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The Art of Creative Thinking Simon and Schuster  
Longlisted for the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for  
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TO UNDERSTAND THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND  
POLICE BRUTALITY IN AMERICA."-CONGRESSMAN  
JOHN LEWIS During his 28-year career, Matthew Horace rose  
through the ranks from a police officer working the beat to a  
federal agent working criminal cases in some of the toughest  
communities in America to a highly decorated federal law

enforcement executive managing high-profile investigations nationwide. Yet it was not until seven years into his service- when Horace found himself face down on the ground with a gun pointed at his head by a white fellow officer-that he fully understood the racism seething within America's police departments. Through gut-wrenching reportage, on-the-ground research, and personal accounts from interviews with police and government officials around the country, Horace presents an insider's examination of archaic police tactics. He dissects some of the nation's most highly publicized police shootings and communities to explain how these systems and tactics have hurt the people they serve, revealing the mistakes that have stoked racist policing, sky-high incarceration rates, and an epidemic of violence. "Horace's authority as an experienced officer, as well as his obvious integrity and courage, provides the book with a gravitas."-THE WASHINGTON POST "The Black and the Blue is an affirmation of the critical need for criminal justice reform, all the more urgent because it comes from an insider who respects his profession yet is willing to reveal its flaws."-USA TODAY

**The Little Gold Grammar Book** Random House Trade Paperbacks

Little Blue, a baby blue whale, learns about life from his mother. Then one day, she leaves him to fend for himself in the Arctic Ocean. Little Blue journeys south, braving killer whale attacks, to the summer breeding grounds. Illustrated by Giuliano Ferri

Being Logical Maven Publishing

This book is based on a simple but powerful observation: Individuals who

develop outstanding grammar skills do so primarily by mastering a limited number of the most important grammar rules, which they use over and over. What are these recurring rules? The answer to this question is the basis of this book. - from Introduction, p. 5.

*Pink Brain, Blue Brain* Basic Books

This series develops important comprehension and thinking skills at the earliest level. Each book contains stories with exercises that follow the same phonetic structure as the Explode The Code series. Each story is preceded by writing and spelling activities that introduce new sight words and teach phonetic patterns. The charmingly illustrated stories are followed by questions and exercises that develop comprehension as well as critical thinking. Book 1 contains three charmingly illustrated stories Zack the Dog, Six Kids Jog, and Help 911 with introductory exercises on word families. Vocabulary and follow-up questions develop students understanding of the stories as well as encourage their reasoning abilities. Final exercises in each section give students the opportunity to add their own drawings to complete illustrations. Grades 2-3."

The Map Maker Princeton University Press

How our collective intelligence has helped us to evolve and prosper Humans are a puzzling species. On the one hand, we struggle to survive on our own in the wild, often failing to overcome even basic challenges, like obtaining food, building shelters, or avoiding predators. On the other hand, human groups have produced ingenious technologies, sophisticated languages, and complex institutions that have permitted us to successfully expand into a vast range of diverse environments. What has enabled us to dominate the globe, more than any other species, while remaining virtually helpless as lone individuals? This book shows that the secret of our success lies not in our innate intelligence, but in our collective brains—on

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the ability of human groups to socially interconnect and learn from one another over generations. Drawing insights from lost European explorers, clever chimpanzees, mobile hunter-gatherers, neuroscientific findings, ancient bones, and the human genome, Joseph Henrich demonstrates how our collective brains have propelled our species' genetic evolution and shaped our biology. Our early capacities for learning from others produced many cultural innovations, such as fire, cooking, water containers, plant knowledge, and projectile weapons, which in turn drove the expansion of our brains and altered our physiology, anatomy, and psychology in crucial ways. Later on, some collective brains generated and recombined powerful concepts, such as the lever, wheel, screw, and writing, while also creating the institutions that continue to alter our motivations and perceptions. Henrich shows how our genetics and biology are inextricably interwoven with cultural evolution, and how culture-gene interactions launched our species on an extraordinary evolutionary trajectory. Tracking clues from our ancient past to the present, *The Secret of Our Success* explores how the evolution of both our cultural and social natures produce a collective intelligence that explains both our species' immense success and the origins of human uniqueness.

