

How to make buckets of dosh, screw things up, lose the lot, shake with fear, talk your way out of it, live under a false name, behave appallingly, fall in and out of love - often with the wrong people, feel joy, shame, terror, misery, disbelief, skirt death a few times, have an endless stream of dreadful hangovers - and still be at it when I should be tucked up in bed with a nice warm drink. If the idea of that little lot interests you, here's a few snippets from my story.* Three stabbings and two near funerals: Believe it or not, I have been stabbed or partially stabbed three times. And I damn nearly lost my life twice after two of them.* Hiding from Hitler: In 1940, I trembled with fear in a bomb shelter. Was Hitler going to conquer Britain? It looked like it. Being scared like that is something hardly anyone nowadays can imagine, but I remember it vividly.* Millions made and millions lost: I never kept the millions I should have, though I did make two or three. Then through my own stupidity, lost almost all of it. Find out how to avoid my mistakes!* Trips to Ogilvy's Chateau Touffou ... How my wife took the great man

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for a ride ... "Have you any idea what the roof cost?" ... "I hate rabbit" the lost owl ... Helena Rubinstein's bed, "That's the local mayor; he hates me." And other Ogilvy stories* She saw Daddy ****ing Granny... It's absolutely true, and it refers to my mother seeing my father doing something no father should do with his mother-in-law.* Why did she forgive him...? Nowadays, people get divorced for infinitely less than what my father did to my mother, yet she forgave him, because of what had happened to her as a child.* Even after he gave her the ****? Surely no marriage could survive what my father did to my mother. But they stayed together. What made their extraordinary marriage survive?* Knee deep in shit with David: Ever visited a sewage plant? They don't often run conducted tours, but I made an impromptu entrance when young with one of my cousins. I can almost smell the pungent results 70 years later.* My most stupid money mistake: I never would have had to work again if I'd taken the advice of my accountant back in 1967. But I didn't, so I had to struggle for decades afterwards. Let me tell you why I think this was a blessing. Confused? You May Be. But not as much as me. This book is a mongrel. That's because half is about my private life, which has been slightly unorthodox. I hope you find it entertaining. The other half is about my business life. Read that not just for entertainment, but for profit. By that I mean I will offer you an awful lot of advice, mainly based on an awful lot

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of mistakes and very little success. It could save you a lot of misery and quite possibly make you a great deal of money. You just have to avoid all the stupid things and copy the very few intelligent ones I did. I hope you'll find it entertaining.

Get the results you want and come out as the Top Dog in every conversation. Fancy being the 'Top Dog' in all your dealings? Fed up of feeling like the underdog? So many of us regularly 'lose' in conversations before we've even opened our mouths. Often without realising it, we don't see ourselves as a peer of the other person. And we transmit this in what we do and say ("I'll fit round you. I know you're really busy.") The other person picks up on this. And, without doing a thing, they're suddenly in charge! Top Dog will teach you how to lead in all your interactions, so you can get more of what you want, more often.

Together, Andy Bounds and Richard Ruttle are experts at helping people achieve more from their conversations with others. Their techniques work in every type of interaction—conversations, socialising, dating, interviews, sales, marketing, and networking. Basically, anytime you want to impress and persuade others. Top Dog:

- Details the skill set needed to gain competitive advantage from the outset
- Provides instructive and thought-provoking content, relevant to both beginners, and seasoned professionals
- Contains insights from working with some of the

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world's largest companies • Addresses how to achieve more from interactions in business and social arenas

Every business making sales online is engaged in a battle to get customers to click. More clicks equals more sales equals a more successful business. How do you write copy that will encourage more people to buy from you? How do you persuade customers over the line to make that final buying decision? What is The Art of the Click? The answer lies in the power of direct-response copywriting. In this entertaining and highly readable guide, copywriting expert Glenn Fisher boils down over a decade of experience to present a huge array of techniques, tactics and industry secrets to improve your copywriting, get more clicks... and ultimately, get more sales. You will discover: - The single thing every great writer must do if they want to improve. - How anyone can learn to write a headline that will stop all potential customers in their tracks. - Where to find inspiration and how to feed ideas. - How you can get a customer physically nodding along with every word you write. - How to avoid waffle and make your copy more succinct. - How you can write irresistible offers than no one can refuse. - And much more! Pick up The Art of the Click now to improve your copywriting. You'll soon be wondering how you ever made a sale without it...

