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International cost of capital...blockage discounts . . . valuation issues unique to ESOPs...specific valuation issues for sports teams...capital structure in emerging growth companies...methods for calculating equity risk premiums...These days, understanding the complex issues in advanced business valuation requires a team of experts. The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION is your team of valuation experts—nationally recognized practitioners and legal minds from across the country who provide authoritative answers and innovative solutions to your most perplexing valuation questions. Structured in a user-friendly, general-to-specific arrangement, The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION represents a broad cross section of the latest conceptual thinking on the subject. Only in this thought-provoking volume will you find: Abstracts and interpretations of recent empirical studies in lack of marketability, blockage, and more; In-depth treatment of specialized valuation issues from many industries—including healthcare, technology, and sports franchises; Lucid, intuitive explanations of complex and esoteric procedures for intercompany transfer pricing analyses and ad valorem property tax appraisals. Like its predecessor volume VALUING A BUSINESS—which covered basic business valuation concepts and practices in authoritative, all-encompassing fashion—The HANDBOOK OF ADVANCED BUSINESS VALUATION provides a new benchmark of advanced, contemporary discussions for investors and experienced business valuation practitioners. Valuation experts from PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, Willamette Management Associates, Arthur Andersen,

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American Appraisal Associates, and more combine their expertise in this well-written, thoughtful, and convincing reference—one with absolutely no close rival in the flourishing field of business valuation and security analysis.

Who or Whom? / Its or It's / Lie or Lay? Can't remember those grueling grammar lessons from junior high? Troubled that your professional writing lacks polish? Stop worrying! You've just picked up the painless prescription for proper English! Acclaimed grammarians Mark Lester and Larry Beason know that English teachers aren't the only ones who expect careful and correct language choices. Precision in language can be the deciding factor when it comes to getting a job or winning a promotion. The McGraw-Hill Handbook of English Grammar and Usage gives you bottom-line definitions, tips, and simple rules that summarize the essentials you need to know. This second edition includes a chapter dedicated to grammar and its usage in digital communication, including texting, e-mail, social media, and new technology, so you can communicate correctly in any format. Whether your skills need drastic improvement or a quick brush-up, The McGraw-Hill Handbook of English Grammar and Usage will get your grammar back on the right track with: Straightforward explanations of common mistakes and why they happen Hundreds of correct and incorrect sentence examples, with errors clearly marked Quick tips for fixing your most stubborn grammatical mishaps Catchy memory aids for writing correctly the first time

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character, and develop faith. They hold the solution for much of what ails our economy and our culture. Join Dave Kahle as he explores what the Bible has to say about businesses and your role in leading a kingdom oriented business. You'll uncover Biblical truths that you may have never seen before. Your views on business will never be the same. Find your place in the movement and unlock the full potential of your business.

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book, it can also be used for classroom work. The book covers a wide range of business topics including Jobs, People and Organisations, Production, Marketing, Finance and the Economy and Business Culture. Business skills covered include Meetings, Negotiating and Presentations. 66 easy-to-use units.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL, AND BOSTON GLOBE BESTSELLER • One of the most acclaimed books of our time: an unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University “Extraordinary . . . an act of courage and self-invention.”—The New York Times NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW • ONE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA’S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR • BILL GATES’S HOLIDAY READING LIST • FINALIST: National Book Critics Circle’s Award In Autobiography and John Leonard Prize For Best First Book • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award • Los Angeles Times Book Prize Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara’s older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she’d traveled too far, if there was still a way home. “Beautiful and propulsive . . . Despite the singularity of [Westover’s] childhood, the questions her book poses are universal: How much of ourselves should we give to those we love? And how much must we betray them to grow up?”—Vogue NAMED

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The Handbook of Business Discourse is the most comprehensive overview of the field to date. It offers an accessible and authoritative introduction to a range of historical, disciplinary, methodological and cultural perspectives on business discourse and addresses many of the pressing issues facing a growing, varied and increasingly international field of research. The collection also illustrates some of the challenges of defining and delimiting a relatively recent and eclectic field of studies, including debates on the very definition of 'business discourse'. Part One includes chapters on the origins, advances and features of business discourse in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Part Two covers methodological approaches such as mediated communication, corpus linguistics, organisational discourse, multimodality, race and management communication, and rhetorical analysis. Part Three moves on to look at disciplinary perspectives such as sociology, pragmatics, gender studies, intercultural communication, linguistic anthropology and business communication. Part Four looks at cultural perspectives across a range of geographical areas including Spain, Brazil, Japan, Korea, China and Vietnam. The concluding section reflects on future developments in Europe, North America and Asia.

