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Uncle Tungsten - Oliver Sacks 2013-12-11

Long before Oliver Sacks became a distinguished neurologist and bestselling writer, he was a small English boy fascinated by metals—also by chemical reactions (the louder and smellier the better), photography, squids and cuttlefish, H.G. Wells, and the periodic table. In this endlessly charming and eloquent memoir, the author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* and *Awakenings* chronicles his love affair with science and the magnificently odd and sometimes harrowing childhood in which that love affair unfolded. In *Uncle Tungsten* we meet Sacks' extraordinary family, from his surgeon mother (who introduces the fourteen-year-old Oliver to the art of human dissection) and his father, a family doctor who imbues in his son an early enthusiasm for housecalls, to his "Uncle Tungsten," whose factory produces tungsten-filament lightbulbs. We follow the young Oliver as he is exiled at the age of six to a grim, sadistic boarding school to escape the London Blitz, and later watch as he sets about passionately reliving the exploits of his chemical heroes—in his own home laboratory. *Uncle Tungsten* is a crystalline view of a brilliant young mind springing to life, a story of growing up which is by turns elegiac, comic, and wistful, full of the electrifying joy of discovery.

What If? 2 - Randall Munroe 2022-09-13

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! "The questions throughout *What If? 2* are equal parts brilliant, gross, and wonderfully absurd and the answers are thorough, deeply researched, and great fun. . . . Science isn't easy, but in Munroe's capable hands, it surely can be fun." —TIME The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *What If?* and *How To* answers more of the weirdest questions you never thought to ask. The millions of people around the world who read and loved *What If?* still have questions, and those questions are getting stranger. Thank goodness xkcd creator Randall Munroe is here to help. Planning to ride a fire pole from the Moon back to Earth? The hardest part is sticking the landing. Hoping to cool the atmosphere by opening everyone's freezer door at the same time? Maybe it's time for a brief introduction to thermodynamics. Want to know what would happen if you rode a helicopter blade, built a billion-story building, made a lava lamp out of lava, or jumped on a geyser as it erupted? Okay, if you insist. Before you go on a cosmic road trip, feed the residents of New York City to a T. rex, or fill every church with bananas, be sure to consult this practical guide for impractical ideas. Unfazed by absurdity, Munroe consults the latest research on everything from swing-set physics to airliner catapult-design to answer his readers' questions, clearly and concisely, with illuminating and occasionally terrifying illustrations. As he consistently demonstrates, you can learn a lot from examining how the world might work in very specific extreme circumstances.

Testing Treatments - Imogen Evans 2011

This work provides a thought-provoking account of how medical treatments can be tested with unbiased or 'fair' trials and explains how patients can work with doctors to achieve this vital goal. It spans the gamut of therapy from mastectomy to thalidomide and explores a vast range of case studies.

Atlas of Improbable Places - Travis Elborough 2021-07-06

Atlas of Improbable Places shows the modern world from surprising new vantage points that will inspire urban explorers and armchair travellers alike to consider a new way of understanding the world we live in.

Bookmarks - A manual for combating hate speech online through human rights education - 2014-05-13

The work of the Council of Europe for democracy is strongly based on education: education in schools, and education as a lifelong learning

process of practising democracy, such as in non-formal learning activities. Human rights education and education for democratic citizenship form an integral part of what we have to secure to make democracy sustainable. Hate speech is one of the most worrying forms of racism and discrimination prevailing across Europe and amplified by the Internet and social media. Hate speech online is the visible tip of the iceberg of intolerance and ethnocentrism. Young people are directly concerned as agents and victims of online abuse of human rights; Europe needs young people to care and look after human rights, the life insurance for democracy. *Bookmarks* is published to support the No Hate Speech Movement youth campaign of the Council of Europe for human rights online. *Bookmarks* is useful for educators wanting to address hate speech online from a human rights perspective, both inside and outside the formal education system. The manual is designed for working with learners aged 13 to 18 but the activities can be adapted to other age ranges.

