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Hints for finding out  
Truth. A sermon  
delivered at Abingdon  
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1795 A&C Black

COP: “ Buddy, I think  
this is a whorehouse. ”

BUDDY CIANCI: “ Now  
I know why they made  
you a detective. ”

Welcome to  
Providence, Rhode  
Island, where  
corruption is  
entertainment and  
Mayor Buddy Cianci  
presided over the  
longest-running lounge  
act in American  
politics. In *The Prince  
of Providence*, Pulitzer  
Prize – winning  
journalist Mike Stanton  
tells a classic story of  
wiseguys, feds, and  
politicians on a  
carousel of crime and  
redemption. Buddy

Cianci was part urban  
visionary, part Tony  
Soprano—a flawed  
political genius in the  
mold of Huey Long and  
James Michael Curley.  
His lust for power cost  
him his marriage, his  
family, and close  
friendships. Yet he also  
revitalized the city of  
Providence, where  
ethnic factions jostle  
with old-moneyed New  
Englanders and black-  
clad artists from the  
Rhode Island School of  
Design rub shoulders  
with scam artists from  
City Hall. For nearly a  
quarter of a century,  
Cianci dominated this  
uneasy melting pot.  
During his first  
administration, twenty-  
two political insiders  
were convicted of  
corruption. In 1984,

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Cianci resigned after pleading guilty to felony assault, for torturing a man he suspected of sleeping with his estranged wife. In 1990, in a remarkable comeback, Cianci was elected mayor once again; he went on to win national acclaim for transforming a dying industrial city into a trendy arts and tourism mecca. But in 2001, a federal corruption probe dubbed Operation Plunder Dome threatened to bring the curtain down on Cianci once and for all. Mike Stanton takes readers on a remarkable journey through the underside of city life, into the bizarre world of the mayor and his supporting cast, including:

- “ Buckles ” Melise, the city official in charge of vermin control, who bought Providence twice as much rat poison as the city of Cleveland, which was at the time four times as large, and wound up increasing Providence ’ s rat population. During a garbage strike, Buckles sledgehammered one city employee and stuck his thumb in another ’ s eye. Cianci would later describe this as “ great public policy. ”
- Anthony “ the Saint ” St. Laurent, a major Rhode Island bookmaker and loan shark, who tried to avoid prison by citing his medical need for forty bowel irrigations

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a day, thus earning himself the nickname “Public Enema Number One.” • Dennis Aiken, a celebrated FBI agent and public corruption expert, who asked to be sent to “the Louisiana of the North,” where he enlisted an undercover businessman to expose the corrupt secrets of Cianci’s City Hall. The Prince of Providence is a colorful and engrossing account of one of the most tragicomic figures in modern American life—and the city he transformed.

*Christianity* The Prince of Providence  
The True Story of Buddy Cianci, America's Most Notorious Mayor, Some Wiseguys, and the Feds

You’ve heard of the scheme. Now comes the man behind it. In Mitchell Zuckoff’s exhilarating book, the first nonfiction account of Charles Ponzi, we meet the charismatic rogue who launched the most famous and extraordinary scam in the annals of American finance. It was a time when anything seemed possible—instant wealth, glittering fame, fabulous luxury—and for a run of magical weeks in the spring and summer of 1920, Charles Ponzi made it all come true. Promising to double investors’ money in three months, the dapper, charming Ponzi raised the “rob Peter to pay Paul” scam to an art form and raked in millions at his office in downtown Boston. Ponzi’s Scheme is the amazing true story of the irresistible

