

Atlas Obscura Explorers Journal

*From the author of **The Latehomecomer**, a powerful memoir of her father, a Hmong song poet who sacrificed his gift for his children's future in America. In the Hmong tradition, the song poet recounts the story of his people, their history and tragedies, joys and losses; extemporizing or drawing on folk tales, he keeps the past alive, invokes the spirits and the homeland, and records courtships, births, weddings, and wishes.*

*Following her award-winning book **The Latehomecomer**, Kao Kalia Yang now retells the life of her father Bee Yang, the song poet, a Hmong refugee in Minnesota, driven from the mountains of Laos by America's Secret War. Bee lost his father as a young boy and keenly felt his orphanhood. He would wander from one neighbor to the next, collecting the things they said to each other, whispering the words to himself at night until, one day, a song was born. Bee sings the life of his people through the war-torn jungle and a Thai refugee camp. But the songs fall away in the cold, bitter world of a Minneapolis housing project and on the factory floor until, with the death of Bee's mother, the songs leave him for good. But before they do, Bee, with his poetry, has polished a life of poverty for his children, burnished their grim reality so that they might shine. Written with the exquisite beauty for which Kao Kalia Yang is renowned, **The Song Poet** is a love story -- of a daughter for her father, a father for his children, a people for their land, their traditions, and all that they have lost.*

*A graphic novel that makes embarrassment into something hilarious – and normal. You're not alone! No way are you the first kid who ever tripped and fell in public. Or spilled water on your pants so it looked like... you know! For those moments and more, here's, the book that understands what you're going through when you get caught farting in class. Laugh-out-loud funny yet enormously compassionate, **So Embarrassing** is a comics-style compilation of stories about awkward and embarrassing situations for kids. Written and drawn by Charise Mericle Harper, the bestselling creator of the **Just Grace** series, **So Embarrassing** combines humor, science facts (what happens when we blush, for example), tips for quickly recovering from a cringe-worthy situation, and practical advice—like what to say to comfort a totally embarrassed friend.*

This stunning volume delves into the extraordinary illustrated notebooks of Alexander von Humboldt's journeys through the Americas, which reveal the graphic musings of an intrepid explorer, a writer and philosopher, and the father of the environmental movement. At the dawn of the 19th century, the Prussian explorer Alexander von Humboldt was granted permission to charter an expedition to Spain's colonies in the New World. Over the course of five years, Humboldt would travel to the Orinoco and Amazon rivers, predict the agricultural and commercial potential of Cuba, climb higher in the Andes than anyone before him, and acknowledge the achievements of the ancient indigenous American civilizations. And he recorded it all in a series of diaries. On occasion of the 250th anniversary of Humboldt's birth, the drawings from these diaries are now available in a large format, slip-cased edition. Structured thematically, the 450 illustrations have been painstakingly reproduced, complete with handwritten

notes, ink stains and water spots. Humboldt drew everything he saw--Incan ruins, electric eels, the transit of Mercury, silver mines, and ocean currents. In addition to being remarkably well preserved, these drawings offer tremendous insight into Humboldt's prescient observations. Featuring commentary by a renowned expert on Humboldt's work, this breathtaking volume will bring to life one of history's most accomplished thinkers, while providing fascinating reading for anyone interested in history and nature.

Warning -- this book contains top-secret information about butterflies! Prepare to be shocked and grossed out by this hilarious and totally true picture book introduction to a fascinating insect. Butterflies are beautiful and quiet and gentle and sparkly . . . but that's not the whole truth. Butterflies can be GROSS. And one butterfly in particular is here to let everyone know! Talking directly to the reader, a monarch butterfly reveals how its kind is so much more than what we think. Did you know some butterflies enjoy feasting on dead animals, rotten fruit, tears and even poop? Some butterflies are loud, like the Cracker butterfly. Some are stinky -- the smell scares predators away. Butterflies can be sneaky, like the ones who pretend to be ants to get free babysitting. This hilarious and refreshing book with silly and sweet illustrations explores the science of butterflies and shows that these insects are not the stereotypically cutesy critters we often think they are -- they are fascinating, disgusting, complicated and amazing creatures.

