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The Dante Club

A New York Times Bestseller Words can bleed. In 1865 Boston, the literary geniuses of the Dante Club—poets and Harvard professors Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and James Russell Lowell, along with publisher J. T. Fields—are finishing America's first translation of The Divine Comedy and preparing to unveil Dante's remarkable visions to the New World. The powerful Boston Brahmins at Harvard College are fighting to keep Dante in obscurity, believing that the infiltration of foreign superstitions into American minds will prove as corrupting as the immigrants arriving at Boston Harbor. The members of the Dante Club fight to keep a sacred literary cause alive, but their plans fall apart when a series of murders erupts through Boston and Cambridge. Only this small group of scholars realizes that the gruesome killings are modeled on the descriptions of Hell's punishments from Dante's Inferno. With the lives of the Boston elite and Dante's literary future in America at stake, the Dante Club members must find the killer before the authorities discover their secret. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes and an outcast police officer named Nicholas Rey, the first black member of the Boston police department, must place their careers on the line to end the terror. Together, they discover that the source of the murders lies closer to home than they ever could have imagined. The Dante Club is a magnificent blend of fact and fiction, a brilliantly realized paean to Dante's continued grip on our imagination, and a captivating thriller that will surprise readers from beginning to end. From the Hardcover edition.

Think Like Sherlock

Mike Sexton once asked Chip Reese, "The guys you play against are tough. What separates you from them?" Chip replied, "You're right Mike. They are tough. In fact, when they play their 'A' game, I'm really no better than they are. The difference is that they also have a 'C' and 'D' game, whereas I don't. They become weak players when they steam and just about all of them do. My edge is that I don't steam." (Life's a Gamble, D&B 2016). If you've ever wondered if the psychological aspect of poker is important, that should provide the answer. One of the greatest players of all times is attributing his success to the fact that he has better psychological control over his play than his opponents. The good news is that, actually, there is

nothing mysterious about Chip's ability. To do the same you simply have to adhere to specific strategies and guidelines. This book will tell you what they are and explain why they work. These strategies, implemented into your everyday routine, will substantially increase your performance and improve your mental state. Peak Poker Performance will show you how to: Create an unbeatable mindset Pursue excellence during downswings Eliminate procrastination Improve your motivation Master your emotions Plus much, much more Dr. Patricia Cardner has worked with hundreds of poker players, at mid-stakes and high-stakes levels, both through private coaching and online training. With the help of Jonathan Little, Patricia moves on from her first book, 'Positive Poker' and uses the very latest research to take you to the next level so you too can achieve better results on the felt and in life.

The Confidence Game

A look inside the often hidden world of parasites turns the clock back to the beginning of life on Earth to answer key questions about these highly evolved and resilient life forms.

Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist

Draws on neuroscience and psychology studies while analyzing the deductive strategies used by the character of Sherlock Holmes to suggest how to promote mental strength, clearer observation, and effective problem-solving.

Mastermind

From "The Alchemist" to "Thus Spake Zarathustra" and Achebe to Zola, "1001 Books" offers concise critical insights into the books and the writers that have excited the imagination of the world. It offers reviews, author biographies, plot and character assessments and historical information on those books considered the most important, compelling, or simply the best fiction ever written. Whether classics, novels, thrillers, science fictions, or romances, you will never again be stuck for what to read next or how to find the next great book from an author. In the style of the phenomenally successful "1001 Movies", this is an incisive guide to the books that have had a real impact - whether in the form of critical acclaim or as cult classics. It is an eclectic selection by a superb international team of writers and critics, a provides a new take on old classics and is a guide to what's hot in the huge contemporary fiction market. It is also an ideal reference for anyone who loves to read.

Parasite Rex

Shares the author's personal experiences with anxiety, describing its painful coherence and absurdities while sharing the stories of other sufferers to illustrate anxiety's intellectual history and influence.

