

Whose Life Is It Anyway

For the small church that doesn't have a lot of time to prepare, here is an ideal Christmas program and order of worship. It can be presented as part of a Sunday school program or a Sunday worship service. This play reminds us that the simplicity of God's gift to us -- his son, Jesus -- dims all the glitter and glitz of the commercial Christmas season. Based around the familiar song The Friendly Beasts, this short program brings us the true message of Christmas through the words of two donkeys, three doves, four cows, and four sheep. Their reflections reassure a young boy who wonders if we all have forgotten whose birthday is it anyway? Costume suggestions are included, and an opportunity for the children to share their Christmas ornaments and angel food cake with the congregation is incorporated into the program. The lines are short and easy to learn, and, with the help of the friendly beasts, we are reminded of the powerful reason for the season, Jesus' birthday

When Deborah Thomson met Wayne, she was a shy, introverted 24-year-old student. He was a loud charismatic young man. His temper was an issue but one she hoped they could work on. Four years later, the married couple now ran a business together, and their first child was born. Yet, any dreams of peaceful family life were quickly crushed by Wayne's increasingly violent and controlling behaviour. Life turned into a cycle of hope, fear and pain, and her marriage into a prison from which there was no escaping. It lasted 17 years. Based on the journals the author kept throughout the ordeal, *Whose Life Is It Anyway* is a chilling memoir of her agonising years living and working with her abuser. "A powerful, frightening story, highlighting a world I do not understand, fortunately a world the author has escaped from." - Ian Waller, Burnie, Tasmania

Sadly, people living in abusive situations face a shocking reality of life. And these people are people just like you and me. This is Deborah Thomson's story. How she came to be in an abusive situation and how she regained her strength and self-confidence to leave the abusive situation. Abuse may be threefold. Firstly, there is the direct abuse by the perpetrator. Secondly, on another level, the suffering can be intensified when there is no remorse by the abuser. Thirdly, an often ignored area, is the judgment of others. When friends, family or the general public find out about the abuse and judge the sufferer for either staying with the abuser or leaving. Thomson explains how someone can find themselves in an abusive situation and then how, with compassion and support from others, they can regain their dignity and life. This is compelling reading for everyone to understand how vulnerable we all are and the signs to watch for.

An evocative exploration of the impact of the Mediterranean on British culture, ranging from the mid-eighteenth century to today Ever since the age of the Grand Tour in the eighteenth century, the Mediterranean has had a significant pull for Britons—including many painters and poets—who sought from it the inspiration, beauty, and fulfillment that evaded them at home. Referred to as “Magick Land” by one traveler, dreams about the Mediterranean, and responses to it, went on to shape the culture of a nation. Written by one of the world’s leading historians of the Mediterranean, this book charts how a new sensibility arose from British engagement with the Mediterranean, ancient and modern. Ranging from Byron’s poetry to Damien Hirst’s installations, Robert Holland shows that while idealized visions and aspirations often met with disillusionment and frustration, the Mediterranean also offered a notably insular society the chance to enrich itself through an imagined world of color, carnival, and sensual self-discovery.

Life is full of opportunity for 20-somethings, but it's also far more pressured than ever before. Whether it's the proliferation or the homogeneity

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of images of beauty and success that wallpaper our world, we know what a beautiful woman looks like - and we know what a perfect life looks like too. We live in a world that floods us with expectations about everything - from what we should weigh to what we should wear to how often we should be having sex and how much money we should be making. As a consequence, we begin to feel that we need to tick all these boxes in order to have 'the Perfect Life'. When we inevitably fall short, we feel anxious - we feel that we are failing and have the sense we are losing control. As a result, increasing numbers of young women are battling with issues such as anxiety, low self-esteem, bullying, perfectionism, toxic friendships and relationships, pressure to succeed or conform, and poor body image. At an age when life should be exciting, fun and relatively care-free, more and more young women are adrift and struggling. Dr Linda Papadopoulos understands the issues and has the experience to guide and support young women to help get their lives back on track so they can feel happier, more confident, more in control. *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* offers valuable insight and practical self-help to empower women to throw off the burden of expectation and start leading the lives they want to lead.