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The Merchant of Venice has been performed more often than any other comedy by Shakespeare. Molly Mahood pays special attention to the expectations of the play's first audience, and to our modern experience of seeing and hearing the play. In a substantial new addition to the Introduction, Charles Edelman focuses on the play's sexual politics and recent scholarship devoted to the position of Jews in Shakespeare's time. He surveys the international scope and diversity of theatrical interpretations of The Merchant in the 1980s and 1990s and their different ways of tackling the troubling figure of Shylock.

The book is a reference and practice book for elementary learners.

The Advanced English Handbook: Reading, Writing, Listening, is the companion volume to The AEH: Structure and Form. It provides critical reading, writing and listening strategies and practice for using English in an academic/professional environment. With its companion volume, Reading, Writing, Listening is designed for bilingual/advanced second language users or learners of English whose goal is to communicate with ease in English in these environments.

How to Write Effective Business English gives guidance to both native and non-native English speakers on how to express yourself clearly and concisely. With case studies and real-life examples that demonstrate how English is used internationally in business, and full of ideas to help you get your communications right first time, How to Write Effective Business English sets the scene for describing the benefits of good Business English, ideal for multinational companies where communication is a priority. For native English speakers, it may mean un-learning things you were taught at school and learning how to save time by getting to the point more quickly in emails; for elementary to immediate English

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speakers, it focuses on the areas that are easy to get wrong. *How to Write Effective Business English* draws on the author's wealth of experience, using real-life international business scenarios to develop your skills and provide you with some answers that even your boss might not know. You will learn a system to help you quickly and easily write emails, letters, CVs and more. Featuring sections on punctuation and grammar, and checklists to help you assess how you are getting on before moving on to the next stage, *How to Write Business English* has been praised by both native and non-native writers of English as an indispensable resource. *Introducing Business English* provides a comprehensive overview of this topic, situating the concepts of Business English and English for Specific Business Purposes within the wider field of English for Special Purposes. This book draws on contemporary teaching and research contexts to demonstrate the growing importance of English within international business communication. Covering both spoken and written aspects of Business English, this book: examines key topics within Business English, including teaching Business English as a lingua franca, intercultural business interactions, blended learning and web-based communication; discusses the latest research on each topic, and possible future directions; features tasks and practical examples, a section on course design, and further resources. Written by two leading researchers and teachers, *Introducing Business English* is a must-read for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students studying Business English, Business English as a Lingua Franca, and English for Specific Business Purposes.

The ultimate guide for anyone wondering how President Joe Biden will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic—all his plans, goals, and executive orders

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in response to the coronavirus crisis. Shortly after being inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States, Joe Biden and his administration released this 200 page guide detailing his plans to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness breaks down seven crucial goals of President Joe Biden's administration with regards to the coronavirus pandemic: 1. Restore trust with the American people. 2. Mount a safe, effective, and comprehensive vaccination campaign. 3. Mitigate spread through expanding masking, testing, data, treatments, health care workforce, and clear public health standards. 4. Immediately expand emergency relief and exercise the Defense Production Act. 5. Safely reopen schools, businesses, and travel while protecting workers. 6. Protect those most at risk and advance equity, including across racial, ethnic and rural/urban lines. 7. Restore U.S. leadership globally and build better preparedness for future threats. Each of these goals are explained and detailed in the book, with evidence about the current circumstances and how we got here, as well as plans and concrete steps to achieve each goal. Also included is the full text of the many Executive Orders that will be issued by President Biden to achieve each of these goals. The National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness is required reading for anyone interested in or

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concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on American society.

