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Curves Envy Scarlett Avery 2016-07-20 What happens when a sassy curvy girl meets a raunchy alpha male? After partying her head off to forget yet another bad boyfriend, curvy girl Candy Westerman accepts her best friend's invitation to brunch on a sunny Sunday morning hoping to shake off the latest drama in her dating life. Little did she know a debonair and dangerously sexy stranger would turn her world upside down the second she lays eyes on him. Although she's instantly attracted to the ruggedly handsome hunk, she chooses to brush off the chance encounter as a one-time thing and does her best to erase the stranger's devastating smile from her memory. Determined to move on with her life, she loses herself in her daily routine and the work she loves. It's business as usual until a date to have drinks with her cousin Trish puts her unexpectedly face-to-face with her mysterious admirer. When Max Keller, a domineering billionaire alpha male, catches sight of Candy's luscious curves, all bets are off. How can casual drinks turn into a night of unspoken raunchiness on the forty-first floor of a swanky New York hotel?

The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling 1920

Python Data Science Handbook Jake VanderPlas 2016-11-21 For many researchers, Python is a first-class tool mainly because of its libraries for storing, manipulating, and gaining insight from data. Several resources exist for individual pieces of this data science stack, but only with the Python Data Science Handbook do you get them all—IPython, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, and other related tools. Working scientists and data crunchers familiar with reading and writing Python code will find this comprehensive desk reference ideal for tackling day-to-day issues: manipulating, transforming, and cleaning data; visualizing different types of data; and using data to build statistical or machine learning models. Quite simply, this is the must-have reference for scientific computing in Python. With this handbook, you'll learn how to use: IPython and Jupyter: provide computational environments for data scientists using Python NumPy: includes the ndarray for efficient storage and manipulation of dense data arrays in Python Pandas: features the DataFrame for efficient storage and manipulation of labeled/columnar data in Python Matplotlib: includes capabilities for a flexible range of data visualizations in Python Scikit-Learn: for efficient and clean Python implementations of the most important and established machine learning algorithms

Gentlemen Prefer Curves Sugar Jamison 2014-09-30 SOMETIMES SIZE DOES MATTER Belinda Gordon thought she had it all—a great job, wonderful friends, a home of her own. She's even come to love her voluptuous body. But she still can't shake the feeling that something is missing. And then Carter Lancaster, aka Her Biggest Mistake, shows up in town, as irresistible as ever, and shakes up her entire world. WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE Carter never expected to find Belinda in town, looking as delicious as the day he married her five years ago—before she walked out on him after six weeks and a painful misunderstanding that included his baby daughter, Ruby. A quick divorce is the sensible option—but Carter can't let Belinda go now, not when he can see the family they could be. Love may be a curveball,

but this time he's going to prove to Belinda that he can hit it out of the park... Gentlemen Prefer Curves is the third book in the Perfect Fit series Praise for Sugar Jamison's Dangerous Curves Ahead "Dangerous Curves Ahead is laugh out loud funny and super sexy, with unique characters you can't help but love!"- New York Times bestselling author Lori Foster

Bad Girls Don't Cathie Linz 2006-11-07 "Readers are going to love this!" exclaimed Susan Elizabeth Phillips about Good Girls Do. Now Cathie Linz delivers her delightful follow-up novel. When Skye Wright saw flashing lights in her rearview mirror, she figured she'd just charm her way out of yet another speeding ticket. How could she have known that the handsome cop who stepped out of the police cruiser was a Studly Do-Right capable of taming the wild child right out of her? It took less than two seconds for Sheriff Nathan Thornton to peg the sexy Skye as trouble. Maybe it was the way she shimmed her hips in that I Dream of Jeannie outfit. Or the huge stack of speeding tickets in her bag. Whatever it was, the woman was belly-dancing her way into his thoughts. Now if only she'd belly-dance into his bedroom... Good Girls Do is: "Fabulously fun."—Booklist (starred review) "Hilarious and heartwarming."—Library Journal

Poor Economics Abhijit Banerjee 2012-03-27 The winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics upend the most common assumptions about how economics works in this gripping and disruptive portrait of how poor people actually live. Why do the poor borrow to save? Why do they miss out on free life-saving immunizations, but pay for unnecessary drugs? In Poor Economics, Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo, two award-winning MIT professors, answer these questions based on years of field research from around the world. Called "marvelous, rewarding" by the Wall Street Journal, the book offers a radical rethinking of the economics of poverty and an intimate view of life on 99 cents a day. Poor Economics shows that creating a world without poverty begins with understanding the daily decisions facing the poor.