In Email Attraction, Kim Arnold shows you how to transform your dry, dull emails

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into productivity rocket fuel, so you can get the results you need - fast. Although direct mail is the fastest growing marketing medium in the world, it is still largely organized on a national basis and remains confined by borders. To support and inform marketing professionals in the development of direct marketing into an international activity, the fourth edition of this title offers a comprehensive 'one-stop' guide to the direct mail potential of every major export market in the world. It provides authoritative, independent advice on how to formulate and execute effective campaigns, along with detailed information on markets, costs and data relevant to businesses based in any country. Aimed at non-technical people, this book provides a comprehensive programme enabling businesses to attract and retain loyal customers via the web. It combines the internet expertise of a leading web site designer with the marketing skills and knowledge of a marketing specialist. The only way forward for business success is to create a memorable brand and fix it in the consumer's mind. Branding Your Business explains the whole branding process in easy-to-follow terms. Providing practical help instead of academic theories, it explains what a brand is and what it is not, how to conduct a 'DIY' brand audit and how to use marketing NLP and psychology principles to create a powerful brand for your business. Based around the theory that a brand

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is the total perception a customer has about a company, its products or services, Branding Your Business will reveal what is needed to create and manage successful brands, increase profits and leave the competition standing.

Praise and Reviews Essential guidance on communicating clearly, tightly and with style. `...Timothy Foster provides unparalleled guidance on the whole subject..` THE FORUM FOR ASSOCIATES OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INDEPENDENT BUSINESS, August 2002 IMPROVE YOUR TECHNIQUE EXPRESS YOURSELF POWERFULLY WRITE WITH STYLE MAKE A GREAT IMPRESSION Many of the people you want to reach today will do almost anything to avoid the act of reading. They look. They scan. They skip lengthy text. They allow distractions to destroy what little concentration they have. They give up before absorbing your message correctly. Combine this fact with the prevailing trend to outsourcing and self-employment, which often means those who never thought of themselves as writers must now take on that task, and you have a difficult situation. The need for excellence in written communication has never been greater, especially in today's corporations, organisations and one-man bands. Better Business Writing provides essential guidance on communicating clearly, tightly and with style. Expert author Timothy R V Foster takes you through the whole subject with helpful advice and practical checklists. He covers all the important issues, including: clarifying the audience to be reached; choosing a structure to fit the task; understanding different text styles and when to use them; creating advertisements and direct mail to

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get results; composing articles, speeches and scripts to inform and enthuse; making business proposals and presentations to win; producing books, manuals and brochures that work; developing effective Web sites, multimedia and e-mails.

This is a powerful new approach to marketing that will multiply the impact of every dollar invested. Comprehensive research by Doug Hall details marketing initiatives that will deliver sustained success. What makes this book's teaching more reliable and reproducible than others is its foundation on hard data reflecting customer, industrial, and business-to-business marketing, not "guru opinions." After reading *Jump Start Your Marketing Brain*, readers will know how to more effectively and efficiently market and sell their brand, their services, their products, and even themselves!

