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Based on a True Story

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wild dangerous and flat out unbelievable here is the incredible #1 bestselling memoir of the canadian actor gambler and raconteur and one of the greatest stand up comedians of all time a globe and mail best book of the year as this book's title suggests norm macdonald tells the story of his life more or less from his origins on a farm in the backwoods of ontario and an epically disastrous appearance on star search to his account of auditioning for lorne michaels and his memorable run as the anchor of weekend update on saturday night live until he was fired because a corporate executive didn't think he was funny but based on a true story is much more than just a memoir it's the hilarious inspired epic of norm's life in dispatches from a road trip to las vegas part of a plan hatched to regain the fortune he'd lost to sports betting and other vices with his sidekick and enabler adam eget norm recounts the milestone moments the regrets the love affairs the times fortune smiled on his life and the times it refused to smile as the clock ticks down norm's debt reaches record heights and he must find a way to evade the hefty price that's been placed on his head by one of the most dangerous loan sharks in the country as a comedy legend should norm peppers these pages with classic jokes and long mythologized hollywood stories this wildly adventurous totally original and absurdly funny saga turns the conventional comic's memoir on its head and gives the reader an exclusive pass inside the mad glorious mind of norm macdonald

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Summary of Norm Macdonald's Based on a True Story

2021-10-20

buy now to get the main key ideas from norm macdonald's based on a true story in based on a true story 2016 norm macdonald pieces together a tale of a once famed canadian comedian who became a saturday night live writer and presenter at the peak of his career norm merges together two plot lines a main one led by himself as he dives deeper and deeper into the world of gambling and morphine abuse and a secondary one led by a fictional ghostwriter terence keane who simultaneously works on typing norm's memoir the two plot lines which are mostly made up eventually unite ultimately forming a comical absurd sarcastic and atypical autobiography one that is merely based on a true story

The Norm Chronicles

2013-05-30

meet norm he's 31 5 9 just over 13 stone and works a 39 hour week he likes a drink doesn't do enough exercise and

2014-10-16

occasionally treats himself to a bar of chocolate milk he s a pretty average kind of guy in fact he is the average guy in this clever and unusual take on statistical risk chance and how these two factors affect our everyday choices watch as norm who like all average specimens feels himself to be uniquely special and his friends careful prudence and reckless kelvin turns to statistics to help him in life s endless series of choices should i fly or take the train have a baby another drink or another sausage do a charity skydive or get a lift on a motorbike because chance and risk aren t just about numbers it s about what we believe who we trust and how we feel about the world around us from a world expert in risk and the bestselling author of the tiger that isn t and creator of bbc radio 4 s more or less this is a commonsense and wildly entertaining guide to personal risk and decoding the statistics that represent it

May Produce Gas

2012-10-04

it seems like the whole world has gone mad his dad s obsessed with gas his best friend has come down with a case of hormones and his brother is in dire need of deodorant looks like there s going to be quite a stink is life still unfair for norm abso flipping lutely jonathan meres follows up may contain nuts and may cause irritation with another laugh out loud story about norm a boy who can t understand why everything always seems unfair

Beyond the Norm

2009-08-31

norm miller shares the kind of wisdom you re not likely to hear from many top executives from a humble beginning as a traveling salesman for interstate he worked his way up to become ceo and chairman miller is a believer in god s power to change lives it was that power that turned his life around after years of drinking as hard as he worked

