

The Test My Life And The Inside Story Of The Greatest Ashes Series

To: Editor, Atlanta Journal-Constitution I believe your newspaper has been missing something for the last two decades. In fact it was the original reason I became a loyal subscriber in the first place: the thriceweekly columns of my all-time favorite writer, the late, great Lewis Grizzard. Trust me when I say that as a loyal University of Florida graduate it's difficult for me to admit there is actually something good that came out of the University of Georgia, and that something would be Lewis Grizzard. Born and raised in nearby Moreland (I reside in Peachtree City, Georgia), Grizzard had a major influence on my writing style. This is my sixth self-published book; one of them sold so well a publisher came a-calling to buy the rights to it. Now I'd like to take my writing to the next level. That's where you come in. Consider this book as both my job application and resume for a position on your editorial staff. Everything here on the back cover is my cover letter to you. I leave you with one simple question: When do I start? This book is inspired by the true story of my life and journey from homelessness and beyond. It's an inspiring story of courage, tragedy, adventure, perseverance, determination, resilience, faith, and redemption. The story is about my life in the beginning, growing up, surviving the fire incident, and early demise of my three sisters. Life without my father, fear of my mother, and life in the navy. I suffered thirty years from low self-esteem, fear, anger, resentments, worthlessness, loneliness, hopelessness, homelessness, substance abuse, failed attempts to maintain employment, mental institutions, churches, shelters, jails, bad relationships, and marriages too! I walked in the kingdom of darkness (Hell) for thirty years determined to find myself; I finally made a final decision to get my life on track once and for all! One day, I evaluated my entire life as far as I could remember. I began to peel off the layers of my unresolved issues like a banana. I confronted the tragic death of my three sisters, which I honestly haven't done before, for closure purposes. I confronted the anger and resentments I harbored toward my mother for her failures, including my father for abandoning me. I was angry with myself for my history of substance abuse and homelessness, also for not reaching out for help in the beginning when I should have done so. I completed an intense, detailed evaluation of my life one day. I began to cry until I was all cried out. I had enough faith to pray to God at the time. I asked God to renew in me a new heart and spirit to serve him. To be the man that he intended me to be. After I finished praying, I felt a huge weight lifted off my shoulders. This was my defining moment and the turning point of my life. I began to see light at the end of the tunnel! I began to seek treatment for my depression and PTSD. I attended (NA) meetings. I began to read and apply the word of God in my life daily. The wounds of my past miraculously began to heal. Over a period of time, my wife noticed an internal transformation taking place in my life! I began to forgive everyone who done me wrong, including my worst enemy of all, myself! Today, I live a life of purpose, not defeat, drug free and living one day at a time. I was compelled to write my life and journey from homelessness and beyond in hopes that my story may convey to anyone who may be struggling with their personal giants, especially the homeless; there is hope!!! You can make it. I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to have gotten the help I needed. There are good people in the world. I'm a veteran who enlisted and was honorably discharged from both, the US Navy from 1986 to 1991, and the Army reserve from 1992 to 2000. Today, I currently serve as an enlisted soldier in the Army of the Lord!

In this groundbreaking analysis of personality type, bestselling author of *Better Than Before* and *The Happiness Project* Gretchen Rubin reveals the one simple question that will transform what you do at home, at work, and in life. During her multibook investigation into understanding human nature, Gretchen Rubin realized that by asking the seemingly dry question "How do I

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respond to expectations?" we gain explosive self-knowledge. She discovered that based on their answer, people fit into Four Tendencies: Upholders, Questioners, Obligers, and Rebels. Our Tendency shapes every aspect of our behavior, so using this framework allows us to make better decisions, meet deadlines, suffer less stress, and engage more effectively. More than 600,000 people have taken her online quiz, and managers, doctors, teachers, spouses, and parents already use the framework to help people make significant, lasting change. The Four Tendencies hold practical answers if you've ever thought: • People can rely on me, but I can't rely on myself. • How can I help someone to follow good advice? • People say I ask too many questions. • How do I work with someone who refuses to do what I ask—or who keeps telling me what to do? With sharp insight, compelling research, and hilarious examples, *The Four Tendencies* will help you get happier, healthier, more productive, and more creative. It's far easier to succeed when you know what works for you.

