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Quiet Revolution in Welfare Economics - Michael Albert 2017-03-14
This ambitious work presents a critique of traditional welfare theory and proposes a new approach to it. Radical economists Robin Hahnel and Michael Albert argue that an improved theory of social welfare can consolidate and extend recent advances in microeconomic theory, and generate exciting new results as well. The authors show that once the traditional "welfare paradigm" is appropriately modified, a revitalized welfare theory can clarify the relationship between individual and social rationality a task that continues to be of interest to mainstream and nonmainstream economists alike. Hahnel and Albert show how recent work in the theory of the labor process, externalities, public goods, and endogenous preferences can advance research in welfare theory. In a series of important theorems, the authors extend the concept of Pareto optimality to dynamic contexts with changing preferences and thus highlight the importance of institutional bias. This discussion provides the basis for further analysis of the properties and consequences of private and public enterprise and of markets and central planning. Not surprisingly, Hahnel and Albert reach a number of conclusions at odds with conventional wisdom. Originally published in 1990. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.
Descent Into Slavery? - Des Griffin 1980

A story of the power-crazed Internationalists and the methods they employ in steering various nations towards total social and financial ruin in preparation for their ultimate absorption into the planned world-wide dictatorship. It covers globalisation and the New World Order.

Lettere dal fronte - Federico Adamoli 2013-12-24

Con l'ingresso dell'Italia nel primo conflitto mondiale i direttori dei periodici teramani affidarono al Corriere Abruzzese la pubblicazione di un Bollettino della Guerra, il cui primo numero uscì il 30 maggio 1915, con l'intento di «esaudire un voto non solo del Comitato per l'organizzazione Civile, ma della cittadinanza, desiderosa di essere tenuta sollecitamente informata dalle notizie di guerra». Inoltre il Corriere si fece promotore di un abbonamento eccezionale per i soldati, i quali potevano ricevere il periodico due volte la settimana; l'iniziativa ebbe grande successo e presto iniziarono ad essere pubblicate le numerosissime lettere che giungevano dal fronte, ed alle quali le pagine del periodico dedicò largo spazio (soprattutto nei primi due anni del conflitto) nella rubrica "Il saluto dei nostri soldati". La presente pubblicazione è un'antologia di lettere ed articoli pubblicati negli anni del conflitto. Indice: La guerra raccontata dalle pagine del Corriere; Lettere dal fronte; Articoli ed episodi di guerra; Elenco degli articoli pubblicati sul Corriere Abruzzese; Elenco alfabetico dei militari che hanno scritto dal fronte; Indice dei personaggi.

The King of Trees - Acheng 2010

Three classic novellas--The King of Trees, The King of Chess, The King of Children--that completely altered the landscape of contemporary Chinese fiction.

The Monopoly of Credit - C H (Clifford Hugh) 1879- Douglas 2021-09-09

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Kiss of Crimson - Lara Adrian 2010

He comes to her more dead than alive, a towering black-clad stranger riddled with bullets and rapidly losing blood. As she struggles to save him, veterinarian Tess Culver is unaware that the man calling himself Dante is no man at all, but one of the Breed, vampire warriors engaged in a desperate battle. In a single erotically charged moment Tess is plunged into his world—a shifting, shadowed place where bands of Rogue vampires stalk the night, cutting a swath of terror. Haunted by visions of a dark future, Dante lives and fights like there is no tomorrow. Tess is a complication he does not need—but now, with his brethren under attack, he must shield Tess from a growing threat that includes Dante himself. For with one reckless, irresistible kiss, she has become an inextricable part of his underworld realm...and his touch awakens her to hidden gifts, desires, and hungers she never knew she possessed. Bonded by blood, Dante and Tess must work together to thwart deadly enemies, even as they discover a passion that transcends the boundaries of life itself....

The Game of Empire - Poul Anderson 2011-09-29

DOMINIC FLANDRY HAS FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT. But fight, scheme and betray he might to stave it off, with the inevitability of physical law the Long Night of interstellar barbarism approaches. He has known that for 50 years - just as he has known that a lost cause may be the only one worth fighting for. That is why he has devoted his life (that part of it not devoted to the decadent pleasures of a decadent civilisation) to providing a few more years of peace and plenty for uncounted billions of sentient beings. But now Dominic is of an age more suited to deciding the fate of empires from behind the throne; others must take up the challenge of courting danger on strange planets filled with creatures stranger still. Such a one, with her faithful Tigery companion, now enters the galactic stage. Her name is Diana. Though her career is just beginning, two things are certain: illegitimate or not, she's the true daughter of Dominic and... SHE'LL DO HER OLD MAN PROUD!