In the prevailing liberal ethos, if there is one thing that is beyond the reach of others, it is our body in particular, and our person in general: our legal and political tradition is such that we have the right to deny others access to our person and body, even though doing so would harm those who need personal services from us, or body parts. However, we lack the right to use ourselves as we wish in order to raise income, even though we do not necessarily harm others by doing so---even though we might in fact benefit them by doing so. Cécile Fabre's aim in this book is to show that, according to the principles of distributive justice which inform most liberal democracies, both in practice and in theory, it should be exactly the other way around: that is, if it is true that we lack the right to withhold access to material resources from those who need them, we also lack the right to withhold access to our body from those who need it; but we do, under some circumstances, have the right to decide how to use it in order to raise income. More specifically, she argues in favour of the confiscation of body parts and personal services, as well as of the commercialization of organs, sex, and reproductive capacities.

A dramatised case study of a quadriplegic who requested the hospital authorities to withdraw his life support systems in order that he may die with dignity.

Raises the question of a person's right to death with a story about a paralyzed automobile victim who wishes to be permitted to die rather than be kept alive by mechanical means while his doctor maintains it is his professional duty to maintain life.

Invitation to the Life Course: Toward New Understandings of Later Life discusses in depth the challenges of age, time, and social contexts for the study of aging and later life. Understanding aging (as a process) and later life (as a period) must be accompanied by serious attention to the life course. This brings significant challenges related to time, as gerontologists must describe and explain life patterns over many decades. It also brings significant challenges related to place, as gerontologists must examine how social contexts structure pathways into and through later life, and how those contexts affect the nature and meaning of experiences along the way. This book is a natural extension of the editor's previous work, *"Lives in Time and Place: The Problems and Promises of Developmental Science"* (Baywood, 1999).

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

World-renowned folklorist Maria Tatar reveals an astonishing but long buried history of heroines, taking us from Cassandra and

Scheherazade to Nancy Drew and Wonder Woman. *The Heroine with 1,001 Faces* dismantles the cult of warrior heroes, revealing a secret history of heroism at the very heart of our collective cultural imagination. Maria Tatar, a leading authority on fairy tales and folklore, explores how heroines, rarely wielding a sword and often deprived of a pen, have flown beneath the radar even as they have been bent on redemptive missions. Deploying the domestic crafts and using words as weapons, they have found ways to survive assaults and rescue others from harm, all while repairing the fraying edges in the fabric of their social worlds. Like the tongueless Philomela, who spins the tale of her rape into a tapestry, or Arachne, who portrays the misdeeds of the gods, they have discovered instruments for securing fairness in the storytelling circles where so-called women's work—spinning, mending, and weaving—is carried out. Tatar challenges the canonical models of heroism in Joseph Campbell's *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, with their male-centric emphases on achieving glory and immortality. Finding the women missing from his account and defining their own heroic trajectories is no easy task, for Campbell created the playbook for Hollywood directors. Audiences around the world have willingly surrendered to the lure of quest narratives and charismatic heroes. Whether in the form of Frodo, Luke Skywalker, or Harry Potter, Campbell's archetypal hero has dominated more than the box office. In a broad-ranging volume that moves with ease from the local to the global, Tatar demonstrates how our new heroines wear their curiosity as a badge of honor rather than a mark of shame, and how their "mischief making" evidences compassion and concern. From Bluebeard's wife to Nancy Drew, and from Jane Eyre to Janie Crawford, women have long crafted stories to broadcast offenses in the pursuit of social justice. Girls, too, have now precociously stepped up to the plate, with Hermione Granger, Katniss Everdeen, and Starr Carter as trickster figures enacting their own forms of extrajudicial justice. Their quests may not take the traditional form of a "hero's journey," but they reveal the value of courage, defiance, and, above all, care. "By turns dazzling and chilling" (Ruth Franklin), *The Heroine with 1,001 Faces* creates a luminous arc that takes us from ancient times to the present day. It casts an unusually wide net, expanding the canon and thinking capaciously in global terms, breaking down the boundaries of genre, and displaying a sovereign command of cultural context. This, then, is a historic volume that informs our present and its newfound investment in empathy and social justice like no other work of recent cultural history.