Thrown for a Curve Sugar Jamison 2014-02-25 Tall, plus-size blonde Cherri his thrown for a blissful loop her boss—furniture restorer Colin, begins to fall for her. Original.

The Body Project Joan Jacobs Brumberg 2010-06-09 A hundred years ago, women were lacing themselves into corsets and teaching their daughters to do the same. The ideal of the day, however, was inner beauty: a focus on good deeds and a pure heart. Today American women have more social choices and personal freedom than ever before. But fifty-three percent of our girls are dissatisfied with their bodies by the age of thirteen, and many begin a pattern of weight obsession and dieting as early as eight or nine. Why? In The Body Project, historian Joan Jacobs Brumberg answers this question, drawing on diary excerpts and media images from 1830 to the present. Tracing girls' attitudes toward topics ranging from breast size and menstruation to hair, clothing, and cosmetics, she exposes the shift from the Victorian concern with character to our modern focus on outward appearance—in particular, the desire to be model-thin and sexy. Compassionate, insightful, and gracefully written, The Body Project explores the gains and losses adolescent girls have inherited since they shed the corset and the ideal of virginity for a new world of sexual freedom and consumerism—a world in which the body is their primary project.

Rory's Mate Book Two: The Vampire Coalition J. S. Scott 2012-05-02 Callie Marks never knew that when she had caught the bouquet at her best friend's wedding...she would also meet her destiny in the same place. Rory Hale was the nicest, sweetest man she had ever met. He was also the most unattainable. Gorgeous, rich and smart, Rory would never be interested in her. He wouldn't go for a plump, boring woman that was a chef and suffered from the rejections of her past. Who wanted a foundingling that had never even known who her parents were? Little did she know...he was very interested. Unfortunately, he was also a vampire who was ruled by destiny in the mating department. His mate would not be his choice. Rory Hale had liked Callie Marks since he had met her at his brother's wedding. Although he couldn't feel desire for anyone except his true mate, he and Callie had a connection. They became cautious friends and he wished he could offer her more. Underneath his confident exterior, Rory had his own insecurities, but Callie seemed to think he was special. His heart said yes...but his body was unresponsive.

Mean Girls Lucy Felthouse 2016-07-07 Adele learns to love her curves in the best possible way. ?Adele Blackthorne is a big girl, a curvy chick. She knows it, and she's been picked on all her life because of it. But she's gotten to the stage where she doesn't care. She may be Rubenesque, but she's healthy, too. Much healthier than the mean girls at the leisure center that point and stare and say spiteful things about her. Adele rises above it all, and simply enjoys her secretive glances at the center's hunky lifeguard, Oliver. As the bullying of Adele becomes worse, Oliver finds it increasingly difficult not to intervene. He doesn't want to get into trouble with work, but equally he can't stand to see Adele treated in such a

horrible way. Especially since he doesn't agree that she's fat and unattractive. He thinks she's a seriously sexy woman, and would like to get to know her better. Much better. *** Keywords: erotic romance, bbw heroine, curvy heroine, rubenesque, lifeguard, chef.

PISA Take the Test Sample Questions from OECD's PISA Assessments OECD 2009-02-02 This book presents all the publicly available questions from the PISA surveys. Some of these questions were used in the PISA 2000, 2003 and 2006 surveys and others were used in developing and trying out the assessment.

