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Game Theory: A Very Short Introduction - Ken Binmore 2007-10-25

Games are played everywhere: from economics to evolutionary biology, and from social interactions to online auctions. This title shows how to play such games in a rational way, and how to maximize their outcomes.

Gladiators, Pirates and Games of Trust - Haim Shapira 2017-05-13

This book provides many humorous anecdotes and insightful examples of how our daily lives are affected by Game Theory. Game Theory is the mathematical formalization of interactive decision-making - it assumes that each player's goal is to maximize his/her benefit, whatever it may be. Players may be friends, foes, political parties, states, or an...

Introducing Game Theory - Ivan Pastine 2017-03-02

When should you adopt an aggressive business strategy? How do we make decisions when we don't have all the information? What makes international environmental cooperation possible? Game theory is the study of how we make a decision when the outcome of our moves depends on the decisions of someone else. Economists Ivan and Tuvana Pastine explain why, in these situations, we sometimes cooperate, sometimes clash, and sometimes act in a way that seems completely random. Stylishly brought to life by award-winning

cartoonist Tom Humberstone, Game Theory will help readers understand behaviour in everything from our social lives to business, global politics to evolutionary biology. It provides a thrilling new perspective on the world we live in.

The Pirate Captain's Daughter - Eve Bunting 2011-07-06

"I always knew my father was a pirate and I always knew I wanted to be one, too." At age fifteen, Catherine's life is about to change. Her mother has just died and Catherine can't stand the thought of being sent to live with her aunt in Boston. She longs for a life of adventure. After she discovers her father's secret life as captain of the pirate ship Reprisal, her only thoughts are to join him on the high seas. Catherine imagines a life of sailing the blue waters of the Caribbean, the wind whipping at her back. She's heard tales of bloodshed and brutality but her father's ship would never be like that. Catherine convinces her father to let her join him, disguised as a boy. But once the Reprisal sets sail, she finds life aboard a pirate ship is not for the faint of heart. If her secret is uncovered, punishment will be swift and brutal.

Gladiators, Pirates and Games of Trust - Haim Shapira 2017-02-14

"One of the best Decision Making and Game Theory books of all time." —Reid Hoffman (LinkedIn founder) and Nassim Nicholas Taleb (author of Black Swan), BookAuthority An

accessible, light-hearted exploration of Game Theory—what it is, why it's important, and how it can help us in our daily lives Game Theory is the mathematical formalization of interactive decision-making—it assumes that each player's goal is to maximize his/her benefit, whatever it may be. Players may be friends, foes, political parties, states, or any entity that behaves interactively, whether collectively or individually. One of the problems with game analysis is the fact that, as a player, it's very hard to know what would benefit each of the other players. Some of us are not even clear about our own goals or what might actually benefit us. In *Gladiators, Pirates, and Games of Trust*, Haim Shapira shares humorous anecdotes and insightful examples to explain Game Theory, how it affects our daily lives, and how the different interactions between decision-makers can play out. In this book, you will:

- Meet Nobel Laureate John F. Nash and familiarize yourself with Nash equilibrium
- Learn the basic ideas of the art of negotiation
- Visit the gladiators' ring and apply for a coaching position
- Build an airport and divide inheritance
- Issue ultimatums and learn to trust
- Review every aspect of the prisoner's dilemma and learn about the importance of cooperation
- Learn how statistics bolster lies
- And much more

[The Art of Strategy](#) - Avinash K. Dixit 2008

The authors of *Thinking Strategically* demonstrate how to apply the principles in game theory to achieve greater personal and professional successes, drawing on a diverse array of case studies to explain how to develop a win-oriented way of seeing the world.

[A Little History of the World](#) - E. H. Gombrich 2014-10-01

E. H. Gombrich's *Little History of the World*, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the *Little History* brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two

hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

A Book of Golden Deeds - Charlotte Mary Yonge 1866

The Ultimate Gladiator - Brian Berg 2014-02-09

The gladiator alternate fighter class is a robust expansion upon the gladiator archetype in standard fantasy and designed for the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game. Television series such as *Spartacus*(TM) have vividly inspired us and we are pleased to present 'The Ultimate Gladiator.' Total Party Kill Games' *Ultimate Gladiator* is an excellent adaptation, blending the exceptional Pathfinder system to a fantastic concept. We've utilized the "Talented" class framework to create a gladiator that is incredibly flexible and has the abilities to back up the strength of the concept. Our gladiator is not only a killer in the arena, but a viable character when allowed to adventure, providing valuable inspiration to his allies as he performs his feats of bravado and dash. While powerful, the gladiator is mostly limited in scope to melee combat and not well armored, preferring light armor and great mobility over heavier armors. This grants him great reflexes and their incessant combat practice allows them to take wounds that would cripple a normal hero and still keep on fighting. Within are multitudes of talents, feats, combat styles, traits, and even archetypes. Play the role of an insightful Andabata (Blind Helm Fighter), a ferocious Bestiarus (Beast Master), an acrobatic Blade Dancer, the charismatic Champion, the reviled Criminal, the massive Gigante (Giant), the alluring Gladiatrix, the unstoppable Immortal, the unflinching Ironbound, the wealthy Noble Gladiator, the deadly ranged

Sagittarius, the rage-filled Barbaric Slave gladiator, and the fearsome Venator (Beast Slayer). Use 'The Ultimate Gladiator' to bring an exciting new warrior class into your Pathfinder games. Build a gladiator campaign around the multitudes of different gladiators you can build with this sourcebook. Or play a free gladiator that inspires his adventuring allies with his panache and bravado in your existing campaign. You will be entertained...

[The Boys' Book of Famous Rulers](#) - Lydia Hoyt Farmer 2020-07-27

Reproduction of the original: The Boys' Book of Famous Rulers by Lydia Hoyt Farmer

[I Need a New Bum!](#) - Dawn McMillan 2018-12-06

The book behind the viral internet sensation of "The Scottish Granny" reading this story to her grandchild. A young boy suddenly notices a big problem - his bum has a huge crack! So he sets off to find a new one. Will he choose an armor-plated bum? A rocket bum? A robot bum? Find out in this silly, quirky tale with hilarious illustrations.

Behavioral Game Theory - Colin F. Camerer 2011-09-05

Game theory, the formalized study of strategy, began in the 1940s by asking how emotionless geniuses should play games, but ignored until recently how average people with emotions and limited foresight actually play games. This book marks the first substantial and authoritative effort to close this gap. Colin Camerer, one of the field's leading figures, uses psychological principles and hundreds of experiments to develop mathematical theories of reciprocity, limited strategizing, and learning, which help predict what real people and companies do in strategic situations. Unifying a wealth of information from ongoing studies in strategic behavior, he takes the experimental science of behavioral economics a major step forward. He does so in lucid, friendly prose. Behavioral game theory has three ingredients that come clearly into focus in this book: mathematical theories of how moral obligation and vengeance affect the way people bargain and trust each other; a theory of how limits in the brain constrain the number of steps of "I think he thinks . . ." reasoning people naturally do; and a theory of how people learn from experience to make

better strategic decisions. Strategic interactions that can be explained by behavioral game theory include bargaining, games of bluffing as in sports and poker, strikes, how conventions help coordinate a joint activity, price competition and patent races, and building up reputations for trustworthiness or ruthlessness in business or life. While there are many books on standard game theory that address the way ideally rational actors operate, Behavioral Game Theory stands alone in blending experimental evidence and psychology in a mathematical theory of normal strategic behavior. It is must reading for anyone who seeks a more complete understanding of strategic thinking, from professional economists to scholars and students of economics, management studies, psychology, political science, anthropology, and biology.

The Last Gladiatrix - Eva Scott 2013-04-01

In the dust and death of the Colosseum, a slave fights for freedom, a soldier fights for his life, and they both fight for the love that has been forbidden. Captured and enslaved by a Roman legion, Xanthe never expects to end up training for the Colosseum floor, but every night after the day's march, she is put through her paces by a Roman soldier who challenges her, tests her, and excites her. Titus is drawn to Xanthe, her fire and her spirit, so he breaks one of his rules and brings notice on himself, offering to train her as a gladiatrix to spare her a courtesan's role. But training her, working with her, soon becomes too much. Titus knows the penalty for taking property that does not belong to him, but how long can he resist?