Creative Quest

2018-04-24

named a most anticipated book of 2018 by esquire popsugar the huffington post buzzfeed publishers weekly a unique new guide to creativity from questlove inspirations stories and lessons on how to live your best creative life questlove musician bandleader designer producer culinary entrepreneur professor and all around cultural omnivore shares his wisdom on the topics of inspiration and originality in a one of a kind guide to living your best creative life in creative quest questlove synthesizes all the creative philosophies lessons and stories he s heard from the many creators and collaborators in his life and reflects on his own experience to advise readers and fans on how to consider creativity and where to find it he addresses many topics what it means to be creative how to find a mentor and serve as an apprentice the wisdom of maintaining a creative

network coping with critics and the foibles of success and the specific pitfalls of contemporary culture all in the service of guiding admirers who have followed his career and newcomers not yet acquainted with his story whether discussing his own life or channeling the lessons he's learned from forefathers such as George Clinton collaborators like D'Angelo or like minded artists including Ava DuVernay David Byrne Björk and others Questlove speaks with the candor and enthusiasm that fans have come to expect creative quest is many things above all a wise and wide ranging conversation around the eternal mystery of creativity

May Cause Irritation

2012-01-05

it might be a dream but norm soon finds that things go from bad to worse when his perfect cousins arrive for a walk if there was one thing worse than spending time with his perfect cousins it was being forced to go on a flipping walk with them what's the point in going for a walk except to get from a to b jonathan meres follows up may contain nuts with another laugh out loud story about norm a boy who can't understand why everything always seems unfair

Horseplay

2020-10

in his first true crime memoir undercover operator norm boucher recounts eight months spent infiltrating Vancouver's heroin scene a world of paranoia ripoffs and violence it is 1983 and the war on drugs is intensifying from his observer's seat in barrooms boucher candidly reveals the lives of heroin addicts who spend each day looking for their next hit their dangerous subculture centred around three gritty hotels on the Granville strip becomes boucher's domain as he attempts both to gain acceptance in a world far removed from his own and to keep himself safe with horseplay decorated RCMP officer norm boucher takes readers back to the assignment that shaped his outlook on the role of criminal law enforcement and the human side of addiction as it collides with the ruthlessness of the drug business

The Tenacity of the Couple-Norm

2020-11-05

the tenacity of the couple norm explores the ongoing strength and insidious grip of couple normativity across changing landscapes of law policy and everyday life in four contrasting national contexts the UK Bulgaria Norway and Portugal by investigating how the couple norm is lived and experienced how it has changed over time and how it varies between places and social groups this book provides a detailed analysis of changing intimate citizenship regimes in Europe and makes a major intervention in understandings of the contemporary condition of personal life the authors develop the feminist concept of

intimate citizenship and propose the new concept of intimate citizenship regime offering a study of intimate citizenship regimes as normative systems that have been undergoing profound change in recent decades against the backdrop of processes of de patriarchalization liberalization pluralization and homonormalization the ongoing potency of the couple norm becomes ever clearer

The Women's Room

2011-07-14

a landmark in feminist literature the women s room is a biting social commentary of a world gone silently haywire written in the 1970s but with profound resonance today this is a modern allegory that offers piercing insight into the social norms accepted blindly and revered so completely today s desperate housewives eat your heart out this is the original and still the best a page turner that makes you think essential reading kate mosse they said this book would change lives and it certainly changed mine jenni murray reading the women s room was an intense and wonderful experience it is in my dna kirsty wark the women s room took the lid off a seething mass of women s frustrations resentments and furies it was about the need to change things from top to bottom it was a declaration of independence observer

Escaping the Giant Wave

2015-03-17

when an earthquake hits on their family vacation can kyle and his sister survive the following tsunami the worst vacation ever thirteen year old kyle thought spending a vacation on the oregon coast with his family would be great he d never flown before and he s never seen the pacific ocean one evening kyle is left in charge of his younger sister beebie while his parents attend an adults only salesman of the year dinner on an elegant yacht then the earthquake comes starting a fire in their hotel as kyle and beebie fight their way out through smoke and flame kyle remembers the sign at the beach that said after an earthquake everyone should go uphill and inland as far from the ocean as possible giant tsunami waves three or four stories high can ride in from the sea and engulf anyone who doesn t escape fast enough kyle and beebie flee uphill as a tsunami crashes over the beach the hotel and the town the giant wave charges straight up the hillside and through the woods where the children are running for their lives the perfect vacation has become a nightmare somehow kyle and beebie have to outwit nature s fury and save themselves from tsunami terror