Curvology David Bainbridge 2015-11-09 Few things are as tantalizing as a woman's curves...and yet, humans are the only mammals on earth whose females have curvy bodies. Why? And what does this unique body shape mean for us? In Curvology, researcher David Bainbridge uses his scientific know-how to get to the bottom of this anatomical mystery and to explore the social and psychological consequences of our cultural fixation with curves and fat. Bainbridge brings thorough and clear-headed scientific research to this topic, as well as an admirable understanding of the real-life ramifications of the fascinating statistics and provocative studies he cites. Blending evolutionary biology, cultural observation, and cutting-edge psychology, Bainbridge critically synthesizes the science and history of women's body shape, from ancient hominids to the age of the selfie, offering insights into how women's bodies became objects of fascination and raising awareness about what this scrutiny does to our brains. Packed with controversial and compelling findings that drive us to think about the significance of our curves and what they mean for future generations, Curvology offers not just a compelling collection of facts and studies, but an endlessly fascinating take on evolution and its consequences.

Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls Jes Baker 2015-10-27 Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls is a manifesto and call to arms to women of all sizes and ages. With smart and sassy eloquence, veteran blogger Jes Baker calls on women to be proud of their bodies, fight against fat-shaming, and embrace a body-positive worldview to change public perceptions and help women maintain mental health. Chapters include: What is Body Love and Why is it Important? Start Now Realize that Body Hate is Learned Learn Why We've Decided to Hate Ourselves Reframe Health Acknowledge Photoshop Normalize Mental Health Surround Yourself with Body Positive Media Increase Conversational Awareness Wear What Scares You Create Your Own Affirmations Find a Body Love Support System Allow Yourself to Have Bad Days The Social Impact of Body Love/The Pay Off With the same straightforward tone that catapulted her to national attention when she wrote a public letter addressing the sexist comments of Abercrombie & Fitch CEO, Jes shares personal experiences along with in-depth research in a way that is approachable, digestible, and empowering. Featuring notable guest authors, Things No One Will Tell Fat Girls is an invitation for all women to reject fat prejudice, learn to love their bodies, and join the most progressive, and life changing revolution there is: the movement to change their world, not their body.

Big Girls Don't Cry Cathie Linz 2007 After an unsuccessful stint as a plus-size model, curvaceous beauty Leena Riley returns home to Rock Creek, where she works as a receptionist for veterinarian Cole Flannigan, who, back in high school, had made fun of her, but now sees her in a whole new light. Original.

Big Girls Do It Jasinda Wilder 2012-11-01 Enjoy all four of the Big Girls Do It stories in one volume, with special expanded scenes available only in this collection! Big Girls Do It Better Gorgeous, rock-star guys like Chase Delany don't go for girls like me. They go for supermodels and actresses, skinny-girls who never eat and spend all day working out. I'm not that girl. So when he locked his fiery brown eyes on me for the first time, I couldn't quite believe it was really happening to me. It was the second night I spent with him that I'll never forget. Big Girls Do It Wetter Chase went to New York...without me. It was only one night, one delicious, sinful night, but it awakened something within me, and now, with him gone, I have no one to satiate my sudden, ferocious hunger. Then I woke up one day and looked at someone near and dear to me in a whole new light. And my world was rocked once again. Big Girls Do It Wilder I'm going. Going to New York City to be with gorgeous, mysterious, rockstar Chase Delany seemed like a crazy dream, a fantasy come true. The bright lights and music, and his tight, sexy leather pants called to me...and I answered. Chase might want more and I just might give it to him, if I could only forget what I started with Jeff back in Detroit. I thought I had my love life all figured out, I thought I knew what I wanted, and then things went and changed on me all over again... Big Girls Do It On Top I fled New York with my heart breaking and a million questions. Foremost in my mind was whether Jeff would even see me after the colossal mess that New York turned out to be. I discovered the answer, but that only spawned even more questions, many of the yes or no variety...

