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Examines chivalry in the context of the Middle Ages

The originality of this volume is to reveal to the reader the fascination of some unfamiliar sensory organs that are sometimes ignored and often misunderstood. These receptors have only recently been identified and their functional specificity is in some cases still a matter for discussion. The four classes of sensory organs considered here differ widely from one another in many respects. One might even say that the only thing they have in common is that they belong to cold-blooded vertebrates. These classes are: 1. the directionally sensitive lateral-line mechanoreceptors of fishes and amphibi-ans (Chapter 7); 2. the pseudobranchial organs of some teleosts, equipped with pressoreceptors and at least three other types of receptors (osmo- and chemoreceptors) (Chapter 8); 3. the infrared-sensitive pit organs of some snake families (Chapter 9) ; 4. the various kinds of electroreceptors found in several marine and freshwater fish families (Chapters 2 to 6). The first three classes of receptors mentioned above thus rate only one chapter each, whereas five chapters are devoted to the electroreceptors. Electroreception has aroused enormous interest among physiologists in specialties ranging from molecular biology to animal behavior. The resulting quantity of research and discussion fully justifies this disproportion. However, it cannot be denied that the contents of the volume must appear unbalanced and heterogeneous, yet it should not be perceived as a mere juxtaposition of particular and unrelated cases.

Annabelle Doll is eight years old-she has been for more than a hundred years. Not a lot has happened to her, cooped up in the dollhouse, with the same doll family, day after day, year after year. . . until one day the Funcrafts move in.

This invaluable reference combines shopping advice, setup guidance, and user tips for all things electronic.

Freshwater Algae: Identification and Use as Bioindicators provides a comprehensive guide to temperate freshwater algae, with additional information on key species in relation to environmental characteristics and implications for aquatic management. The book uniquely combines practical material on techniques and water quality management with basic algal taxonomy and the role of algae as bioindicators. Freshwater Algae: Identification and Use as Bioindicators is divided into two parts. Part I describes techniques for the sampling, measuring and observation of algae and then looks at the role of algae as bioindicators and the implications for aquatic management. Part II provides the identification of major genera and 250 important species. Well illustrated with numerous original illustrations and photographs, this reference work is essential reading for all practitioners and researchers concerned with assessing and managing the aquatic environment.

Prominin-1 or otherwise known as CD133 is a glycoprotein that is present in humans and mice. Since the first description of prominin in 1997, in mouse neuroepithelial cells and in human hematopoietic stem cells as AC133 antigen, this molecule has aroused a large interest especially, as a stem cell marker, that gave rise to an ever growing body of publications and more recently its expression in cancer stem cells. Controversies as to its role as a cancer stem and its detection in different models, as well as its use as a prognostic marker have emerged. Yet, beyond its use as a stem cell and cancer stem cell marker, prominin-1/CD133 displays unique biological features and appears of importance in other processes like for example in retinal biogenesis. Indeed, this five--transmembrane plasma membrane glycoprotein, which marks membrane protrusions is associated with several essential processes like cell polarity, asymmetric cell division and membrane remodeling. We propose to review current knowledge about this intriguing molecule and present pertinent information to determine the biological role of prominins and assess their importance in medicine and cancer research. The primary audience for this book is geared towards scientists and research-

ers with interest in cancer stem cells, stem cells, cell biology, neurobiology, and regenerative medicine.

Lexi Laney and Clare Hart grew up together having wondrous adventures across picturesque Nantucket. And when it was time to share intimate secrets and let their imaginations run free, they escaped to their private hideaway: Moon Shell Beach. But nothing stays the same. With the complicated pressures of adulthood, their intense bond is frayed, hurtful words are exchanged, and Lexi flees Nantucket to a life of luxury while Clare stays behind. Ten years later, a newly divorced Lexi returns to make amends with those she left in her wake--particularly Clare, who still simmers with resentment toward her friend. Their emotional reunion is beset with major challenges, as Lexi's return sets off a series of startling events. And as Clare's life takes an abrupt detour, Lexi wonders if the happiness and peace they once knew on Moon Shell Beach will, in the end, prove to be as fleeting as time and the tide.

Entomological research benefits from a great diversity of technical approaches - from the molecular to the descriptive - and these are applied to an even greater diversity of insect species. As a consequence, common themes and trends in entomological research can often be overlooked as each researcher focuses on his or her own area of interest. The purpose of this volume is to bring together diverse areas of research under one common theme. The book is divisible into four conceptual areas: the structural biology of the midgut; digestion and transport; the insect midgut as a target for control strategies; and the idgut as an environment for other organisms. Each chapter is written by scientists active in the reviewed research area and a truly international team of contributors has been chosen by the editors. Biology of the Insect Midgut will be of immense use to advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students, and researchers in entomology, physiology and pest control.

