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The explosive narrative of the life, captivity, and trial of Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier who was abducted by the Taliban and whose story has served as a symbol for America's foundering war in Afghanistan "An unsettling and riveting book filled with the mysteries of human nature." —Kirkus Private First Class Bowe Bergdahl left his platoon's base in eastern Afghanistan in the early hours of June 30, 2009. Since that day, easy answers to the many questions surrounding his case—why did he leave his post? What kinds of efforts were made to recover him from the Taliban? And why, facing a court martial, did he plead guilty to the serious charges against him?—have proved elusive. Taut in its pacing but sweeping in its scope, *American Cipher* is the riveting and deeply sourced account of the nearly decade-old Bergdahl quagmire—which, as journalists Matt Farwell and Michael Ames persuasively argue, is as illuminating an episode as we have as we seek the larger truths of how the United States lost its way in Afghanistan. The book tells the parallel stories of a young man's halting coming of age and a nation stalled in an unwinnable war, revealing the fallout that ensued when the two collided: a fumbling recovery effort that suppressed intelligence on Bergdahl's true location and bungled multiple opportunities to bring him back sooner; a homecoming that served to deepen the nation's already-vast political fissure; a trial that cast judgment on not only the defendant, but most everyone involved. The book's beating heart is Bergdahl himself—an idealistic, misguided soldier onto whom a nation projected the political and emotional complications of service. Based on years of exclusive reporting drawing on dozens of sources throughout the military, government, and Bergdahl's family, friends, and fellow soldiers, *American Cipher* is at once a meticulous investigation of government dysfunction and political posturing, a blistering commentary on America's presence in Afghanistan, and a heartbreaking story of a naïve young man who thought he could fix the world and wound up the tool of forces far beyond his understanding.

This blueprint for the Boy Scout movement not only provides energetic tips on camping, tracking, and woodcraft, but offers proper Victorian-era advice on manners, self-discipline, and good citizenship. Includes the original illustrations.

First published in 1908, "Scouting for Boys" is the seminal work on scouting by British Army officer and founder of the worldwide scouting movement, Robert Baden-Powell. Originally written as a manual for self-instruction, "Scouting for Boys" details many important scouting skills including scoutcraft, tracking, woodcraft, camping, and first-aid. Baden-Powell's work is a rework of his earlier "Aids to Scouting", published in 1899, and borrows many ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton's "The Birch Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians", published in 1906. "Scouting for Boys" includes numerous tales that can be told around the campfire, as well as many of Baden-Powell's personal anecdotes, and opinions on proper moral character of boy scouts. While some of the information in this work may seem outdated and some of the moralizing may seem antiquated to modern readers, "Scouting for Boys" remains an important historical work in the scouting movement. Having sold millions of copies since its first publication, the impact Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys" as well as his personal advocacy for the scouting movement cannot be overstated. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper.

Published by the Boy Scouts of America for all BSA registered adult volunteers and professionals, *Scouting* magazine offers editorial content that is a mixture of information, instruction, and inspiration, designed to strengthen readers' abilities to better perform their leadership roles in Scouting and also to assist them as parents in strengthening families.

"This book has everything in it to help you complete the requirements for the Den Chief Service Award."--Page 4 of cover.

As thousands of wives and children joined American servicemen stationed at overseas bases in the years following World War II, the military family represented a friendlier, more humane side of the United States' campaign for dominance in the Cold War. Wives in particular were encouraged to use their feminine influence to forge ties with residents of occupied and host nations. In this untold story of Cold War diplomacy, Donna Alvah describes how these "unofficial ambassadors" spread the United States' perception of itself and its image of world order in the communities where husbands and fathers were stationed, cultivating relationships with both local people and other military families in private homes, churches, schools, women's clubs, shops, and other places. *Unofficial Ambassadors* reminds us that, in addition to soldiers and world leaders, ordinary people make vital contributions to a nation's military engagements. Alvah broadens the scope of the history of the Cold War by analyzing how ideas about gender, family, race, and culture shaped the U.S. military presence abroad.