The Romance Reader - Pearl Abraham 1997-04-01

In one of the most exciting debuts in years, Pearl Abraham--who grew up in a Hasidic community herself--presents the story of Rachel, a girl caught between the strictly controlled world of ultra Orthodox Judaism and the seductive yearnings of her own heart. Both a coming-of-age story and a brave, beautifully rendered expose of a hidden, insular world . . . heartrending.--Elle.

Delle Frascherie di A. Abati fasci tre - Antonio ABATI 1672

The Cathedral of Fear - Irene Adler 2015-09-01

Irene's family has moved to Evreux, Normandy. Soon after arriving at her new home, she is approached by a mysterious woman who mutters some strange words about Irene's mother being in danger, before vanishing into thin air. It's just the first in a series of unsettling events that Irene, Sherlock, and Lupin must decipher. The three sleuths questions will lead them to a secret crypt far beneath the streets of Paris and to an ancient relic that it is rumored to be worth a fortune. But how far will someone go to obtain the priceless treasure? Secrets and twists await the young detectives at every turn as they solve the case of The Cathedral of Fear.

Becoming Abigail - Chris Abani 2006-03-01

"Compelling and gorgeously written, this is a coming-of-age novella like no other. Chris Abani explores the depths of loss and exploitation with what can only be described as a knowing tenderness. An extraordinary,

necessary book."—Cristina Garcia, author of *Dreaming in Cuban* "Abani's voice brings perspective to every moment, turning pain into a beautiful painterly meditation on loss and aloneness."—Aimee Bender, author of *The Girl in the Flammable Skirt* "Abani's empathy for Abigail's torn life is matched only by his honesty in portraying it. Nothing at all is held back. A harrowing piece of work."—Peter Orner, author of *The Esther Stories* Tough, spirited, and fiercely independent Abigail is brought as a teenager to London from Nigeria by relatives who attempt to force her into prostitution. She flees, struggling to find herself in the shadow of a strong but dead mother. In spare yet haunting and lyrical prose reminiscent of Marguerite Duras, Abani brings to life a young woman who lives with a strength and inner light that will enlighten and uplift the reader. Chris Abani is a poet and novelist and the author, most recently, of *GraceLand*, which won the 2005 PEN/Hemingway Prize, a Silver Medal in the California Book Awards, and was a finalist for several other prizes including the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. His other prizes include a PEN Freedom-to-Write Award, a Prince Claus Award, and a Lannan Literary Fellowship. He lives and teaches in California.

Blackwood - Celia Aaron 2016-11-28

I dig. It's what I do. I'll literally use a shovel to answer a question. Some answers, though, have been buried too deep for too long. But I'll find those, too. And I know where to dig—the Blackwood Estate on the edge of the Mississippi Delta. Garrett Blackwood is the only thing standing between me and the truth. A broken man—one with desires that dance in the darkest part of my soul—he's either my savior or my enemy. I'll dig until I find all his secrets. Then I'll run so he never finds mine. The only problem? He likes it when I run. Author's Note: This is a mystery/suspense romance with violence and explicit/intense sex. If you need a trigger warning, then this isn't the book for you.

Murder Suicide - Keith Russell Ablow, MD 2005-06-13

The only forensic psychiatrist writing suspense, Keith Ablow is being hailed as the heir to Thomas Harris. Keith Ablow's novels delve deep into that dark and deadly place that Ablow, one of the nation's leading forensic psychiatrists, knows best: the psyche of a killer. Ablow has explored the catacombs of the criminal mind to find out what makes them tick, and he brings that expertise to his new novel, a chilling and emotionally compelling story of the lengths to which one man will go to leave his own life behind. In *Murder Suicide*, Ablow and his alter-ego, Dr. Frank Clevenger, return to take on a murder case like no other. John Snow is a brilliant inventor who has made millions from his genius in aeronautics. He has everything a man could desire: wealth, family, even a beautiful mistress. But he also has a brain disease, a rare form of epilepsy, that threatens his most valuable possession -- his mind. Only one doctor may be able to cure it surgically, but at a terrible cost, one that Snow reveals to no one: Snow will have no memory whatsoever of his past - of its emotional entanglements or its secrets. He will be abandoning everyone he has ever known. But the night before he is scheduled to undergo the operation, he is found near the Massachusetts General Hospital, dead of a gunshot wound. Did he commit suicide, as the police suspect - or was he murdered? Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Frank Clevenger delves into Snow's complex past and tortured relationships to unlock the identity of Snow's killer: Was it the wife who can never forgive what he's done to their child and their marriage, the son who loathes him, the beautiful mistress who loves him so deeply but can never have him, or the business partner intent on taking control of his inventions? Only Frank Clevenger can unlock the door to Snow's startling past. And only Keith Ablow can take readers even further into the mind of a killer.

