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DAMSEL. Katie
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she alone can
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and broken
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believes she
can save him
from his
cannibalistic
grandfather.
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they're all
nuts. One thing
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for help.
Operation Katie
Saves her Own
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"Aaron Sorkin, the
Oscar-winning
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Aristotle's Poetics.
How is it that this
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obscure treatise by
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best handbook for
writing drama,
novels, short
stories, and now
screenplays for film
and television?
How can a book
that is admittedly
difficult to read
have become so
influential among
the small group of
top professional
writers? The short

answer is that there is nothing better than Aristotle's Poetics for explaining the key points of successful storytelling. No one has examined and explained the keys to plot, character, audience perception, tragic pleasure, and dozens of other crucial points of writing like Aristotle. It is THE standard work from which we derive many of our terms and our understanding the way stories work. It is one of the most powerful and brilliant books ever written on the subject of how to tell a story, yet very few people have actually read it. Part of the reason for this is that Aristotle, even at his clearest, can be difficult to understand. The Poetics in particular can be confusing to read on one's own without a skilled teacher's guidance. Because of this, the Poetics remains the purview of only those who make the effort to work through its careful arguments and astounding insights. And yet. Philip Freeman, thus, aims to produce a faithful yet readable translation along with introduction and commentary of Aristotle's Poetics for a modern audience, especially for aspiring writers who want to follow Sorkin's advice and become immersed in this amazing work"--

By Way of Accident
 Princeton University Press
 An accessible modern translation of essential speeches from Thucydides's History that takes readers to the heart of his profound insights on diplomacy, foreign policy, and war Why do nations go to

war? What are citizens willing to die for? What justifies foreign invasion? And does might always make right? For nearly 2,500 years, students, politicians, political thinkers, and military leaders have read the eloquent and shrewd speeches in Thucydides's History of the Peloponnesian War for profound insights into military conflict, diplomacy, and the behavior of people and countries in

times of crisis. How to Think about War presents the most influential and compelling of these speeches in an elegant new translation by classicist Johanna Hanink, accompanied by an enlightening introduction, informative headnotes, and the original Greek on facing pages. The result is an ideally accessible introduction to Thucydides's long and challenging History. Thucydides

intended his account of the clash between classical Greece's mightiest powers—Athens and Sparta—to be a “possession for all time.” Today, it remains a foundational work for the study not only of ancient history but also contemporary politics and international relations. How to Think about War features speeches that have earned the History its celebrated status—all of those delivered

before the Athenian Assembly, as well as Pericles's funeral oration and the notoriously ruthless "Melian Dialogue." Organized by key debates, these complex speeches reveal the recklessness, cruelty, and realpolitik of Athenian warfighting and imperialism. The first English-language collection of speeches from Thucydides in nearly half a century, How to Think about War

takes readers straight to the heart of this timeless thinker. Griffin's Feather SUNY Press The Olympics Ancient to Modern is a fascinating look at the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, from the first events in Ancient Greece right the way up to London 2012 and Sochi 2014. It focusses on when and where each Games has been held, and some key stats, such as how much it cost, how many athletes

competed, and how many spectators came to watch. The book explains how all the Games - Summer Olympics, Winter Olympics and Paralympics - came into being, and how the Olympic Games were revived in Paris at the end of the 19th century. It compares the ancient and modern Games, looking at the sports and athletes involved then and now, and at how the modern Games are continuously

evolving. It also looks at key moments in the Games' history, and at some of the tragedies and controversies that have rocked it - from doping scandals, boycotts and cheating to the Berlin Olympics of 1936, and the Munich Massacre. The book celebrates the achievements of star Olympians, and gives the lowdown on the most popular and exciting Olympic sports, from cycling and rowing to skiing and wheelchair

basketball. Fun, fact-filled text and a bright, engaging design make this the perfect Olympic title for children of 9+. If you've enjoyed finding out about the history of the Olympics, why not try learning all about key Olympic sports in *Going for Gold: A Guide to the Summer Olympics*, another title in the series.

An Ancient Guide to the Art of Persuasion
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In this thoroughly engaging book,

Natalie Haynes brings her scholarship and wit to the most fascinating true stories of the ancient world. The *Ancient Guide to Modern Life* not only reveals the origins of our culture in areas including philosophy, politics, language, and art, it also draws illuminating connections between antiquity and our present time, to demonstrate that the Greeks and Romans were not so different from ourselves: is Bart Simpson the successor to Aristophanes? Do the Beckhams have parallel lives with The Satiricon's Trimalchio? Along

the way Haynes debunks myths (gladiators didn't salute the emperor before their deaths, and the last words of Julius Caesar weren't "et tu, brute?") from Athens to Zeno's paradox, this irresistible guide shows how the history and wisdom of the ancient world can inform and enrich our lives today.