Soul Made Flesh

The New York Times bestselling guide to thinking like literature's greatest detective. "Steven Pinker meets Sir Arthur Conan Doyle" (Boston Globe), by the author of *The Confidence Game*. No fictional character is more renowned for his powers of thought and observation than Sherlock Holmes. But is his extraordinary intellect merely a gift of fiction, or can we learn to cultivate these abilities ourselves, to improve our lives at work and at home? We can, says psychologist and journalist Maria Konnikova, and in *Mastermind* she shows us how. Beginning with the "brain attic"—Holmes's metaphor for how we store information and organize knowledge—Konnikova unpacks the mental strategies that lead to clearer thinking and deeper insights. Drawing on twenty-first-century neuroscience and psychology, *Mastermind* explores Holmes's unique methods of ever-present mindfulness, astute observation, and logical deduction. In doing so, it shows how each of us, with some self-awareness and a little practice, can employ these same methods to sharpen our perceptions, solve difficult problems, and enhance our creative powers. For Holmes aficionados and casual readers alike, Konnikova reveals how the world's most keen-eyed detective can serve as an unparalleled guide to upgrading the mind.

Masterminds

Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley set out to ensure food safety. The tasters were recognized for their courage, and became known as the poison squad.

Peak Poker Performance

The first book in the action-packed trilogy from New York Times bestselling author Gordon Korman is perfect for fans of *Stranger Things* and James Patterson. Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.

Tell Me Everything

Successfully navigate the business world by understanding what your manager and coworkers are really thinking. The secret is nonverbal intelligence—the ability to interpret and use nonverbal signals in business to assess and influence others. In *Louder Than Words*, bestselling author and behavior expert Joe Navarro shows you how to decode what's really being said at meetings, interviews, negotiations, presentations, business meals, and more, including the casual exchanges that often impact decisions and reputations. You can jump-start your career, close the deal, keep your customers, secure new ones, and lead your company with confidence once you discover how to: Read body language and discern non-verbal cues of concern, disagreement, or doubt—even over the phone Master the all-important first impression and use settings, seating, and gestures to inspire and captivate Recognize habits that send the wrong message—and learn what

postures, work practices, work spaces, and even electronic habits say about people

Make Your Brain Smarter

Filled with original art and photographs by the author who is also an illustrator and designer, each chapter represents a month of Kalman's yearlong travel across the U.S. and her reflections on democracy. She starts with a celebration of Barack Obama's Presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C., continues with the month of February and Abraham Lincoln, and explores democracy and the pursuit of happiness artistically and poetically. Several presidents and political sites in Washington, D.C. are focal points as the year progresses.

The Biggest Bluff

In this unprecedented history of a scientific revolution, award-winning author and journalist Carl Zimmer tells the definitive story of the dawn of the age of the brain and modern consciousness. Told here for the first time, the dramatic tale of how the secrets of the brain were discovered in seventeenth-century England unfolds against a turbulent backdrop of civil war, the Great Fire of London, and plague. At the beginning of that chaotic century, no one knew how the brain worked or even what it looked like intact. But by the century's close, even the most common conceptions and dominant philosophies had been completely overturned, supplanted by a radical new vision of man, God, and the universe. Presiding over the rise of this new scientific paradigm was the founder of modern neurology, Thomas Willis, a fascinating, sympathetic, even heroic figure at the center of an extraordinary group of scientists and philosophers known as the Oxford circle. Chronicled here in vivid detail are their groundbreaking revelations and the often gory experiments that first enshrined the brain as the physical seat of intelligence -- and the seat of the human soul. *Soul Made Flesh* conveys a contagious appreciation for the brain, its structure, and its many marvelous functions, and the implications for human identity, mind, and morality.

Kluge

2010 Living Now Bronze Award Winner for category: Nutrition, Dietary, Circulation Winner, 2009 Mom's Choice Gold Award in Adult Books: Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Safety Finalist in the 2008 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for two categories: Health/Wellness and Multicultural Non-Fiction Interwoven with centuries-old herbal remedies, time-tested techniques, and women's wisdom handed down through the ages, this kaleidoscopic whole-health tapestry reveals a myriad of natural methods for achieving and maintaining good health and all-around happiness. At the heart of the narrative is a compilation of natural recipes for infusions, poultices, teas, and tinctures--garnered by the young Svetlana while listening to her mother and "the girls" (other medical professionals like her mother) as they shared their bond of friendship and their tales of healing success while gathered for tea in the family's blossom-filled garden--intertwined with her grandmother's fairy tales, family vignettes, legends, and herbal lore. Filled with easy-to-make, natural, healing recipes for common ailments and illnesses--such as allergies, asthma, fatigue, headaches, insomnia, and respiratory problems--this all-encompassing

guide to wellness offers a holistic approach that intermingles alternative treatments with folklore, psychology, philosophy, and spirituality to foster optimal health and joyful living.