Derek Fallon gets the chance of a lifetime—to participate in a gaming company focus group and to test out a new video game called "Arctic Ninja." Together with his friends Carly, Matt, and Umberto, Derek thinks his gaming talents will be showcased. But he soon realizes that everyone has got him beat, including whiz kid El Cid. On top of that, school reading tests have begun and Derek feels doubly off his game. Isn't there anything he's good at?

On May 21, 2004, playing against New Zealand, Andrew Strauss wrote his name into the record books when he became only the fourth batsman to score a century at Lord's on his Test debut. He made 112 in the first innings and was only denied a historical second hundred when he was run out on 83 by Nasser Hussain. England went on to beat New Zealand 3-0 before returning to headquarters to welcome the West Indies, Strauss scoring 137 as the hosts laid the foundations for another whitewash. He then raised the bar again when touring the country of his birth, making three centuries in England's first win in South Africa in 40 years. This sensational start to his international career has ensured that he has been celebrated as a world-class opening batsman, and was voted Wisden's Cricketer of the Year 2005. In *THE STORY SO FAR*, Andrew Strauss looks back on his early cricketing days and astounding first year in Test cricket, and gives the inside story on what it is like to be part of an incredible England side fighting to overtake Australia as the number one cricketing nation. *THE STORY SO FAR* also includes his personal story of how England beat Australia in the 2005 Ashes Series, in which he played a major part.

After witnessing the brutal murder of her family, 15-year-old Tamara Weatherby is adopted by multibillionaire Paul Waterford, who just happens to moonlight as the superhero Krino. Tamara earns a role at Krino's side, but she soon learns that occupational hazards are the least of her challenges. She must deal with envious friends, over-protective relatives, and the persistence of the man who took her family away. Through her weaknesses and struggles, Tamara finds strength, courage and confidence that she never knew she had. But can she find the will to forgive her family's killer?

This study guide is designed specifically to help you pass your Life In The UK test. Referring to the information which you need to know in order to pass the test, this book will introduce you to simple but extremely effective techniques to help you easily memorise massive amounts of information. Struggling to learn the composers? You can actually learn all you need to know about them in just a few minutes, plus you will remember it all! Not a huge sports fan and finding the subject difficult? This book will show you a way to learn the topic inside out in the time it takes to finish a cup of tea! Commit huge amounts of the required knowledge to memory using the specific approach given in this book. In about half an hour from when you start to read it, you will feel your confidence soar to new heights as you ready yourself for success. Read this amazing book and pass your test!

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • At last, a book that shows you how to build—design—a life you can thrive in, at any age or stage Designers create worlds and

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solve problems using design thinking. Look around your office or home—at the tablet or smartphone you may be holding or the chair you are sitting in. Everything in our lives was designed by someone. And every design starts with a problem that a designer or team of designers seeks to solve. In this book, Bill Burnett and Dave Evans show us how design thinking can help us create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling, regardless of who or where we are, what we do or have done for a living, or how young or old we are. The same design thinking responsible for amazing technology, products, and spaces can be used to design and build your career and your life, a life of fulfillment and joy, constantly creative and productive, one that always holds the possibility of surprise.

Learn how to end the self-destructive behaviors that stop you from living your best life with this breakthrough program. Do you... • Put the needs of others above your own? • Start to panic when someone you love leaves—or threatens to? • Often feel anxious about natural disasters, losing all your money, or getting seriously ill? • Find that no matter how successful you are, you still feel unhappy, unfulfilled, or undeserving? Unsatisfactory relationships, irrational lack of self-esteem, feelings of being unfulfilled—these are all problems that can be solved by changing the types of messages that people internalize. These self-defeating behavior patterns are called “lifetraps,” and *Reinventing Your Life* shows you how to stop the cycle that keeps you from attaining happiness. Two of America's leading psychologists, Jeffrey E. Young, Ph.D., and Janet S. Klosko, Ph.D., draw on the breakthrough principles of cognitive therapy to help you recognize and change negative thought patterns, without the aid of drugs or long-term traditional therapy. They describe eleven of the most common lifetraps, provide a diagnostic test for each, and offer step-by-step suggestions to help you break free of the traps. Thousands of men and women have seen the immediate and long-term results of the extraordinary program outlined in this clear, compassionate, liberating book. Its innovative approach to solving ongoing emotional problems will help you create a more fulfilling, productive life.