C Programming in easy steps, 5th edition - Mike McGrath 2018-11-05

C Programming in easy steps, 5th edition has an easy-to-follow style that will appeal to anyone who wants to begin programming in C, from programmers moving from another programming language, to the student who is studying C programming at school or college, or to those seeking a career in computing who need a fundamental understanding of procedural programming. *C Programming in easy steps, 5th edition* begins by explaining how to download and install a free C compiler so that you can quickly begin to create your own executable programs by copying the book's examples. You need have no previous knowledge of any programming language so it's ideal for the newcomer to computer programming. Each chapter builds your knowledge of C. *C Programming in easy steps, 5th edition* contains separate chapters on the major features of the C language. There are complete example programs that demonstrate each aspect of C together with screenshots that illustrate the output when that program has been executed. The free, downloadable sample code provided via the In Easy Steps website all has

coloured syntax-highlighting for clearer understanding. By the end of this book you will have gained a sound understanding of the C language and be able to write your own C programs and compile them into executable files that can be run on any compatible computer. Fully updated and revised since the fourth edition, which was published in April 2012 - now covers the GNU Compiler version 6.3.0 and Windows 10. Table of Contents: Getting started Storing variable values Setting constant values Performing operations Making statements Employing functions Pointing to data Manipulating strings Building structures Producing results Reference Section

The End of Finance - Massimo Amato 2013-12-19

This new book by two distinguished Italian economists is a highly original contribution to our understanding of the origins and aftermath of the financial crisis. The authors show that the recent financial crisis cannot be understood simply as a malfunctioning in the subprime mortgage market: rather, it is rooted in a much more fundamental transformation, taking place over an extended time period, in the very nature of finance. The 'end' or purpose of finance is to be found in the social institutions by which the making and acceptance of promises of payment are made possible - that is, the creation and cancellation of debt contracts within a specified time frame. Amato and Fantacci argue that developments in the modern financial system by which debts are securitized has endangered this fundamental credit/debt structure. The illusion has been created that debts are universally liquid in the sense that they need not be redeemed but can be continually sold on in increasingly extensive global markets. What appears to have reduced the riskiness of default for individual agents has in fact increased the fragility of the system as a whole. The authors trace the origins of this profound transformation backwards in time, not just to the neoliberal reforms of the 1980s and 90s but to the birth of capitalist finance in the mercantile networks of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. This long historical perspective and deep analysis of the nature of finance enables the authors to tackle the challenges we face today in a fresh way - not simply by tinkering with existing mechanisms, but rather by asking the more profound question of how institutions might be devised in which finance could fulfil its essential functions.

Parecon - Michael Albert 2004-05-17

An answer to the constant economic query put to economic and globalization activists.

The New Rulers of the World - John Pilger 2003-04-17

Pilger tackles the injustices and double standards inherent in the politics of globalization and exposes the terrible truth behind the power and wealth of states and corporations.

Which Way Western Man - William Gayley Simpson 2019-11-27

The widely traveled William Gayley Simpson discusses his experiences and his very deep observations about the decay of Western Civilization. *Prophecy and Power* - Adonis 2021-06-28

Heralded as the greatest living Arab poet, Syrian-born Adonis is also a staunch critic of violence and despotism in the Islamic world. In this book Adonis explores the nature of political power in Islam by focusing on the figure of the prophet Mohammed as both a political and a mythical leader. In conversation with Houria Abdelouahed, he examines the Qu'ranic intervention in establishing the prophet's power, especially when the text is read based on faith and not reason. The authors discuss the historical developments before and after the prophet's death which established the power of the Caliph or the leader as absolute. The second part of the book examines the consequences of these developments in the Arab and Islamic world today, where this 'tyrannical' understanding of power continues to hold sway. In chapters on women, the notion of love and the relationship between East and West, they examine the ways in which this notion of power operates in the Arab and Islamic world as well as how it continues to inform the Muslim world's relationship to and interaction with others. The authors conclude with a call for secularism in the Arab world and a passionate plea for the separation of religion from the political, legal and social spheres. Building on the earlier volume *Violence and Islam*, this new book by one of the greatest literary figures in the world today will be of interest to a wide general readership.