Sixteen-year-old Mimi has some important decisions to make: whether she wants to spend her senior year with her mother or her father, and whether or not to give up on boys.

Guided by the philosophy of biomimetics, the authors combine sound biologic principles with an overriding respect for the natural intact tooth to achieve esthetic satisfaction in the restoration of the anterior dentition. A checklist of fundamental esthetic criteria is presented, and treatment planning, diagnostics, tooth preparation, laboratory procedures, adhesive luting procedures, and maintenance protocols are carefully detailed.

Exquisite photographic portraits of flowders and magical depictions of their life cycle are presented by world-renowned photographer Tenneson. Full color.

Singapore's leading tech magazine gives its readers the power to decide with its informative articles and in-depth reviews.

The original, instant classic which set the world afire. The first book to introduce the phenomenon that is the life story and work of Vivian Maier. A good street photographer must be possessed of many talents: an eye for detail, light, and composition; impeccable timing; a populist or humanitarian outlook; and a tireless ability to constantly shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot and never miss a moment. It is hard enough to find these qualities in trained photographers with the benefit of schooling and mentors and a community of fellow artists and aficionados supporting and rewarding their efforts. It is incredibly rare to find it in someone with no formal training and no network of peers. Yet Vivian Maier is all of these things, a professional nanny, who from the 1950s until the 1990s took over 100,000 photographs worldwide—from France to New York City to Chicago and dozens of other countries—and yet showed the results to no one. The photos are amazing both for the breadth of the work and for the high quality of the humorous, moving, beautiful, and raw images of all facets of city life in America's post-war golden age. It wasn't until local historian John Maloof purchased a box of Maier's negatives from a Chicago auction house and began collecting and championing her marvelous work just a few years ago that any of it saw the light of day. Presented here for the first time in print, Vivian Maier: Street Photographer collects the best of her incredible,

unseen body of work. Please note that all blank pages in the book were chosen as part of the design by the publisher.

Offers information and statistics about all of the hottest games, tips and tricks for gamers, and interviews from gaming's biggest personalities, including game developers and pro gamers.

Inselbergs are isolated rock outcrops that stand out abruptly from surrounding plains. Despite the widespread occurrence of granite inselbergs throughout all climatic and vegetational zones, their remarkably rich plant life was largely neglected in the recent literature. This richly and partly in color illustrated volume provides a detailed survey of all major abiotic and biotic features characteristic for inselbergs. The extreme environmental conditions on inselbergs are described in depth as well as specific adaptive traits of rock outcrop plants including their morphological, anatomical and physiological responses. The diversity and structure of inselberg plant communities are examined on a global scale with detailed regional accounts for different tropical and temperate zones.

In this book, David Pereira leads you on an edifying and inspiring journey into the depths of the HDR photographer's digital darkroom. Through his lucid, in depth, and step-by-step tutorials on HDR, you will quickly master the essential ingredients of professional-looking HDR images, while learning how to surmount the common pitfalls of HDR photography that stymie most novices. Some of the best HDR programs such as Photomatix and HDR Efex are discussed in detail. Furthermore, entire chapters devoted to tutorials on image manipulation via layers in Photoshop will transform you into a master digital artist, capable of harnessing the power of Photoshop, even if you have no prior knowledge of it. Separate chapters on the intricacies of Composition and Color Theory will fashion you into a consummate photographer, capable of framing landscapes with a photographer's eye for maximum evocative power. Finally, an entire chapter is devoted to the nuances of Color Management, so that your prints match what you see on-screen. To top it off, all of the raw photographs used by the author to create HDR images are available for download on his website, <http://www.pixelsandpaintstrokes.com>.

Since 1958 the Maritime Administration has continuously conducted instructions in use of collision avoidance radar for qualified U.S. seafaring personnel and representatives of interested Federal and State Agencies.Beginning in 1963, to facilitate the expansion of training capabilities and at the same time to provide the most modern techniques in training methods, radar simulators were installed in Maritime Administration's three region schools.It soon became apparent that to properly instruct the trainees, even with the advanced equipment, a standardize up-to-date instruction manual was needed. The first manual was later revised to serve both as a classroom textbook and as an onboard reference handbook.This newly updated manual, the fourth revision, in keeping with Maritime Administration policy, has been restructured to include improved and more effective methods of plotting techniques for use in Ocean, Great Lakes, Coastwise and Inland Waters navigation.Robert J. BlackwellAssistant Secretary for Maritime Affairs

Olafur Eliasson is based in Berlin where he has established Studio Olafur Eliasson, a laboratory for spatial research. His work explores the relationship between individuals and their surroundings, as experienced in his awe-inspiring large-scale installation The weather project (2003) at Tate Modern, London. Kjetil Thorsen is co-founder of Snoehetta, one of Scandinavia's leading architectural practices, with offices in Oslo and New York. The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt 1995-2001, is the commission that brought Snoehetta to international acclaim.