Educated

2018-02-20

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 one of the best books of the year by the washington post o the oprah magazine time npr good morning america san francisco chronicle the guardian the economist financial times newsday new york post theskimm refinery29 bloomberg self real simple town country hustle paste publishers weekly library journal libraryreads book riot pamela paul kqed new york public library

May Need Rebooting

2014-06-05

the sixth hilarious title in the award winning laugh out loud series the world of norm perfect for fans of tom gates and diary of a wimpy kid norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up and found himself in 18th century france if only he hadn t fallen asleep in history and if only he d done his punishment exercise and if only he could go biking instead of playing stupid football except norm can t go biking why not because his bike s been stolen that s why nightmare it s worse than that it s an abso flipping lute disaster with brilliantly funny illustrations throughout from donough o malley praise for jonathan meres hilarious stuff from one of my comic heroes harry hill jonathan meres is flipping funny eddie izzard

The Effect

2021-12-20

the effect an introduction to research design and causality is about research design specifically concerning research that uses observational data to make a causal inference it is separated into two halves each with different approaches to that subject the first half goes through the concepts of causality with very little in the way of estimation it introduces the concept of identification thoroughly and clearly and discusses it as a process of trying to isolate variation that has a causal interpretation subjects include heavy emphasis on data generating processes and causal diagrams concepts are

demonstrated with a heavy emphasis on graphical intuition and the question of what we do to data when we add a control variable what does that actually do key features extensive code examples in r stata and python chapters on overlooked topics in econometrics classes heterogeneous treatment effects simulation and power analysis new cutting edge methods and uncomfortable ignored assumptions an easy to read conversational tone up to date coverage of methods with fast moving literatures like difference in differences

Welcome to the World of Norm

2016-02-25

norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up with a half polish cockapoo on his head but that s ok because at least there s biking with his best friend mikey to look forward to or at least there was until norm discovers he has to stay in and wait for some stupid parcel to arrive just as well he hasn t got two irritating little brothers and the world s most annoying next door neighbour oh wait a minute he has welcome to the world of norm abso flipping lutely

Born Standing Up

2008-09-04

steve martin has been an international star for over thirty years here for the first time he looks back to the beginning of his career and charmingly evokes the young man he once was born in texas but raised in california steve was seduced early by the comedy shows that played on the radio when the family travelled back and forth to visit relatives when disneyland opened just a couple of miles away from home an enchanted steve was given his first chance to learn magic and entertain an audience he describes how he noted the reaction to each joke in a ledger big laugh or quiet and assiduously studied the acts of colleagues stealing jokes when needed with superb detail steve recreates the world of small dark clubs and the fear and exhilaration of standing in the spotlight while a philosophy student at ucla he worked hard at local clubs honing his comedy and slowly attracting a following until he was picked up to write for tv from here on steve martin became an acclaimed comedian packing out venues nationwide one night however he noticed empty seats and realised he had reached the top of the rollercoaster born standing up is a funny and riveting chronicle of how steve martin became the comedy genius we now know and is also a fascinating portrait of an era

For the Strength of Youth

1966

our dear young men and young women we have great confidence in you you are beloved sons and daughters of god and he is mindful of you you have come to earth at a time of great opportunities and also of great challenges the standards in this

booklet will help you with the important choices you are making now and will yet make in the future we promise that as you keep the covenants you have made and these standards you will be blessed with the companionship of the holy ghost your faith and testimony will grow stronger and you will enjoy increasing happiness