[Metadata](#) - Jeffrey Pomerantz 2015-11-06

Everything we need to know about metadata, the usually invisible infrastructure for information with which we interact every day. When "metadata" became breaking news, appearing in stories about surveillance by the National Security Agency, many members of the public encountered this once-obscure term from information science for the first time. Should people be reassured that the NSA was "only" collecting metadata about phone calls—information about the caller, the recipient, the time, the duration, the location—and not recordings of the conversations themselves? Or does phone call metadata reveal more than it seems? In this book, Jeffrey Pomerantz offers an

accessible and concise introduction to metadata. In the era of ubiquitous computing, metadata has become infrastructural, like the electrical grid or the highway system. We interact with it or generate it every day. It is not, Pomerantz tell us, just "data about data." It is a means by which the complexity of an object is represented in a simpler form. For example, the title, the author, and the cover art are metadata about a book. When metadata does its job well, it fades into the background; everyone (except perhaps the NSA) takes it for granted. Pomerantz explains what metadata is, and why it exists. He distinguishes among different types of metadata—descriptive, administrative, structural, preservation, and use—and examines different users and uses of each type. He discusses the technologies that make modern metadata possible, and he speculates about metadata's future. By the end of the book, readers will see metadata everywhere. Because, Pomerantz warns us, it's metadata's world, and we are just living in it.

Mein Kampf - Adolf Hitler 2021-03-19

'MEIN KAMPF' is the autobiography of Adolf Hitler gives detailed insight into the mission and vision of Adolf Hitler that shook the world. This book is the merger of two volumes. The first volume of MEIN KAMPF' was written while the author was imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress. The book deals with events which brought the author into this blight. It was the hour of Germany's deepest humiliation, when Napoleon has dismembered the old German Empire and French soldiers occupied almost the whole of Germany. The books narrates how Hitler was arrested with several of his comrades and imprisoned in the fortress of Landsberg on the river Lech. During this period only the author wrote the first volume of MEIN KAMPF. The Second volume of MEIN KAMPF was written after release of Hitler from prison and it was published after the French had left the Ruhr, the tramp of the invading armies still echoed in German ears and the terrible ravages had plunged the country into a state of social and economic Chaos. The beauty of the book is, MEIN KAMPF is an historical document which bears the imprint of its own time. Moreover, Hitler has declared that his acts and 'public statements' constitute a partial revision of his

book and are to be taken as such. Also, the author has translated Hitler's ideal, the Volkischer Staat, as the People's State. The author has tried his best making German Vocabulary easy to understand. You will never be satisfied until go through the whole book. A must read book, which is one of the most widely circulated and read books worldwide.

Useless Arithmetic - Orrin H. Pilkey 2007-01-09

Noted coastal geologist Orrin Pilkey and environmental scientist Linda Pilkey-Jarvis show that the quantitative mathematical models policy makers and government administrators use to form environmental policies are seriously flawed. Based on unrealistic and sometimes false assumptions, these models often yield answers that support unwise policies. Writing for the general, nonmathematician reader and using examples from throughout the environmental sciences, Pilkey and Pilkey-Jarvis show how unquestioned faith in mathematical models can blind us to the hard data and sound judgment of experienced scientific fieldwork. They begin with a riveting account of the extinction of the North Atlantic cod on the Grand Banks of Canada. Next they engage in a general discussion of the limitations of many models across a broad array of crucial environmental subjects. The book offers fascinating case studies depicting how the seductiveness of quantitative models has led to unmanageable nuclear waste disposal practices, poisoned mining sites, unjustifiable faith in predicted sea level rise rates, bad predictions of future shoreline erosion rates, overoptimistic cost estimates of artificial beaches, and a host of other thorny problems. The authors demonstrate how many modelers have been reckless, employing fudge factors to assure "correct" answers and caring little if their models actually worked. A timely and urgent book written in an engaging style, *Useless Arithmetic* evaluates the assumptions behind models, the nature of the field data, and the dialogue between modelers and their "customers."

The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking - Matthew Hutson 2012-04-12

In this witty and perceptive debut, a former editor at *Psychology Today* shows us how magical thinking makes life worth living. Psychologists have documented a litany of cognitive biases- misperceptions of the world-

and explained their positive functions. Now, Matthew Hutson shows us that even the most hardcore skeptic indulges in magical thinking all the time-and it's crucial to our survival. Drawing on evolution, cognitive science, and neuroscience, Hutson shows us that magical thinking has been so useful to us that it's hardwired into our brains. It encourages us to think that we actually have free will. It helps make us believe that we have an underlying purpose in the world. It can even protect us from the paralyzing awareness of our own mortality. In other words, magical thinking is a completely irrational way of making our lives make rational sense. With wonderfully entertaining stories, personal reflections, and sharp observations, Hutson reveals our deepest fears and longings. He also assures us that it is no accident his surname contains so many of the same letters as this imprint.