Sacred - Eliette Abécassis 2003

Sacred is the heart-breaking love story of a young woman and her husband, who live in the old part of the city in Jerusalem. After 10 years of a loving relationship without children, Rachel's husband is forced by custom to reject her. Does she dare to tell the truth - or will she let her beloved husband marry another?

The Invitation - Rachel Abbott 2020-04-16

That's the thing about old friends... they never let you forget. The first time Jemma and Matt were invited to Polskirrin - the imposing ocean-view home belonging to Matt's childhood friend Lucas Jarrett - it was for an intimate wedding that ended in tragedy. Jemma will never forget the sight of the girl's pale body floating listlessly towards the rocky shore. Now, exactly one year later, Jemma and her husband have reluctantly returned at Lucas's request to honor the anniversary of an event they would do anything to forget. But what Lucas has in store for his guests is nothing like a candlelight vigil. Someone who was there that night remembers more than they'll admit to, and Lucas has devised a little game to make them tell the truth. Jemma believes she and Matt know nothing about what happened to that woman... but what if she's wrong? Before you play a deadly game, make sure you can pay the price... From the four-million-copy bestselling author of *Sleep Tight* comes a psychological thriller that will have you gripped until the last page. Perfect for fans of *Something in the Water*, *The Woman in the Window* and *The Silent Patient*. What readers are saying about Rachel Abbott: "I wish I would have discovered this author sooner because this was one of the very best books ever!!!!!" Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "OMG!... once I start reading these I just couldn't put them down." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Wow. Wow. Wow. And if that isn't enough to tell you how much I LOVED this book, here's a bit more. This author always manages to capture me from the first moment and hold me in until the very last word." Angela Marsons, #1 bestselling author "Spellbindingly good. It was hard to put this book down. A gripping tale." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Unbearably tense, with a killer twist." Good Housekeeping "A properly addictive, leave-the-light-on thriller." Red Magazine "I couldn't put it down until its heart-stopping conclusion." Robert Bryndza, #1 bestselling author "A dark and gripping psychological crime thriller which had me hooked from the first page." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Read all today could NOT put it down." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

[The End of Money and the Future of Civilization](#) - Thomas Greco 2009-06-04

Like the proverbial fish who doesn't know what water is, we swim in an economy built on money that few of us comprehend, and, most definitely, what we don't know is hurting us. Very few people realize that the nature of money has changed profoundly over the past three centuries, or—as has been clear with the latest global financial crisis—the extent to which it has become a political instrument used to centralize power, concentrate wealth, and subvert popular government. On top of that, the economic growth imperative inherent in the present global monetary system is a main driver of global warming and other environmental crises. *The End of Money and the Future of Civilization* demystifies the subjects of money, banking, and finance by tracing historical landmarks and important evolutionary shifts that have changed the essential nature of money. Greco's masterful work lays out the problems and then looks to the future for a next stage in money's evolution that can liberate us as individuals and communities from the current grip of centralized and politicized money power. Greco provides specific design proposals and exchange-system architectures for local, regional, national, and global financial systems. He offers strategies for their implementation and outlines actions grassroots organizations, businesses, and governments will need to take to achieve success. Ultimately, *The End of Money and the Future of Civilization* provides the necessary understanding—for entrepreneurs, activists, and civic leaders—to implement approaches toward monetary liberation. These approaches would empower communities, preserve democratic institutions, and begin to build economies that are sustainable, democratic, and insulated from the financial crises that plague the dominant monetary system.

The Money Illusion - Irving Fisher 2014-03-27

In economics, money illusion refers to the tendency of people to think of currency in nominal, rather than real, terms. In other words, the numerical/face value (nominal value) of money is mistaken for its purchasing power (real value). This is false, as modern fiat currencies have no inherent value and their real value is derived from their ability to be exchanged for goods and used for payment of taxes. The term was coined by John Maynard Keynes in the early twentieth century. Almost every one is subject to the "Money Illusion" in respect to his own country's currency. This seems to him to be stationary while the money of other countries seems to change. It may seem strange but it is true that we see the rise or fall of foreign money better than we see that of our own.-IRVING FISHER

[The Ecology of Money](#) - R. J. Douthwaite 1999

This text explains why money has different effects according to its origins and purposes. It shows that to build a just and sustainable world,

money creation must be democratized and the payment of interest on money in circulation scrapped.