‘That day I cried like a baby not because I feared what cancer would do but because I didn’t want the disease. I wanted my life to be normal, which it could not be.’ For the first time Yuvraj Singh tells the real story behind the 2011 World Cup when on-the-field triumph hid his increasingly puzzling health problems and worrying illnesses. In his debut book *The test of my life*, he reveals how—plagued with insomnia, coughing fits that left him vomiting blood, and an inability to eat—he made a deal with God. On the night before the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup final, Yuvraj prayed for the World Cup in return for anything God wanted. In this book, he lays bare his fears, doubts, and the lows he experienced during chemotherapy—when he lost his energy, his appetite, and his hair—and his battle to find the will to survive. Poignant, personal, and moving—*The test of my life*—is about cancer and cricket; but more importantly, it is about the human will to fight adversity and triumph despite all odds.

In the spring of 2010, Harvard Business School’s graduating class asked HBS professor Clay Christensen to address them—but not on how to apply his principles and thinking to their post-HBS careers. The students wanted to know how to apply his wisdom to their personal lives. He shared with them a set of guidelines that have helped him find meaning in his own life, which led to this now-classic article. Although Christensen’s thinking is rooted in his deep religious faith, these are strategies anyone

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can use. Since 1922, Harvard Business Review has been a leading source of breakthrough ideas in management practice. The Harvard Business Review Classics series now offers you the opportunity to make these seminal pieces a part of your permanent management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world.

The book you're about to read is my story working in the post office as a clerk and union officer. Some cases I worked on and my investigations, and how I dealt with management. You will read about how 5 unions merged to form the American Postal Workers Union. The reorganization act and when the United States Postal Service became an independent government agency. You will read about the shootings inside the post offices, and shooting elsewhere. The misappropriation from management, clerks and union officers. you will read about some of the cases postal inspectors investigated outside the post office. Finally you will a little about the two loves of my life and how I went quietly into retirement.

Graduated High School in 1971, three months pregnant. I left my mother's house with my Fiancé. The only thing I took with me were the clothes on my back, the things I read in books, the things my Grandmother taught me which mainly involved cooking and cleaning, the Bible quotes and old folks tales my Grandmother used to say over and over, the few things my mother taught me during her brief and few periods of time into my life, and also a very special gift from God, which was the ability to play any musical instrument I chose to play. I thought I was grown and knew everything. What I didn't know was although I was very smart, I was also very naive. I got married in 1972 and had another baby in 1974. I worked for a police department from 1977 to 1985. I was in the Army National Guard from 1979 to 1985. So many unbelievable things happened to me during that time, both good and bad. So many more bad things happened than good that I started to think my life was cursed for some reason. It started to happen so much that finally I did not want to live any longer.

From the USA Today bestselling author of *The Kiss Quotient* comes a romantic novel about love that crosses international borders and all boundaries of the heart... Khai Diep has no feelings. Well, he feels irritation when people move his things or contentment when ledgers balance down to the penny, but not big, important emotions—like grief. And love. He thinks he's defective. His family knows better—that his autism means he just processes emotions differently. When he steadfastly avoids relationships, his mother takes matters into her own hands and returns to Vietnam to find him the perfect bride. As a mixed-race girl living in the slums of Ho Chi Minh City, Esme Tran has always felt out of place. When the opportunity arises to come to America and meet a potential husband, she can't turn it down, thinking this could be the break her family needs. Seducing Khai, however, doesn't go as planned. Esme's lessons in love seem to be working...but only on herself. She's hopelessly smitten with a man who's convinced he can never return her affection. With Esme's time in the United States dwindling, Khai is forced to understand he's been wrong all along. And there's more than one way to love.