In recent years, heavy metals have been widely used in agricultural, chemical, domestic, and technological applications, causing environmental and soil contaminations. Heavy metals enter the plant system through soil or via the atmosphere, and can accumulate, affecting physiological processes, plant growth, yield, and human health if heavy metals are stored in edible tissues. Understanding the regulation mechanisms of plant heavy metals accumulation and partitioning is important to improve the safety of the food chain. In this Special Issue book, a total of 19 articles were included; four reviews covering phytoremediation, manganese phytotoxicity in plants, the effect of

cadmium on plant development, the genetic characteristics of Cd accumulation, and the research status of genes and QTLs in rice, respectively, as well as fifteen original research articles, mainly regarding the impact of cadmium on plants. Cadmium was therefore the predominant topic of this Special Issue, increasing the attention of the research community on the negative impacts determined by cadmium or cadmium associated with other heavy metals. The articles have highlighted a great genetic variability, suggesting different possibilities for accumulation, translocation and the reduction or control of heavy metal toxicity in plants.

A local Singaporean magazine dedicated to photography and videography.

The CCN Proteins are thought to play key roles in the biology of normal cell, tissue, organ, and body, and altered expression of CCN proteins is associated with several pathologies, including fibrosis and cancer. Because of its importance, the CCN field is expanding at a fast pace. Research articles in this field have recently increased logarithmically, and a book that is up-to-date, comprehensive, authoritative and affords insights into the biological roles of CCN proteins, is timely. CCN Protein: A New Family of Cell Growth and Differentiation Regulators presents the most recent progress in the field of CCN proteins, a new family of secretory signaling molecules that are involved in several fundamental biological progress. These proteins share a unique multimodular organization and

present a partial identity with four families of regulatory proteins controlling growth and development. The book covers the roles of CCN proteins in the control of cell proliferation and differentiation during normal development, wound repair, chondrogenesis and bone development, angiogenesis, tissue regeneration, fibrosis, renal diseases and cancer development. Contents: The CCN Family of Proteins: An Overview (B Perbal & M Takigawa) Roles of CCN2/CTGF in the Control of Growth and Regeneration (M Takigawa et al.) Integrin-Mediated CCN Functions (L F Lau & S C-T Lam) Expression and Roles of CCN2 During Odontogenesis (M Kanyama et al.) CCN Genes and the Kidney (B L Riser et al.) CCN Proteins in Liver Injury and Disease (A W Rachfal & D R Brigstock) Genetic Analysis of CCN Gene Function in Mammalian Development (L M Dornbach & K M Lyons) CCN Family in Embryonic Development (Non-Mammalian Models) (B Latinkic) CCN3 Expression and its Role During Development (K-I Katsube) Regulation of CCN Proteins by Alternations of the Cytoskeleton (B Chaqour & M Goppelt-Strube) Pathogenesis of Systemic Sclerosis and CCN2 (Connective Tissue Growth Factor) (K Takehara) Function and Regulation of CCN5 (M R Gray & J J Castellot Jr) CCN3: A Multifunctional Signaling Regulator (N Planque et al.) CCN Proteins and Connexins: Interactions and Growth Control (C Fu et al.) The Role of CCN1 in Tumorigenesis and Cancer Progression (J O'Kelly & H P Koeffler) CCN4 and CCN6 Variants in Wnt-Inducible Signaling Pathway (S Tanaka) Readership: Biochemists, biologists, molecular biologists, physiologists, pathologists, and medical and dental doc-

tors interested in the study of CCN proteins, growth factors, extracellular matrix proteins, signaling molecules, and mechanisms of gene expression. Key Features: First such book in the CCN field Chapters are written by the most prominent specialists in the field Keywords: Cyr 61; CTGF; NOV; WISP; Elm-1; rCop-1; Growth Factor; Extracellular Matrix; Signaling; Gene Expression; Cancer Fibrogenesis

For nearly twenty years, Holly Hobbie fans have been delighted and charmed by the winsome girls in bonnets who grace the famous greeting cards. Now they and others will find additional delight in this book of watercolors. Holly's career as an artist and her life as a mother have been inextricably related. In this book, through personal selection of her paintings, she affectionately chronicles the life of her growing family as it has been reflected over the years in her work. The images and anecdotes of her three children growing up, often funny and endearing, tell a universal story. At the same time, we are given a privileged view of a young woman's gradual development as an artist. She talks about her early unexpected success, the sources of her art, her methods and her aspirations.

The first published descriptions of different dinosaur and other fossil remains from southern England, first published in 1822.