A doctor, a justice, a planter, an entrepreneur, a farmer and other similarly placed workers met and provided their own perspectives on 'life' and what 'the life' means to them. Although some of them are real life stories they are presented with pseudo names. How all of them 'live their lives' or how 'the life lives their lives' described in the first chapter of the book. In other chapters, how the extraordinary, self-automated engineering marvel of the human body architecture with the 'life' inside withstands and survives the influences, pressures, and winds of changes of different kinds at different times of forces and factors on its voyage in the turbulent waters of the sea of life are explained. Also, the interconnectedness of the 'life' within the body and outside the body is discussed. Interdependence and interconnection with one another of various organisms and with every other human and every other thing in the world are detailed highlighting the importance of holistic approach to life. Finally, how the inbuilt nature of being spiritual will help to navigate safely, successfully with meaning and purpose the life's voyage with the adoption of the holistic way of life is brought out in detail in the book. Keywords: Life, Living The Life, Three Pillars, Role Playing, Materialism, Better World, Saving The Life, Being Spiritual, Holistic Way Of Life, Mindfulness Meditation, Dalai Lama Covid-19 has shown how vulnerable society, our economy, and day-to-day lives are to illness, but despite this we have not yet valued the pivotal role of good health. Our healthcare system is now an illness service with little resilience, importing illness rather than exporting health into communities, not leveraging the digital technology innovations harnessed in other industries. *Whose Health Is It, Anyway?* outlines why health is truly our most untapped opportunity for prosperity and happiness in the 21st century, individually and jointly as whole nations.

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Through collectively valuing health - civil society and the private sector - we can radically change the wider health environment which will pay off for all. This book outlines how a 21st century healthcare system should expand the founding principles of the NHS, from illness to a true health service, and encompass a National Care Service. The authors outline the entities and processes that could underpin a new total health system, one that could serve to take us into a happier and more prosperous future.

Don't Leave the Story of Your Life up to Chance: Pick up the Pen! ¿ Not sure where to start on what you want to do next? ¿ Got dreams, and ready to stop just thinking about them? ¿ Tired of just being kinda "blah" about life? If you answered "yes" to any or all of the above, in *Whose Life is This Anyway?! Making Your Life Your Story*, Keturah Jenkins takes you on a light-hearted journey that is engaging, and also lights up your creative side (yes, you do have one). Keturah helps remind you that you are in fact the author of your life, and that with every thought, action and choice, you are writing your own story. The absolute beauty of this is that because you're in charge of writing your story, when something about your life isn't working for you, you can start a revision. This workbook helps you clear away the fluff to figure out what you want, and also guides you through how to bring it into reality. Keturah does this by asking you simple questions about some not-so-simple topics in a way that really gets you thinking, and keeps you interested all along the way. Remember: Every day you are writing the story of your life. Why not make it a story that amazes you?

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.

We live, by consensus, in an Age of the Metropolis, and the vast preponderance of scholarship about contemporary urban life has focused on the phenomenon of big-city life. But that is an approach that overlooks the smaller cities and towns where many of us choose to live. *Whose Culture Is It, Anyway? Community Engagement in Small Cities* is a major contribution to the growing body of literature on the special character and value of small cities, especially aspects of their unique culture. This book, in focusing on community-engagement in the arts in small cities, offers particular and theoretical perspectives on small cities in Canada and beyond. *Whose Culture Is It Anyway? Community Engagement in Small Cities* extends the project, begun in *The Small Cities Book: On the Cultural Future of Small Cities*, by examining the cultural dynamics of the small city in a wide-ranging context, now looking at activities in an array of geographies, economies, and cultural settings, as well as particularities such as the inner city, brownfield sites, an online conference on the art of engagement, and cultural indicators. Contributors from a number of disciplines examine the cultural life of small urban centres - in the fine and performing arts, in the critical literature, in public artworks, in parks and walking, and in other amenities through which a community expresses its cultural aspirations. The purpose, as stated in the editors' introduction, is to offer in critical context a body of well-researched studies of community engagement, studies that bring together dynamic aspects of cultural, social, political, economic realities in living community. The relation between culture and instrumentality, the importance of the local and specific, the regeneration of the urban by means of cultural activities, the value and contribution of small city studies, the movement toward an interdisciplinary research methodology -- indeed a wide-ranging re-valuation of the creative sector: all of these are addressed by *Whose Culture Is It, Anyway?* More specifically, and collectively, the writers and