Outlines requirements for pursuing a merit badge in reptile and amphibian studies.

The *Wilderness First Aid Field Guide* covers the basic medical procedures you need to prepare for in the event of an emergency while in an isolated area. Based on the latest first aid and CPR guidelines, it covers general emergency medical procedures as well as specific symptoms and accidents. This pocket sized, spiral bound, and water resistant field guide is an essential resource for anyone in a remote area. Well-organized and thorough, the *Wilderness First Aid Field Guide* also discusses preventative measures and responsible outdoor behavior.

Three basic premises guide this highly successful introductory text - first that theory and research must be both comprehensive and clear, second that the text must show how sociology is relevant both to the study of society and to students' lives and third that sociology can play a valuable role in teaching critical thinking skills. To that end, this solid, well respected text combines a balanced three-perspective approach with excellent student oriented examples, and distinctive social policy sections in a concise presentation that offers an alternative to full length books.

In recent years, a growing number of children and adults have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a neurological condition characterized by severe difficulties with social communication. While extremely talented in their areas of special interest, many with the diagnosis also have problems with coordination and sensory processing. Professionals and families struggle to help them function competently and make the most of their unique abilities. This readable and practical book synthesizes the latest knowledge about how to do so in various contexts from early childhood on. The authors include psychologists, psychiatrists, special educators, an occupational therapist, a specialist in communication disorders, and a lawyer, with diverse philosophies and methods of intervention. They suggest a variety of ways to help those with Asperger's adapt to the "neurotypical" world, and to bridge the social chasms that can develop as they are integrated into schools, organizations, and communities. *Asperger's Syndrome: Intervening in Schools, Clinics, and Communities* constitutes a vital resource for all those who seek to improve the lives of individuals with the syndrome.

This volume examines scouting—the largest voluntary movement for girls—in its first century of existence, seeking to understand how the organization has lasted and how it has changed.

What makes a good school? A prominent Harvard educator looks for the answers in six schools that have earned reputations for excellence: George Washington Carver High School in Atlanta; John F.

Kennedy High School in the Bronx, New York; Highland Park High School near Chicago; Bookline High School in Brookline, Massachusetts; St. Paul's in Concord, New Hampshire; and the Milton Academy, near Boston.

General Starry's range of interests, as will be apparent to all who come to this collection, was extraordinarily broad. Many topics he addressed repeatedly over long periods of time, his views- and his articulation of those views-evolving over the years. That is particularly the case with respect to doctrinal matters, the tank-antitank calculus, and the preeminent importance of the individual soldier. Materials chosen for inclusion in this collection accordingly reflect some repetition, especially in matters of long-term interest to General Starry, illustrating how his thinking developed. Starry himself often made intentional use of repetition, as for example in his well-known speech "Tanks Forever and Ever," in which he recapitulated virtually his entire argument from the earlier "Tanks Forever." To provide some structure to this wide range of material, it was decided to present items in categories and then, within those categories, chronologically. As will be apparent, quite a number of the pieces could just as well have been inserted in other categories, so where to place them was simply a matter of editorial judgment. The real impact of this material is, in any event, in its cumulative depth and range, so it is hoped that many readers will make their way through the entirety of the collection. For those primarily concerned with particular aspects of General Starry's eclectic interests, in addition to categorizing the materials under topical headings, an extensive index has been provided. Articles and speeches are, for the most part, rendered in their entirety. Where exceptions have been made, those are indicated in the usual manner by the use of ellipses. When it comes to messages and correspondence, however, only internal omissions have been shown and, in the majority of cases, what has been included is only a pertinent excerpt from a longer communication. Often General Starry annotated papers to show that he had seen them by drawing a small star and inserting within it a capital letter Y (thus Starry). An example may be seen on the book's back cover and at certain other points in the text. A frequent sign-off, often followed by the hand-drawn star, was "Press On!" which has thus been adopted for this collection's main title. Finally, there will be found, in some categories of materials, considerable discussion of the threat. In the context of the times, of course, that meant primarily the Soviet and Warsaw Pact threat, which also constituted the principal anticipated adversary in the much-discussed Central Battle. While that threat no longer exists, at least to the same degree, it is important to be aware of the Starry conception and depiction of it in order to understand much of what-in terms of doctrine, tactics, equipment, and training-was driven primarily by contemporary appreciation of that threat.