Fat Girl Walking Brittany Gibbons 2015-05-19 Told through a series of larger-than-life snapshots, a hilarious memoir in essays about love, sex, marriage, motherhood, bikinis, and loving your body, no

matter what size you are from the acclaimed blogger and body image advocate. Brittany Gibbons has been a plus size her whole life. But instead of hiding herself in the shadows of thinner women, Brittany became a wildly popular blogger and national spokesmodel—known for stripping on stage at TedX and standing in Times Square in a bikini on national television, and making skinny people everywhere uncomfortable. Talking honestly about size and body image on her popular blog, brittanyherself.com, she has ignited a national conversation. Now in her first book, she shares hilarious and painfully true stories about her life as a weird overweight girl growing up in rural Ohio, struggling with dating and relationships, giving the middle finger to dieting, finding love with a man smaller than her, accidentally having three kids, and figuring out the secret to loving her curves and becoming a nationally recognized body image advocate. And there's sex, lots of it! *Fat Girl Walking* isn't a diet book. It isn't one of those former fat people memoirs about how someone battled, and won, in the fight against fat. Brittany doesn't lose all the weight and reveal the happy, skinny girl that's been hiding inside her. Instead, she reminds us that being chubby doesn't mean you'll end up alone, unhappy, or the subject of a cable medical show. What's important is learning to love your shape. With her infectious humor and soul-baring honesty, *Fat Girl Walking* reveals a life full of the same heartbreak, joy, oddity, awkwardness, and wonder as anyone else's. Just with better snacks.

Curve Ball Jim Albert 2007-11-23 A look at baseball data from a statistical modeling perspective! There is a fascination among baseball fans and the media to collect data on every imaginable event during a baseball game and this book addresses a number of questions that are of interest to many baseball fans. These include how to rate players, predict the outcome of a game or the attainment of an achievement, making sense of situational data, and deciding the most valuable players in the World Series. Aimed at a general audience, the text does not assume any prior background in probability or statistics, although a knowledge of high school algebra will be helpful.

In the Time of the Butterflies Julia Alvarez 2010-01-12 It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of *Las Mariposas*—"The Butterflies." In this extraordinary novel, the voices of all four sisters—Minerva, Patria, María Teresa, and the survivor, Dedé—speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gunrunning and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo's rule. Through the art and magic of Julia Alvarez's imagination, the martyred Butterflies live again in this novel of courage and love, and the human cost of political oppression.

A Dangerous Bargain Jan S. Scott 2014-01-01 27 year old Kat Larson is haunted by demons. Literally. And how was she to know that there was more than one type of demon? The Evils want to destroy her soul, while billionaire Sentinel demon, Zachary Winston, claims that he wants to protect her. Kat opts for Zach's protection...but it doesn't come without a price. It requires a demon bargain...and what he suggests surprises poor Kat almost as much as the fact that demons really do exist. Why would the handsome billionaire want to make such an agreement with a curvy, plain redheaded woman like her? Billionaire Zachary Winston has a mission and it's one that he vows to complete. As a Sentinel demon, his task is to protect Kat from the Evils that will corrupt her soul. His only problem is that she is his "radiant," the one woman who can lighten the darkness of his demon existence and be his eternal mate. Zach has to fight an internal war between man and demon as he protects Kat, not quite sure which one will win. He's one part demon, one part man, but they both yearn for Kat's lush, full figured body and kind, compassionate heart. As Zach becomes more and more enchanted with Kat, he's hoping she can learn to love a lonely man/demon that's only slightly wicked. This paranormal romance contains graphic language, steamy love scenes, and lovable alpha males that also happen to be mythological demons.

Well Played Jan S. Scott 2018-01-24 Lauren: Graham is my brother's best friend. He's always been my protector and my confidant because he accepts me the way I am—and not many do. I can't imagine not having him in my life. Our weekend together was supposed to be a celebration. I graduated from college, Graham got engaged and signed with a pro football team, and my brother landed his dream job. It should have been the best time of our lives. Except that the weekend started with me walking in on Graham's fiancée going down on my brother. I complicated the situation by having sex with Graham after that, but I wanted to comfort him and, damn, when I saw desire in his eyes—for me—I couldn't say no. I've wanted him for so long. Now he doesn't want to see me. He says he has a darker side he needs to protect me from. Where do we go from here? Do I try to pretend to be his friend again or push him to open up to me and