Salt Slow

2019-05-30

the electrifying debut from the winner of the white review short story prize 2018 in her brilliantly inventive and haunting debut collection of stories julia armfield explores the body mapping the skin and bones of her characters through their experiences of isolation obsession love and revenge thrilling a writer whose next move you wouldn t want to miss observer wickedly clever prose and a sense of humour that seems to loom up like a character in itself m john harrison guardian teenagers develop ungodly appetites a city becomes insomniac overnight and bodies are diligently picked apart to make up better ones the mundane worlds of schools and sleepy sea side towns are invaded and transformed creating a landscape which is constantly shifting to hold on to its inhabitants blurring the mythic and the gothic with the everyday salt slow considers characters in motion turning away turning back or simply turning into something new entirely winner of the white review short story prize 2018 armfield is a writer of sharp lyrical prose and tilting dark humour salt slow marks the arrival of an ambitious and singular new voice salt slow is exemplary a distinct new gothic melancholy powerful and poised china miéville author of the city the city armfield is an enormous gut wrenching talent daisy johnson author of everything under truly dazzling so subtle intelligent and imaginative stuart kelly the scotsman

Vanya

1996-07

this is a true story of ivan vanya moiseyev a soldier in the soviet red army who was ruthlessly persecuted and incarcerated for his faith twenty years after his martyrdom vanya s powerful testimony which included angelic visitations and a miraculous appearance of the apostle john continues to change lives you ll be inspired to live for christ in your own world as never before after you experience the gripping story of a believer named vanya

The Negro Motorist Green Book

1999-01-01

the idea of the green book is to give the motorist and tourist a guide not only of the hotels and tourist homes in all of the large cities but other classifications that will be found useful wherever he may be also facts and information that the negro motorist can use and depend upon there are thousands of places that the public doesn t know about and aren t listed perhaps

you know of some if so send in their names and addresses and the kind of business so that we might pass it along to the rest of your fellow motorists you will find it handy on your travels whether at home or in some other state and is up to date each year we are compiling new lists as some of these places move or go out of business and new business places are started giving added employment to members of our race

Revelation

2013-11-07

the final book of the bible revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions grisly images and numerological predictions according to these empires will fall the beast will be destroyed and christ will rule a new jerusalem with an introduction by will self

May Be Contagious

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the fifth hilarious title in the award winning laugh out loud series the world of norm perfect for fans of tom gates and diary of a wimpy kid norm is back and he knows that it s just going to be one of those days before long a dog related injury prevents him from biking and an old friend threatens the one thing even more important to norm than his bike and we re not talking pizza upset plans and upset stomachs norm s out of luck and it may be contagious with brilliantly funny illustrations throughout from donough o malley praise for jonathan meres hilarious stuff from one of my comic heroes harry hill jonathan meres is flipping funny eddie izzard

The Da Vinci Code

2017-09-14

includes an extract from origin the new thriller by dan brown out now harvard professor robert langdon receives an urgent late night phone call while on business in paris the elderly curator of the louvre has been brutally murdered inside the museum alongside the body police have found a series of baffling codes as langdon and a gifted french cryptologist sophie neveu begin to sort through the bizarre riddles they are stunned to find a trail that leads to the works of leonardo da vinci and suggests the answer to a mystery that stretches deep into the vault of history unless langdon and neveu can decipher the labyrinthine code and quickly assemble the pieces of the puzzle a stunning historical truth will be lost forever

Warcross

2015-03-10

for the millions who log in every day warcross isn't just a game it's a way of life struggling to make ends meet teenage hacker emika chen works as a bounty hunter tracking down players who bet on the game illegally when emika hacks into warcross she is shocked when she gets a call from the game's creator with an irresistible offer he needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem and he wants emika for the job in this sci fi thriller 1 new york times bestselling author marie lu conjures an immersive exhilarating world where choosing who to trust may be the biggest gamble of all