The *PR Masterclass* is written by former newspaper, magazine and digital journalist Alex Singleton, who is now a prominent PR trainer and consultant. It reveals the secrets of effective PR and shows how to put in place a practical, reliable and successful media strategy for your product, business or activity – one that delivers the greatest results. Through the book, you get to discover how to develop and pitch effective newsworthy material, regardless of your budget. The *PR Masterclass* is aimed at PR professionals as well as small business owners and entrepreneurs implementing a PR strategy. "PR can do more for your money than any other marketing tool. But very few people understand how to use it. Alex does because he has been at the receiving end. So will you if you read this remarkably practical book." —Drayton Bird, author, *Commonsense*

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Direct and Digital Marketing "The lessons contained within The PR Masterclass should be plastered over the walls of organisations seeking to utilise the media effectively for their campaigns. This book is a must-have reference point." —Ryan Bourne, CityAM columnist and Head of Economic Research, Centre for Policy Studies "This is an important book about public relations and how the media is changing. Singleton is a straight-talking journalist-turned-practitioner who pulls no punches. He calls on the industry to grow up and adopt the rigour of a professional discipline. It's a call to action that I wholly heartedly support. You should read The PR Masterclass if you're new to public relations or work in the profession and want to continue doing so." —Stephen Waddington, European director, Ketchum, and 2014 President of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) "Provides all you need to know about securing press coverage." —Fraser Seitel, O'Dwyer's PR magazine "Every page is packed with insight and practical advice." —Steve Harrison, co-founder, Harrison Troughton Wunderman "Written in a no-nonsense style, every chapter contains a mine of information about the subject. What's more, it's clear that Alex knows the business inside out. This is the kind of book you need to have close at hand. Do what it says, and you'll be miles ahead with your PR." —James Hammond, brand consultant "Alex Singleton's book on public relations strategy is an excellent practical guide to the real world of PR." —Ray Hiebert, Editor, Public Relations Review

Practical and proven masterclasses for simple and effective small business marketing

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This straightforward, practical book cuts through the morass of marketing theory to reveal the practical steps that small businesses can take to achieve phenomenal marketing results. Presenting fifteen comprehensive masterclasses, marketing expert Dee Blick presents easy-to-understand and easy-to-implement strategies to increase sales, prevent marketing mistakes, and build the foundations of a customer-driven brand. These fifteen comprehensive masterclasses can be implemented immediately, and cover such topics as marketing plans, copywriting, social media marketing, and public relations. Written by successful author and marketing guru who has worked with small businesses for twenty-seven years Includes practical, effective marketing strategies for every small business Appropriate for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and practicing marketing managers When it comes to marketing a small business, success means getting a big impact from a small investment. The 15 Essential Marketing Masterclasses for Your Small Business gives entrepreneurs and small business owners proven strategies for effective, profitable marketing. Drayton Bird's Commonsense Direct and Digital Marketing needs no introduction to marketers and direct marketers. It is not only seen as the authority on direct marketing execution, but is also widely appreciated for its engaging, no-nonsense style. The latest edition takes the book into new territory - the field of digital marketing. It gives the marketer the tools, techniques and structure needed to produce effective and profitable marketing across the direct marketing spectrum -from simple letter to focused web-

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based campaigns. For anyone involved in direct marketing, from junior marketer to senior manager, this book provides not just the structure for success but also an energising insight into the techniques behind some of the world's most successful direct marketing campaigns.

Introduces eight marketing geniuses who built multi-million dollar businesses and examines their marketing practices, techniques, mistakes, and triumphs

Emília and Luzia dos Santos, orphaned when they are children, grow up under the protection of their aunt in the hillside village of Taquaritinga, Brazil. Raised as seamstresses, the sisters learn how to cut, how to mend and how to conceal. Emília treasures pretty, girlish things and longs to escape from the confines of the little town. Captivated by the romances she reads in magazines, she dreams of finding love in the bustle and glamour of the city. Luzia, scarred by a childhood accident that has left her with a deformed arm, knows that for her, real life can not be romantically embroidered, and so she finds solace in her sewing and in the secret prayers to the saints she believes once saved her life. But when Luzia is abducted by a gang of rebel bandits, the sisters' lives diverge in ways they never imagined. Whilst Luzia learns to survive in the unforgiving Brazilian outland, discovering love in the most unexpected of places, Emília meets the son of a wealthy doctor who seems to offer her everything she has always desired. But for the innocent dreamer, the excitement of her escape to the city is soon overshadowed by disillusion and loneliness. As she learns how to navigate the

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treacherous waters of Brazilian high society, the bandits' campaign against the land-owning 'Colonels' intensifies, and when a price is placed upon Luzia's head Emília realises she must risk everything in order to save her sister.