#### The Art of Thinking Clearly Scholastic Inc.

For Writing Aficionados from All Walks of Life This book is based on a simple but powerful observation: Students and young professionals who develop outstanding writing skills do so primarily by mastering a limited number of the most important writing principles, which they use over and over again. This statement begs the question: What are these recurring principles? The answer to this

question is the basis of this material. "The Little Red Writing Book" is especially suitable for high school students wanting to master the basics of expository writing. It is also suitable for college students seeking a review of basic writing skills. A wealth of examples, charts, and engaging exercises makes this book an invaluable guide for anyone who wants to master those skills that will make a good writer even better. Brandon Royal is an award-winning writer whose educational authorship includes "The Little Gold Grammar Book, The Little Red Writing Book Deluxe Edition, The Little Green Math Book, The Little Blue Reasoning Book, " and "Reasoning with Numbers." During his tenure working in Hong Kong for US-based Kaplan Educational Centers a Washington Post subsidiary and the largest test-preparation organization in the world Brandon honed his theories of teaching and education and developed a set of key learning principles to help define the basics of writing, grammar, math, and reasoning. A Canadian by birth and graduate of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, his interest in writing began after completing writing courses at Harvard University. Since then he has authored a dozen books and reviews of his books have appeared in "Time Asia" magazine, "Publishers Weekly, Library Journal of America, Midwest Book Review, The Asian Review of Books, Choice Reviews Online, Asia Times Online, " and About.com. Brandon is a five-time winner of the International Book Awards, a five-time gold medalist at the President's Book Awards, as well as a winner of the Global eBook Awards, the USA Book News Best Book Awards, and recipient of the 2011 Educational Book of the Year award as presented by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta. The articulate exposition of Royal's twenty principles of

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writing fit neatly into 128 short, accessible (paperback) pages. I recommend this wonder to all my writing students. Perhaps one day writing committees will wisely follow suit and make this a primary text for all writing courses at their schools. --Ray Turner, B.A., MA (Communications), Writing Instructor and Former Educational Administrator, Corpus Christi TX, USA

#### The Book of Why Maven Publishing

An unforgettable novel from the New York Times bestseller Gordon Korman Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Nobody can believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing? Because Michael was the first person to see it, he's the first suspect. Because Link is one of the most popular guys in school, everyone's looking to him to figure it out. And because Dana's the only Jewish girl in the whole town, everyone's treating her more like an outsider than ever. The mystery deepens as more swastikas begin to appear. Some students decide to fight back and start a project to bring people together instead of dividing them further. The closer Link, Michael, and Dana get to the truth, the more there is to face—not just the crimes of the present, but the crimes of the past. With *Linked*, Gordon Korman, the author of the acclaimed novel *Restart*, poses a mystery for all readers where the who did it? isn't nearly as important as the why?

#### The Blue Parakeet, 2nd Edition Penguin

Do you ever think you 're the only one making any sense? Or tried to reason with your partner with disastrous results? Do long, rambling answers drive you crazy? Or does your colleague 's abrasive manner rub you the wrong way? You are not alone. After a disastrous meeting with a highly successful entrepreneur, who was genuinely convinced he was 'surrounded by idiots', communication expert and bestselling author,

Thomas Erikson dedicated himself to understanding how people function and why we often struggle to connect with certain types of people. *Surrounded by Idiots* is an international phenomenon, selling over 1.5 million copies worldwide. It offers a simple, yet ground-breaking method for assessing the personalities of people we communicate with — in and out of the office — based on four personality types (Red, Blue, Green and Yellow), and provides insights into how we can adjust the way we speak and share information. Erikson will help you understand yourself better, hone communication and social skills, handle conflict with confidence, improve dynamics with your boss and team, and get the best out of the people you deal with and manage. He also shares simple tricks on body language, improving written communication, advice on when to back away or when to push on, and when to speak up or shut up. Packed with 'aha!' and 'oh no!' moments, *Surrounded by Idiots* will help you understand and communicate with those around you, even people you currently think are beyond all comprehension. And with a bit of luck you can also be confident that the idiot out there isn't you!

#### Blue Reasoning Maven Publishing

A world-class thinker counts the 100 ways in which humans behave irrationally, showing us what we can do to recognize and minimize these "thinking errors" to make better decisions and have a better life. Despite the best of intentions, humans are notoriously bad—that is, irrational—when it comes to making decisions and assessing risks and tradeoffs. Psychologists and neuroscientists refer to these distinctly human foibles, biases, and thinking traps as "cognitive errors." Cognitive errors are systematic deviances from rationality, from optimized, logical, rational thinking and behavior. We make these errors all the time, in all sorts of situations, for problems big and small: whether to choose the apple or the cupcake; whether to keep