creative artists have approached their work in a particular way, viewing cultural events through a particular lens: that of community engagement -- a working concept far from definitional clarity. Often categorized with community development, community participation, community organization, community mobilization, community-based art, social practice, relational aesthetics, plus many allied terms, community engagement, for their purposes, remains a term of intellectual and practical choice. *Whose Culture Is It, Anyway?* includes contributions by Bruce Baugh, Bill Bissett, Ila Crawford, Nancy Duxbury, Alexander Forbes, Kathleen Irwin, Terry Kading & Christopher Walmsley, Caffyn Kelley, Ernie Kroeger, Lucy Lippard, Adelheid Mers, Judith Miller, Bernard Momer, Maureen F. Rogers & Barry P. Brockley, Si Transken, and Savannah Walling.

This is a collection of poetry written throughout the writer's married life. They include a variety of subjects and issues, both sad and humorous, which most readers will be able to relate to. They are very rhythmic and easy to read and perfect for poetry novices. In early modern Catholic Europe and its colonies priests frequently developed close relationships with pious women, serving as their spiritual directors during their lives, and their biographers after their deaths. In this richly illustrated book, Jodi Bilinkoff explores the ways in which clerics related to those female penitents whom they determined were spiritually gifted, and how they conveyed the live stories of these women to readers. The resulting popular literatures of hagiography and spiritual autobiography produced hundreds of texts designed to establish models of behavior for the Catholic faithful in the period between the advent of printing and the beginning of the modern age. Bilinkoff finds that confessional relations and the texts that document them reveal much about gender and social values. She uses life narratives, primarily from Spain, but also from France, Italy, Portugal, Spanish America, and French Canada, to examine the ways in which clerics presented female penitents as exemplary, and how they constructed their own identities around their interactions with exceptional women. These multilayered texts, she suggests, offer compelling accounts of individuals caught up in the pursuit of holiness, and provide a key to understanding the resilience of Catholic culture in an age of religious change and conflict.

The illusion that ethnography is a matter of sorting strange and irregular facts into familiar and orderly categories—this is magic, that is technology—has long since been exploded. What it is instead, however, is less clear. That it might be a kind of writing, putting things to paper, has now and then occurred to those engaged in producing it, consuming it, or both. But the examination of it as such has been impeded by several considerations, none of them very reasonable. One of these, especially weighty among the producers, has been simply that it is an unanthropological sort of thing to do. What a proper ethnographer ought properly to be doing is going out to places, coming back with information about how people live there, and making that information available to the professional community in practical form, not lounging about in libraries reflecting on literary questions. Excessive concern, which in practice usually means any concern at all, with how ethnographic texts are constructed seems like an unhealthy self-absorption—time wasting at best, hypochondriacal at worst. The advantage of shifting at least part of our attention from the fascinations of field work, which have held us so long in thrall, to those of writing is not only that this difficulty will become more clearly understood, but also that we shall learn to read with a more percipient eye. A hundred and fifteen years (if we date our

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profession, as conventionally, from Tylor) of asseverational prose and literary innocence is long enough.

In *Whose Life Is It Anyway?*, psychologist Nina Brown helps readers evaluate their family ties and decide if they are so caught up in others' needs that they neglect their own health and happiness. She gives readers a variety of techniques for shielding themselves from the demands of their loved ones, building strong boundaries, checking their tendency toward excessive empathy, and staying free of dominating or manipulative relationships.

In this brilliantly conceived and written biography, Pulitzer Prize-winning Kenneth Silverman gives us the long and amazing life of the man eulogized by the *New York Herald* in 1872 as "perhaps the most illustrious American of his age." Silverman presents Samuel Morse in all his complexity. There is the gifted and prolific painter (more than three hundred portraits and larger historical canvases) and pioneer photographer, who gave the first lectures on art in America, became the first Professor of Fine Arts at an American college (New York University), and founded the National Academy of Design. There is the republican idealist, prominent in antebellum politics, who ran for Congress and for mayor of New York. But most important, there is the inventor of the American electromagnetic telegraph, which earned Morse the name Lightning Man and brought him the fame he sought. In these pages, we witness the evolution of the great invention from its inception as an idea to its introduction to the world—an event that astonished Morse's contemporaries and was considered the supreme expression of the country's inventive genius. We see how it transformed commerce, journalism, transportation, military affairs, diplomacy, and the very shape of daily life, ushering in the modern era of communication. But we discover as well that Morse viewed his existence as accursed rather than illustrious, his every achievement seeming to end in loss and defeat: his most ambitious canvases went unsold; his beloved republic imploded into civil war, making it unlivable for him; and the commercial success of the telegraph engulfed him in lawsuits challenging the originality and ownership of his invention. *Lightning Man* is the first biography of Samuel F. B. Morse in sixty years. It is a revelation of the life of a fascinating and profoundly troubled American genius.