The Man With The Broken Ear - Edmond About 2022-09-04

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The Lost Science of Money - Stephen Zarlenga 2002

[The Federal Reserve Conspiracy](#) - Antony Sutton 1995-02-05

Another fine and extremely well researched work by Antony C. Sutton. An expose' of the people and forces behind the takeover of the US economy by the Federal Reserve system, on behalf of the oligarchs. A must for anyone interested in the inner workings of US politics and economics, and the concealed reasons for current events. This is the first book that details hour by hour the events that led up to passage of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 - and the many decades of work and secret planning that private bankers had invested to obtain their money monopoly.

[The Mysterious Key](#) - Louisa May Alcott 2020-08-23

A short novella set in England, Louisa May Alcott's *The Mysterious Key* and *What It Opened* is a classic tale for children about a person who must look for a family-tomb to find love. A story of hidden ties and of prophesies, and the tragedy of life and death the silver key unlocked.

Father Amorth - Fr. Gabriele Amorth 2018-10-31

Tall and balding with laughing eyes and a welcoming smile, Father Gabriele Amorth spent decades battling the Devil one-on-one, performing literally tens of thousands of exorcisms. When Father Amorth died in 2016, he was the world's most famous exorcist, a legendary, miraculous chaser of demons. To the many he served, Father was a godsend, freeing them from years of demonic oppression; to others, he was just a crank - an extremist priest who saw the Devil everywhere. Now, in these never-before-published interviews, Father Amorth takes you into his private world, giving you a harrowing vision of his daily battles with the Devil. Here you won't meet a wizard or a crazy man. Instead, you'll encounter a solid Christian and a humble priest, one who jokes and takes life as God - or the Devil! - hands it to him. Not only will you learn from Father how he proceeds and why; you'll discover the source of his profound faith and remarkable courage: strengths essential not only to exorcists, but to every person who would truly love and serve God. Indeed, with the help of these fascinating pages, you, too, can come to have the same strengths as Father Gabriele Amorth, the fearless exorcist who daily fought Satan . . . and won.

Blue Diablo - Ann Aguirre 2009-04-07

Read Ann Aguirre's posts on the Penguin Blog "Gritty, steamy and altogether wonderful urban fantasy."—New York Times Bestselling Author Patricia Briggs View our feature on Ann Aguirre's *Blue Diablo*. "Right now, I'm a redhead. I've been blonde and brunette as the situation requires, though an unscheduled color change usually means relocating in the middle of the night. So far, I'm doing well here. Nobody knows what I'm running from. And I'd like to keep it that way..." Eighteen months ago, Corine Solomon crossed the border and wound up in Mexico City, fleeing her past, her lover, and her "gift". Corine, a handler, can touch something and know its history—and sometimes, its future. Using her ability, she can find the missing—and that's why people never stop trying to find her. People like her ex, Chance... Chance, whose uncanny luck has led him to her doorstep, needs her help. Someone dear to them both has gone missing in Laredo, Texas, and the only hope of finding her is through Corine's gift. But their search may prove dangerous as the trail leads them into a strange dark world of demons and sorcerers, ghosts and witchcraft, zombies—and black magic...

[Murach's C# 2015](#) - Anne Boehm 2016-02-06

This book gets you off to a fast start by showing you how to use Visual Studio 2015, C# 6.0, and the .NET 4.6 classes to develop Windows Forms applications. Next, it shows you the best techniques for developing object-oriented applications. Then, it shows you how to handle data a must in business development using data sources, ADO.NET code, and the Entity Framework for database data and LINQ for data structures like arrays and collections. Along the way, it gives you the core C# and Visual Studio skills that you need to develop any C# application whether for Windows, the web, or mobile devices. In short, No other core C# book teaches you so much, so fast, or so thoroughly.

Fire on the Mountain - Edward Abbey 2011-08-21

A New Mexico man faces off against the government in a battle over his land in this novel by the author of *Desert Solitaire*. After nine months away at school, Billy Vogelin Starr returns home to his beloved New Mexico—only to find his grandfather in a standoff with the US government, which wants to take his land and turn it into an extension of the White Sands Missile Range. Facing the combined powers of the US county sheriff, the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the US Air Force, John Vogelin stands his ground—because to Vogelin, his land is his life. When backed into a corner, a tough old man like him will come out fighting . . . *Fire on the Mountain* is a suspenseful page-turner by “one of the very best writers to deal with the American West”—the acclaimed author of such classics as *The Monkey Wrench Gang* and the memoir *Desert Solitaire* (The Washington Post). “Abbey is a fresh breath from the farther reaches and canyons of the diminishing frontier.” —Houston Chronicle