possibly lose him forever? Graham Sleeping with one of my best friends was not exactly a brilliant idea. It made things complicated, and I didn't do anything that threw my life into chaos. The fiancée her brother Jack, had stolen had been part of my life plan, one more step I was taking to be somebody. Granted, I hadn't been in love with my intended bride, but I didn't really know how to love anybody. I survived. I pushed to achieve more. I battled my way to the top of the heap in my pro football career. I'm a total dick, and I don't want Lauren to see the side of me that would trample over anybody to work my way up in the world. Lauren sees me as a hero, a title I'd never gain with anybody else in my life, so I wanted to keep her sheltered from the hard realities of my life. I wanted her to continue to think I was a nice guy when I was really just the opposite. We never should have crossed the line of going from friends to lovers. There's too much Lauren doesn't know about me, and I care enough about her that I don't want her to share my pain and the darkness that never sees daylight inside me. I want her, but she's a woman I can never have. She's too smart, too sweet, and way too good for a guy like me. Unfortunately, pushing her away becomes much more difficult than I'd planned...

Two Girls, Fat and Thin Mary Gaitskill 2012-03-13 This captivating novel shimmers with dark intensity and wicked wit. In a stunning synthesis of eroticism, rage, pathos, and humor, Gaitskill's "fine storyteller's pace and brilliant metaphors" (The New York Times Book Review) create a haunting and unforgettable journey into the dark side of contemporary life and the deepest recesses of the soul.

Tell Me I'm Yours J S Scott 2021-06-14 Is there more to the spoiled, entitled, British billionaire man-whore than what I see on the surface? I really want to hate Dylan Lancaster. He hurt my best friend, and nearly destroyed her relationship with his identical twin brother. So, I decide that someone needs to rein him in so he doesn't try to demolish the couple completely before their wedding takes place.

Unfortunately, the only woman who would try to take on that impossible task is...me. It's only six weeks, right? Surely I can tolerate the womanizing, obnoxious jerk and keep him out of trouble so that no more of his scandals hit the media before his brother's wedding. I'm a public relations crisis manager.

Squashing bad press is what I do, and I do it extremely well for my high profile clients. What I don't count on is actually starting to like the glimpses of the real Dylan I begin to see underneath all of his cynicism. Nor did I ever imagine that I'd become so attracted to him that I could barely breathe every time he gets close to me. Dylan is a man who has suffered profound emotional pain. I can sense it. I can feel it. The question is: Can I possibly reach the real Dylan Lancaster before it's too late?

Football Dick Violet Blaze 2017-06-16

Damaged! J. S. Scott 1917-09-12 Having been dirt poor all of my life, nothing could have prepared me for my current flight to a private island in the Bahamas on Trace Walker's, one of the three billionaire Walker brothers, private jet. I'd set out late this morning for my new job opportunity as personal assistant to my idol, Dane Walker, currently one of the top artists in the world. My entire worldly goods of five dollars was in my purse so I absolutely had to make this job work. This was also my opportunity to stop running for my life with a great place to hide. What I didn't know was that I was hired by Trace and Sabastian Walker and that I would be a total surprise to their youngest brother, Dane, who had chosen to be a recluse ever since the plane crash that took his father and new step-mother's lives eight years before. When I first fell clumsily into Danes arms getting out of the limo that took me to his house, I could see that he still had a few scars from surgeries and some burns left over from the crash, but I could not control my physical response to his massive body that was ripped, his sun kissed skin, his unruly jet-black hair and his unnerving chocolate brown stare. In response to my arguments for keeping my job, Dane grudgingly agreed to a trial period and I was determined to ignore the heat that sizzled between us. I could not afford to give in to a fling that would make it awkward to remain working for Dane, no matter how much I wanted to give in to my desire and the mesmerizing look in his eyes. The longer I worked for him, the closer we got, and the harder it was to remember that my life depended on keeping my distance. Deep down I knew that it would only be a matter of time before I gave in.

Big Girl Knits Jillian Moreno 2009-11 Big Girl Knits features twenty-five unique patterns for women size 14 and up. From flattering pullovers and sexy tees to sleek skirts and fun accessories, this book is overflowing with options for knitting up an entire wardrobe to compliment your shapely shape. Part knitting instruction, part fashion guide, Big Girl Knits is packed with expert advice to help you make the most of the three Bs: Boobs, Belly, and Butt. All the garments and accessories featured in the book are proportioned to fit and flatter a big girl's body. Learn two fabulous adaptations to add to your knitting toolbox that you can apply to any sweater pattern. The book also features an easy-to-use measurement guide and tips to help you choose the right yarn, colors, and styles for you. From the Hardcover edition.