Winner of the Wisden Book of the Year Eighteen years, eight series, eight defeats. These are the facts. I look around the room. We're a young team. Strauss, Flintoff, Vaughan, the new guy, Kevin Pietersen. None of us remember England holding the

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Ashes. We are a generation that have grown up in Australia's shadow. In 2005 Simon Jones took part in the greatest Ashes series of all time. As a devastating fast bowler in a brave young England team, Jones went toe to toe with the might of the seemingly unbeatable Australians. Over the course of fifty-four days Simon would experience the greatest highs of his career, and plunge to the lowest depths. The series would change his life for ever. In chapters that alternate between an unforgettable, insider's account of each of the five Tests and the remainder of his life, Simon presents the raw and unvarnished truth behind international sport; the joy and the sacrifice, the physical and mental cost and the unrelenting pressure. Heroes emerge, and cricketing legends are made human.

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"The adulterer and the traitor were caught, the scumbag male and the mistress had joined hands to clean her out of the family, while she had accidentally offended a rich and powerful young master. From then on, she went to a new height in her life." "I don't love you, so please take care of yourself." This was the first thing she said to him. The man's peach blossom eyes slightly narrowed as he said, "Okay, then let's repay the debt." Not mentioning this, it was good. Unknowingly, she owed him so much. He pulled her up and threw her on the bed, oppressing her. "Can't afford it? "I don't mind paying with my own flesh..."

A stylish batsman who could score against any kind of bowling, VVS Laxman played over a hundred Tests to aggregate more than 8,000 runs. Cricket fans still remember with awe his game-changing knock of 281 against Australia in 2001 at Eden Gardens. But playing for India was never easy. He was dropped as often as he was picked, and despite his vast experience and unimpeachable skill, he never made it to a World Cup team. All through his playing years, Laxman was known to be a soft-spoken man who kept his distance from controversy. Which is what makes this autobiography truly special. It's candid and reflective, happy and sad by turns, and deeply insightful. He writes of dressing-room meltdowns and champagne evenings, the exhilaration of playing with and against the best in the world, the nuances of batting in different formats and on various pitches, the learnings with John Wright and the rocky times under Greg Chappell. In 281 and Beyond, Laxman lays bare the ecstasy and the trauma of being one of the chosen XI in a country that is devoted to cricket.

The son of a wrestler turned cycling coach called Killer Kowalski, Rob Hayles was soon winning races himself and realizing that he didn't really want to work for a living. The world of amateur club cycling in the 1990s was a long way from the millionaire sport of today though. When Rob first rode for Great Britain, it was with his own bike, one spare tyre, and a hand-me-down jersey. Yet Rob became an integral part of the amazing success story of British cycling, and has been at the centre of the sport for the past two decades. With Bradley Wiggins, he was a member of the first GB team to become world champions at the team pursuit, the most demanding and thrilling discipline on the track. With teammate David Millar, he witnessed first-hand the drug-strewn, often demeaning life of the professional road cyclist. And as Mark Cavendish's training partner, Rob has been the experienced influence at the side of the fastest man on two wheels. Easy Rider is an unforgettable journey through revolutionary times. Sharp, down-to-earth, packed with anecdotes and just plain fun, it takes you from the humblest of beginnings through a golden era in British cycling.

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER · WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER · USA TODAY BESTSELLER “The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is not only a thought-provoking, discussion-worthy story, the book itself is an object of art.”- The New York Times From the revered British illustrator, a modern fable for all ages that explores life’s universal lessons, featuring 100 color and black-and-white drawings. “What do you want to be when you grow up?” asked the mole. “Kind,” said the boy. Charlie Mackesy offers inspiration and hope in uncertain times in this beautiful book based on his famous quartet of characters. The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse explores their unlikely friendship and the poignant, universal lessons they learn together. Radiant with Mackesy’s warmth and gentle wit, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse blends hand-written narrative with dozens of drawings, including some of his best-loved illustrations (including “Help,” which has been shared over one million times) and new, never-before-seen material. A modern classic in the vein of The Tao of Pooh, The Alchemist, and The Giving Tree, this charmingly designed keepsake will be treasured for generations to come.