An Ancient Guide for Modern Leaders

Princeton University Press
In essence, this story is about how a certain person was searching his bookshelf for

something to read and in the end found a book, which turned out to be the source, from which it is possible to obtain absolutely any kind of information about absolutely any person. Meaning, information to the smallest particulars and details about what his or her qualities of personality are, how he or she lives, what he or she really wants to achieve, what he or she hides, and much more. And, it does not matter, if the

subject is some person, who lived in the distant past or lives in the present or someone, who will live in the future. Since, as it turned out later on, this literary monument is nothing other than the Catalog of human population. In other words, the encyclopedia of Homo sapiens; in essence, the same as encyclopedias, reference books for specialists, which contain complete information about representatives

of a particular subspecies of animals, plants, etc. Although at some point, the course of this story turned banal: "bad guys" from security services, intelligence services, politics decided to not only use this source of knowledge for their dirty deeds, but also to appropriate it solely for their personal use. And, the way they tried to do this is also banal: by physically destroying the author of discovery of the

Catalog of human population. Of population and all of his colleagues. However, the ending of this story makes it stand out from the category of ordinary spy stories. At least because the main characters of this story managed to survive not due to favorable concatenation of circumstances or someone's help, but thanks to that knowledge, which they discovered in the ancient text, which turned out to be the Catalog of human

course, such an outcome upset and continues to upset not only the Russian special services, but also all those people in whose way developers of the Catalog of human population got. And, in this civilization, there are countless numbers of such people: from psychologists (who become no longer needed by anyone) to organizers of this civilization themselves. Since from the standpoint of the Catalog of

human population for being —technogenic shamelessly
civilization fooled. And, those, who
without a human, Therefore, tried and
which they whoever tries to continue to try to
lovingly built for kill developers of nobodies and will
many centuries, the Catalog of remain nobodies,
is simply trash, to human who one day will
put it mildly, and population in the cease to exist
beneath all future must know without leaving a
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longer need to ages: in the only to find out
pay "experts on product that the recipe of how
the human soul" he/she created. to make Homo
sapiens a 100%

controllable producer and consumer from the source (which, by the way, seems to have been left to humanity by creators of nature and a human on this planet), but also how to build a civilization without quotes? After all, it only seems to them that they are the main deceivers, while in reality they were fooled, and fooled majorly.

The Story Of Developers Of The Catalog Of Human Population

Princeton University Press
Timeless wisdom on death and dying from the celebrated Stoic philosopher Seneca "It takes an entire lifetime to learn how to die," wrote the Roman Stoic philosopher Seneca (c. 4 BC–65 AD). He counseled readers to "study death always," and took his own advice, returning to the subject again and again in all his writings, yet he never treated it in a complete work.
How to Die

gathers in one volume, for the first time, Seneca's remarkable meditations on death and dying. Edited and translated by James S. Romm, *How to Die* reveals a provocative thinker and dazzling writer who speaks with a startling frankness about the need to accept death or even, under certain conditions, to seek it out. Seneca believed that life is only a journey toward death and that

one must rehearse for death throughout life. Here, he tells us how to practice for death, how to die well, and how to understand the role of a good death in a good life. He stresses the universality of death, its importance as life's final rite of passage, and its ability to liberate us from pain, slavery, or political oppression. Featuring beautifully rendered new translations, *How to Die* also includes an

enlightening introduction, notes, the original Latin texts, and an epilogue presenting Tacitus's description of Seneca's grim suicide. [The Ancient Guide to Modern Life](#) Simon and Schuster Timeless wisdom on controlling anger in personal life and politics from the Roman Stoic philosopher and statesman Seneca In his essay "On Anger" (De Ira), the Roman Stoic thinker Seneca (c. 4 BC–65 AD) argues that anger

is the most destructive passion: "No plague has cost the human race more dear." This was proved by his own life, which he barely preserved under one wrathful emperor, Caligula, and lost under a second, Nero. This splendid new translation of essential selections from "On Anger," presented with an enlightening introduction and the original Latin on facing pages, offers readers a timeless guide to avoiding and managing anger. It vividly illustrates why the emotion is so dangerous and

why controlling it would bring vast benefits to individuals and society. Drawing on his great arsenal of rhetoric, including historical examples (especially from Caligula's horrific reign), anecdotes, quips, and soaring flights of eloquence, Seneca builds his case against anger with mounting intensity. Like a fire-and-brimstone preacher, he paints a grim picture of the moral perils to which anger exposes us, tracing nearly all the world's evils to this one toxic

source. But he then uplifts us with a beatific vision of the alternate path, a path of forgiveness and compassion that resonates with Christian and Buddhist ethics. Seneca's thoughts on anger have never been more relevant than today, when uncivil discourse has increasingly infected public debate. Whether seeking personal growth or political renewal, readers will find, in Seneca's wisdom, a valuable antidote to the ills of an angry age. How to Grow Old Tiller Press
A spirited new