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scoundrel who launched the most successful scheme of financial alchemy in modern history—and uttered the first roar of the Roaring Twenties. Ponzi may have been a charlatan, but he was also a wonderfully likable man. His intentions were noble, his manners impeccable, his sales pitch enchanting. Born to a genteel Italian family, he immigrated to the United States with big dreams but no money. Only after he became hopelessly enamored of a stenographer named Rose Gnecco and persuaded her to marry him did Ponzi light on the means to make his dreams come true. His true motive was not greed but love. With rich narrative skill, Mitchell Zuckoff conjures up the feverish atmosphere of Boston during the weeks when Ponzi's bubble grew bigger and bigger. At the peak of his success, Ponzi was taking in more than \$2 million a week. And then his house of cards came crashing down—thanks in large part to the relentless investigative reporting of Richard Grozier's Boston Post. In Zuckoff's hands, Ponzi is no mere swindler; instead he is appealing and magnetic, a colorful and poignant figure, someone who struggled his whole life to attain great wealth and who sincerely believed—to the very end—that he could have made good on his investment promises if only he'd had enough time. Ponzi is a classic American tale of immigrant life and the dream of success, and the unexpectedly moving story of a man who—for a fleeting, illusory moment—attained it all.

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A Weekly Magazine of  
Amusement and Instruction

Soho Press

Origen's On First

Principles is a foundational work in the development of Christian thought and doctrine: it is the first attempt in history at a systematic Christian theology. For over a decade it has been out of print with only expensive used copies available; now it is available at an affordable price and in a more accessible format. On First Principles is the most important surviving text written by third-century Church father, Origen. Origen wrote in a time when fundamental doctrines had not yet been fully articulated by the Church, and contributed to the very formation of Christianity. Readers see Origen grappling with the mysteries of salvation and

brainstorming how they can be understood. This edition presents G. W.

Butterworth's trusted translation in a new, more readable format, retains the introduction by Henri de Lubac, and includes a new foreword by John C.

Cavadini. As St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Doctor of the Church, wrote: "Origen is the stone on which all of us were sharpened."

Dublin University Magazine  
Random House

In the city that invented the diner, so many amazing restaurants remain only in memories. The Silver Top had fresh coffee every twenty minutes, and the Ever Ready was hot dog heaven. Miss Dutton's Green Room and the Shepard Tea Room beckoned shoppers in their Sunday finest. At Childs, the griddle chef made butter cakes in the window for night

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owls, and Harry Houdini  
supped at midnight with H.P.  
Lovecraft at the Waldorf  
Lunch. Themed lounges like  
the Beachcomber and the  
Bacchante Room chased away  
the Prohibition blues.

Downcity Diner offered a  
famous meatloaf, and Ming  
Garden's Ming Wings were a  
staple for regulars. Author  
David Norton Stone details  
the restaurants that still hold a  
place in the hearts of locals.

*The True Story of  
Buddy Cianci,  
America's Most  
Notorious Mayor, Some  
Wiseguys, and the Feds*  
Rowman & Littlefield  
On Aug. 14, 1975,  
eight daring thieves  
ransacked 148 massive  
safe-deposit boxes at  
a secret bank used by  
organized crime, La  
Cosa Nostra, and its  
associates in  
Providence, R.I. The  
crooks fled with

duffle bags crammed  
full of cash, gold,  
silver, stamps, coins,  
jewels and high-end  
jewelry. The true  
value of the loot has  
always been kept  
secret, partly because  
it was ill-gotten to  
begin with, and partly  
because there was  
plenty of incentive to  
keep its true worth  
out of the limelight.  
It's one thing for  
authorities to admit  
they didn't find a  
trace of goods worth  
from \$3 million to \$4  
million, and entirely  
another when what was  
at stake was more  
accurately valued at  
about \$30 million, the  
equivalent of \$120  
million today. It was  
the biggest single  
payday in the criminal  
history of the  
Northeast. Nobody came  
close, not the  
infamous James  
"Whitey" Bulger, not

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John "The Dapper Don" Gotti, not even the Brinks or Wells Fargo robbers. The heist was bold enough and big enough to rock the underworld to its core, and it left La Cosa Nostra in the region awash in turmoil that still reverberates nearly 38 years later. "The Last Good Heist" is the inside story of the robbery and its aftermath.