Mama's Home Remedies

Best-selling author Hope Jahren edits this year's volume of the finest science and nature writing.

Introducing Jesus

The author of *American Nations* examines the history of and solutions to the key American question: how best to reconcile individual liberty with the maintenance of a free society. The struggle between individual rights and the good of the community as a whole has been the basis of nearly every major disagreement in our history, from the debates at the Constitutional Convention and in the run up to the Civil War to the fights surrounding the agendas of the Federalists, the Progressives, the New Dealers, the civil rights movement, and the Tea Party. In *American Character*, Colin Woodard traces these two key strands in American politics through the four centuries of the nation's existence, from the first colonies through the Gilded Age, Great Depression and the present day, and he explores how different regions of the country have successfully or disastrously accommodated them. The independent streak found its most pernicious form in the antebellum South but was balanced in the Gilded Age by communitarian reform efforts; the New Deal was an example of a successful coalition between communitarian-minded Eastern elites and Southerners. Woodard argues that maintaining a liberal democracy, a society where mass human freedom is possible, requires finding a balance between protecting individual liberty and nurturing a free society. Going to either libertarian or collectivist extremes results in tyranny. But where does the "sweet spot" lie in the United States, a federation of disparate regional cultures that have always strongly disagreed on these issues? Woodard leads readers on a riveting and revealing journey through four centuries of struggle, experimentation, successes and failures to provide an answer. His historically informed and pragmatic suggestions on how to achieve this balance and break the nation's political deadlock will be of interest to anyone who cares about the current American predicament—political, ideological, and sociological. From the Hardcover edition.

The Poison Squad

Thinking Skills, second edition, is the only endorsed book offering complete coverage of the Cambridge International AS and A Level syllabus.

Tasty

Full of fascinating how-to skills and evocative illustrations, this must-have guide will appeal to Baker Street Irregulars of all ages. This reader's companion to the casework of Sherlock Holmes explores the methodology of the world's most famous consulting detective. From analyzing fingerprints and decoding ciphers to

creating disguises and faking one's own death, readers will learn how Holmes solved his most celebrated cases—plus an arsenal of modern techniques available to today's armchair sleuths. Along the way, readers will discover a host of trivia about the master detective and his universe: Why did Holmes never marry? How was the real Scotland Yard organized? Was cocaine really legal back then? And why were the British so terrified of Australia? For die-hard Sherlockians and amateur investigators alike, this handbook is nothing less than . . . elementary.

How to Decide

Compact INTRODUCING guide to Christianity's central figure. Christianity depends on the belief that the Jesus of history is identical with the Christ of faith, and that God in the person of Jesus intervened finally and decisively in human history. But is the historical Jesus the same as the Christian Saviour? And how did an obscure provincial religion based on the paradox of a crucified saviour conquer the Roman Empire and outlive it? INTRODUCING JESUS - A GRAPHIC GUIDE confronts the enigmas. It sets Jesus in the perspective of his time - within Judaism and its expectations of a Messiah, in the atmosphere of Greek philosophy and the Roman deification of emperors. It traces the development of Christianity from St. Paul and the Romanization of the Church, to modern liberation theology. This book is a lucid and exciting investigation that will appeal to all readers, whether Christian or not.

The Infested Mind

A brand-new collection of Sherlock Holmes stories from a variety of exciting voices in modern horror and steampunk, edited by respected anthologist George Mann.

Mastermind

A look at the culture and fanaticism of book lovers, from beloved New York Times illustrator Grant Snider It's no secret, but we are judged by our bookshelves. We learn to read at an early age, and as we grow older we shed our beloved books for new ones. But some of us surround ourselves with books. We collect them, decorate with them, are inspired by them, and treat our books as sacred objects. In this lighthearted collection of one- and two-page comics, writer-artist Grant Snider explores bookishness in all its forms, and the love of writing and reading, building on the beloved literary comics featured on his website, Incidental Comics. With a striking package including a die-cut cover, I Will Judge You By Your Bookshelf is the perfect gift for bookworms of all ages.