The Game of Our Lives - David Goldblatt
2014-11-11

The Game of Our Lives is a masterly portrait of soccer and contemporary Britain. Soccer in the United Kingdom has evolved from a jaded, working-class tradition to a sport at the heart of popular culture, from an economic mess to a booming entertainment industry that has conquered the world. The changes in the game, David Goldblatt shows, uncannily mirror the evolution of British society. In the 1980s, soccer was described as a slum game played by slum people in slum stadiums. Such was the transformation over the following twenty-five years that novelists, politicians, poets, and bankers were all declaring their footballing loyalties. At one point, the Palace let it be known that the queen -- like her mother, Prince Harry, the chief rabbi, and the archbishop of Canterbury -- was an Arsenal fan. Soccer permeated the national life like little else, an atavistic survivor decked out in New Britain flash, a social democratic game in a cutthroat, profit-driven world. From the goals, to the players, to the managers, to the money, Goldblatt describes how the English Premier League (EPL) was forged in Margaret Thatcher's Britain by an alliance of the big clubs -- Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur -- the Football Association, and Rupert Murdoch's Sky TV. Goldblatt argues

that no social phenomenon traces the momentous economic, social, and political changes of post-Thatcherite Britain in a more illuminating manner than soccer, and The Game of Our Lives provides the definitive social history of the EPL -- the most popular soccer league in the world.

Learn Game Theory - Albert Rutherford
2021-03-27

Master strategic thinking and gain competitive advantage. Have you ever wondered how to make better decisions and solve problems with more ease? Learn Game Theory shares the well-hidden secrets of great decision-makers. Use Logic and Reason to Manage Uncertainty. Life is full of uncertainty. You don't know what lies ahead. But you can learn to control the controllable by using logic and reason. With the help of this book, you'll discover new ways to think about - and solve - problems more efficiently than ever before. Discover how strategic games model real-life behavior. You would be surprised how many game theory concepts affect your life. Game theory is a management device that helps rational decision-making. Game Theory is a branch of mathematics dedicated to the study of rational, strategic decision-making. You can apply it in many different fields, from psychology, economics, and politics to military strategy, business, and even retail pricing! It focuses on conflict and cooperation between intelligent, rational players, analyzing how to optimize one's decisions, taking into account others' actions. This book won't just give you theoretical knowledge. It will teach you practical life skills! The logical deductions used in game theory can help you learn superior decision-making skills based on strategic analysis. Become Confident in Your Decision-Making Skills. Albert Rutherford is an internationally bestselling author and a retired corporate executive. His books draw on various sources, from corporate system building, strategic analysis, scientific research, and his life experience. He has been building and improving systems his whole adult life and brings his proven advice to you. Predict the future with more accuracy. What's the best way to ask for a raise? How to choose a date spot with your partner avoiding friction? How do top athletes choose their best moves? How do

companies optimize their sales strategy? Extraordinary decisions will lead to outstanding success. Use the principles of game theory to have more confidence in your choices. Learn Game Theory is written in a casual, easy-to-follow way, with an abundance of relevant examples. It will help you get shrewd by applying strategic thinking and make better decisions based on logic and analysis. Learn Game Theory and make better business decisions, improve your relationships, understand people around you, and get out of sticky situations more effectively!

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Game Theory

- Edward C. Rosenthal, Ph.D. 2011-03-01

Gain some insight into the game of life... Game Theory means rigorous strategic thinking. It is based on the idea that everyone acts competitively and in his own best interest. With the help of mathematical models, it is possible to anticipate the actions of others in nearly all life's enterprises. This book includes down-to-earth examples and solutions, as well as charts and illustrations designed to help teach the concept. In *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Game Theory*, Dr. Edward C. Rosenthal makes it easy to understand game theory with insights into: ? The history of the discipline made popular by John Nash, the mathematician dramatized in the film *A Beautiful Mind* ? The role of social behavior and psychology in this amazing discipline ? How important game theory has become in our society and why

Gladiators and Caesars - Eckart Köhne

2000-01-01

Describes the events and games held in the amphitheaters, circuses, and theaters in ancient Rome.