The right piece of direct mail can produce excellent response rates and have an extraordinary effect on business. But why do some sale letters achieve spectacular results whilst others are instantly consigned to the bin? This book reveals the secrets of creating successful sales letters. Containing examples of real sales letters, it includes plenty of advice on what to avoid as well as what to include. Key topics are covered such as: the secrets of persuasion; planning a letter which will get replies; creating offers that get responses and timing mailings for maximum effect.

How effective is the communication you experience every day? How often have you been bored during a presentation? Failed to win a piece of business that, deep down, you know you should have won? Had a tedious, pointless networking conversation? Countless times, no doubt. Too much information and not enough relevance is a problem that pervades almost all business communication. You see, the way many people communicate is like filling a bucket with jelly, flinging it at their audience, and hoping some of it sticks. It's ineffective, it's irritating and, above all, it's very messy. So what's the answer? More relevance and a lot less jelly. The Jelly Effect teaches you simple, memorable and costless ways to win more attention and more business. Imagine how effective you'd be if you communicated only what was relevant 100

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percent of the time. You would be better at talking to others, presenting, networking and selling. You would excel in interviews, meetings and pay-rise discussions. The benefits would be endless. The Jelly Effect shows you how to raise your game to a different level. You'll never fling another bucket of jelly again... PRAISE FOR THE JELLY EFFECT 'The most effective, original and insightful book on business communication that I have ever read.' --Dr. Ivan R. Misner, NY Times bestselling author of Truth or Delusion? and founder of Business Network International 'Andy Bounds has a totally unique and inspiring way of communicating. He also has this tremendous ability to help others achieve more when they communicate. Every single person he's worked with at npower has found his guidance to be immensely valuable, and to have made a real difference. My advice: read this book – it will help you communicate with, and relate to, people better than ever before.' --Heidi Walton, npower, People Development Manager 'They say the definition of genius is the ability to make the complex simple. If that's the case then Andy Bounds is a genius. This book is packed with insight and ideas that make the whole art of communication and connecting with people both easy to understand and apply. Yes, you'll have the occasional B.F.O.(Blinding Flash of the Obvious) moment and wonder why on earth you've never thought of some of the ideas before...truth is we need some one like Andy with his incredibly easy style of writing to wake us up to the obvious. I defy anyone who reads this book and applies the insights to their own business not to see a increase in both their profit and their profile.' --Paul

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McGee, International speaker and best selling author of S.U.M.O. (Shut Up, Move On) A grisly torture-murder, a haunting northern Sweden backdrop, and a dark drama of twisted sexuality collide memorably in Åsa Larsson's masterpiece of suspense—a tale of menace, hope, longing, and darkness beyond imagining. The dead woman was found on a frozen lake, her body riddled with evidence of torture. Instantly, Inspector Anna-Maria Mella knows she needs help. Because the dead woman—found in workout clothes with lacy underwear beneath them—was a key player in a mining company whose tentacles reach across the globe. Anna-Maria needs a lawyer to help explain some things—and she knows one of the best. Attorney Rebecka Martinsson is desperate to get back to work, to feel alive again after a case that almost destroyed her. Soon Rebecka is prying into the affairs of the dead woman's boss, the founder of Kallis Mining, whose relationship with his star employee was both complex and ominous. But what Rebecka and Anna-Maria are about to uncover—a tangled drama of secrets, perversion, and criminality—will lay bare a tale as shocking as it is sad...about a man's obsession, a woman's lonely death, and a killer's cold, cold heart.