translation of a forgotten classic, shot through with timeless wisdom. Is there an art to drinking alcohol? Can drinking ever be a virtue? The Renaissance humanist and neoclassical poet Vincent Obsopoeus (ca. 1498–1539) thought so. In the winelands of sixteenth-century Germany, he witnessed the birth of a poisonous new culture of bingeing, hazing, peer pressure, and competitive drinking. Alarmed, and

inspired by the Roman poet Ovid's *Art of Love*, he wrote *The Art of Drinking* (*De Arte Bibendi*) (1536), a how-to manual for drinking with pleasure and discrimination. In *How to Drink*, Michael Fontaine offers the first proper English translation of *Obsopoeus*'s text, rendering his poetry into spirited, contemporary prose and uncorking a forgotten classic that will appeal to drinkers of all kinds and (legal) ages. Arguing

that moderation, not abstinence, is the key to lasting sobriety, and that drinking can be a virtue if it is done with rules and limits, *Obsopoeus* teaches us how to manage our drinking, how to win friends at social gatherings, and how to give a proper toast. But he also says that drinking to excess on occasion is okay—and he even tells us how to win drinking games, citing extensive personal experience.

Complete with the original Latin on facing pages, this sparkling work is as intoxicating today as when it was first published. *How to Win an Election* Princeton University Press What the Roman poet Horace can teach us about how to live a life of contentment What are the secrets to a contented life? One of Rome's greatest and most influential poets, Horace (65–8 BCE) has been cherished by readers for more than two thousand years not only for his

wit, style, and reflections on Roman society, but also for his wisdom about how to live a good life—above all else, a life of contentment in a world of materialistic excess and personal pressures. In *How to Be Content*, Stephen Harrison, a leading authority on the poet, provides fresh, contemporary translations of poems from across Horace's works that continue to offer important lessons about the good life, friendship, love, and death. Living during the

reign of Rome's first emperor, Horace drew on Greek and Roman philosophy, especially Stoicism and Epicureanism, to write poems that reflect on how to live a thoughtful and moderate life amid mindless overconsumption, how to achieve and maintain true love and friendship, and how to face disaster and death with patience and courage. From memorable counsel on the pointlessness of worrying about the future to valuable advice about living in the moment, these poems, by

the man who famously advised us to *carpe diem*, or "harvest the day," continue to provide brilliant meditations on perennial human problems. Featuring translations of, and commentary on, complete poems from Horace's *Odes*, *Satires*, *Epistles*, and *Epodes*, accompanied by the original Latin, *How to Be Content* is both an ideal introduction to Horace and a compelling book of timeless wisdom. **How to Keep Your Cool** Princeton University Press How ancient skepticism can help

you attain tranquility by learning to suspend judgment. Along with Stoicism and Epicureanism, Skepticism is one of the three major schools of ancient Greek philosophy that claim to offer a way of living as well as thinking. *How to Keep an Open Mind* provides an unmatched introduction to skepticism by presenting a fresh, modern translation of key passages from the writings of Sextus Empiricus, the only Greek skeptic whose works have survived. While content in daily life to go along with things as they appear to be, Sextus advocated—and provided a set of

techniques to achieve—a radical suspension of judgment about the way things really are, believing that such nonjudging can be useful for challenging the unfounded dogmatism of others and may help one achieve a state of calm and tranquility. In an introduction, Richard Bett makes the case that the most important lesson we can draw from Sextus's brand of skepticism today may be an ability to see what can be said on the other side of any issue, leading to a greater open-mindedness. Complete with the original Greek on facing pages, *How to Keep an Open*

Mind offers a compelling antidote to the closed-minded dogmatism of today's polarized world.

An Ancient Guide to Anger Management

Wayland

Magic has always been a

widespread phenomenon in

Greek Society,

starting from

Homer's Circe

(the first 'evil witch' in western history) and

extending to the pervasive belief in

the 'evil eye' in the twenty-first

century Greece. Indeed, magic is

probably the most ancient and

durable among social and

religious phenomena known to classical and other scholars, and it can be traced over a span of some three millennia in sources in the Greek language as well as in an impressive range of visual and other media. For instance, curse tablets from fourth-century B.C. Athens, the medico-magical gems of late antiquity, early Christian amulets, and various exorcism prayers from the medieval and later periods. Organised chronologically, the intriguing panorama offered

by this book guides the reader through the ancient, medieval, modern and even contemporary periods, highlighting the traditions, ideologies and methods of magic in each period of Greek history. It brings together the latest insights from a range of experts from various disciplines: classicists, art historians, archaeologists, legal historians and social anthropologists amongst others. **An Ancient Guide to the Art of Humor** Princeton University Press