An instant New York Times bestseller, John Kerry's revealing memoir offers "a detailed record of an important life...frank, thoughtful, and clearly written...A bittersweet reminder of what the country once demanded of its leaders" (The New York Times Book Review). Every Day Is Extra is John Kerry's candid personal story. A Yale graduate, Kerry enlisted in the US Navy in 1966, and served in Vietnam. He returned home highly decorated but disillusioned, and he testified powerfully before Congress as a young veteran opposed to the war. Kerry was elected to the Senate in 1984, eventually serving five terms. In 2004 he was the Democratic presidential nominee and came within one state—Ohio—of winning. He succeeded Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State in 2013. In that position he tried to find peace in the Middle East; dealt with the Syrian civil war while combatting ISIS; and negotiated the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate agreement. "In these pages Kerry shows remarkable honesty, depth, even spirituality...There is remarkable poignancy—not the usual currency of the career politician and the country's top diplomat" (The Boston Globe). A witness to some of the most important events of our recent history, Kerry tells wonderful stories about colleagues Ted Kennedy and John McCain, as well as President Obama and other major figures. He writes movingly of recovering his faith while in the Senate, and how he deplores the hyper-partisanship that has infected Washington. Every Day Is Extra "draws back the curtain on a life you thought you knew, but turns out to be a bit different...A surprisingly personal book" (The Washington Post) that shows Kerry for the dedicated, witty, and authentic man that he is and provides forceful testimony for the importance of diplomacy and American leadership to address the increasingly complex challenges of a more globalized world.

You're just an unemployed reporter until a cryptic warning and an explosion outside your favorite bar send you down the road to becoming one of three superpowered heroes (or, potentially, villains - we're not here to judge). Dark vigilante? Armored space cop? Wisecracking mutant? Whichever path you choose, you'd better get busy, because a mysterious plot is afoot and - like it or not - you're the only thing standing between the forces of evil and utter annihilation. Thrusts of Justice is an action/comedy reimagining of the choose-your-own-path books you grew up with. There are 90 possible endings (81 of which result in your humiliating death).

This is a new release of the original 1937 edition.

Envision the scene before the artist. As she paints, the character of the scene is unveiled. The artist's interpretation is revealed in the unique relationship of expressive poetry and artistic creativity.

This volume provides all who minister to young people with an effective blueprint for building a truly meaningful ministry

You will discover in this Third Edition many alternate and uncommon synonyms of finding words. You will also discover many synonyms consisting of phrases of two or more words unaccompanied by qualifying explanations, such as "two words". There are other new additions to this volume. In short, all these additions confirm that this edition remains the most comprehensive and current puzzle dictionary available.

Presidential impeachments are rare in American constitutional history: in the 230 years since ratification, only three presidents have faced serious attempts to remove them from office. Indispensable Remedy is a comprehensive primer on the purpose, history, and scope of the Constitution's impeachment provisions--and a corrective to myths that have grown up around the remedy. First among the myths is the notion that impeachment is reserved solely for criminal abuses of office. "Perversely, as the power of the office has grown," writes author Gene Healy, "that misconception has ensured that the federal official with the greatest capacity to do harm now enjoys stronger job protection than virtually any other American." But the remedy James Madison described as "indispensable. . .for defending the community against the incapacity, negligence, or perfidy of the Chief Magistrate" isn't limited to violations of the law or abuses of official power. The power to impeach, writes Healy, "should never be involved lightly, but neither should Americans fear to wield it, should it become necessary."

Today, in a world quite different from the one that existed just thirty years ago, both girls and boys play soccer, baseball, softball, and other youth sports. Yet has the dramatic surge in participation by girls contributed to greater gender equality? In this engaging study, leading sociologist Michael A. Messner probes the richly complex gender dynamics of youth sports. Weaving together vivid first-person