When Love Calls

2016-09-03

estimates indicate that as many as 1 in 4 americans will experience a mental health problem or will misuse alcohol or drugs in their lifetimes these disorders are among the most highly stigmatized health conditions in the united states and they remain barriers to full participation in society in areas as basic as education housing and employment improving the lives of people with mental health and substance abuse disorders has been a priority in the united states for more than 50 years the community mental health act of 1963 is considered a major turning point in america's efforts to improve behavioral healthcare it ushered in an era of optimism and hope and laid the groundwork for the consumer movement and new models of recovery the consumer movement gave voice to people with mental and substance use disorders and brought their perspectives and experience into national discussions about mental health however over the same 50 year period positive change in american public attitudes and beliefs about mental and substance use disorders has lagged behind these advances stigma is a complex social phenomenon based on a relationship between an attribute and a stereotype that assigns undesirable labels qualities and behaviors to a person with that attribute labeled individuals are then socially devalued which leads to inequality and discrimination this report contributes to national efforts to understand and change attitudes beliefs and behaviors that can lead to stigma and discrimination changing stigma in a lasting way will require coordinated efforts which are based on the best possible evidence supported at the national level with multiyear funding and planned and implemented by an effective coalition of representative stakeholders ending discrimination against people with mental and substance use disorders the evidence for stigma change explores stigma and discrimination faced by individuals with mental or substance use disorders and recommends effective strategies for reducing stigma and encouraging people to seek treatment and other supportive services it offers a set of conclusions and recommendations about successful stigma change strategies and the research needed to inform and evaluate these efforts in the united states

Ending Discrimination Against People with Mental and Substance Use Disorders

2011-09-01

why on earth did norm s family have to move anyway in their old house he d never tried to pee in anything other than a toilet and when norm is in bed he s kept awake by his dad snoring like a constipated rhinoceros will life ever get less unfair for norm

May Contain Nuts

2020-10-06

the first book in twenty five years from one of our great comic minds the washington post features seinfeld s best work across five decades in comedy since his first performance at the legendary new york nightclub catch a rising star as a twenty one year old college student in fall of 1975 jerry seinfeld has written his own material and saved everything whenever i came up with a funny bit whether it happened on a stage in a conversation or working it out on my preferred canvas the big yellow legal pad i kept it in one of those old school accordion folders seinfeld writes so i have everything i thought was worth saving from forty five years of hacking away at this for all i was worth for this book jerry seinfeld has selected his favorite material organized decade by decade in this trove of laugh out loud one liners associated press you will witness the evolution of one of the great comedians of our time and gain new insights into the thrilling but unforgiving art of writing stand up comedy

Is This Anything?

2022-06-14

from a massively successful stand up comedian and co host of chart topping podcasts 2 bears 1 cave and your mom s house hilarious real life stories of parenting celebrity encounters youthful mistakes misanthropy and so much more tom segura is known for his twisted takes and irreverent comedic voice but after a few years of crazy tours and churning out podcasts weekly all while parenting two young children he desperately needs a second to himself it s not that he hates his friends and family he s not a monster he s just beat which is why his son s ruthless first full sentence i d like to play alone please has since become his mantra in this collection of stories tom combines his signature curmudgeonly humor with a revealing look at some of the ridiculous situations that shaped him and the ludicrous characters who always seem to seek him out the stories feature hilarious anecdotes about tom s time on the road including some surreal encounters with celebrities at airports his unfiltered south american family the trials and tribulations of parenting young children with bizarrely morbid interests and perhaps most memorably experiences with his dad who like any good baby boomer father loves to talk about his bowel movements and share graphic vietnam stories at inappropriate moments all of this is enough to make anyone want some peace and quiet i d

2014-10-16

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like to play alone please will have readers laughing out loud and nodding in agreement with segura s message in a world where everyone is increasingly insane sometimes you just need to be alone