1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die

How is it that we can recognize photos from our high school yearbook decades later, but cannot remember what we ate for breakfast yesterday? And why are we inclined to buy more cans of soup if the sign says "LIMIT 12 PER CUSTOMER" rather than "LIMIT 4 PER CUSTOMER?" In Kluge, Gary Marcus argues convincingly that our minds are not as elegantly designed as we may believe. The imperfections result from a haphazard evolutionary process that often proceeds by piling new systems on top of old ones—and those systems don't always work well together. The end

product is a "kluge," a clumsy, cobbled-together contraption. Taking us on a tour of the essential areas of human experience—memory, belief, decision making, language, and happiness—Marcus unveils a fundamentally new way of looking at the evolution of the human mind and simultaneously sheds light on some of the most mysterious aspects of human nature.

Solve it Like Sherlock

What do you do when you're faced with a big decision? If you're like most people, you probably make a pro and con list, spend a lot of time obsessing about decisions that didn't work out, get caught in analysis paralysis, endlessly seek other people's opinions to find just that little bit of extra information that might make you sure, and finally go with your gut. What if there was a better way? In *How to Decide*, bestselling author Annie Duke and former professional poker player lays out a series of tools anyone can use to make better decisions.

Thinking Skills

Draws on the latest scientific discoveries to outline tests and exercises for improving cognitive fitness, in a reference that focuses on recent understandings about the frontal lobe to explain how to promote brain health at any age.

American Character

What is it that separates Sherlock Holmes from his long-suffering friend and side-kick Dr John Watson? What makes Holmes such a superior detective, able to piece together clues and solve problems that seem elementary to Watson only in hindsight? And can we - most of us Watsons ourselves - ever harness a bit of Holmes's extraordinary powers of mind, not to solve crimes, but simply to improve our lives at work and home? The answer is yes, and in *Mastermind*, psychologist Maria Konnikova shows us how. Using plots and passages from the wonderfully entertaining Holmes stories, she illuminates how Arthur Conan Doyle's detective embodies an ever-present mindfulness, and how this active mental disposition proves foundational to his success. Beginning with Holmes's concept of the 'brain attic' - a metaphor for the information we choose to store in the mind and how we organise our knowledge, Konnikova unpacks the mental strategies that lead to clearer thinking and deeper insights. Moving through principles of logic and deduction, creativity and imagination, *Mastermind* puts 21st century neuroscience and psychology in service of understanding Holmes's methods. With some self-awareness and a little practice, we can all employ these methods to develop better strategies, solve difficult problems and enhance our creative powers. Writing for Holmes fans and casual readers alike, Konnikova has translated what so many of us love about the great detective into a remarkable guide to upgrading the mind.

The Sherlock Holmes Handbook

A rural expatriate's struggle to reconcile family, home, love, and faith with the silence of the prairie land and its people Melanie Hoffert longs for her North Dakota childhood home, with its grain trucks and empty main streets. A land where she

imagines standing at the bottom of the ancient lake that preceded the prairie: crop rows become the patterned sand ripples of the lake floor; trees are the large alien plants reaching for the light; and the sky is the water's vast surface, reflecting the sun. Like most rural kids, she followed the out-migration pattern to a better life. The prairie is a hard place to stay—particularly if you are gay, and your home state is the last to know. For Hoffert, returning home has not been easy. When the farmers ask if she's found a "fella," rather than explain that—actually—she dates women, she stops breathing and changes the subject. Meanwhile, as time passes, her hometown continues to lose more buildings to decay, growing to resemble the mouth of an old woman missing teeth. This loss prompts Hoffert to take a break from the city and spend a harvest season at her family's farm. While home, working alongside her dad in the shop and listening to her mom warn, "Honey, you do not want to be a farmer," Hoffert meets the people of the prairie. Her stories about returning home and exploring abandoned towns are woven into a coming-of-age tale about falling in love, making peace with faith, and belonging to a place where neighbors are as close as blood but are often unable to share their deepest truths. In this evocative memoir, Hoffert offers a deeply personal and poignant meditation on land and community, taking readers on a journey of self-acceptance and reconciliation.