It is astonishing to think that many great archaeological discoveries occurred in Egypt only by way of accident during the 19th and 20th centuries. Even today accidents still play a vital, frequent and sometimes comical role, with new discoveries happening almost weekly and with many more secrets of the ancient Egyptian civilization still remaining. This book takes readers beyond these discoveries and their associated accidents. This book cannot be

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19th century and ancient gods, Quintus decided
the unsettling rituals and public he needed some

no-nonsense advice on running a successful campaign. What follows in his short letter are timeless bits of political wisdom, from the importance of promising everything to everybody and reminding voters about the sexual scandals of your opponents to being a chameleon, putting on a good show for the masses, and constantly surrounding yourself with rabid supporters. Presented here in a lively and colorful new translation, with the Latin text on

facing pages, this unashamedly pragmatic primer on the humble art of personal politicking is dead-on (Cicero won)--and as relevant today as when it was written. A little-known classic in the spirit of Machiavelli's Prince, *How to Win an Election* is required reading for politicians and everyone who enjoys watching them try to manipulate their way into office. *How to Tell a Story* Princeton University Press "Born a slave, the Roman Stoic philosopher

Epictetus (c. 55-135 AD) taught that mental freedom is supreme, since it can liberate one anywhere, even in a prison ... Freedom, for Epictetus, is not a human right or a political prerogative but a psychological and ethical achievement, a gift that we alone can bestow on ourselves ... *How to Be Free* features splendid new translations and the original Greek on facing pages, a compelling introduction that

sets Epictetus in context and describes the importance of Stoic freedom today, and an invaluable glossary of key words and concepts. The result is an unmatched introduction to this powerful method of managing emotions and handling life's situations, from the most ordinary to the most demanding."--Provided by the publisher.

A Classical Guide to the Art of Imbibing
Princeton University Press

An energetic new translation of an ancient Roman masterpiece about a failed coup led by a corrupt and charismatic politician In 63 BC, frustrated by his failure to be elected leader of the Roman Republic, the aristocrat Catiline tried to topple its elected government. Backed by corrupt elites and poor, alienated Romans, he fled Rome while his associates plotted to burn the city and murder its leading

politicians. The attempted coup culminated with the unmasking of the conspirators in the Senate, a stormy debate that led to their execution, and the defeat of Catiline and his legions in battle. In *How to Stop a Conspiracy*, Josiah Osgood presents a brisk, modern new translation of the definitive account of these events, Sallust's *The War with Catiline*—a brief, powerful book that has influenced how generations of readers,

including America's founders, have thought about coups and political conspiracies. In a taut, jaw-dropping narrative, Sallust pleurably combines juicy details about Catiline and his louche associates with highly quotable moral judgments and a wrenching description of the widespread social misery they exploited. Along the way, we get unforgettable portraits of the bitter and

haunted Catiline, who was sympathetic to the plight of Romans yet willing to destroy Rome; his archenemy Cicero, who thwarts the conspiracy; and Julius Caesar, who defends the conspirators and is accused of being one of them. Complete with an introduction that discusses how The War with Catiline has shaped and continues to shape our understanding of how republics live and die, and

featuring the original Latin on facing pages, this volume makes Sallust's gripping history more accessible than ever before. **Amenti Oracle Feather Heart Deck and Guide Book** Princeton University Press Timeless techniques of effective public speaking from ancient Rome's greatest orator All of us are faced countless times with the challenge of persuading others, whether we're trying to win a trivial argument with a

friend or convince and political argumentation, our coworkers speeches to character, and about an show his emotion; the important powerful parts of a decision. Instead techniques in speech; the of relying on action. The result plain, middle, untrained is an and grand styles; instinct—and enlightening and how to persuade often floundering entertaining no matter what or failing as a practical audience or result—we’d win introduction to circumstances more arguments the secrets of you face; and if we learned the persuasive more. Cicero’s timeless art of speaking and words are verbal writing—including presented in persuasion, strategies that lively rhetoric. How to are just as translations, with Win an Argument effective in illuminating gathers the today’s offices, introductions; the rhetorical schools, courts, book also wisdom of and political features a brief Cicero, ancient debates as they biography of Rome’s greatest were in the Cicero, a orator, from Roman forum. glossary, across his works How to Win an suggestions for and combines it Argument further reading, with passages addresses proof and an appendix from his legal based on rational of the original

Latin texts. Astonishingly relevant, this unique anthology of Cicero's rhetorical and oratorical wisdom will be enjoyed by anyone who ever needs to win arguments and influence people—in other words, all of us.

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Collects the Roman statesman's thoughts on leadership, the balance of power,

and other topical political issues that maintain relevance today, in a work featuring new translations and organized by subject.