I'd Like to Play Alone, Please

2014-04-08

millions of viewers know and love bob saget from his role as the sweetly neurotic father on the smash hit full house and as the charming wisecracking host of america s funniest home videos and then there are the legions of fans who can t get enough of his scatological out of his mind stand up routines comedy specials and outrageously profane performances in such shows as hbo s entourage and the hit documentary the aristocrats in his bold and wildly entertaining publishing debut he continues to embrace his dark side and gives readers the book they have long been waiting for hilarious and often dirty bob believes there s a time and a place for filth from his never before heard stories of what really went on behind the scenes of two of the most successful family shows of all times with co stars like john stamos and mary kate and ashley olsen to his tales of legendary friends and colleagues like rodney dangerfield richard pryor don rickles and other show business legends saget opens up about some of his personal experiences with life and death his career and his reputation for sick humor all with his highly original blend of silliness vulgarity humor and heart and all framed by a man who loves being funny above all else

Dirty Daddy

2019-09-26

as enjoyable as it is thought provoking jared diamond by the authors of the international bestseller why nations fail based on decades of research this powerful new big picture framework explains how some countries develop towards and provide liberty while others fall to despotism anarchy or asphyxiating norms and explains how liberty can thrive despite new threats liberty is hardly the natural order of things usually states have been either too weak to protect individuals or too strong for people to protect themselves from despotism there is also a happy western myth that where liberty exists it s a steady state arrived at by enlightenment but liberty emerges only when a delicate and incessant balance is struck between state and society between elites and citizens this struggle becomes self reinforcing inducing both state and society to develop a richer array of capacities thus affecting the peacefulness of societies the success of economies and how people experience their daily lives explaining this new framework through compelling stories from around the world in history and from today and through a single diagram on which the development of any state can be plotted this masterpiece helps us understand the past and present and analyse the future in this highly original and gratifying fresco daron acemoglu and jim robinson take us on a journey through civilizations time and locations their narrow corridor depicts the constant and often unstable struggle of society to keep the leviathan in check and of the leviathan to weaken the cage of norms a remarkable achievement that only they could pull off and that seems destined to repeat the stellar performance of why nations fail jean tirole nobel laureate in economics 2014 another outstanding insightful book by acemoglu and robinson on the importance and difficulty of getting

and maintaining a successful democratic state packed with examples and analysis it is a pleasure to read peter diamond nobel laureate in economics 2010 the narrow corridor takes us on a fascinating journey across continents and through human history to discover the critical ingredient of liberty it finds that it s up to each of us that ingredient is our own commitments as citizens to support democratic values in these times there can be no more important message nor any more important book george akerlof nobel laureate in economics 2001 how should we view the current challenges facing our democracies this brilliant timely book offers a simple powerful framework for assessing alternative forms of social governance the analysis is a reminder that it takes vigilance to maintain a proper balance between the state and society to stay in the narrow corridor and avoid falling either into statelessness or dictatorship bengt holmstrom nobel laureate in economics 2016

The Narrow Corridor

2020-02-26

debauched divorced and courting death billy ray schaffer is a comedian who has forgotten how to laugh over the course of seven spun out days across the american southwest he travels from from hell gig to hell gig in search of a reason to keep living in this bleak and violent glimpse into the psyche of a thoroughly ruined man ex inmate ex husband ex father comedian is the only title schaffer has left trapped in the wreckage of his wasted career billy ray knows the answer to the question what happens when the opportunity doesn t come or worse it comes and goes

Running the Light

2022-01-03

a female lawyer must prove a war hero s innocence navy seals hijack a russian warship to stop a north korean missile crisis

Fruit of the Poisonous Tree

2021-10-05

the 1 new york times bestseller named one of variety s best music books of 2021 included in audible s best of the year list a business insider best memoirs of 2021 one of nme s best music books of 2021 so i ve written a book having entertained the idea for years and even offered a few questionable opportunities it s a piece of cake just do 4 hours of interviews find someone else to write it put your face on the cover and voila i have decided to write these stories just as i have always done in my own hand the joy that i have felt from chronicling these tales is not unlike listening back to a song that i ve recorded and can t wait to share with the world or reading a primitive journal entry from a stained notebook or even hearing my voice bounce between the kiss posters on my wall as a child this certainly doesn t mean that i m quitting my day job but it does give me a place to shed a little light on what it s like to be a kid from springfield virginia walking through life