Gravity's Rainbow - Thomas Pynchon

2012-06-13

Winner of the 1974 National Book Award "A screaming comes across the sky. . ." A few months after the Germans' secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an

international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in *The New Republic* as "the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II."

Togetherness - Matt Slater 2019-05-31

This concise and practical book - from Dr. Matt Slater, a world authority on togetherness - shows you how you can develop togetherness in your team.

Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick - Chris Bradley 2018-01-10

Beat the odds with a bold strategy from McKinsey & Company "Every once in a while, a genuinely fresh approach to business strategy appears" - legendary business professor Richard Rumelt, UCLA McKinsey & Company's newest, most definitive, and most irreverent book on strategy—which thousands of executives are already using—is a must-read for all C-suite executives looking to create winning corporate strategies. *Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick* is spearheading an empirical revolution in the field of strategy. Based on an extensive analysis of the key factors that drove the long-term performance of thousands of global companies, the book offers a ground-breaking formula that enables you to objectively assess your strategy's real odds of future success. "This book is fundamental. The principles laid out here, with compelling data, are a great way around the social pitfalls in strategy development." — Frans Van Houten, CEO, Royal Philips N.V. The authors have discovered that over a 10-year period, just 1 in 12 companies manage to jump from the middle tier of corporate performance—where 60% of companies reside, making very little economic profit—to the top quintile where 90% of global economic profit is made. This movement does not happen by magic—it depends on your company's current position, the trends it faces, and the big moves you make to give it the strongest chance of vaulting over the competition. This is not another strategy framework. Rather, *Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick* shows, through empirical analysis and the experiences of dozens of companies that have successfully made multiple big moves, that to dramatically improve performance, you have to overcome

incrementalism and corporate inertia. "A different kind of book—I couldn't put it down. Inspiring new insights on the facts of what it takes to move a company's performance, combined with practical advice on how to deal with real-life dynamics in management teams."

—Jane Fraser, CEO, Citigroup Latin America
Forbidden Planet- Rise of the Gladiator Book 1 - Cheree Alsop 2020-03-20

When Captain Nova Ardis acquires the services of a dangerous, tattooed gladiator, she knows she's taking a risk-but she would do anything for family. Kove has survived most of his life in the gladiator arena and now, on the eve of winning his freedom, he is sold once again. At least being the captain's bodyguard shouldn't be too hard compared to the bloody life he's lived. >>>

Danger At Every Turn . When she takes him to the forbidden planet and embarks on a mission to rescue her brother, Kove will have to call upon all his skills to keep himself-and the woman he's falling for-alive. >>> The Rise of the Gladiator is a clean, action-packed space opera series that will have you on the edge of your seat! Scroll Up And Grab Your Copy Today!

Head First SQL - Lynn Beighley 2007-08-28
Presents an instructional guide to SQL which uses humor and simple images to cover such topics as the structure of relational databases, simple and complex queries, creating multiple tables, and protecting important table data.

The Annotated Turing - Charles Petzold
2008-06-16

Programming Legend Charles Petzold unlocks the secrets of the extraordinary and prescient 1936 paper by Alan M. Turing Mathematician Alan Turing invented an imaginary computer known as the Turing Machine; in an age before computers, he explored the concept of what it meant to be computable, creating the field of computability theory in the process, a foundation of present-day computer programming. The book expands Turing's original 36-page paper with additional background chapters and extensive annotations; the author elaborates on and clarifies many of Turing's statements, making the original difficult-to-read document accessible to present day programmers, computer science majors, math geeks, and others. Interwoven into the narrative are the highlights of Turing's own life: his years at Cambridge and Princeton, his

secret work in cryptanalysis during World War II, his involvement in seminal computer projects, his speculations about artificial intelligence, his arrest and prosecution for the crime of "gross indecency," and his early death by apparent suicide at the age of 41.