It's never been easier to write and publish your own business book... right up until the moment you sit down to start. In this entertaining page-turner of a guide, author and book-writing expert Vicky Fraser breaks down years of experience writing and self-publishing for herself and a host of clients to share everything you need to write your own business book – and use it to grow your business. You'll discover: * How to

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overcome the Blank Page Of Doom – permanently. * Why your Inner Dickhead wants to sabotage you, and how to stop it. * Where to find inspiration and how to cultivate your hidden creativity. * How to avoid looking like an amateur (tips and tricks to make you look like the professional you are). * Why tedious writing is "fear masquerading as professionalism" – and how to add a little outrageous flair. * How to destroy fluff and waffle so your business book isn't overstuffed and dull. * What to do at the end of your book so your reader yells, "Shut up and take my money!" * Why authors abandon their book projects – and how to make sure you finish yours. * And much more... Grab a copy of *How The Hell Do You Write A Book* now to unleash your inner author and write the book that could transform your business.

Solve your traffic troubles and turn browsers into buyers When web design expert Ben Hunt set out to quantify the difference between an ordinary web site and a great one, he expected to find the key in design simplicity. But when his team more than doubled the conversion rates for a wide range of sites, they identified simple yet powerful solutions involving design, copy, appropriate analysis, classic optimization techniques, and targeted testing. You'll find the fixes easy to implement, and they're all right here. Understand the essentials - your market, your proposition, and your delivery. Create a site that is seen by the right people, provides a compelling experience, and generates the desired action. Learn how to use testing to improve your site's conversion rate. Discover the holistic nature of web site optimization and why multiplicity matters.

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Examine dozens of simple techniques for building traffic, engaging your audience, and crafting effective calls to action. Combine creativity with analysis for the best possible results. Ben Hunt is Principal Consultant for Scratchmedia Ltd. He operates webdesignfromscratch.com, which provides tutorials and advice to over 120,000 web developers each month. Ben has been designing, coding, and producing web sites for clients worldwide for more than 15 years, and is considered a leader in the web usability industry. Forewords by Ken McCarthy, founder of the System Seminar, and Drayton Bird, Drayton Bird Associates.

American advertising pioneer CLAUDE C. HOPKINS (1866-1932) is still renowned today for developing such marketing innovations as coded coupons that could be used to track the success of varying offers. His methods are still prized for their efficacy today. In this groundbreaking 1923 work, written after he retired as president and chairman of one of the world's biggest ad agencies, Hopkins shares the secrets of successful marketing that are just as relevant today as they were almost a century ago. Learn: . how advertising laws are established . the importance of just salesmanship . why businesses must offer service . mail order advertising: what it teaches . what makes headlines effective . understanding customer psychology . how to use art in advertising . how to use samples . the best way to test campaigns . the impact of negative advertising . and much more.

“Dictionary, n: A malevolent literary device for cramping the growth of a language and

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making it hard and inelastic. This dictionary, however, is a most useful work.” Bierce’s groundbreaking Devil’s Dictionary had a complex publication history. Started in the mid-1800s as an irregular column in Californian newspapers under various titles, he gradually refined the new-at-the-time idea of an irreverent set of glossary-like definitions. The final name, as we see it titled in this work, did not appear until an 1881 column published in the periodical *The San Francisco Illustrated Wasp*. There were no publications of the complete glossary in the 1800s. Not until 1906 did a portion of Bierce’s collection get published by Doubleday, under the name *The Cynic’s Word Book*—the publisher not wanting to use the word “Devil” in the title, to the great disappointment of the author. The 1906 word book only went from A to L, however, and the remainder was never released under the compromised title. In 1911 the Devil’s Dictionary as we know it was published in complete form as part of Bierce’s collected works (volume 7 of 12), including the remainder of the definitions from M to Z. It has been republished a number of times, including more recent efforts where older definitions from his columns that never made it into the original book were included. Due to the complex nature of copyright, some of those found definitions have unclear public domain status and were not included. This edition of the book includes, however, a set of definitions attributed to his one-and-only “Demon’s Dictionary” column, including Bierce’s classic definition of A: “the first letter in every properly constructed alphabet.” Bierce enjoyed “quoting” his pseudonyms in his work. Most of the poetry,