I Will Judge You by Your Bookshelf

Want to be a little bit more like Sherlock Holmes? The Deduction Guide will provide you with an alternate way of perceiving your surroundings, and allow you begin to make deductions about people and objects. The majority of the book is devoted to ways to read the world, including examples in a wide variety of topics, such as body language, clothing and other belongings, in the spirit of Sherlock Holmes. Upon reading this book, you will be able to identify if someone is liberal or conservative based on their eyes, a person's values from their bedroom or living room, and what a person is feeling based on the position of their legs, among many other things.

Prairie Silence

'He is the Napoleon of crime, Watson He sits motionless, like a spider in the centre of its web, but that web has a thousand radiations, and he knows well every quiver of each of them' Sherlock Holmes, scourge of criminals everywhere, whether they be lurking in London's foggy backstreets or plotting behind the walls of an idyllic country mansion, and his faithful colleague Dr Watson, solve these breathtaking and perplexing mysteries. In Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Five Orange Pips and Other Cases* we encounter some of his most famous and devilishly difficult problems. The Penguin English Library - 100 editions of the best fiction in English, from the eighteenth century and the very first novels to the beginning of the First World War.

The Defender

If you've always fancied yourself a bit of a Sherlock Holmes, there's no better way to test yourself than against these ingenious puzzles. In this intriguing book,

Stewart Ross presents 25 new Sherlock Holmes cases and challenges you to pit your powers of deduction against those of the Great Detective. Full of the atmosphere and ambience of 221b Baker Street, you'll feel like you've stepped back into the pages of Arthur Conan Doyle . except, this time, with the chance to prove you're a match for the super sleuth. Each case provides all the evidence you'll need to crack it, provided you're sharp enough to pick up on all the clues, with challenges from codebreaking to lateral thinking, memory to logic . and of course, how Sherlock came up with the solutions can be found at the back of the book in case you're feeling more like Watson than Holmes. The detective managed to solve 24 out of the 25 cases in this book - perhaps you can go one better.

Louder Than Words

The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2017

Social media meets Amelie in this perfect romantic comedy from First Draft podcast creator and YA lit rising star Sarah Enni.

Monkey Mind

Have you ever wished that you had Sherlock Holmes-like observational skills? Would you like to be able to learn how to concentrate better and be more productive in a shorter amount of time? Many people believe that skills like that of observation and concentration are something that a person is born with, that you either have it or you don't and that's it. But, fortunately, this is not the case. Like any other skill, mindfulness can be taught, though some will obviously take to it faster than others. In this book, author Stefan Cain teaches you how to train your brain to work more effectively in a variety of ways using several different exercises and methods. Stefan Cain has studied the human brain for years, particularly in regards to its functionality. His research and experiments have shown him that the brain, like other parts of the body, can be shaped, sculpted, and, eventually, trained in such a way as to promote increased mindfulness. By following the methods outlined in this book, and by coming to understand how the brain works, you will learn how to:

- * Improve your observational skills-you could be the next Sherlock Holmes!
- * Improve your memory*
- * Increase your awareness*
- * Become more creative*
- * Make solid deductions*
- * Use critical thinking*
- * Use your intuition

By reading, understanding, and then implementing the techniques described in this book, you can be a better, more productive, and less stressed you in no time at all.

The Deduction Guide

A Few Lessons from Sherlock Holmes is a book for those who want to improve their thinking. It is a practical and enjoyable book that tells in a short-easy-to-read way about what we all can learn from Sherlock Holmes. Peter Bevelin has distilled Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes into bite-sized principles and key quotes. This book will appeal to both Sherlock fans as well as those who want to think better. It contains useful and timeless methods and questions applicable to a variety of important issues in life and business. We could all benefit from A few

lessons from Sherlock Holmes.