A Memoir

A Food Adventurer's Guide

Crap Taxidermy

Cake

Scenic Science of the National Parks

199 Cemeteries to See Before You Die

A Memoir of My Father

It's time to get off the beaten path. Inspiring equal parts wonder and wanderlust, Atlas Obscura celebrates over 700 of the strangest and most curious places in the world. Talk about a bucket list: here are natural wonders—the dazzling glowworm caves in New Zealand, or a baobab tree in South Africa that's so large it has a pub inside where 15 people can drink comfortably. Architectural marvels, including the M.C. Escher-like stepwells in India. Mind-boggling events, like the Baby Jumping Festival in Spain, where men dressed as devils literally vault over rows of squirming infants. Not to mention the Great Stalacpipe Organ in Virginia, Turkmenistan's 40-year hole of fire called the Gates of Hell, a graveyard for decommissioned ships on the coast of Bangladesh, eccentric bone museums in Italy, or a weather-forecasting invention that was powered by leeches, still on display in Devon, England. Created by Joshua Foer, Dylan Thuras and Ella Morton, ATLAS OBSCURA revels in the weird, the unexpected, the overlooked, the hidden and the mysterious. Every page expands our sense of how strange and marvelous the world really is. And with its compelling descriptions, hundreds of

photographs, surprising charts, maps for every region of the world, it is a book to enter anywhere, and will be as appealing to the armchair traveler as the die-hard adventurer. Anyone can be a tourist. ATLAS OBSCURA is for the explorer. "Discover a fresh perspective on America's National Parks in a stunning illustrated guide featuring fascinating science, fun trivia, and helpful insider travel tips for all sixty parks. What caused the stone arches in Arches National Park? Why are Yellowstone's geothermal pools such wild colors? How did the Badlands get their name? America's sixty National Parks are some of the most beautiful unique, and biodiverse places on earth, and are visited by millions annually. Home to some of our most treasured species of animals and plants, as well as some of the most striking geological features--like mountains, rock arches, caves, volcanoes, and geysers--the parks are also scientific playgrounds, where visitors can learn about botany, geology, and wildlife first hand. Scenic Science of the National Parks curates and breaks down the most compelling natural science highlights of each park, from volcanic activity, glaciers, and coral reefs to ancient redwood groves, herds of bison, giant bats, and beyond. Highlighting information on the history and notable features of each park, as well as cool insider travel tips vetted by National Park Service park rangers, this book makes a fun addition to any park lover's book collection"--

Let your curiosity be your compass! Created by the same brilliant, intrepid team who wrote Atlas Obscura and reinvented the travel book for a new generation, comes a traveler's journal that belongs in every backpack, carry-on, messenger bag—or, when not abroad, on the desk, open for keeping notes for the next journey. This ruggedly handsome and sturdy blank journal features a storage pocket in the back (just right for ticket stubs, receipts, boarding passes, and more). The paper is high quality and printed with a variety of lines and grids, perfect for keeping track of itineraries, writing down impressions, making lists, sketching maps and sites, noting discoveries, and more. In addition, the journal includes practical reference, like time zones, weights and measures, and seasonal climate charts. And there's an appendix of inspiration—a brief guide, with maps, to finding the hidden magic in a dozen of the world's most interesting cities, New York to Shanghai to Budapest to Tokyo to Cairo. Don't get off the beaten track without it.

From an award-winning journalist, a brave and necessary immersion into the everyday struggles of Palestinian life Over the past three years, American writer Ben Ehrenreich has been traveling to and living in the West Bank, staying with Palestinian families in its largest cities and its smallest villages. Along the way he has written major stories for American outlets, including a remarkable New York Times Magazine cover story. Now comes the powerful new work that has always been his ultimate goal, *The Way to the Spring*. We are familiar with brave journalists who travel to bleak or war-torn places on a mission to listen and understand, to gather the stories of people suffering from

extremes of oppression and want: Katherine Boo, Ryszard Kapuściński, Ted Conover, and Philip Gourevitch among them. Palestine is, by any measure, whatever one's politics, one such place. Ruled by the Israeli military, set upon and harassed constantly by Israeli settlers who admit unapologetically to wanting to drive them from the land, forced to negotiate an ever more elaborate and more suffocating series of fences, checkpoints, and barriers that have sundered home from field, home from home, this is a population whose living conditions are unique, and indeed hard to imagine. In a great act of bravery, empathy and understanding, Ben Ehrenreich, by placing us in the footsteps of ordinary Palestinians and telling their story with surpassing literary power and grace, makes it impossible for us to turn away.