Make workplace conflict resolution a game that EVERYBODY wins! Recent studies show that typical managers devote more than a quarter of their time to resolving coworker disputes. The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games offers a wealth of activities and exercises for groups of any size that let you manage your business (instead of managing personalities). Part of the acclaimed, bestselling Big Books series, this guide offers step-by-step directions and customizable tools that empower you to heal rifts arising from ineffective communication, cultural/personality clashes, and other specific problem areas—before they affect your organization's bottom line. Let The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games help you to: Build trust Foster morale Improve processes Overcome diversity issues And more Dozens of physical and verbal activities help create a safe environment for teams to explore several common forms of conflict—and their resolution. Inexpensive, easy-to-implement, and proved effective at Fortune 500 corporations and mom-and-pop businesses alike, the exercises in The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games delivers everything you need to make your workplace more efficient, effective, and engaged.

The verbal section of the GRE is essentially a vocabulary test. With a few exceptions, if you know

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the word, you will probably be able to answer the question correctly. Thus, it is crucial that you improve your vocabulary. Even if you have a strong vocabulary, you will still encounter unfamiliar words on the GRE. Many students write off questions, which contain words, they don't recognize. This is a mistake. This book introduces numerous techniques that decode unfamiliar words and prod your memory of words you only half-remember. With these techniques, you will often be able to squeeze out enough meaning from an unfamiliar word to answer a question correctly. Nevertheless, don't rely on just these techniques--you must study word lists.

Obviously, you cannot attempt to memorize the dictionary, and you don't need to. The GRE tests a surprisingly limited number of words, and this book has 4000 prime candidates. Granted, memorizing a list of words is rather dry, but it is probably the most effective way of improving your performance on the verbal section. All the words you need for success on the GRE! Features: \* 4000 Words Defined \* Word Analysis section \* 200 Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes \* Concise, practical definitions

Business Model Generation is a handbook for visionaries, game changers, and challengers striving to defy outmoded business models and design tomorrow's enterprises. If your organization needs to adapt to harsh new realities, but you don't yet have a strategy that will get you out in front of your

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competitors, you need Business Model Generation. Co-created by 470 "Business Model Canvas" practitioners from 45 countries, the book features a beautiful, highly visual, 4-color design that takes powerful strategic ideas and tools, and makes them easy to implement in your organization. It explains the most common Business Model patterns, based on concepts from leading business thinkers, and helps you reinterpret them for your own context. You will learn how to systematically understand, design, and implement a game-changing business model--or analyze and renovate an old one. Along the way, you'll understand at a much deeper level your customers, distribution channels, partners, revenue streams, costs, and your core value proposition. Business Model Generation features practical innovation techniques used today by leading consultants and companies worldwide, including 3M, Ericsson, Capgemini, Deloitte, and others. Designed for doers, it is for those ready to abandon outmoded thinking and embrace new models of value creation: for executives, consultants, entrepreneurs, and leaders of all organizations. If you're ready to change the rules, you belong to "the business model generation!"

This two volume handbook provides a comprehensive examination of policy, practice, research and theory related to English Language Teaching in international contexts. More than 70

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chapters highlight the research foundation for best practices, frameworks for policy decisions, and areas of consensus and controversy in second language acquisition and pedagogy. The Handbook provides a unique resource for policy makers, educational administrators, and researchers concerned with meeting the increasing demand for effective English language teaching. It offers a strongly socio-cultural view of language learning and teaching. It is comprehensive and global in perspective with a range of fresh new voices in English language teaching research.

A beautifully designed edition of one of the most beloved science fiction novels of all time... First published in 1895, *The Time Machine* won author H.G. Wells immediate recognition and has been regarded ever since as one of the great masterpieces in the literature of science fiction. It popularized the concept of time travel and introduced the concept of a "time machine" device that could travel forwards and backwards through the years. It is the story of one man's astonishing journey beyond the conventional limits of the imagination. One of the most renowned works of science fiction, *The Time Machine* reflects on the adventures of *The Time Traveller* - a man who constructs a machine which allows him to explore what the future has to offer. When he courageously steps out of his machine for the first time, he finds

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himself in the year 802,701—and everything has changed. In this unfamiliar utopian age, creatures seem to dwell together in perfect harmony. Thinking he can study these marvelous beings and unearth their secret then return to his own time, he discovers that his only avenue of escape, his invention, has been stolen. Wells is generally credited with the popularization of the concept of time travel by using a vehicle that allows an operator to travel purposefully and selectively. The term "time machine", which was coined by Wells, is now universally used to refer to such a vehicle. The book has been adapted for a number of films and television shows, as well as inspiring other science fiction writers.