retirement funds in the stock market when the Dow tanks, or whether to take the advice of a friend over a stranger. The “behavioral turn” in neuroscience and economics in the past twenty years has increased our understanding of how we think and how we make decisions. It shows how systematic errors mar our thinking and under which conditions our thought processes work best and worst. Evolutionary psychology delivers convincing theories about why our thinking is, in fact, marred. The neurosciences can pinpoint with increasing precision what exactly happens when we think clearly and when we don’t. Drawing on this wide body of research, *The Art of Thinking Clearly* is an entertaining presentation of these known systematic thinking errors—offering guidance and insight into everything why you shouldn’t accept a free drink to why you **SHOULD** walk out of a movie you don’t like it to why it’s so hard to predict the future to why shouldn’t watch the news. The book is organized into 100 short chapters, each covering a single cognitive error, bias, or heuristic. Examples of these concepts include: Reciprocity, Confirmation Bias, The It-Gets-Better-Before-It-Gets-Worse Trap, and the Man-With-A-Hammer Tendency. In engaging prose and with real-world examples and anecdotes, *The Art of Thinking Clearly* helps solve the puzzle of human reasoning.

#### Inside Out & Back Again Dragonfly Books

“Very funny . . . A pitch-perfect account of how it feels to be part of a culture that’s better at showing you what to wear than what to believe in . . . a real original.” —New York Magazine A gorgeous girl recalls her coming of age in her tiny, picturesque English village at the turn of the last century. After she opts out of a rural beauty pageant, her life—and its telling—begins to unravel. And it unravels

into a multitude of extremely amusing, searingly beautiful strands that eventually lead her, and a troubled young man who befriends her, through the wall upholstered hellholes of modern Manhattan toward a heartrending and hugely satisfying climax that will almost literally blow your socks off. “Fun, full-throttle stuff, which rather miraculously dresses down the pernicious personal-history trend while remaining both giggly and moving in its own terms.” —Entertainment Weekly

#### Thinking and Reasoning: A Very Short Introduction Maven Publishing

“This short book makes you smarter than 99% of the population. . . . The concepts within it will increase your company’s ‘organizational intelligence.’ . . . It’s more than just a must-read, it’s a ‘have-to-read-or-you’ll-re-fired’ book.” —Geoffrey James, INC.com From the author of *An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language*, here’s the antidote to fuzzy thinking, with furry animals! Have you read (or stumbled into) one too many irrational online debates? Ali Almosawi certainly had, so he wrote *An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments*! This handy guide is here to bring the internet age a much-needed dose of old-school logic (really old-school, à la Aristotle). Here are cogent explanations of the straw man fallacy, the slippery slope argument, the ad hominem attack, and other common attempts at reasoning that actually fall short—plus a beautifully drawn menagerie of animals who (adorably) commit every logical faux pas. Rabbit thinks a strange light in the sky must be a UFO because no one can prove otherwise (the appeal to ignorance). And Lion doesn’t believe that gas emissions harm the planet because, if that were true, he wouldn’t like the result (the argument from consequences). Once you learn to recognize these abuses of reason, they start to crop up everywhere from congressional debate to YouTube comments—which makes this geek-chic book a must for anyone in the habit of holding opinions.

#### Little Blue and Little Yellow Hachette Books

*The Map Maker* is the story of a young adventurer who travels to Paradise Island with the aid of a magical map. Here, he begins his

own “ knowledge quest ” to better understand why people see the world just the way they do. Using simple prose, this illustrated short story introduces and explores the meaning behind the phrase “ the subjectivity of truth and the relativity of reality. ” Target Audience: This story is ideally suited to high school or college students studying English literature or philosophy and lends itself to classroom or group discussion. It is a think piece that explores the topic of human perspective and shows the folly in believing that we can see the world in an objective manner. “ The Map Maker is a short story as playful as it is poignant. The marriage of whimsical images and thought-provoking text creates a unique tapestry: one that weaves storytelling and philosophy with literary verve. Royal challenges us to think about the key role that perspective plays in our lives. He also shows how literature, acting as both an art form and a pragmatic tool, can help us gain critical insights. ” —Rachel Metalin, B.A. M.A., English Instructor, Upper Canada College (UCC), Toronto, Canada

The Little Purple Probability Book Sterling Publishing  
 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A stunning “ portrait of the enduring grace of friendship ” (NPR) about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. A masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century. NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • WINNER OF THE KIRKUS PRIZE A Little Life follows four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. A hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century, Hanya

Yanagihara ’ s stunning novel is about the families we are born into, and those that we make for ourselves. Look for Hanya Yanagihara ’ s latest bestselling novel, To Paradise.