Becoming Sherlock

“Right out of the gate, the entire game was designed to empty the pockets of those rich, celeb-loving LA suckers.”—Houston Curtis Leonardo DiCaprio. Alex Rodriguez. Tobey Maguire. Ben Affleck. Matt Damon. John Cassavetes. What do these people have in common? Not just fame and fortune; all these men are also alumni of the ultra-exclusive, high-stakes poker ring that inspired Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-nominated film, *Molly’s Game*. But Houston Curtis, the card shark who co-founded the game with Tobey Maguire, knows that Sorkin’s is the whitewashed version. In *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist*, Curtis goes all-in, revealing the true story behind the game. From its origins with Maguire to staking DiCaprio’s first game, installing Molly Bloom, avoiding the hookers and blow down the hall, and weathering the FBI investigation that left Curtis with a lien on his house, this is the no-holds-barred account of the world’s most exclusive Texas Hold ‘Em game from the man who started it—with all the names and salacious details that *Molly’s Game* left out. With the insider appeal of *Rounders*, more A-listers than *Ocean’s 11*, and the excitement of *The Sting*, *Billion Dollar Hollywood Heist* is the untold, insider’s story that makes *Molly’s Game* look tame.

The Five Orange Pips and Other Cases

Instantly have flashes of genius, solve mysteries, read people’s minds, and size up situations. Well, sort of Sherlock Holmes, famous detective of 221 Baker Street, is one of literature’s most beloved figures. Why? Because he is able to unravel a complex story from simple observation, perception, creative thinking, and problem-solving. No book can make you Sherlock. But this book can teach you his most practical tactics and introduce you to the building blocks of what it takes to be a famous detective. Sharpen your judgment and instincts for better decisions. Think *Like Sherlock* is as close as you’ll get to thinking like a sleuth. There are references and case studies sprinkled throughout to illustrate just how you can improve your thinking habits to not only solve the mysteries in your life, but approach life with analysis, care, and creativity. You’ll find a plethora of techniques and illustrative examples. No other book provides you with such a clear blueprint of the skills you need to think with clarity and understand what really matters. Learn everyday deductive reasoning to decipher the events in your life. Peter Hollins has studied psychology and peak human performance for over a dozen years and is a bestselling author. He has worked with a multitude of individuals to unlock their potential and path towards success. His writing draws on his academic, coaching, and research experience. Techniques from a wide range of disciplines to solve problems.

- How to shift your perspective and open up a new world of thought.
- The process of observation and deduction, and how to works on an everyday basis.
- How altered states of consciousness contribute to clear thinking and how Einstein and Salvador Dali took advantage of this. How to systematically and consistently think outside the box.
- Critical thinking and why you shouldn’t take things or people at face value.
- How to invert, reverse, substitute, adapt, magnify, minimize, lateral, and distance (and more) your thinking for flashes of genius.
- Learn how to use reverse brainstorming and the Fishbone technique to solve the ‘crimes’ in your life. Sherlock sees the world for what it is, underneath the mask

and facade - and so can you.

Mastermind

And she certainly brought something to the table, including a PhD in psychology and an acclaimed and growing body of work on human behavior and how to hack it. So Seidel was in, and soon she was down the rabbit hole with him, into the wild, fiercely competitive, overwhelmingly masculine world of high-stakes Texas Hold'em, their initial end point the following year's World Series of Poker. But then something extraordinary happened. Under Seidel's guidance, Konnikova did have many epiphanies about life that derived from her new pursuit, including how to better read, not just her opponents but far more importantly herself; how to identify what tilted her into an emotional state that got in the way of good decisions; and how to get to a place where she could accept luck for what it was, and what it wasn't. But she also began to win. And win. In a little over a year, she began making earnest money from tournaments, ultimately totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. .

And the Pursuit of Happiness

"It's a startling and disconcerting read that should make you think twice every time a friend of a friend offers you the opportunity of a lifetime." —Erik Larson, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Dead Wake* and bestselling author of *Devil in the White City* Think you can't get conned? Think again. The New York Times bestselling author of *Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes* explains how to spot the con before they spot you. "[An] excellent study of Con Artists, stories & the human need to believe" —Neil Gaiman, via Twitter A compelling investigation into the minds, motives, and methods of con artists—and the people who fall for their cons over and over again. While cheats and swindlers may be a dime a dozen, true conmen—the Bernie Madoffs, the Jim Bakkers, the Lance Armstrongs—are elegant, outsized personalities, artists of persuasion and exploiters of trust. How do they do it? Why are they successful? And what keeps us falling for it, over and over again? These are the questions that journalist and psychologist Maria Konnikova tackles in her mesmerizing new book. From multimillion-dollar Ponzi schemes to small-time frauds, Konnikova pulls together a selection of fascinating stories to demonstrate what all cons share in common, drawing on scientific, dramatic, and psychological perspectives. Insightful and gripping, the book brings readers into the world of the con, examining the relationship between artist and victim. *The Confidence Game* asks not only why we believe con artists, but also examines the very act of believing and how our sense of truth can be manipulated by those around us. From the Hardcover edition.