What's this book about? That depends on who you ask. Our humble narrator thinks he's got a great story for you, but a scallywag pirate, a ravenous dinosaur, and an alien beg to differ. Soon a whole cast of colorful characters is breaking in to take over the story. If they could all get on the same page, this might just be the best story ever.

Pastries, poinsettias, piano playing, and presents. What can this all mean? Piper Pig was perplexed. This pretty, perky pig pondered and persisted in pursuing the truth. Was it Christmas or was it someone's birthday? Or...could it be both? Join Piper Pig on the path to finding the truth!

In her fifth novel, *Keeping It In the Family*, Sinéad Moriarty has done it again: taken a complex topic - what happens when a young woman falls in love with someone dramatically different than the kind of man her family would have expected - and created an insightful, gripping and moving story filled with delightfully sparky characters, plenty of straight-talking, and all her trademark fun and humour. In balancing of light and shade, pathos and comedy, Sinéad manages to pull off a unique feat - a story that combines the provocative qualities of a Jodi Picoult story with the warmth and humour of Marian Keyes. It's tricky for Niamh O'Flaherty,

growing up in a North London home that's a shrine to all things Irish. But it's even trickier being an adult and realizing that her family expects her to settle down with a nice Irish lad, especially now that she's living in Dublin. When Niamh finally meets the love of her life he is the last person she would expect to fall for her. Pierre is older and an intellectual, but she loves his ability to laugh at himself, his calmness and strength of character, and, of course, his stunning looks. There's just one problem: if Pierre's parents - Jean and Fleur - are sniffy about their pride and joy hooking up with a girl who writes a fluffy newspaper column, her parents, Mick and Annie, are going to go ballistic when they hear that their daughter intends to marry someone who couldn't be less Irish if he tried . . . Sinéad Moriarty's novels have sold over half a million copies in Ireland and the UK and she is a four times nominee for the popular fiction Irish Book Award. She has won over readers and critics telling stories that are funny, humane, moving and relevant to modern women. Keeping It In the Family is Sinéad at her very best. (It is also published under the title Whose Life Is It Anyway?) Sinéad Moriarty lives with her family in Dublin. Her other titles are: The Baby Trail; A Perfect Match; From Here to Maternity; In My Sister's Shoes; Pieces of My Heart; Me and My Sisters and This Child of Mine.

Discusses the idea that mainstream culture has generally represented the mother/daughter relationship as one of never-ending conflict This book discusses feature films that enrich our understanding of doctor-patient dilemmas. The book comprises general clinical ethics themes and principles and is written in accessible language. Each theme is discussed and illuminated in chapters devoted to a particular film. Chapters start with a discussion of the film itself, which shares details behind the making of the film; box-office and critical reception; casting; and other facts about production. The chapter then situates the film in a history of medicine and medical sociology context before it delves into the clinical ethics issues in the film, and how to use it as a teaching aid for clinical ethics. Readers will understand how each film in this collection served to bring particular clinical ethics issues to the public's attention or reflected medico-legal issues that were part of the public discourse. The book is a perfect instructor's guide for anyone teaching bioethics, healthcare ethics, medical sociology, medical history, healthcare systems, narrative medicine, or nursing ethics.

Whose Book is it Anyway? is a provocative collection of essays that opens out the copyright debate to questions of open access, ethics, and creativity. It includes views – such as artist's perspectives, writer's perspectives, feminist, and international perspectives – that are too often marginalized or elided altogether. The diverse range of contributors take various approaches, from the scholarly and the essayistic to the graphic, to explore the future of publishing based on their experiences as publishers, artists, writers and academics. Considering issues such as intellectual property, copyright and comics, digital publishing and remixing, and what it means (not) to say one is an author, these vibrant essays urge us to view central aspects of writing and publishing in a new light. Whose Book is it Anyway? is a timely and varied collection of essays. It asks us to reconceive our understanding of publishing, copyright and open access, and it is essential reading for anyone invested in the future of publishing.