Do you want to be "ahead of the curve" in business vocabulary in time for your next big company meeting? Want to "get the ball rolling" on improving your communication with employees, employers and possible clients that will work alongside you? In the world of business and finance, proper communication is key to achieving success, expanding your frontiers and reaching your goals. Whether you're in for an important interview with an experienced recruiter, having a video conference with clients for a contract signing, or you're selling to an audience, you're going to want to dominate the idioms and expressions necessary for getting your points across. And this is precisely

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where The Business English Vocabulary Builder steps in! Providing you with an essential guide on business-related English vocabulary, this book will allow you to:

- Discover over 300 different business expressions and idioms, covering many different subjects for a wide variety of uses
- Learn the correct definition and usage of each expression, ensuring that you know exactly when you can say them out loud during a conversation
- Visualize examples of the sayings in common conversations, helping you understand their context
- Take advantage of important tips we provide you in the introduction and conclusion of the book, so that you can boost your learning and get a much better understanding of the English language.

You really can't miss out on this opportunity to gain a better grasp of the language you'll require to become a better and capable professional within the business world! Grab a copy of this amazing Business English Vocabulary Builder and boost your professional vocabulary today!

David Crystal's classic *English as a Global Language* considers the history, present status and future of the English language, focusing on its role as the leading international language. English has been deemed the most 'successful' language ever, with 1500 million speakers internationally, presenting a difficult task to those who wish to investigate it in its entirety. However, Crystal explores the subject in a measured but engaging way, always backing up observations with facts and figures. Written in a detailed and fascinating manner, this is a book written by an expert both for specialists

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in the subject and for general readers interested in the English language.

The Anarchist's Guide to Grammar: "Banish the "rules" of grammar in the U.S.!" is the revolution called for by author Val Dumond. "Scary? Of course, but drastic measures must be taken. Just look at the state of language today! The time is now! Stand up and reclaim it!" "We've been taking U.S. language for granted," claims this long-time writer. We make several assumptions: 1) that we have a language called "Proper English"; 2) that a set of "rules" lies in some mysterious place, written by some mysterious authority; 3) that one must follow those "rules" to speak and write correctly. Not so! The time has arrived to banish what we call "rules" and expose the assumptions." Dumond asks: What would happen if we all spoke the language of our heritage? We would quickly learn the sound of the Tower of Babel - since US-language has come about by combining languages from (at least) 150 countries around the world. As immigrants enter the country, they bring with them new ideas, cultures, foods, music, and language. As they become settled, they combine their culture with US-ers, thus enriching all of us in the United States, including our language. In an amusing Introduction, Val explains how we have assumed there exists an incontrovertible set of grammar "rules" to be followed in order to speak proper, correct, good English. "We're not in England anymore!" she points out. Oh yes, we started out with British "rules," but as we declared our independence, language changed, and continues to change. Do you really understand ordinary British English? Numerous pundits over time have drawn up what they consider the "rules" of grammar and forced them on their students. Yet, when those students run up against someone who studied a different set of "rules," confusion and doubt rear their heads. Must we in the U.S. speak "proper English" or do we have a language all