City of Thirst - Carrie Ryan 2015-10-13

New York Times bestselling author Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis transport readers back to the boundless world of the *Pirate Stream* in this engaging and exhilarating sequel to the highly acclaimed *The Map to Everywhere* that is equal parts adventure, humor, and heart! When the magical waters of the *Pirate Stream* begin flooding Marrill's world, the only way to stop the destruction is to return to the *Stream* and find the source of the mysterious *Iron Tide*. Reunited with her best friend *Fin*—who has been forgotten all over again—Marrill, her disbelieving babysitter, and the Enterprising *Kraken* crew must make the treacherous trek to the towering, sliding, impossible world of *Monerva* and uncover the secrets of its long-lost wish machine. Only there can *Fin* wish to finally be remembered. Only there can Marrill wish to save her world and all the people she loves. But to get everything they've ever wanted, Marrill and *Fin* may have to give up on the most important thing they already have: each other.

George and the Ship of Time - Lucy Hawking 2020-07-28

George travels to the future in the epic conclusion of the *George's Secret Key* series from Lucy Hawking. When George finds a way to escape the spacecraft *Artemis*, where he has been trapped, he is overjoyed. But something is wrong. There's a barren wasteland where his hometown used to be, intelligent robots roam the streets, and no one will talk to George about the Earth that he used to know. With the help of an unexpected new friend, can George find out what—or who—is behind this terrible new world, before it's too late?

Machine of Death - Ryan North 2010

Presents fantasy stories written by Internet authors that explore how people, cultures, and societies are affected by the predictions of the *Machine*, an object that provides short yet vague phrases about how a person will die.

The Big Questions: Philosophy - Simon Blackburn 2013-11-05

Bestselling author Simon Blackburn tackles the key questions in philosophy—and provides easy-to-understand and enlightening answers. In *Big Questions: Philosophy*, bestselling author Simon Blackburn addresses the 20 essential questions: What is the meaning of life? Am I free? Why is there something and not nothing? What do we really know? Is there such a thing as society? Can machines think? What is time? How can I deceive myself? Why be good? What fills up space? Can we truly understand each other? Why do things keep on keeping on? Are we rational? What am I? What are my rights? Is truth relative? Do we need God? What is human nature? What is beauty? Is death to be feared?

Flatland - Edwin Abbott Abbott 1885

In a two-dimensional universe populated by a hierarchical society of geometric figures, a square is persecuted for attempting to reveal its new knowledge of a third dimension, learned from encounters with a sphere.

Principles and Big Ideas of Science Education - Wynne Harlen 2010

The Physics of Superheroes - James Kakalios 2009-11-03

An exploration of the science behind the powers of popular comic superheroes and villains illustrates the physics principles underlying the supernatural abilities of such characters as Superman, Magneto, and Spider-Man.

How To English - Adam David Broughton 2019-07-10

Teachers are obsessed with telling you what to learn. The problem is, nobody teaches you how to learn. This is all about to change. In his new book, *How To English*, Adam David Broughton shares a revolutionary and powerful system that teaches you exactly how to make incredible progress in all aspects of English. In *How To English*, you will learn 62 practical techniques to become an independent learner in 31 days, and everything you will ever need to get the level you've always wanted in English and enjoy the process. How to master English fluency How to listen perfectly in English How to stop making mistakes in English How to improve your pronunciation How to expand your vocabulary in English How to have perfect English grammar How to stay motivated, be disciplined and create a habit ...and 55 other amazing techniques.

Everyone knows that it's not what you do in class that determines your progress in English, it's what you do when you are not in class. However, English learners often don't know what to do. As a result, at some point, every English learner stops making progress. Then they get frustrated. *How To English* is the antidote to this frustration. When you learn how to learn English, you never need to worry about what you learn in English.

The Screaming Goat - Running Press 2016-04-05

Become the owner of your very own screaming goat with this desktop companion. Press the tree stump button to hear the high-pitched bleats that caused the screaming goat sensation to go viral. Kit also includes a 32-page illustrated book of fun facts and trivia about these famed farm animals.

La direzione del pensiero - Marco Malvaldi

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La domanda perché?, la preferita dai bambini di ogni età, è lo strumento più spontaneo per capire il mondo: l'essere umano cerca in continuazione di separare il corso degli eventi in cause e conseguenze, e di capire se le cause sono a loro volta conseguenze di qualcos'altro. Il che è un'operazione meno semplice di quanto potrebbe sembrare.