Linked Heinemann Educational Publishers

Moving to America turns H& à 's life inside out. For all the 10 years of her life, H& à has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by, and the beauty of her very own papaya tree. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. H& à and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, H& à discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food, the strange shape of its landscape, and the strength of her very own family. This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story Maven Publishing

For Writing and Grammar Aficionados from All Walks of Life This deluxe edition contains the complete contents of "The Little Red Writing Book" and "The Little Gold Grammar Book." Whereas writing is based on principles in which writing is deemed better or worse, more effective or less effective grammar is based on rules, in which writing is deemed right or wrong, correct or incorrect. With coverage of the most useful writing principles and the most commonly encountered rules of grammar, "The Little Red Writing Book Deluxe Edition" is an invaluable guide for anyone who wants to master those skills that will make a good writer even better. Enjoy the benefits of your own self-paced writing course: Writing has four pillars structure, style, readability, and grammar and each pillar is like the single leg of a sturdy chair. \*Structure relates to organization and deciding in which order to present your ideas. Learn how to choose the best writing structure to develop your ideas, how to break your writing topic into two to four parts, and how to write with a top-down approach. \*Style describes how one writes, including how to use specific examples to support what is written. Learn how to make writing more simple, powerful, and vivid. Understand how to vary sentence beginnings, how to create a formal and

informal tone, and how to keep writing gender neutral. \*Readability focuses on presentation and how to make your document visually pleasing and easy to read. Learn how to make key words stand out, how to use headings and headlines to frame writing, and how to increase the use of white space to allow your document to breathe. \*Grammar is about expressing language in a correct and acceptable form. Review the rules of grammar in terms of six common categories (subject-verb agreement, pronoun usage, modification, parallelism, comparisons, and verb tenses), and use short exercises and problems to help integrate key concepts of grammar, diction, idioms, and style. \*Also included are special sections on editing tips and punctuation, American English vs. British English, and traditional writing vs. digital writing. Author's bio: Brandon Royal is an award-winning writer whose educational authorship includes "The Little Red Writing Book, The Little Gold Grammar Book, The Little Green Math Book, The Little Blue Reasoning Book, " and "Reasoning with Numbers." During his tenure working in Hong Kong for US-based Kaplan Educational Centers a Washington Post subsidiary and the largest test-preparation organization in the world Brandon honed his theories of teaching and education and developed a set of key learning principles to help define the basics of writing, grammar, math, and reasoning. A Canadian by birth and graduate of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, his interest in writing began after completing writing courses at Harvard University. Since then he has authored a dozen books and reviews of his books have appeared in "Time Asia" magazine, "Publishers Weekly, Library Journal of America, Midwest Book Review, The Asian Review of Books, Choice Reviews Online, Asia Times Online, " and About.com. Brandon is a five-time winner of the International Book Awards, a five-time gold medalist at the President's Book Awards, as well as a winner of the Global eBook Awards, the USA Book News Best Book Awards, and recipient of the 2011 Educational Book of the Year award as presented by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta. Appropriate for its audience of ambitious students and professionals those who have plenty of brains, but need a little brush-up with the pen. --Publishers Weekly Online Reviews

Little Blue, Big Blue Penguin

Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats is the groundbreaking psychology manual

that has inspired organisations and individuals all over the world. De Bono's innovative guide divides the process of thinking into six parts, symbolized by the six hats, and shows how the hats can dramatically transform the effectiveness of meetings and discussions. This is a book to open your mind, unleash your creativity and change the way you think about thinking.

### The Little Blue Reasoning Book Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Through the use of humour, fun exercises, and a plethora of innovative and interesting selections from writers such as Dave Barry, Al Franken, J.R.R. Tolkien, as well as from the film 'The Matrix', this text hones students' critical thinking skills.

An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments: Learn the Lost Art of Making Sense (Bad Arguments) Univ. of Queensland Press

This book is designed to engage students' interest and promote their writing abilities while teaching them to think critically and creatively. Dowden takes an activist stance on critical thinking, asking students to create and revise arguments rather than simply recognizing and criticizing them. His book emphasizes inductive reasoning and the analysis of individual claims in the beginning, leaving deductive arguments for consideration later in the course.

The Little Red Writing Book Deluxe Edition St. Martin's Essentials

The Little Green Math Book helps readers build essential math and numeracy skills and is suitable for the everyday student, test-prep candidate, or working professional in need of a refresher course. The book's four chapters include: (1) Basic Numeracy Ingredients, (2) Wonderful Math Recipes, (3) Favorite Numeracy Dishes, and (4) Special Math Garnishments. Thirty principles of math highlight common themes among different types of problems and each problem is rated according to a three-tier system - one chili (mild), two chilies (hot), and three chilies (very hot).

### Critical Thinking Anchor

Includes a reading group guide with discussion questions.