while living out the crazy dreams i had as young musician from hitting the road with scream at 18 years old to my time in nirvana and the foo fighters jamming with iggy pop or playing at the academy awards or dancing with ac dc and the preservation hall jazz band drumming for tom petty or meeting sir paul mccartney at royal albert hall bedtime stories with joan jett or a chance meeting with little richard to flying halfway around the world for one epic night with my daughters the list goes on i look forward to focusing the lens through which i see these memories a little sharper for you with much excitement

The Storyteller

2018-09-04

a sweeping yet intimate narrative about the last hundred years of turbulent european history as seen through one of mitteleuropa s greatest houses and the lives of its occupants when norman eisen moved into the us ambassador s residence in prague returning to the land his mother had fled after the holocaust he was startled to discover swastikas hidden beneath the furniture in his new home these symbols of nazi germany were remnants of the residence s forgotten history and evidence that we never live far from the past from that discovery unspooled the twisting captivating tale of four of the remarkable people who had called this palace home their story is europe s and the last palace chronicles the upheavals that transformed the continent over the past century there was the optimistic jewish financial baron otto petschek who built the palace after world war i as a statement of his faith in democracy only to have that faith shattered rudolf toussaint the cultured compromised german general who occupied the palace during world war ii ultimately putting his life at risk to save the house and prague itself from destruction laurence steinhardt the first postwar us ambassador whose quixotic struggle to keep the palace out of communist hands was paired with his pitched efforts to rescue the country from soviet domination and shirley temple black an eyewitness to the crushing of the 1968 prague spring by soviet tanks who determined to return to prague and help end totalitarianism and did just that as us ambassador in 1989 weaving in the life of eisen s own mother to demonstrate how those without power and privilege moved through history the last palace tells the dramatic and surprisingly cyclical tale of the triumph of liberal democracy

The Last Palace

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before becoming one of the most successful filmmakers in hollywood judd apatow was the original comedy nerd at fifteen he took a job washing dishes in a local comedy club just so he could watch endless stand up for free at sixteen he was hosting a show for his local high school radio station in syosset long island a show that consisted of q as with his comedy heroes from garry shandling to jerry seinfeld thirty years later apatow is still that same comedy nerd and he s still interviewing funny people about why they do what they do sick in the head gathers apatow s most memorable and revealing conversations into one hilarious wide ranging and incredibly candid collection here are the comedy legends who inspired and shaped him the

contemporaries he grew up with in hollywood and the brightest stars in comedy today from mel brooks jerry seinfeld and steve martin to chris rock seth rogen and lena dunham sick in the head is apatow s gift to comedy nerds everywhere

Sick in the Head

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hands on machine learning with r provides a practical and applied approach to learning and developing intuition into today s most popular machine learning methods this book serves as a practitioner s guide to the machine learning process and is meant to help the reader learn to apply the machine learning stack within r which includes using various r packages such as glmnet h2o ranger xgboost keras and others to effectively model and gain insight from their data the book favors a hands on approach providing an intuitive understanding of machine learning concepts through concrete examples and just a little bit of theory throughout this book the reader will be exposed to the entire machine learning process including feature engineering resampling hyperparameter tuning model evaluation and interpretation the reader will be exposed to powerful algorithms such as regularized regression random forests gradient boosting machines deep learning generalized low rank models and more by favoring a hands on approach and using real word data the reader will gain an intuitive understanding of the architectures and engines that drive these algorithms and packages understand when and how to tune the various hyperparameters and be able to interpret model results by the end of this book the reader should have a firm grasp of r s machine learning stack and be able to implement a systematic approach for producing high quality modeling results features offers a practical and applied introduction to the most popular machine learning methods topics covered include feature engineering resampling deep learning and more uses a hands on approach and real world data

Hands-On Machine Learning with R

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