The Great Secret: The Classified World War II Disaster that Launched the War on Cancer - Jennet Conant 2020-09-08

The gripping story of a chemical weapons catastrophe, the cover-up, and how one American Army doctor's discovery led to the development of the first drug to combat cancer, known today as chemotherapy. On the night of December 2, 1943, the Luftwaffe bombed a critical Allied port in Bari, Italy, sinking seventeen ships and killing over a thousand servicemen and hundreds of civilians. Caught in the surprise air raid was the John Harvey, an American Liberty ship carrying a top-secret cargo of 2,000 mustard bombs to be used in retaliation if the Germans resorted to gas warfare. When one young sailor after another began suddenly dying of mysterious symptoms, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Alexander, a doctor and chemical weapons expert, was dispatched to investigate. He quickly diagnosed mustard gas exposure, but was overruled by British officials determined to cover up the presence of poison gas in the devastating naval disaster, which the press dubbed "little Pearl Harbor." Prime Minister Winston Churchill and General Dwight D. Eisenhower acted in concert to suppress the truth, insisting the censorship was necessitated by military security. Alexander defied British port officials and heroically persevered in his investigation. His final report on the Bari casualties was immediately classified, but not before his breakthrough observations about the toxic effects of mustard on white blood cells caught the attention of Colonel Cornelius P. Rhoads—a pioneering physician and research scientist as brilliant as he was arrogant and self-destructive—who recognized that the poison was both a killer and a cure, and ushered in a new era of cancer research led by the Sloan Kettering Institute. Meanwhile, the Bari incident remained cloaked in military secrecy, resulting in lost records, misinformation, and considerable confusion about how a deadly chemical weapon came to be tamed for medical use. Deeply

researched and beautifully written, *The Great Secret* is the remarkable story of how horrific tragedy gave birth to medical triumph.

[Scripture Matters](#) - Scott Hahn 2003

Popular author and scholar Dr. Scott Hahn has released a collection of essays on the study and interpretation of Scripture from a Catholic perspective. Aptly titled *Scripture Matters: Essays on Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church*, Dr. Hahn takes a penetrating look into the depths of Scripture, showing the reader how to uncover its many layers of meaning and inspiration. *Scripture Matters* serves both as an instructional guide to reading the Bible and as a delightful meditation on the grandeur of God's Word. Dr. Hahn effectively illustrates his discussion with the writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Cardinal Ratzinger, and other exemplary scholars of Scripture who truly speak "from the heart of the Church."

Implementing Service Level Objectives - Alex Hidalgo 2020-08-05

Although service-level objectives (SLOs) continue to grow in importance, there's a distinct lack of information about how to implement them. Practical advice that does exist usually assumes that your team already has the infrastructure, tooling, and culture in place. In this book, recognized SLO expert Alex Hidalgo explains how to build an SLO culture from the ground up. Ideal as a primer and daily reference for anyone creating both the culture and tooling necessary for SLO-based approaches to reliability, this guide provides detailed analysis of advanced SLO and service-level indicator (SLI) techniques. Armed with mathematical models and statistical knowledge to help you get the most out of an SLO-based approach, you'll learn how to build systems capable of measuring meaningful SLIs with buy-in across all departments of your organization. Define SLIs that meaningfully measure the reliability of a service from a user's perspective Choose appropriate SLO targets, including how to perform statistical and probabilistic analysis Use error budgets to help your team have better discussions and make better data-driven decisions Build supportive tooling and resources required for an SLO-based approach Use SLO data to present meaningful reports to leadership

and your users

Middle Passage - Charles Johnson 2012-02-21

It is 1830. Rutherford Calhoun, a newly freed slave and irrepressible rogue, is desperate to escape unscrupulous bill collectors and an impending marriage to a priggish schoolteacher. He jumps aboard the first boat leaving New Orleans, the *Republic*, a slave ship en route to collect members of a legendary African tribe, the Allmuseri. Thus begins a daring voyage of horror and self-discovery. Peopled with vivid and unforgettable characters, nimble in its interplay of comedy and serious ideas, this dazzling modern classic is a perfect blend of the picaresque tale, historical romance, sea yarn, slave narrative, and philosophical novel.

How to Manage Difficult People - Alan Fairweather 2014

Dealing with difficult people - from awkward customers at work to irritating neighbours at home - is a challenge many people face on a day-to-day basis. This book will show you how to: - Defuse and deal with difficult customers, both on the phone and face to face; - Manage problems with colleagues in the workplace, including a manipulative boss; - Handle difficult day-to-day interactions with any people we come into contact anywhere; - Identify and manage behaviours which can turn a person into a 'problem'; Improve necessary listening and communication skills; - Increase self confidence and develop rapport building skills. This book contains some proven techniques for managing yourself as well as managing difficult people. If you gain a better understanding of yourself, build your confidence and use these techniques, then you'll make your life a whole lot easier.