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dramatic scenes and stories in this book attributed to others were self-authored and do not exist outside of this work. This includes the prolific Father Gassalasca Jape, whom he thanks in the preface—“jape” of course having the definition: “a practical joke.” This book is a product of its time and must be approached as such. Many of the definitions hold up well today, but some might be considered less palatable by modern readers. Regardless, the book’s humorous style is a valuable snapshot of American culture from past centuries. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

Written from a real-world perspective by an award-winning copywriter/producer/director, this comprehensive guide is what every writer needs to create powerful, strategic ad copy. Focusing on strategy, technique, and the skills needed to write for different media, *The Copywriter’s Toolkit* book will sharpen your copywriting skills whatever your level. Introduces essential conceptual strategies and key writing techniques for result-driven copy Provides practical advice on writing for specific media including: print, radio, TV, websites, blogs, social media, ambient, digital, direct mail, product packaging, and viral marketing Covers all areas of copy development: on-strategy and on-target messaging; headline and slogan creation; brand personality and tone of voice; broadcast production conceptualization and print / digital typesetting consideration Presents innovative visual examples from exciting multimedia campaigns, comments from copywriters at world-renowned agencies, inspiring radio scripts, TV

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scripts and storyboards, effective blog posts, imaginative package copy, and more Shares invaluable writing tips and insights from award-winning copywriters currently at global agencies Includes supplementary website an instructor's manual, sample syllabus, PowerPoint presentations, and creative assignments, as well as student study aids, flashcards, podcasts and/or webinars by the author, and links to sample and featured campaigns, agencies, and related videos

Scared, abused and taken to the limit of a person's capacity to endure tragedy, Elizabeth "Liz" Huntley reveals the perils of a childhood that would lead most to a broken life or premature death. Liz, now a successful attorney at a prestigious southern law firm, recounts her journey from unimaginable darkness to radiance thanks to the early intervention of teachers, a pastor and caring people, strategically placed in her life by God. Decidedly unembellished, inherently poignant, *More Than a Bird* gives a glimpse of horror yet leaves only hope. Through her life story, Liz proves that on the wings of God, there is no height she cannot reach.

Advertising Creative is the first "postdigital" creative strategy and copywriting textbook in which digital technology is woven throughout every chapter. The book gets right to the point of advertising by stressing key principles and practical information students and working professionals can use to communicate effectively in this postdigital age. Drawing on personal experience as award-winning experts in creative advertising, Tom Altstiel and Jean Grow offer real-

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world insights on cutting-edge topics, including global, social media, business-to-business, in-house, and small agency advertising. In this Fourth Edition, Altstiel and Grow take a deeper dive into the exploration of digital technology and its implications for the industry, as they expose the pervasive changes experienced across the global advertising landscape. Their most important revelation of all is the identification of the three qualities that will define the future leaders of this industry: Be a risk taker. Understand technology. Live for ideas.

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In the sixteenth century, a girl is found dead on the beach at St Andrews, Scotland, and a young scholar of the law must play sleuth. 1581: Young St Andrews academic Hew Cullan is unhappy with his life and disillusioned with the law. After his father's death he is invited by the advocate Richard Cunningham to complete his legal education in Edinburgh as Richard's pupil at the bar. Among his father's things, Hew finds a manuscript entitled "In Defence of the Law," directed to the Edinburgh printer Christian Hall. At first, he resists its influence, but when a young girl is found dead on the beach at St Andrews, he is left unsettled and confused. He resolves to take the book to press and agrees to Richard's offer. Embarking on his new life in the capital, he falls in love. His relationships are fraught with lies and secrets and lead to brutal murder on the

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borough muir. Hew suspects a link with the dead girl on the beach. As he begins his desperate search to find the killer, he finds that the truth lies closer to home, in this historical mystery by a Dagger Award finalist.