Defy Me Aidy Award 2019-02-14 No soul, no soulmate.Until she shows up.Jett-I know full well I don't get

to even feel love, much less fall in it.No soul, no soulmate. Ever.I don't have room for stolen kisses and fantasies of making her mine. I've got to break the curse on my brethren and take down the King of Hell.So why is the dragon part of me insisting on marking and claiming this strange and beautiful woman who just walked into my life (and drank my beer)?Yvaine--Really weird stuff is happening, like how I accidentally keep turning this hot guy into a dragon and how I really, really wants to kiss him. Again.What am I thinking? Dark and broody bad boys with those kind of six-pack abs only want one thing, and they don't want it from me and my big ole butt.We're stuck together until we can figure out how to break some crazy supernatural curse on me.But what if I don't want the curse broken?If you love your shifters broody & hot, your heroines curvy & sassy, and can hardly wait for a feel good Happy Ever After, grab this book now!

Cardiology Explained Euan A. Ashley 2004 One of the most time-consuming tasks in clinical medicine is seeking the opinions of specialist colleagues. There is a pressure not only to make referrals appropriate but also to summarize the case in the language of the specialist. This book explains basic physiologic and pathophysiologic mechanisms of cardiovascular disease in a straightforward manner, gives guidelines as to when referral is appropriate, and, uniquely, explains what the specialist is likely to do. It is ideal for any hospital doctor, generalist, or even senior medical student who may need a cardiology opinion, or for that ma.

What Works in Girls' Education Gene B Sperling 2015-09-29 Hard-headed evidence on why the returns from investing in girls are so high that no nation or family can afford not to educate their girls. Gene Sperling, author of the seminal 2004 report published by the Council on Foreign Relations, and Rebecca Winthrop, director of the Center for Universal Education, have written this definitive book on the importance of girls' education. As Malala Yousafzai expresses in her foreword, the idea that any child could be denied an education due to poverty, custom, the law, or terrorist threats is just wrong and unimaginable. More than 1,000 studies have provided evidence that high-quality girls' education around the world leads to wide-ranging returns: Better outcomes in economic areas of growth and incomes Reduced rates of infant and maternal mortality Reduced rates of child marriage Reduced rates of the incidence of HIV/AIDS and malaria Increased agricultural productivity Increased resilience to natural disasters Women's empowerment What Works in Girls' Education is a compelling work for both concerned global citizens, and any academic, expert, nongovernmental organization (NGO) staff member, policymaker, or journalist seeking to dive into the evidence and policies on girls' education.

Mine for Tonight J. S. Scott 2012-09-24 Down on her luck, nursing student and full-time waitress Kara Foster gets a massive blow to her already desperate financial situation that will surely find her living on the streets. Needing nothing less than a miracle to save her, Kara gets rescue from an unknown, unlikely and overwhelming source. Billionaire Simon Hudson makes her an offer that is impossible to refuse, but terrifying to accept from a man that she's never met. Will the handsome, alpha billionaire really be a solution to her problems, or will he end up being a major complication and a danger to her emotional sanity? Reclusive billionaire Simon Hudson would rather be behind a computer creating computer games than rubbing elbows with the elite and he knows exactly what he wants...until he meets Kara Foster. Something about Kara touches Simon in ways he's never experienced and definitely doesn't like. For over a year, Simon watches over Kara, but stubbornly refuses to admit his desire to possess her, not even to himself. But when she ends up in a situation that could very well be her destruction, Simon steps up to help her, not realizing that in saving Kara, he might very well be salvaging his own soul.

Cooking for Geeks Jeff Potter 2010-07-20 Presents recipes ranging in difficulty with the science and technology-minded cook in mind, providing the science behind cooking, the physiology of taste, and the techniques of molecular gastronomy.

Intelligence, Genes, and Success Bernie Devlin 2013-12-01 A scientific response to the best-selling The Bell Curve which set off a hailstorm of controversy upon its publication in 1994. Much of the public reaction to the book was polemic and failed to analyse the details of the science and validity of the statistical arguments underlying the books conclusion. Here, at last, social scientists and statisticians reply to The Bell Curve and its conclusions about IQ, genetics and social outcomes.