Simon and Schuster From beloved children's book creator Crockett Johnson comes the timeless classic Harold and the Purple Crayon! This imagination-sparking picture book belongs on every child's digital bookshelf. One evening Harold decides to go for a walk in the moonlight. Armed only with an oversize

purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of wonder and excitement. Harold and his trusty crayon travel through woods and across seas and past dragons before returning to bed, safe and sound. Full of funny twists and surprises, this charming story shows just how far your imagination can take you. "A satisfying artistic triumph."

—Chris Van Allsburg, author-illustrator of *The Polar Express*  
Share this classic as a birthday, baby shower, or graduation gift!

*Women, Imagination and the Search for Truth in Early Modern France*  
Prabhat Prakashan  
First published in the year 1724, the present book titled



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'A General History of the Pyrates' is a historical work by English fictional writer and journalist Daniel Defoe.

*The Mayor, the Mob, and the Man in the Middle Fig*

A discourse on the languages of Native Americans encountered by the early settlers. This early linguistic treatise gives rare insight into the early contact between Europeans and Native Americans.

*The True Christian Religion* Cambridge University Press

From the bestselling author of *The Prince of Providence*, a revelatory biography of Rocky Marciano, the greatest heavyweight champion of all time. The son of poor Italian immigrants, with short arms and

Marciano accomplished a feat that eluded legendary heavyweight champions like Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Muhammad Ali, and Mike Tyson: He never lost a professional fight.

His record was a perfect 49-0. Unbeaten is the story of this remarkable champion who overcame injury, doubt, and the schemes of corrupt promoters to win the title in a bloody and epic battle with Jersey Joe Walcott in 1952. Rocky packed a devastating punch with an innocent nickname, "Suzie Q," against which there was no defense. As the champ, he came to know presidents and movie stars - and the organized crime figures who dominated the sport, much to his growing disgust. He may have "stood out in

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boxing like a rose in a France, this garbage dump," as one sportswriter said, but he also fought his own private demons. In the hands of the award-winning journalist and biographer Mike Stanton, *Unbeaten* is more than just a boxing story. It's a classic American tale of immigrant dreams, exceptional talent wedded to exceptional ambitions, compromises in the service of a greater good, astounding success, disillusionment, and a quest to discover what it all meant. Like *Suzie Q*, it will knock you off your feet.

*A Key Into the Language of America*  
Applewood Books  
Grounded in medical, juridical, and philosophical texts of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century

innovative study tells the story of how the idea of woman contributed to the emergence of modern science. Rebecca Wilkin focuses on the contradictory representations of women from roughly the middle of the sixteenth century to the middle of the seventeenth, and depicts this period as one filled with epistemological anxiety and experimentation. She shows how skeptics, including Montaigne, Marie de Gournay, and Agrippa von Nettesheim, subverted gender hierarchies and/or blurred gender difference as a means of questioning the human capacity to

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find truth; while "positivists" who strove to establish new standards of truth, for example Johann Weyer, Jean Bodin, and Guillaume du Vair, excluded women from the search for truth. The book constitutes a reevaluation of the legacy of Cartesianism for women, as Wilkin argues that Descartes' opening of the search for truth "even to women" was part of his appropriation of skeptical arguments. This book challenges scholars to revise deeply held notions regarding the place of women in the early modern search for truth, their role in the development of rational thought, and the way in which intellectuals of the period dealt with the emergence of an influential female public.

**Farm Sermons** Henry Holt and Company  
*The Prince of Providence*  
*The True Story of Buddy Cianci, America's Most Notorious Mayor, Some Wiseguys, and the Fed's Random House*  
*True Relation of the Great and Glorious Victory Through Gods Providence, Obtained by Sir William Waller, Sir Arthur Haslerig, and Others of the Parliament Forces*  
Arcadia Publishing  
At the age of twelve, Sophie Caco is sent from her impoverished village of Croix-des-Rosets to New York, to

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be reunited with a mother she barely remembers. There she discovers secrets that no child should ever know, and a legacy of shame that can be healed only when she returns to Haiti--to the women who first reared her. What ensues is a passionate journey through a landscape charged with the supernatural and scarred by political violence, in a novel that bears witness to the traditions, suffering, and wisdom of an entire people.