Poniamo che, in un grafico, l'andamento nei secoli della concentrazione di CO2 nell'atmosfera e quello della temperatura terrestre mostrino una notevole correlazione. Questo prova che la CO2 è la causa del riscaldamento globale? In realtà, lo stesso grafico può mostrare anche che l'aumentare della temperatura causa l'aumento della concentrazione di CO2 - e la cosa è chimicamente plausibile, la solubilità dei gas in acqua salata diminuisce con la temperatura. Quindi, quale delle due è la causa e quale la conseguenza? In questo caso, la risposta è estremamente difficile. Dunque, siamo davvero in grado di decidere quale sia la causa e quale l'effetto? La risposta è: non sempre. Ma molto spesso, sì. E cercando di distinguere le due cose, qualcuno sostiene che potremmo arrivare a capire cos'è la coscienza. Se siete curiosi di sapere come, proveremo a capirlo insieme.

Ocean Sea - Alessandro Baricco 2000-06-27

"Exotic...erotic... *Ocean Sea* is highly romantic and breathtakingly lyrical."--The New York Times Book Review With *Silk*, his first novel to appear in English, Alessandro Baricco immediately proved himself to be a magical storyteller. With *Ocean Sea*, he has been acclaimed as the successor to Italo Calvino, and a major voice in modern literature. In *Ocean Sea*, Alessandro Baricco presents a hypnotizing postmodern fable of human malady--psychological, existential, erotic--and the sea as a means of deliverance. At the Almayer Inn, a remote shoreline hotel, an artist dips his brush in a cup of ocean water to paint a portrait of the sea. A scientist pens love letters to a woman he has yet to meet. An adulteress searches for relief from her proclivity to fall in love. And a sixteen-year-old girl seeks a cure from a mysterious condition which science has failed to remedy. When these people meet, their fates begin to interact as if by design. Enter a mighty tempest and a ghostly mariner with a thirst for vengeance, and the Inn becomes a place where destiny and desire battle for the upper hand. Playful, provocative, and ultimately profound, *Ocean Sea* is a novel of striking originality and wisdom.

La scienza per tutti giornale popolare illustrato - 1909

The Book of Disquiet - Fernando Pessoa 2010-12-09

Sitting at his desk, Bernardo Soares imagined himself free forever of Rua dos Douradores, of his boss Vasques, of Moreira the book-keeper, of all the other employees, the errand boy, the post boy, even the cat. But if he left them all tomorrow and discarded the suit of clothes he wears, what else would he do? Because he would have to do something. And what suit would he wear? Because he would have to wear another suit. A self-deprecating reflection on the sheer distance between the loftiness of his feelings and the humdrum reality of his life, *The Book of Disquiet* is a classic of existentialist literature.

La dimensione del senso - Carmine Cifaldi 2016-03-22

Al centro del libro c'è un interrogativo: qual è il significato della vita? E' una domanda antica, ma che continua ad essere centrale per l'uomo, nonostante i tentativi di facili visioni materialistiche che vorrebbero cancellare questo bisogno. La vita non è riducibile a un fenomeno esclusivamente materiale, e lo scopo dell'esistenza umana a mera sopravvivenza. Il materialismo con la sua visione riduzionistica non appare in grado di dare risposte a interrogativi che, tuttavia, rimangono fondamentali per l'essere umano. Questioni essenziali continuano a sfuggire a ogni tentativo di essere affrontate in modo unilaterale, la psiche non è riducibile a meri fenomeni fisici, il mistero del libero arbitrio non può essere negato. La complessità della natura umana non ammette descrizioni semplicistiche. La via del razionale non può nullificare il bisogno di senso che ogni uomo sente dentro di sé, abbiamo bisogno di dare un significato al nostro percorso umano per non scivolare nell'accettazione dell'assurdità. La ricerca di senso esprime il bisogno umano di verità, ma che cos'è? Qualcosa che, nel profondo, dalla ragione non sembra farsi cogliere. Il libro è come un viaggio attraverso il pensiero di scienziati, filosofi e teologi che hanno investigato sulla natura umana e sul significato della vita.