Stories of the Saints

Nature Obscura

Awkward Moments and How to Get Through Them

A 365-Day Companion

With 48 Stickers

Getting to Know the World's Most Misunderstood Bird

Let Your Curiosity Be Your Compass

Written by the founders of HoneyTrek.com, this inspiring book reveals hidden-gem destinations and insider tips for unforgettable couples travel. In these informative pages, Mike and Anne Howard--officially the World's Longest Honeymooners and founders of the acclaimed travel blog HoneyTrek--whisk you away to journeys of a lifetime. Drawing on their experience traveling together across seven continents, they curate the globe and offer tested-and-approved recommendations for intrepid couples, bringing culture, adventure, and romance to any couple--no matter their age or budget. Chapters are organized by type of destination (for example, beaches, mountains, and deserts) to help travelers discover new places and experiences based on their interests. Each entry focuses on a specific region, getting to the essence of each locale and its one-of-a-kind offerings. The authors reveal the best time to visit, the best places to stay, and recommended activities--each with their own adventure rating to illustrate level of intensity. Special features include funny and insightful stories from the Howards' own adventures, expert advice from other renowned traveling couples, and tips to increase the romance and excitement at each destination. A large map shows every location covered in the book, and each entry has a locator map depicting the city and country. Both entertaining and informative, this book is an invaluable resource and inspiration for a lifetime of travel.

A hauntingly beautiful travel guide to the world's most visited cemeteries, told through spectacular photography and their unique histories and residents. More than 3.5 million tourists flock to Paris's Pÿ Lachaise cemetery each year. They are lured there, and to many cemeteries around the world, by a combination of natural beauty, ornate tombstones and crypts, notable residents, vivid history, and even wildlife. Many also visit

Mount Koya cemetery in Japan, where 10,000 lanterns illuminate the forest setting, or graveside in Oaxaca, Mexico to witness Day of the Dead fiestas. Savannah's Bonaventure Cemetery has gorgeous night tours of the Southern Gothic tombstones under moss-covered trees that is one of the most popular draws of the city. 199 Cemeteries to See Before You Die features these unforgettable cemeteries, along with 196 more, seen in more than 300 photographs. In this bucket list of travel musts, author Loren Rhoads, who hosts the popular Cemetery Travel blog, details the history and features that make each destination unique. Throughout will be profiles of famous people buried there, striking memorials by noted artists, and unusual elements, such as the hand carved wood grave markers in the Merry Cemetery in Romania.

'I LOVE THE BOOK... A BRILLIANT READ' Chris Evans, Radio 2 Breakfast Show 'This book, that I approached with caution, turns out to be magnificent. Tested it with the Moondog entry. Passed A+' Danny Baker, Radio 5Live A CELEBRATION OF CURIOSITY AND OBSESSION Step into a world of gloriously unpredictable characters such as Ivor Cutler, Quentin Crisp, Joe Orton, Reginald Bray, Ken Campbell, Screaming Lord Sutch, Sun Ra, Buckminster Fuller, Timothy Leary and Ayn Rand. The Odditorium is a playful re-telling of history, told not through the lens of its victors, but through the fascinating stories of a wealth of individuals who, while lesser-known, are no less remarkable. Throughout its pages you'll learn about the antics and adventures of tricksters, eccentrics, deviants and inventors. While their stories range from heroic failures to great hoaxes, one thing unites them - they all carved their own path through life. Each protagonist exemplifies the human spirit through their dogged determination, willingness to take risks, their unflinching obsession and, often, a good dollop of eccentricity. Learn about Reginald Bray (1879-1939), a Victorian accountant who sent over 30,000 singular objects through the mail, including himself; Muriel Howorth (1886-1971), the housewife who grew giant peanuts using atomic energy; and Elaine Morgan (1920-2013), a journalist who battled a tirade of prejudice to pursue an aquatic-based theory of human evolution, which is today being championed by David Attenborough. While many of us are content to lead a conventional life, with all of its comfort and security, The Odditorium reminds us of the characters who felt compelled to carve their own path, despite risking ostracism, failure, ridicule and madness. Outsider artists, linguists, scientists, time travellers and architects all feature in The Odditorium, each of whom risked ostracism, ridicule and even madness in pursuit of carving their own esoteric path, changing the world in wonderful ways.

'BRAMWELL CLEARLY HAS AN EYE FOR THE ODDBALL AND ARCANE'
The Guardian

A book for kids 8 and up that delivers social-emotional learning with the wild fun of DRAGONS. Brief stories, personality quizzes, and hands-on activities are designed to help a child identify and celebrate his or her own dragon-like qualities, including the ability to overcome fears, discover your

creativity and passion, understand and harness emotions, and more.