If you've ever dreamed of something more in life, this book is for you. Winner in two categories at the 2018 Benjamin Franklin Awards, Blitz Your Life is a collection of reflections from a former NFL linebacker on a life lived fearlessly and challenges from a man with a sense of urgency for impact. These powerful stories range from Tim's time on the football field to the radically different life and goals that resulted from his diagnosis with ALS in 2014. Tim also shares stories of ordinary people who have faced everyday challenges and accomplished extraordinary things. Whether they sweep floors or rebuild neighborhoods or make music, all are living lives that make a difference. At times funny and others serious, Tim encourages readers to write their own goals and stories while pursuing their dreams. Through his whiteboard challenges, he provides practical help that takes readers on a road to success. From his NFL days to his support of ALS awareness, this fighter's message is a courageous call to find and enjoy a life with purpose.

A publisher's dummy used for subscription sales of Washington's autobiography. Selected pages of the text and 37 illustrated plates are included. The front and back cover represent two of the three available bindings for the edition; the spine for the third option is pasted to the inside back cover.

This book is a full account of my life over 59yrs. It might not seem long to most people, but when confused and at a loss as to what to do it is a life time. I hope it shows how letting life's excitement rule instead of dealing with my condition totally wrecked my life.

THIS BOOK CONSIST OF SHORT STORIES AND POEMS OF MY LIFE. THIS IS A LITTLE INSITE OF THINGS THAT HAS HAPPEN TO ME OVER THE COURSE OF MY LIFE, FROM CHILD HOOD TO ADULT HOOD. FROM HAPPY MOMENTS TO THE WORST MOMENTS AND TIMES IN MY LIFE. STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPEN TO YOU IN YOUR LIFE OR SOMETHING THAT MAY HAS HAPPEN TO SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU. PLEASE TO TAKE THE TIME TO READ AND ENJOY. BE BLESSED BE ENCOURAGED(ALSO THE LAST PAGE THAT WAS SUBMITTED OF MY BOOK IS THE BACK COVER OF MY BOOK)

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Sid 'One-Punch' Luft, amateur-boxer, producer and Judy Garland's third husband was the one man in her life who stuck around, helping her achieve a meteoric comeback in the 1960s. It was Luft who reversed the fortunes of an apparently faded career, seeing her triumph at Carnegie Hall, in 'A Star Is Born' and 'The Judy Garland Show'. Previously unpublished, Sid Luft's intimate autobiography tells their story in hard-boiled yet elegant prose. It begins on a fateful night in New York City when the not-quite-divorced Judy and the not-quite-divorced Sid meet at Billy Reed's Little Club. A straight-talking sharp shooter, Sid fell for Judy hard and fast and the romance persisted through separations, reconciliations, and later divorce. However, her drug dependencies and suicidal tendencies put a tremendous strain on the relationship. Sid did not complete his memoir; it ended in 1960 after Judy hired David Begelman and Freddie Fields to manage her career. But Randy L. Schmidt, acclaimed editor of Judy Garland on Judy Garland, seamlessly pieced together the final section of the book from extensive interviews with Sid, most previously unpublished. Despite everything, Sid never stopped loving Judy and never forgave himself for not being able to save her from the demons that ultimately drove her to an early death at age forty-seven in 1969. Sid served as chief conservator of the Garland legacy until his death at the age of eighty-nine in 2005. This is his testament to the love of his life. 'In prose so brassy that it bruises the sensibilities, Luft... illuminates the dark side of life in the spotlight and dispels any sentimental illusions about the glories of show business in Hollywood's classic age.' - The New Yorker

For over forty years, Rebbitzen Esther Jungreis has been a globetrotting spokeswoman for Judaism. Whether counseling a searching soul or addressing a packed house in Madison Square Garden, her message is elegantly universal. In Life Is A Test, the Rebbitzen's insights on faith, her soul-stirring wisdom, and her palpable love of all people saturate every page. Life Is A Test is really three books in one, each bearing a particular focus to help readers look for the message embedded in any difficulty. The book begins with tests of self-discovery and then examines the challenging realm of interpersonal relationships, concluding with a section on perceiving the Divine Design in the big picture of global events, as well as in one's own world. Regardless of age or experience, people of all persuasions will find meaningful substance in Life Is A Test. Rebbitzen Jungreis has captured so many of our deep-seated questions, and has graciously provided us with a decipherable answer key.