Il segreto dei giganti - Timothy Ferriss 2019-07-29T00:00:00+02:00

Timothy Ferriss è molto più di un mental coach: è diventato ormai un campione del web, con milioni di follower, e con i suoi libri, "Bibbie" del saper vivere, ha catturato legioni di lettori. Di sicuro è uno che non ha paura di niente: ogni volta che si prefigge di imparare qualcosa, che sia una lingua orientale, un'arte marziale, una strategia infallibile di management, Tim sa come fare. Ma Ferriss è diventato quello che è oggi perché ha tratto ispirazione da tanti giganti, come li chiama lui, che ha scovato in giro per il mondo, ciascuno maestro nella sua disciplina. E da loro ha carpito i segreti che li hanno resi le persone che sono oggi. Maghi degli scacchi, divi hollywoodiani, militari pluridecorati, super-atleti, scrittori da milioni di copie, grandi manager, guru della meditazione, star della medicina, assi della finanza: basta scegliere il personaggio più affine ai nostri sogni, la nostra icona. Qui ritroviamo distillato il "Ferriss-pensiero", nonché il suo istinto infallibile per il meglio di tutto ciò che è mainstream, cultura di massa. Entreremo in possesso di una vera e propria cassetta degli attrezzi, un kit di strumenti per cambiare la nostra vita. Suddiviso in tre grandi sezioni - salute, ricchezza, saggezza, perché per raggiungere il successo e la felicità ci vogliono tutte e tre -, Tim ha concepito questo manuale di vita come un sontuoso buffet da cui prendere ciò che fa più gola. È il libro che voleva da sempre: si è divertito a scriverlo, sapendo che noi ci divertiremo a leggerlo.

Universo del discorso e lingua ideale in filosofia - Ferruccio Rossi-Landi 1958

Free as in Freedom [Paperback] - Sam Williams 2011-11-30

Chronicles the life of the computer programmer, known for the launch of the operating system GNU Project, from his childhood as a gifted student to his crusade for free software.

Message In A Bottle - Nicholas Sparks 2011-04-07

In a moment of desolation on a windswept beach, Garrett bottles his words of undying love for a lost woman, and throws them to the sea. My dearest Catherine, I miss you my darling, as I always do, but today is particularly hard because the ocean has been singing to me, and the song is that of our life together . . . But the bottle is picked up by Theresa, a mother with a shattered past, who feels unaccountably drawn to this lonely man. Who are this couple? What is their story? Beginning a search that will take her to a sunlit coastal town and an unexpected confrontation, it is a tale that resonates with everlasting love and the enduring promise of redemption.

Iconoclash - Bruno Latour 2002

Highwayman - Koren Shadmi 2019-05-22

Forever on the move, Highwayman travels through the vastness of North America searching for the source of his condition. He suffers from a strange, seemingly incurable disease: immortality. Bound to the road and at the mercy of whomever will give him a ride, he encounters people who reflect the rapidly changing world around him. Moving through centuries of change, he watches humanity's precarious trajectory towards an unknown future.

Stalin's Meteorologist - Olivier Rolin 2018-12-11

Winner of the 2014 Prix du Style "Masterful . . . An eloquent addition to a violent episode in the history of science in the twentieth century."

—Nature In 1934, the highly respected head of the Soviet Union's meteorology department, Alexei Feodosievich Wangenheim, was suddenly arrested without cause and sentenced to a gulag. Less than a year after being hailed by Stalin as a national hero, he ended up with thousands of other "political prisoners" in a camp on Solovetsky Island, under vast northern skies and surrounded by water that was, for more than six months of the year, a sheet of motionless ice. He was violently executed in 1937—a fact kept from his family for nearly twenty years. Olivier Rolin masterfully weaves together Alexei's story and his eventual fate, drawing on an archive of letters and delicate drawings of the natural world that Wangenheim sent to his family from prison. Tragically, Wangenheim never stopped believing in the Revolution, maintaining that he'd been incarcerated by accident, that any day Stalin would find out and free him. His stubbornness suffuses the narrative with tension, and offers insight as to how he survived an impossible situation for so long. Stalin's Meteorologist is a fascinating work that casts light on the devastating consequences of politically inspired paranoia and the mindlessness and trauma of totalitarianism—relevant revelations for our time.

The Biology of Homosexuality - Jacques Balthazart 2012

This text reviews what research on animals can tell us about the biological factors that control human sexual behavior and orientation.

Il pensiero americano contemporaneo - Ferruccio Rossi-Landi 1958

The Uses of Enchantment - Bruno Bettelheim 2010-05-11

Winner of the National Book Award and National Book Critics Circle Award "A charming book about enchantment, a profound book about fairy tales."—John Updike, The New York Times Book Review Bruno Bettelheim was one of the great child psychologists of the twentieth century and perhaps none of his books has been more influential than this revelatory study of fairy tales and their universal importance in understanding childhood development. Analyzing a wide range of traditional stories, from the tales of Sindbad to "The Three Little Pigs," "Hansel and Gretel," and "The Sleeping Beauty," Bettelheim shows how the fantastical, sometimes cruel, but always deeply significant narrative strands of the classic fairy tales can aid in our greatest human task, that of finding meaning for one's life.