Politics and Pasta  
St. Martin's Griffin  
Niccolò Machiavelli (1469-1527) is the most famous and controversial figure in the history of political thought and one of the iconic names of the Renaissance. The

Cambridge Companion to Machiavelli brings together sixteen original essays by leading experts, covering his life, his career in Florentine government, his reaction to the dramatic changes that affected Florence and Italy in his lifetime, and the most prominent themes of his thought, including the founding, evolution, and corruption of republics and principalities, class conflict, liberty, arms, religion, ethics, rhetoric, gender, and the Renaissance dialogue with antiquity. In his own time Machiavelli was recognized as an

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original thinker who published in 1882, provocatively is a rare challenged manuscript, the conventional wisdom. original residing With penetrating analyses of The Prince, Discourses on Livy, Art of War, Florentine Histories, and his plays and poetry, this book offers a vivid portrait of this extraordinary thinker as well as assessments of his place in Western thought since the Renaissance. Restoration Editors' mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life. Some smudges, annotations or unclear text may still exist, due to permanent damage to the original work.

*The Inside Story of The Biggest Single Payday in the Criminal History of the Northeast*  
Sovereign Grace Publishers,  
Farm Sermons by Charles Spurgeon Haddon, first

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We believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction, allowing a new generation to appreciate it.

*The Last Good Heist*

Ave Maria Press

Albert the Great was born in Swabia, the son of a military nobleman. He was a Dominican priest who taught theology in Cologne and Paris. His most distinguished student was Saint Thomas Aquinas. Albert was called "Doctor universalis" because his breadth of knowledge spanned not only philosophy and theology but all the natural sciences. He was a dedicated student of nature, and although he argued

that the physical world can only be known reliably through observation and comparison, Albert distinguished between truths, which are naturally knowable, and mysteries, which cannot be known without revelation. People can only reach God through Himself - that is, by leaving behind the entanglements of earthly things and contemplating Him exclusively. The image and reality of God's incarnation in Jesus gives human beings the opportunity to attain a more perfect knowledge God through contemplation. Albert refers to the teaching of St. Peter, "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

*The Prince of*

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*Providence*  
Macmillan  
Designed as a  
companion volume to  
2006's *Inside the*  
*Ring*, which focused  
on the four operas  
comprising Richard  
Wagner's *Der Ring*  
*des Nibelungen*,  
this new volume  
features more than  
a dozen original  
essays focusing on  
all of Wagner's  
non-*Ring* operas.  
Part One looks at  
the individual  
operas, including  
*Der Fliegende*  
*Holländer*,  
*Tannhäuser*,  
*Lohengrin*, *Tristan*  
*und Isolde*, *Die*  
*Meistersinger von*  
*Nürnberg*, and  
*Parsifal*. Part Two  
reveals the

connections between  
Wagnerian opera and  
other arts,  
including dance,  
filmmaking, and  
fiction. Finally,  
Part Three examines  
Wagner's operas in  
performance,  
featuring  
interviews with  
mezzo-soprano  
Michelle DeYoung  
and heldentenor Ben  
Heppner, both well-  
known for their  
Wagnerian  
performances. The  
book includes many  
photographs from  
current productions  
by the Metropolitan  
Opera and other  
opera companies,  
along with  
bibliographies and  
a discography of  
recommended

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performances.