* This text represents a conventional approach to the diagnosis and management of binocular vision disorders * It is a practical, very modern text with a highly designed layout and with extensive use of full colour illustrations * Containing contributions by relevant experts in the field it is rigorously edited to ensure that a uniform and consistently high standard is maintained throughout

Tea Maven Theodosia Browning brews up trouble in the latest Tea Shop Mystery from New York Times bestselling author Laura Childs, now in paperback Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier Drayton Conneley are guests at a bird hunt styled in the precise manner of an English shooting party. Which means elevenses (sloe gin fizzes), gun loaders, the drawing of pegs, fine looking bird dogs, and shooting costumes of tweed, herringbone, and suede. But as gunshots explode like a riff of Black Cat firecrackers, another shot sounds too close for comfort to Theodosia and Drayton. Intrigued but worried, Theodosia wanders into the neighbor's lavender field where she discovers their host, Reginald Doyle, bleeding to death. His wife, Meredith, is beside herself with grief and begs Theodosia and Drayton to stay the night. But Theodosia awakens at

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2:00A.M. to find smoke in her room and the house on fire. As the fire department screams in and the investigating sheriff returns, Meredith again pleads with Theodosia for help. As Theodosia investigates, fingers are pointed, secrets are uncovered, Reginald's daughter-in-law goes missing presumed drowned, and Meredith is determined to find answers via a séance. All the while Theodosia worries if she's made a mistake in inviting a prime suspect to her upscale Lavender Lady Tea. INCLUDES DELICIOUS RECIPES AND TEA TIME TIPS!

"Raised in rural England before the internet era, Ben Crane grew up in the midst of wild things, with hawks and other predatory birds alive in his mind (and woods and fields) as symbols of a kind of self-possessed, solitary power. He spent time with them, knew them, and loved them. But as he grew into adulthood, situations that may seem to us natural, or even comforting, were for him challenging: he found it difficult to be around other people and to read social cues, sometimes retreating in fear or lashing out in misunderstanding. He was recognized as autistic. When Crane became a father, these challenges became unbearable, and he fled to isolation. Birds--specifically hawks--brought him back. In this artfully written memoir, we learn first about the history and practice of falconry, a beautiful and brutal partnership between humans and birds that goes back thousands of years. As the chapters unfold, the details of Crane's personal story

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are revealed, and we begin to understand how Crane found solace and insight via his relationships with these animals. "I saw that my feelings towards nature, and birds of prey in particular, ran in parallel with my feelings for my son," Crane writes. "I worked out that they were, in fact, two sides of the same coin--the deep love of one could, with gentle observation, inform and unlock the deep love for the other...Perhaps this then is the central theme of my story."--

The long-awaited follow-up to the international bestseller *The Jelly Effect* Communication is supposed to cause something. That's the point of it. So, what do you want to achieve following your communication? Do you want someone to answer 'yes'? Do you want to improve your relationships? Do you want people to understand exactly what you're talking about, first time? Whatever you want to achieve, you'll need decent communication to get there, and expert and bestselling author Andy Bounds shows us exactly how to nail our communication. Using the same conversational style that made *The Jelly Effect* so popular, *The Snowball Effect* is packed with short, rapid fire sections complete with visuals and special features to help us get serious results from our communication. *The Snowball Effect* explains how to:

- Persuade people to say "yes" more quickly, more often
- Enjoy your job more – because you'll be calling the shots for a change
- Remove the communication frustrations you feel all too often
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This book might well have carried the subtitle *Or 44 Years in the Copy Department* instead of its present one. Even a copywriter, whose breed is not noteworthy for arithmetical prowess, could not escape arriving at the conclusion that the number of years from 1917 to 1961 totals forty-four. And, Heaven help me!, for that seeming aeon of time the major interest of the author has been advertising copy— good, bad, and