[A Beautiful Math](#) - Tom Siegfried 2006-09-21

Millions have seen the movie and thousands have read the book but few have fully appreciated the mathematics developed by John Nash's beautiful mind. Today Nash's beautiful math has become a universal language for research in the social sciences and has infiltrated the realms of evolutionary biology, neuroscience, and even quantum physics. John Nash won the 1994 Nobel Prize in economics for pioneering research published in the 1950s on a new branch of mathematics known as game theory. At the time of Nash's early work, game theory was briefly popular among some

mathematicians and Cold War analysts. But it remained obscure until the 1970s when evolutionary biologists began applying it to their work. In the 1980s economists began to embrace game theory. Since then it has found an ever expanding repertoire of applications among a wide range of scientific disciplines. Today neuroscientists peer into game players' brains, anthropologists play games with people from primitive cultures, biologists use games to explain the evolution of human language, and mathematicians exploit games to better understand social networks. A common thread connecting much of this research is its relevance to the ancient quest for a science of human social behavior, or a Code of Nature, in the spirit of the fictional science of psychohistory described in the famous Foundation novels by the late Isaac Asimov. In *A Beautiful Math*, acclaimed science writer Tom Siegfried describes how game theory links the life sciences, social sciences, and physical sciences in a way that may bring Asimov's dream closer to reality.

Prisoner's Dilemma - William Poundstone
2011-05-25

Should you watch public television without pledging?...Exceed the posted speed limit?...Hop a subway turnstile without paying? These questions illustrate the so-called "prisoner's dilemma", a social puzzle that we all face every day. Though the answers may seem simple, their profound implications make the prisoner's dilemma one of the great unifying concepts of science. Watching players bluff in a poker game inspired John von Neumann—father of the modern computer and one of the sharpest minds of the century—to construct game theory, a mathematical study of conflict and deception. Game theory was readily embraced at the RAND Corporation, the archetypical think tank charged with formulating military strategy for the atomic age, and in 1950 two RAND scientists made a momentous discovery. Called the "prisoner's dilemma," it is a disturbing and mind-bending game where two or more people may betray the common good for individual gain. Introduced shortly after the Soviet Union acquired the atomic bomb, the prisoner's dilemma quickly became a popular allegory of the nuclear arms race. Intellectuals such as von Neumann and

Bertrand Russell joined military and political leaders in rallying to the "preventive war" movement, which advocated a nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union. Though the Truman administration rejected preventive war the United States entered into an arms race with the Soviets and game theory developed into a controversial tool of public policy—alternately accused of justifying arms races and touted as the only hope of preventing them. A masterful work of science writing, *Prisoner's Dilemma* weaves together a biography of the brilliant and tragic von Neumann, a history of pivotal phases of the cold war, and an investigation of game theory's far-reaching influence on public policy today. Most important, *Prisoner's Dilemma* is the incisive story of a revolutionary idea that has been hailed as a landmark of twentieth-century thought.

The Thirteen Petalled Rose - Adin Steinsaltz
2010-05-01

For nearly thirty years, readers seeking answers to fundamental questions about the nature of existence have turned to Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's *The Thirteen Petalled Rose*. This contemporary classic opens new vistas for understanding the relationship of G-d to man, and how moral human beings should conduct their lives. *The Thirteen Petalled Rose* addresses profound topics like Good and Evil, Divine Revelation, The Human Soul, Holiness, The Search for the Self and the Relationship Between the Physical and Spiritual World. Rabbi Steinsaltz's vast knowledge of science, psychology, mysticism and philosophy come together in *The Thirteen Petalled Rose*, as he translates ancient Kabbalistic concepts into an intelligible language for a new generation of spiritual seekers.