If your life has suddenly gotten more difficult, you may be up for promotion with God. Have you ever asked yourself, "Why is this happening to me?" Often when trouble comes, we wonder what we have done wrong. But in reality, it may be God's preparation for the next blessing He has for you. In Passing the Tests of Life George Davis helps you gain a better perspective on WHY things happen the way they do and gives you the keys to overcoming and moving on to your next level of promotion and increase. Learn to identify:

- When you're being tested.
- Who is testing you.
- Why you are being tested.
- How to pass each test every time!

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You were born to have a great life. As you overcome and learn from each obstacle in your path, you will discover the fulfilling life that you were always destined to have!

This book consists of essays about the life and times of the author. They start with happenings in the author's childhood and end with occurrences in his adult life. They tell about growing up in East Texas and moving to Chicago. The author describes the good, bad, and ugly times. He speaks candidly and to the point. These essays are easy reading and meant to inspire and motivate. You will find them extremely interesting and enjoyable. The essays vary in length: from 1,000 to 2,500 words. He did take one of the other forks in the road.

My Life's Journey By: Tim Cronin My Life's Journey chronicles the obstacles Tim Cronin encountered growing up with autism. Through all of his trials and tribulations, the author faces challenges with optimism and joy that he finds in Metal music and the greatest roller coasters that the United States has to offer. The author hopes that the reader will learn to remain positive no matter what life throws at them and to know that you're never alone in life: there are always other people out there that have similar battles to fight.

In writing my book I tried, to the best of my memory (and with the help of a lot of people), to relate and have a true story about the things that we did as children and adults about growing up and living in a small town in Alabama. Even though times were hard then, I feel very fortunate to have grown up during that time and in that place. I believe that my life has been guided and protected by a Higher Being and I thank God for looking after me and guiding my life. I also had some great teachers which I am thankful for knowing. Most of our teachers loved us and tried to help, when they could, to prepare for our future. All this gave me confidence to go into adult life and knew that I had my future in my hand and could make my life and that I alone am responsible for my actions. I believe that growing up in Roanoke gave me the knowledge and background to have a great life, for which I am thankful, and I hope for many more good years.

Classic stories from the Wally McDoogle series now with new designs and spot illustrations throughout. Forty feet underwater with a million dollars of gold in reach, Wally McDoogle only has to overcome: Sea monsters. . . Hostile pirates. . . A ghost ship. . . And, of course, the world famous McDoogle klutziness. Will he be able to avoid catastrophe and chaos? Probably not. Just as our hero goes for the gold, he finds himself on a wild ride atop a misguided torpedo and realizes the true cost of greed.

This book is an autobiographical memoir. It tells the story of how God prepared me for the work of theology during childhood and during my schooling at Princeton, Westminster, and Yale. It focuses on those events that shaped my theological convictions and led me to develop my distinctive emphases in theology, apologetics, and philosophy. It seeks to honor God's providence in leading me from one point to another in my life as a son, husband, father, theologian, apologist, and churchman. My goal in the book is to show how one's

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theological convictions are products, not only of logic and reasoning, but also of the events of one's life and the people one interacts with.

They say that Ted Bundy started his killing spree in 1974, in the state of Washington. When he tried to get me in the car, it was in 1965, nine years earlier! He was approximately eighteen and I was twenty-one. I saw the horror in his face at this time! I'm sure that I wasn't his first intended victim. Ted Bundy's horror would have been over in a couple days; others can put us through misery for years. Even sabotage us to protect themselves while the blame will be put on us and no one cares. Why?

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