How to Bullet Plan - Rachel Wilkerson Miller 2017-09-21

So what is a bullet journal? It's a planner, to-do list and diary that will help you get your life together! This fun, practical guide shows you how to start and keep a bullet journal: a single notebook in which you write down all the things that you want to remember, or need to do, or you've already done - from every aspect of your life: work, home, relationships and hobbies. With colourful illustrations and easy tips to get you started, early adopter Rachel Wilkerson Miller explains how to make a bullet journal work for you - whether you want to create something simple or elaborate. Ideas for content include: - Lists of your to-dos and to-don'ts - Symbols that will make your lists efficient and effective - Calendars to plan your day, week, month or year - Trackers for your habits and goals (think health, money, travel) - Stationery such as washi tape, book darts and more! The phenomenon that is bullet journaling has led to thousands of journalers sharing their work on Pinterest, Instagram and Facebook. In *How to Bullet Plan*, BuzzFeed editor Rachel Wilkerson Miller tells you everything you need to know to start your own.

The Perils of Perception - Bobby Duffy 2018-09-06

New Statesman's Best Books of 2018 'Mandatory reading' Steven Pinker Do you eat too much sugar? What proportion of your country are immigrants? What does it cost to raise a child? How much tax do the rich pay? Are we more ignorant than we used to be? Take a minute to answer these questions. No matter how educated you are, this book suggests you are likely to be very wrong indeed. Informed by exclusive research across 40 countries, conducted by global polling firm Ipsos, *The Perils of Perception* investigates why we don't know basic facts about the world around us. Using the latest research into the media and decision science, Bobby Duffy asks how we can address our ignorance and why the

populations of some countries seem better informed than others. Essential reading in the so-called 'post-truth' era, this book will transform the way you engage with the world.

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Thing Explainer - Randall Munroe 2017-10-05

From the No. 1 bestselling author of *What If?* - the man who created *xkcd* and explained the laws of science with cartoons - comes a series of brilliantly simple diagrams ('blueprints' if you want to be complicated about it) that show how important things work: from the nuclear bomb to the biro. It's good to know what the parts of a thing are called, but it's much more interesting to know what they do. Richard Feynman once said that if you can't explain something to a first-year student, you don't really get it. In *Thing Explainer*, Randall Munroe takes a quantum leap past this: he explains things using only drawings and a vocabulary of just our 1,000 (or the ten hundred) most common words. Many of the things we use every day - like our food-heating radio boxes ('microwaves'), our very tall roads ('bridges'), and our computer rooms ('datacentres') - are strange to us. So are the other worlds around our sun (the solar system), the big flat rocks we live on (tectonic plates), and even the stuff inside us (cells). Where do these things come from? How do they work? What do they look like if you open them up? And what would happen if we heated them up, cooled them down, pointed them in a different direction, or pressed this button? In *Thing Explainer*, Munroe gives us the answers to these questions and many, many more. Funny, interesting, and always understandable, this book is for anyone -- age 5 to 105 -- who has ever wondered how things work, and why.

[The Hidden Reality](#) - Brian Greene 2011-01-25

The bestselling author of *The Elegant Universe* and *The Fabric of the Cosmos* tackles perhaps the most mind-bending question in modern physics and cosmology: Is our universe the only universe? There was a time when "universe" meant all there is. Everything. Yet, a number of theories are converging on the possibility that our universe may be but one among many parallel universes populating a vast multiverse. Here, Brian Greene, one of our foremost physicists and science writers, takes us on a breathtaking journey to a multiverse comprising an endless series of big bangs, a multiverse with duplicates of every one of us, a multiverse populated by vast sheets of spacetime, a multiverse in which all we consider real are holographic illusions, and even a multiverse made purely of math--and reveals the reality hidden within each. Using his trademark wit and precision, Greene presents a thrilling survey of cutting-edge physics and confronts the inevitable question: How can fundamental science progress if great swaths of reality lie beyond our reach? *The Hidden Reality* is a remarkable adventure through a world more vast and strange than anything we could have imagined.