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our own? After clarifying the conundrum of US-language, Dumond offers guidelines to aid writers in determining what constitutes understandable language. Those guidelines don't depend on memorizing all the crazy names for the parts of language, but rather the guidelines focus on how those parts function. Nouns and pronouns become Things; adjectives and adverbs become Modifiers; punctuation becomes Rules of the Road - all presented in easily understood language, with examples to boot. Included in the guidelines are ways to decide which nouns to capitalize how to discern the difference between plural and possessive nouns how pronouns perform ways to vary word modifiers how to add modifying phrases and clauses use of the little words that serve as the glue to connect words into sentences how to use the dots, dashes, and curly cues we call punctuation. But she doesn't stop there. Writers will especially enjoy the freedom offered to create new words and put together sentences and paragraphs. She offers suggestions to use numbers and inclusive language, as well as offering four ways to improve spelling. The solution to the confusion of US-language seems so simple. Look at the "rules" that come close to your interpretation, then modify them to make them work for you. Set up Your Style Manual, rather than depend on style manuals put together according to some other group's interpretations. And she shows you how. All this is included in *The Anarchist's Guide to Grammar*: toss out the assumptions, clarify them, pick up some basic, helpful guidelines, and write with power and assurance. No longer will you need to ask, "What are the rules for writing Proper English?" At last, you'll understand why there aren't any. At last you can write your own guidelines.

With its communicative syllabus, authentic business material, and expert tips from a leading management school, plus interactive multi-media, *Business Result* helps students learn

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the communication skills they need for work quickly and effectively.

Ideal for overseas students studying at English-medium colleges and universities, this practical writing course enables international students to meet the required standard of writing and use an appropriate style for essays, exams and dissertations. Newly revised and updated to include extra exercises and material suggested by teachers and students, *Academic Writing* explains and demonstrates all the key writing skills and is ideal for use in the classroom or for independent study. Useful at every stage of an academic career and beyond, this indispensable book features: different styles and formats from CVs and letters to formal essays a focus on accuracy coverage of all stages of writing, from understanding titles to checking your work essential academic writing skills such as proper referencing, summarising and paraphrasing diagrams and practice exercises, complete with answers.

An authorised reissue of the long out of print classic textbook, *Advanced Calculus* by the late Dr Lynn Loomis and Dr Shlomo Sternberg both of Harvard University has been a revered but hard to find textbook for the advanced calculus course for decades. This book is based on an honors course in advanced calculus that the authors gave in the 1960's. The foundational material, presented in the unstarred sections of Chapters 1 through 11, was normally covered, but different applications of this basic material were stressed from year to year, and the book therefore contains more material than was covered in any one year. It can accordingly be used (with omissions) as a text for a year's course in advanced calculus, or as a text for a three-semester introduction to analysis. The prerequisites are a good grounding in the calculus of one variable from a mathematically rigorous point of view, together with some acquaintance with linear algebra. The

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reader should be familiar with limit and continuity type arguments and have a certain amount of mathematical sophistication. As possible introductory texts, we mention Differential and Integral Calculus by R Courant, Calculus by T Apostol, Calculus by M Spivak, and Pure Mathematics by G Hardy. The reader should also have some experience with partial derivatives. In overall plan the book divides roughly into a first half which develops the calculus (principally the differential calculus) in the setting of normed vector spaces, and a second half which deals with the calculus of differentiable manifolds.

This publication provides practical guidance on the key areas where business membership organizations can integrate intellectual property into their services. This user-friendly handbook is written to support a wide range of basic to more advanced intellectual property services and contains a large number of references to online resources.

An effective program for preparing to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam, especially for Spanish speakers. Ideal for group or self -study. Answer key is included in this edition. An advanced grammar course, appropriate for pre-iBT, ITP paper-based TOEFL prep and English Teacher Training. Here, for the first time, a unique approach to preparing to take the TOEFL exam--especially for Spanish speakers. Focused on the Grammar section with five steps, this program also includes strategies for the Listening Comprehension section, guidelines for success in the Reading section, and expert tips and sample topics for the iBT Written Essay. Includes useful appendices for reference. To see useful Amazon book reviews, kindly refer to the listing for "TOEFL Prep for Spanish Speakers", the original book on which this title is based. For info. on all 12 titles in this series, visit [www.5steptoeftlprep.com](http://www.5steptoeftlprep.com).