The People of the Wind - Poul Anderson 2011-09-29

Like two giants the old enemies faced each other across the reaches of the galaxy - the Terran Empire and the Ythrian Domain. Terra was a Leviathan, encroaching ever further among the stars, promising peace and prosperity - but at the price of freedom. Ythri was smaller, but an empire in its own right, peopled by birdlike beings with a civilisation and intellect that easily matched Terra's own. And between the adversaries lay Avalon. One single planet, inhabited by human and Ythri alike. Both sides wanted to claim Avalon, by persuasion or by force, for it was a key world that could turn the tide of the war. But Avalon had developed a unique culture, a powerful blend of human and Ythrian thought. And Avalon had ideas of its own....

[Banking and Currency and the Money Trust](#) - Charles August Lindbergh 1913

The Babylonian Woe - David Astle 2015-04-15

Every conclusion arrived at as a result of study of the fragments of information available in respect to money and its creators in the world of the Ancient Civilizations, indicates the existence of a far reaching conspiracy in respect to monetary issuance influencing the progression of man's history in the earliest times of which written record exists. It is also outstandingly clear that it was parent to that acknowledged and most obvious conspiracy such as exists today. Hence was able to develop that conspiracy against mankind most exemplified by a continuous propaganda of hate against all authority: in pre-antiquity and antiquity against the many city gods, and in relatively modern times against the kings that rose out of the ruins of that which had been Rome. As those controlling totally the economic life of a state through monetary creation and emission, must have felt that kings and gods were more of a nuisance than anything else, the instigators of this conspiracy in whatever place and era, obviously were those who first did the business of bankers; the controllers of values, and consequently the economic life of the states wherever the precious metal standard was used.

A History of Celibacy - Elizabeth Abbott 2000

This surprise bestseller from Canada traces the groups and individuals who are part of a timeless phenomenon that transcends culture and religion. Joan of Arc was one. So was Sir Isaac Newton. A monk vows to be one. A prisoner has no choice. History tells of many avowed celibates, and today's society reflects a renewed interest in celibacy. But what caused -- and still causes -- people to give up sex, the very activity that drives, fascinates, troubles, and delights the rest of us? Elizabeth Abbott's spirited and provocative exploration of celibacy debunks the traditionally held notion that celibacy is a predominantly religious concept of little concern to the secular world. With myriad examples, Abbott's lively history reveals insights not only about our religious practices but also about our sexual desires and changing attitudes toward gender and physical health. From the vestal virgins of ancient Rome, who were entombed alive if they broke their vows, to contemporary athletes, who "conserve semen" to enhance their game, from celibacy as a guarantee for marriage to involuntary celibacy among prisoners, eunuchs, and young women cloistered against their will, Abbott puts a human face on celibacy, capturing the anguish of the castrated boy destined for an operatic career, the ecstasy of the woman whose celibacy is rewarded by visions of Christ, and the anger of the bachelor doomed by the surplus of males in contemporary China. What didn't happen in the bedrooms of history, and why? Through stories of individual lives -- fascinating, vital, and real -- *A History of Celibacy* tells all.

The Truth in Money Book - Theodore R. Thoren 1989

The Soprano's Last Song - Irene Adler 2014-08-01

Irene Adler, Sherlock Holmes, and Arsène Lupin planned to reunite in London, but Lupin doesn't show up...his father, Théophraste, has been arrested for murder!

[The Homecoming Party](#) - Carmine Abate 2010

Set in the Southern Italian countryside, the story of young Marco, his elder sister Elisa, and his father who must migrate to France in search of work is told in alternating voices.

The Architect - Keith Russell Ablow, MD 2007-04-01

Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Frank Clevenger returns with another frightening journey into the mind of a killer ... West Crosse is a stunningly brilliant, strikingly handsome architect with a love of ideal beauty and a commitment to achieving it at any cost. But the rich, powerful families who secretly engage him to design their homes don't know his dark side: Crosse can't stop at designing their dwellings. He needs to make their lives more perfect, too, even if it means a gut rehab of the family, even if the final design takes years to achieve--murdering an abusive spouse, a toxic lover, a predatory business partner or an unwanted child. As Crosse is about to embark on the master work of his creative life, the FBI puts Frank Clevenger on the case, and the ultimate cat and mouse game begins. “Keith Ablow's *The Architect* is original, well written, and very suspenseful. West Crosse is a complex, unforgettable bad guy.” —James Patterson, New York Times Bestselling author of *Cat and Mouse*