They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera
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Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. #1 New York Times bestseller * 4 starred reviews * A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year * A Kirkus Best Book of the Year * A Booklist Editors' Choice * A Bustle Best YA Novel * A Paste Magazine Best YA Book * A Book Riot Best Queer Book * A

Buzzfeed Best YA Book of the Year * A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day. In the tradition of *Before I Fall* and *If I Stay*, *They Both Die at the End* is a tour de force from acclaimed author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy Than Not*, the *New York Times* called “profound.” Plus don't miss *The First to Die at the End*: #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Adam Silvera returns to the universe of international phenomenon *They Both Die at the End* in this prequel. New star-crossed lovers are put to the test on the first day of Death-Cast's fateful calls.

Strategy and Game Theory - Felix Munoz-Garcia
2016-08-10

This textbook presents worked-out exercises on game theory with detailed step-by-step explanations. While most textbooks on game theory focus on theoretical results, this book focuses on providing practical examples in which students can learn to systematically apply theoretical solution concepts to different fields of economics and business. The text initially presents games that are required in most courses at the undergraduate level and gradually advances to more challenging games appropriate for masters level courses. The first six chapters cover complete-information games, separately analyzing simultaneous-move and sequential-move games, with applications in industrial economics, law, and regulation. Subsequent chapters dedicate special attention to incomplete information games, such as signaling games, cheap talk games, and equilibrium refinements, emphasizing common steps and including graphical illustrations to focus students' attention on the most relevant payoff comparisons at each point of the analysis. In addition, exercises are ranked according to their difficulty, with a letter (A-C) next to the exercise number. This allows students to pace their studies and instructors to structure their

classes accordingly. By providing detailed worked-out examples, this text gives students at various levels the tools they need to apply the tenets of game theory in many fields of business and economics. This text is appropriate for introductory-to-intermediate courses in game theory at the upper undergraduate and master's level.

The Game Theorist's Guide to Parenting - Paul Raeburn
2016-04-05

“I absolutely loved this book, both as a parent and as a nerd.” —Jessica Lahey, author of *The Gift of Failure* As every parent knows, kids are surprisingly clever negotiators. But how can we avoid those all-too-familiar wails of “That's not fair!” and “You can't make me!”? In *The Game Theorist's Guide to Parenting*, the award-winning journalist and father of five Paul Raeburn and the game theorist Kevin Zollman pair up to highlight tactics from the worlds of economics and business that can help parents break the endless cycle of quarrels and ineffective solutions. Raeburn and Zollman show that some of the same strategies successfully applied to big business deals and politics—such as the Prisoner's Dilemma and the Ultimatum Game—can be used to solve such titanic, age-old parenting problems as dividing up toys, keeping the peace on long car rides, and sticking to homework routines. Raeburn and Zollman open each chapter with a common parenting dilemma. Then they show how carefully concocted schemes involving bargains and fair incentives can save the day. Through smart case studies of game theory in action, Raeburn and Zollman reveal how parents and children devise strategies, where those strategies go wrong, and what we can do to help raise happy and savvy kids while keeping the rest of the family happy too. Delightfully witty, refreshingly irreverent, and just a bit Machiavellian, *The Game Theorist's Guide to Parenting* looks past the fads to offer advice you can put into action today.

Play Bigger - Al Ramadan
2016-06-14

The founders of a respected Silicon Valley advisory firm study legendary category-creating companies and reveal a groundbreaking discipline called category design. Winning today isn't about beating the competition at the old game. It's about inventing a whole new game—defining a new market category,

developing it, and dominating it over time. You can't build a legendary company without building a legendary category. If you think that having the best product is all it takes to win, you're going to lose. In this farsighted, pioneering guide, the founders of Silicon Valley advisory firm Play Bigger rely on data analysis and interviews to understand the inner workings of "category kings"—companies such as Amazon, Salesforce, Uber, and IKEA—that give us new ways of living, thinking or doing business, often solving problems we didn't know we had. In Play Bigger, the authors assemble their findings to introduce the new discipline of category design. By applying category design, companies can create new demand where none existed, conditioning customers' brains so they

change their expectations and buying habits. While this discipline defines the tech industry, it applies to every kind of industry and even to personal careers. Crossing the Chasm revolutionized how we think about new products in an existing market. The Innovator's Dilemma taught us about disrupting an aging market. Now, Play Bigger is transforming business once again, showing us how to create the market itself.

The Calculus Wars - Jason Socrates Bardi
2009-04-29

This vibrant and gripping history ultimately exposes how these twin mathematical giants (Newton, Leibniz) were proud, brilliant, at times mad, and in the end completely human.