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indifferent. That a large measure of this past experience has been associated with a particularly demanding kind of advertising copy may, as will be explained, be an advantageous circumstance for the reader of this book, regardless of what type of copywriting job confronts him. For the subject of the book is not the writing of mail-order copy. Its sole purpose is to lend a hand to any copywriter (or student of copy-writing) whose ambition is to create advertisements which are more resultful, no matter what the product is or how and where it is sold. As to why the author's background of experience may represent an advantageous circumstance for such copywriters, I will leave to an infinitely more capable pen than mine—that of no less an authority than Claude G. Hopkins, one of the greatest copywriters of “general” advertising who ever lived: “Mail-order advertising is difficult. But it is educational. It keeps one on his mettle. It fixes one's viewpoint on cost and result. The advertising-writer learns more from mail-order advertising than from any other.” Therefore, if you are looking for guidance specifically concerned with the writing of mail-order advertising, this is not your book. On the other hand, if in the writing of any type of advertising you want more of your copy to achieve the selling effectiveness imperative for any mail-order man who wants to continue eating heartily, this book may prove helpful to you. At any rate, you are the person for whom it was written. Much of its information will probably recall to your mind the aphorism, “We need not so much to be instructed as to be reminded.” And that's all to the good. Finally, and appertaining to the passages which are reminiscent in

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nature, the author has tried to avoid any necessity for later having to admit, like Mark Twain, that “When I was very young I could remember anything, whether it happened or not. But now I am older and I can only remember the latter.” Victor O. Schwab

Effective creative work is not a nice-to-have, it's a necessity - it's the only way you'll stand out in a fiercely competitive marketplace. Whether you're in digital, direct or advertising, the CEO of an agency or just starting out, How to do better creative work has been written for you. In fact, you'll see that everyone plays a crucial role in producing creative work that works: What it means to be creative, How to build a creative culture, How virtually all great work is underpinned by a simple problem/solution dynamic, How to use that dynamic to create your big marketing ideas, How to brief a creative team, How to use 'relevant abruption' to produce big creative ideas, How to simultaneously build a brand and get response, How to sell your work, How to run a creative department. All this is illustrated by some of the best advertising, direct and digital work ever produced, plus 12 case studies featuring ideas that have not only sold millions of pounds worth of products, but also won dozens of the world's most coveted awards. "Steve writes like he talks, with great intelligence, wisdom and common sense. He's one of the few people capable of looking at a notoriously self-obsessed industry and saying, "The Emperor has no clothes." And he's one of an even smaller number who can look at its problems and say, "here's how you fix it." Creative Work is as challenging as it is engaging. When I reached the end I felt like I wanted to

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continue the conversation, which is probably the highest compliment you can offer a book." - Jon Steel, author of Truth, Lies & Advertising and Perfect Pitch. "This is genuinely essential reading for anyone who wants to demystify the advertising creative process – and vastly more entertaining than your average business book. Harrison's simple, commonsense approach makes you wonder why so many ad campaigns fail so spectacularly. Buy it, read it and learn from it!" - Larissa Vince, Campaign magazine. "This is a smart, straightforward and very special book. It affirmed so much I knew already, but my eyes were opened afresh to what is genuinely important about the work that we do. I came away with ten or twelve things I wanted to share with the rest of the team at glue and it also fortunately gave me some confidence that we're getting a lot of this right already." - Mark Cridge, CEO, glue London. "Steve is one of the dying breed of creative directors that clients crave. He tells it like it is and delivers. How to do better creative work is a refreshingly honest must-read for any client, suit or creative who want to cut through the bullshit and produce great creative work that does the job. Harrison has the right to say what he likes about the ad industry - and he does!" - Charlie Smith, Head of Brand Marketing, Vodafone UK. "This book isn't just about how clients can help get the best work from their agency. I loved the insight into the thinking that goes on before the creative idea is had and realise it applies to every business that takes a creative approach to problem solving." - Paul Ferraiolo, President, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, North America. "If, one day, my son tells me that he wants to be part of this

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business, I will make sure that he reads Steve´s book and, if possible, find a way for him to spend a couple of hours with Steve himself” - Pablo Alzugary, President, Shackleton Madrid.

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