**The Prince of Providence**

HarperCollins

Written by a group of leading scholars, this unique collection of essays investigates the views of both pagan and Christian philosophers on causation and the creation of the cosmos. Structured in two parts, the volume first looks at divine agency and how late antique thinkers, including the Stoics, Plotinus, Porphyry, Simplicius, Philoponus and Gregory of Nyssa, tackled questions such as: is the cosmos eternal? Did it come from nothing or from something pre-existing? How was it caused to come into existence? Is it material or immaterial? The second

part looks at questions concerning human agency and responsibility, including the problem of evil and the nature of will, considering thinkers such as Plotinus, Porphyry, Proclus and Augustine. Highlighting some of the most important and interesting aspects of these philosophical debates, the volume will be of great interest to upper-level students and scholars of philosophy, classics, theology and ancient history.

*Belgic Confession*

Random House Trade Paperbacks

An election is a war and "to the victor belongs the spoils." As I learned so well, that's the real democratic process. After all, you'll never see a victorious



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politician tell his supporters, "I want to thank all of you who worked so hard for my election. However, in the interest of good government, I've decided to give all the jobs to those people who voted against me." My name is Buddy Cianci. I spent almost three decades as mayor of Providence...before leaving for an enforced vacation in a federally funded gated community. When I first took office, Providence was a dying industrial city, and I helped turn it into one of the most desirable places to live in America. I did it by playing the game of hardball politics as well as it has ever been played. My favorite Frank Sinatra lyric is "I did it my way," because that's

the only way a mayor can run a city. As I used to tell my staff, "When you spend your weekends kissing elderly women with mustaches, you can make the decisions." If you want to know the truth about how politics is played, you picked the right book. This is the behind-the-locked-door story of how politics in America really works. It's take me a lifetime of successes and failures to write it. It's all in these pages. I have been called many things in my career: I've been "America's Most Innovative Mayor," a "colorful character," and a convicted felon. But no one has ever called me shy. Rocky Marciano's Fight for Perfection in a Crooked World Routledge

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The story behind the podcast Crimetown, as told by the notorious Buddy Cianci himself. An election is a war and "to the victor belongs the spoils." That's the real democratic process. After all, you'll never see a victorious politician tell his supporters, "I want to thank all of you who worked so hard for my election. However, in the interest of good government, I've decided to give all the jobs to those people who voted against me." This belief became Buddy Cianci's mantra. Following his own rules, Cianci spent almost three decades as mayor of Providence, RI... before leaving for an enforced vacation in a federally funded gated community. Providence

was a dying industrial city when he first took office, but he helped turn it into one of the most desirable places to live in America. He did it by playing the game of hardball politics as well as it has ever been played, living up to his favorite Sinatra lyric "I did it my way"—because that's the only way a mayor can run a city. If you want to know the truth about how politics is played, you picked the right book. This is the behind-the-locked-door story of how politics in America really works. Here is a man who has been called many things: "America's Most Innovative Mayor," a "colorful character," and a convicted felon. But no one has ever called him shy. Here,

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he serves it all up.  
Divine Providence  
McFarland  
A New York Times  
Bestseller! For  
those who have lost  
a loved one to that  
liar and fraud named  
Death. So reads the  
dedication of  
William Peter  
Blatty's *Finding*  
*Peter*, a deeply  
moving memoir that  
tests the bounds of  
grief, love, and the  
soul. Blatty, the  
bestselling author  
and Oscar  
Award-winning  
screenwriter of *The*  
*Exorcist*, lived a  
charmed life among  
the elite stars of  
Hollywood. His son  
*Peter*, born over a  
decade after *The*  
*Exorcist*, grew from  
an apple-cheeked boy  
into an "imposing

young man with a  
quick, warm smile."  
But when Peter died  
very suddenly from a  
rare disorder,  
Blatty's world turned  
upside down. As he  
and his wife  
struggled through  
their unrelenting  
grief, a series of  
strange and  
supernatural events  
began occurring—and  
Blatty became  
convinced that Peter  
was sending messages  
from the afterlife. A  
true and unabashedly  
personal story,  
*Finding Peter* will  
shake the most  
cynical of  
readers—and it will  
remind those in grief  
that our loved ones  
do truly live on.