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Readers refresh and strengthen language skills with proven grammar instruction and extensive learning resources found in BUSINESS ENGLISH, 12E by Mary Ellen Guffey and Carolyn Seefer. The market leader in grammar and mechanics since its first publication, BUSINESS ENGLISH uses a three-level approach to divide topics into manageable units that help readers hone the critical skills needed most. Packed with insights from the authors' more than 60 years of combined classroom experience, this edition helps readers develop the strong language skills necessary to perform confidently in today's digital classroom and tomorrow's workplace. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Business English Speaking: Advanced Masterclass - Speak Advanced ESL Business English with Confidence & Elegance: Business Meetings & Presentations in English. Includes 300+ PPT Presentation Templates. American & British Business English Advanced Speaking for ESL Students and Teachers. This business English book provides a solid framework for English language learners to acquire advanced Business English Speaking skills by exploring the secret psychology and dynamics behind effective business communication in English, together with advanced phrases and self-study exercises to improve business vocabulary and

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confidence. This book is ideal for any business setting where the person has to speak in one-to-one or group interactions, like meetings, presentations, parties and other public speaking events. With this business English communication course, you will learn: -How to speak ESL Business English with Confidence & Elegance. You will learn: -How to deliver outstanding presentations-How to hold a successful meeting in English -How to excel at public speaking -How to maximize your influence in ANY professional situation in English To make this self-study Business English Speaking course even more effective, it includes 300+ Premium Business Presentation Templates in PowerPoint format that you can download whenever you like.

"A 22-volume, highly illustrated, A-Z general encyclopedia for all ages, featuring sections on how to use World Book, other research aids, pronunciation key, a student guide to better writing, speaking, and research skills, and comprehensive index"--

**#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • "A harrowing tale of the perils of high-altitude climbing, a story of bad luck and worse judgment and of heartbreaking heroism." —PEOPLE A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing

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down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for *Into Thin Air*, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster. By writing *Into Thin Air*, Krakauer may have hoped to exorcise some of his own demons and lay to rest some of the painful questions that still surround the event. He takes great pains to provide a balanced picture of the people and events he witnessed and gives due credit to the tireless and dedicated Sherpas. He also avoids blasting easy targets such as Sandy Pittman, the wealthy socialite who brought an espresso maker along on the expedition. Krakauer's highly personal inquiry into the catastrophe provides a great deal of insight into what went wrong. But for Krakauer himself, further interviews and investigations only lead him to the conclusion that his perceived failures were directly responsible for a fellow climber's death. Clearly, Krakauer remains haunted by the disaster, and although he relates a number of incidents in which he acted selflessly and even heroically, he seems unable to view those instances objectively. In the end, despite his evenhanded and even generous assessment of others' actions, he reserves a full measure of vitriol for himself. This updated trade paperback edition of *Into Thin Air* includes an extensive new postscript that sheds fascinating light on the acrimonious

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debate that flared between Krakauer and Everest guide Anatoli Boukreev in the wake of the tragedy. "I have no doubt that Boukreev's intentions were good on summit day," writes Krakauer in the postscript, dated August 1999. "What disturbs me, though, was Boukreev's refusal to acknowledge the possibility that he made even a single poor decision. Never did he indicate that perhaps it wasn't the best choice to climb without gas or go down ahead of his clients." As usual, Krakauer supports his points with dogged research and a good dose of humility. But rather than continue the heated discourse that has raged since *Into Thin Air's* denouncement of guide Boukreev, Krakauer's tone is conciliatory; he points most of his criticism at G. Weston De Walt, who coauthored *The Climb*, Boukreev's version of events. And in a touching conclusion, Krakauer recounts his last conversation with the late Boukreev, in which the two weathered climbers agreed to disagree about certain points. Krakauer had great hopes to patch things up with Boukreev, but the Russian later died in an avalanche on another Himalayan peak, Annapurna I. In 1999, Krakauer received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters--a prestigious prize intended "to honor writers of exceptional accomplishment." According to the Academy's citation, "Krakauer combines the tenacity and courage of the finest tradition of investigative

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journalism with the stylish subtlety and profound insight of the born writer. His account of an ascent of Mount Everest has led to a general reevaluation of climbing and of the commercialization of what was once a romantic, solitary sport; while his account of the life and death of Christopher McCandless, who died of starvation after challenging the Alaskan wilderness, delves even more deeply and disturbingly into the fascination of nature and the devastating effects of its lure on a young and curious mind."

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