The Path to the Spiders' Nests - Italo Calvino 2013-04-04

Pin is a bawdy, adolescent cobbler's assistant, both arrogant and insecure who - while the Second World War rages - sings songs and tells jokes to endear himself to the grown-ups of his town - particularly jokes about his sister, who they all know as the town's 'mattress'. Among those his sister sleeps with is a German sailor, and Pin dares to steal his pistol, hiding it among the spiders' nests in an act of rebellion that entangles him in the adults' war.

Evolve Your Brain - Joe Dispenza 2010-01-01

Why do we keep getting the same jobs, taking on the same relationships, and finding ourselves in the same emotional traps? Dr. Joe Dispenza not only teaches why people tend to repeat the same negative behaviors, he shows how readers can release themselves from these patterns of disappointment. With the dynamic combination of science and accessible how-to, Dispenza teaches how to use the most important tool in one's body and life—the brain. Featured in the underground smash hit of 2004, "What the Bleep Do We Know!?", Dispenza touched upon the brain's ability to become addicted to negative emotions. Now, in his empowering book *Evolve Your Brain* he explains how new thinking and new beliefs can literally rewire one's brain to change behavior, emotional reactions, and habit forming patterns. Most people are unaware of how addicted they are to their emotions, and how the brain perpetuates those addictions automatically. In short, we become slaves to our emotional addictions without even realizing it. By observing our patterns of thought, and learning how to 're-wire the brain' with new thought patterns, we can break the cycles that keep us trapped and open ourselves to new possibilities for growth, happiness and emotional satisfaction. Key Features A radical approach to changing addictive patterns and bad habits. Based on more than twenty years of research.

Bridges the gap between science, spirituality and self-help—a formula that has proven success. Easy to understand and written for the average reader.

How To - Randall Munroe 2019-09-03

AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “How To will make you laugh as you learn...With How To, you can't help but appreciate the glorious complexity of our universe and the amazing breadth of humanity's effort to comprehend it. If you want some lightweight edification, you won't go wrong with How To.” —CNET “[How To] has science and jokes in it, so 10/10 can recommend.” —Simone Giertz The world's most entertaining and useless self-help guide from the brilliant mind behind the wildly popular webcomic xkcd, the bestsellers What If? and Thing Explainer, and What If? 2, coming September 13, 2022 For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally complex, excessive, and inadvisable that no one would ever try it. How To is a guide to the third kind of approach. It's full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains how to predict the weather by analyzing the pixels of your Facebook photos. He teaches you how to tell if you're a baby boomer or a 90's kid by measuring the radioactivity of your teeth. He offers tips for taking a selfie with a telescope, crossing a river by boiling it, and powering your house by destroying the fabric of space-time. And if you want to get rid of the book once you're done with it, he walks you through your options for proper disposal, including dissolving it in the ocean, converting it to a vapor, using tectonic plates to subduct it into the Earth's mantle, or launching it into the Sun. By exploring the most complicated ways to do simple tasks, Munroe doesn't just make things difficult for himself and his readers. As he did so brilliantly in What If?, Munroe invites us to explore the most absurd reaches of the possible.

Full of clever infographics and fun illustrations, How To is a delightfully mind-bending way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day.

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How To - Randall Munroe 2020-09-03

Randall Munroe is . . . 'Nerd royalty' Ben Goldacre 'Totally brilliant' Tim Harford 'Laugh-out-loud funny' Bill Gates 'Wonderful' Neil Gaiman AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally bad that no one would ever try it. How To is a guide to the third kind of approach. It's full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains how to predict the weather by analyzing the pixels of your Facebook photos. He teaches you how to tell if you're a baby boomer or a millennial by measuring the radioactivity of your teeth. He offers tips for taking a selfie with a telescope, crossing a river by boiling it, and getting to your appointments on time by destroying the moon. And if you want to get rid of this book once you're done with it, he walks you through your options for proper disposal, including dissolving it in the ocean, converting it to a vapour, using tectonic plates to subduct it into the Earth's mantle, or launching it into the sun. By exploring the most complicated ways to do simple tasks, Munroe doesn't just make things difficult for himself and his readers. As he did so brilliantly in What If?, he invites us to explore the most absurd reaches of the possible. Full of clever infographics and amusing illustrations, How To is a delightfully mind-bending way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day.

Xkcd - Randall Munroe 2010-08

Presents personal selections and fan favorites from the online comic.