Further Encounters of Sherlock Holmes

This "extraordinary history" of the influential black newspaper is "deeply researched, elegantly written [and] a towering achievement" (Brent Staples, *New York Times Book Review*). In 1905, Robert S. Abbott started printing *The Chicago Defender*, a newspaper dedicated to condemning Jim Crow and encouraging African Americans living in the South to join the Great Migration. Smuggling

hundreds of thousands of copies into the most isolated communities in the segregated South, Abbott gave voice to the voiceless, galvanized the electoral power of black America, and became one of the first black millionaires in the process. His successor wielded the newspaper's clout to elect mayors and presidents, including Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy, who would have lost in 1960 if not for The Defender's support. Drawing on dozens of interviews and extensive archival research, Ethan Michaeli constructs a revelatory narrative of journalism and race in America, bringing to life the reporters who braved lynch mobs and policemen's clubs to do their jobs, from the age of Teddy Roosevelt to the age of Barack Obama. "[This] epic, meticulously detailed account not only reminds its readers that newspapers matter, but so do black lives, past and present." —USA Today

Mastermind

The human reaction to insects is neither purely biological nor simply cultural. And no one reacts to insects with indifference. Insects frighten, disgust and fascinate us. Jeff Lockwood explores this phenomenon through evolutionary science, human history, and contemporary psychology, as well as a debilitating bout with entomophobia in his work as an entomologist. Exploring the nature of anxiety and phobia, Lockwood explores the lively debate about how much of our fear of insects can be attributed to ancestral predisposition for our own survival and how much is learned through individual experiences. Drawing on vivid case studies, Lockwood explains how insects have come to infest our minds in sometimes devastating ways and supersede even the most rational understanding of the benefits these creatures provide. No one can claim to be ambivalent in the face of wasps, cockroaches or maggots but our collective entomophobia is wreaking havoc on the natural world as we soak our food, homes and gardens in powerful insecticides. Lockwood dissects our common reactions, distinguishing between disgust and fear, and invites readers to consider their own emotional and physiological reactions to insects in a new framework that he's derived from cutting-edge biological, psychological, and social science.

A Few Lessons from Sherlock Holmes

Qual è il segreto della mente più brillante della letteratura di tutti i tempi? Come fa a risolvere la miriade di casi complicati solo grazie all'osservazione e al ragionamento, liquidando poi puntualmente l'ammirato assistente con il suo proverbiale «Elementare, Watson!»? La risposta è in questo saggio della psicologa Maria Konnikova che, da lettrice appassionata delle avventure di Sherlock Holmes, ne studia il processo mentale. Riprendendo una delle metafore più conosciute che il detective usa per illustrare i «poteri magici» della propria mente – il cervello come una soffitta vuota, che va riempita e organizzata – e attingendo alle teorie neuroscientifiche, l'autrice individua in Watson e Holmes i rappresentanti di due sistemi di pensiero contrapposti, di due modi diversi di organizzare la propria «soffitta» e quindi di ragionare. Attraverso un'analisi attenta, Konnikova fa luce sui meccanismi cognitivi umani innati – il sistema Watson – e sulle loro falle, che conducono a scelte e deduzioni erranee; per contro ci introduce al sistema Holmes, aiutandoci a capire come anche noi, con un po' di esercizio, possiamo aspirare a esso, potenziando così il nostro spirito di osservazione e le capacità decisionali in

ogni ambito della vita. Una nuova avventura al fianco di Sherlock Holmes, stavolta alla scoperta del mistero per eccellenza: la mente umana.

Tales of Sherlock Holmes

Draws on reports from kitchens, markets, farms, and laboratories to trace historical experiences of flavor while making predictions on how the sense of taste will evolve in coming decades.

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