The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies Lauren Dundes 2019-07-11 In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney's films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection

according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.

Skinny Women Are Evil Mo'Nique 2004-04-06 Challenging America's confusing standard of beauty, a humorous look at life from the perspective of a large woman shares her own experiences as well as her thoughts on eating, sex, dating, exercise, and other topics.

Bad Fat Black Girl Sesali Bowen 2021-10-05 "Sesali Bowen is poised to give Black feminism the rejuvenation it needs. Her trendsetting writing and commentary reaches across experiences and beyond respectability. I and so many Black girls still figuring out who they are in this world will gain so much from whatever she has to say."—Charlene A. Carruthers, activist and author of *Unapologetic: A Black, Queer and Feminist Mandate for Radical Movements* "Sesali perfectly vocalizes the inner dialogue, and daily mantras needed to be a Bad Bitch."—Gabourey Sidibe, actor, director, and author of *This is Just My Face: Try Not To Stare* "A powerful call for a more inclusive and 'real' feminism."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Bowen writes from an authentic space for Black women who are often left out of feminist conversations due to respectability politics, but who are just as deserving of the same voice and liberation."—Booklist (starred review) From funny and fearless entertainment journalist Sesali Bowen, *Bad Fat Black Girl* combines rule-breaking feminist theory, witty and insightful personal memoir, and cutting cultural analysis for an unforgettable, genre-defining debut. Growing up on the south side of Chicago, Sesali Bowen learned early on how to hustle, stay on her toes, and champion other Black women and femmes as she navigated Blackness, queerness, fatness, friendship, poverty, sex work, and self-love. Her love of trap music led her to the top of hip-hop journalism, profiling game-changing artists like Megan Thee Stallion, Lizzo, and Janelle Monae. But despite all the beauty, complexity, and general badassery she saw, Bowen found none of that nuance represented in mainstream feminism. Thus, she coined Trap Feminism, a contemporary framework that interrogates where feminism meets today's hip-hop. *Bad Fat Black Girl* offers a new, inclusive feminism for the modern world. Weaving together searing personal essay and cultural commentary, Bowen interrogates sexism, fatphobia, and capitalism all within the context of race and hip-hop. In the process, she continues a Black feminist legacy of unmatched sheer determination and creative resilience. Bad bitches: this one's for you.

The Alpha Shifter Collection Sam Crescent 2018-02-05 THE ALPHA'S TOY To spare an innocent she has to become his plaything. When Zeke attacks her pack, Mary, a half-breed wolf, wants to save a young wolf, but to do so, she has to accept his bargain. She must be his toy until the next full moon. Mary despises the alpha she must now give her body to, but she can't deny the response he inspires within her. Exploring the deceased pack's lair Zeke stumbles onto something that could destroy all breeds of wolf. The leaders of Mary's pack had been experimenting on wolves. The reasons why are still unknown, but Zeke will do everything in his power to find out the truth, especially when he discovers Mary was one of their experiments. Even before the end of the month Mary becomes all he can think about, and he's determined to keep his toy safe. Then a twist of fate lets him know she's more than a toy. Mary is his mate. Can he overcome her fear of him and convince her to stay when her month is up? ALPHA BAIT There is a law that binds an Alpha to his wolf and stops him from hurting others of his pack. If an Alpha lashes out with the intention to harm, then his wolf will stop it, forcing on the transition...but one wolf has found the loophole. Chain is determined to inflict harm. He sends out the one woman he wants but cannot have, Victoria. She will be his Alpha Bait, luring another Alpha to his death, thus freeing Chain from the control of his wolf. For most of her adult life Victoria has been at the mercy of Chain. He scares her more than anything else. Doing as she's told, Victoria sets the trap in order to gain Scorch's attention. Scorch is a good leader and strong Alpha. He will not hurt anyone. When a beautiful red-head ends up in his care, he cannot turn away from the attraction she inspires. Their wolves are mates, and they're destined to be together. However, what will Scorch do when he realizes Victoria is with him to lure him to his death? Can she really send the man she loves to his grave? Being Alpha Bait was never her choice, but who really holds her loyalty, Chain or Scorch?