Create the life you want. All you need is a simple plan. Easy but eye opening, "Whose Business Is It Anyway?" will help you organize and better understand the people involved in your daily living, both personal and professional.

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“Maude Barlow is one of our planet’s greatest water defenders.” — Naomi Klein, bestselling author of *This Changes Everything* and *The Shock Doctrine* The Blue Communities Project is dedicated to three primary things: that access to clean, drinkable water is a basic human right; that municipal and community water will be held in public hands; and that single-use plastic water bottles will not be available in public spaces. With its simple, straightforward approach, the movement has been growing around the world for a decade. Today, Paris, Berlin, Bern, and Montreal are just a few of the cities that have made themselves Blue Communities. In *Whose Water Is It, Anyway?*, renowned water justice activist Maude Barlow recounts her own education in water issues as she and her fellow grassroots water warriors woke up to the immense pressures facing water in a warming world. Concluding with a step-by-step guide to making your own community blue, Maude Barlow’s latest book is a heartening example of how ordinary people can effect enormous change.

In the 1970s, two events in particular, the William Tyndale School and James Callaghan's Ruskin speech, generated extensive media coverage and political activity and became 'watersheds' along the path to political and educational reform. This has shaped the system of school and governments in the 1990s. This book revisits Tyndale and Ruskin and examines their legacy. Drawing on contemporary accounts of a number of key individuals who were involved in those watershed events, it recasts their stories in the light of current changes in education. The book explores the extent to which both these events shifted assumptions about education and provided the rationale for policy changes. It argues that fundamental questions need to be asked about the nature of the reform agenda and in particular, the balance of power. It also places the reform agenda within an international context.

Football has never seemed so distant from its fans. Many have been alienated by the greed and shameless self-interest of the Premier League, and no one can predict how the global game will look post-pandemic. In *Whose Game Is It Anyway?*, Sunday Times best-selling author Michael Calvin searches for a reason to believe. Written at the height of the Covid-19 crisis, the book is a thought-provoking, deeply personal account of the role sport - and particularly football - plays in everyday life. Part memoir, part manifesto, it takes the reader on a tour of the world's greatest sporting occasions and into its outposts in sub-Saharan Africa, the Amazon Basin and the Southern Ocean. Drawn from Calvin's experience as an award-winning sportswriter, covering every major sports event over 40 years in more than 80 countries, it offers first-hand insight into such icons as Muhammad Ali, Maradona and Sir Bobby Charlton. With settings ranging from a jungle clearing to

a township in apartheid South Africa, this is sport as you've never seen it before.

The Grand Design, by eminent scientist Stephen Hawking, is the latest blockbusting contribution to the so-called New Atheist debate, and claims that the laws of physics themselves brought the Universe into being, rather than God. In this swift and forthright reply, John Lennox, Oxford mathematician and author of God's Undertaker, exposes the flaws in Hawking's logic. In lively, layman's terms, Lennox guides us through the key points in Hawking's arguments - with clear explanations of the latest scientific and philosophical methods and theories - and demonstrates that far from disproving a Creator God, they make his existence seem all the more probable.

Returning home after a rescue mission, James Wolfe discovers disgraced celebrity Caitlin Moore living in his apartment in order to keep clear of the paparazzi.

A sympathetic illustrated guide to learning to live with your mind--even when it tries to trick you. Most of us spend our lives trailing after our minds, allowing our brains to take us in directions that are safe and secure, controlled and conformed. Your mind doesn't want you to take that new job, sign up for that pottery class, or ask someone out. It wants you to stay unemployed, unfulfilled, and single because it enjoys routine and is resistant to change, no matter how positive the change may be. But more often than not, that's not what you want. Whose Mind Is It Anyway? will help you learn how to separate what you want from what your brain wants and how to do less when your mind is trying to trick you into doing more. In a colorful, funny, and nonthreatening way, it answers the difficult question of how we can take control of our self-defeating behaviors. Filled with charming illustrations, this book will be the friendly voice in your head to counter your negative thoughts, and it will teach you how to finally be at peace with all that you are.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author's

friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together

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