Fancy Curves M. K. Moore 2019-02-18 Fancy Smith is what you would call fat. She knows it and she owns it. Everything in her life is right on track, except work. Working for Travers, Inc is challenging in more ways than one. Her arrogant boss makes her life a living hell on a daily basis. Too bad he is also the hottest man she has ever met, not that he'd ever go for a woman like her. Clark Travers has been in

a foul mood since Fancy started working for him. One look at her porcelain tattooed skin and her curvy as hell body, he was done, and she was his. Now to make that happen without crossing into an HR nightmare is another issue. Fancy Curves is a safe, steamy novella with an HEA. Hold on tight, because these Clearwater Curves girls know how to make their alpha's feel really good. Join us this summer when four curvy women fall in love at the beach. Find out what happens when alpha men go bananas for their curves and all the craziness that follows. Suggested reading order: Book 1: Sweet Curves by Elisa Leigh Book 2: Fancy Curves by M.K. Moore Book 3: Sharp Curves by C.M. Steele Book 4: Delicious Curves by KL Fast

Factfulness Hans Rosling 2018-04-03 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "One of the most important books I've ever read—an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world." – Bill Gates "Hans Rosling tells the story of 'the secret silent miracle of human progress' as only he can. But Factfulness does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readers how to see it clearly." —Melinda Gates "Factfulness by Hans Rosling, an outstanding international public health expert, is a hopeful book about the potential for human progress when we work off facts rather than our inherent biases." - Former U.S. President Barack Obama Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts. When asked simple questions about global trends—what percentage of the world's population live in poverty; why the world's population is increasing; how many girls finish school—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In Factfulness, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse). Our problem is that we don't know what we don't know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn't mean there aren't real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, Factfulness is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world and empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future. --- "This book is my last battle in my life-long mission to fight devastating ignorance...Previously I armed myself with huge data sets, eye-opening software, an energetic learning style and a Swedish bayonet for sword-swallowing. It wasn't enough. But I hope this book will be." Hans Rosling, February 2017.

Introduction to Probability Joseph K. Blitzstein 2014-07-24 Developed from celebrated Harvard statistics lectures, Introduction to Probability provides essential language and tools for understanding statistics, randomness, and uncertainty. The book explores a wide variety of applications and examples, ranging from coincidences and paradoxes to Google PageRank and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC).

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Atomic Habits James Clear 2018-10-16 The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 4 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving—every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: • make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); • overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; • design your environment to make success easier; • get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the

tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

The Billionaire's Obsession: J. S. Scott 2013-12 Down on her luck, nursing student and full-time waitress Kara Foster gets a massive blow to her already desperate financial situation that will surely find her living on the streets. Needing nothing less than a miracle to save her, Kara gets rescue from an unknown, unlikely and overwhelming source. Billionaire Simon Hudson makes her an offer that is impossible to refuse, but terrifying to accept from a man that she's never met. Will the handsome, alpha billionaire really be a solution to her problems, or will he end up being a major complication and a danger to her emotional sanity? Reclusive billionaire Simon Hudson would rather be behind a computer creating computer games than rubbing elbows with the elite and he knows exactly what he wants...until he meets Kara Foster. Something about Kara touches Simon in ways he's never experienced and definitely doesn't like. For over a year, Simon watches over Kara, but stubbornly refuses to admit his desire to possess her, not even to himself. But when she ends up in a situation that could very well be her destruction, Simon steps up to help her, not realizing that in saving Kara, he might very well be salvaging his own soul. The Billionaire's Obsession Series: The Billionaire's Obsession - Simon Heart Of The Billionaire - Sam The Billionaire's Salvation - Max The Billionaire's Game - Kade Billionaire Undone - Travis Billionaire Unmasked - Jason Billionaire Untamed - Tate Billionaire Unbound - Chloe Billionaire Undaunted - Zane Billionaire Unknown - Blake Billionaire Unveiled - Marcus Billionaire Unloved - Jett Billionaire Unchallenged - Carter

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