One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter

100 Days of Adventure

Explorers Who Got Lost

The Book of Joy Journal

The Way of the Japanese Bath

The Song Poet

The Way to the Spring

Examines the adventures of such early explorers of America as Columbus, Dias, and Cabot. Includes information on the events, society, and superstitions of the times.

One of NPR's Best Books of the Year A DEBUT COLLECTION OF FIERCE, FUNNY ESSAYS ABOUT GROWING UP THE DAUGHTER OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS IN WESTERN CULTURE, ADDRESSING SEXISM, STEREOTYPES, AND THE UNIVERSAL MISERIES OF LIFE In One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter, Scaachi Koul deploys her razor-sharp humor to share all the fears, outrages, and mortifying moments of her life. She learned from an early age what made her miserable, and for Scaachi anything can be cause for despair. Whether it's a shopping trip gone awry; enduring awkward conversations with her bikini waxer; overcoming her fear of flying while vacationing halfway around the world; dealing with Internet trolls, or navigating the fears and anxieties of her parents.

Alongside these personal stories are pointed observations about life as a woman of color: where every aspect of her appearance is open for critique, derision, or outright scorn; where strict gender rules bind in both Western and Indian cultures, leaving little room for a woman not solely focused on marriage and children to have a career (and a life) for herself. With a sharp eye and biting wit, incomparable rising star and cultural observer Scaachi Koul offers a hilarious, scathing, and honest look at modern life.

Provides a photographic guide to some of the world's most ancient trees, featuring seventy portraits of such species as yews, baobabs, and dragon's blood trees.

"Diamond Head is an intricate meditation on what is in our control and what is fate—and on whether children must bear the costs of their parents' mistakes." —Celeste Ng, #1 New York Times

bestselling author of Everything I Never Told You and Little Fires Everywhere At the turn of the nineteenth century, Frank Leong, a fabulously wealthy shipping industrialist, moves his family from China to the island of Oahu. But something ancient follows the Leongs to Hawaii, haunting them. The parable of the red string of fate, the cord that binds one intended beloved to her perfect match, also punishes for mistakes in love, passing a destructive knot down the family line. When Frank Leong is murdered, his family is thrown into a perilous downward spiral. Left to rebuild in

their patriarch's shadow, the surviving members of the Leong family try their hand at a new, ordinary life, vowing to bury their gilded past. Still, the island continues to whisper—fragmented pieces of truth and chatter, until a letter arrives two decades later, carrying a confession that shatters the family even further. Now the Leongs' survival rests with young Theresa, Frank Leong's only grandchild, eighteen and pregnant, the heir apparent to her ancestors' punishing knots. Told through the eyes of the Leong's secret-keeping daughters and wives and spanning the Boxer Rebellion to Pearl Harbor to 1960s Hawaii, Diamond Head is a breathtakingly powerful tale of tragic love, shocking lies, poignant compromise, aching loss, heroic acts of sacrifice and, miraculous hope.

Prisoners of Geography

The Journal of Beatrix Potter from 1881 to 1897

Our World Explained in 12 Simple Maps (Illustrated Young Readers Edition)

Black Hole Survival Guide

Utopia Is Creepy: And Other Provocations

Nature Activities, Creative Projects, and Field Trips for Every Season

A humorous look at what happens when taxidermy goes terribly wrong, by the founder of the hit website crappytaxidermy.com. A relaxed toad enjoying a smoke and a brew. A cat with eerily flexible front legs. A smiling lion with receding gums. Whether you choose to laugh or cringe at these spectacularly bad attempts at taxidermy, you won't be able to tear your eyes away from the curiosities inside. This volume brings together the very best of the worst (along with a DIY "Stuff Your Own Mouse" lesson by an Insect Preparator from the American Museum of Natural History), showcasing the most perverse yet imaginative anatomical reconstructions of the animal kingdom you'll ever see.

A gutting, gorgeous memoir of a pan-African childhood that tracks the author's migrations from the short-lived African nation known as Biafra, to Jamaica, to Los Angeles' harshest streets

"Highly entertaining." —Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker* "Funny, curious, erudite, and full of useful details about ancient techniques of training memory." —*The Boston Globe*

The blockbuster phenomenon that charts an amazing journey of the mind while revolutionizing our concept of memory
An instant bestseller that is poised to become a classic, *Moonwalking with Einstein* recounts Joshua Foer's yearlong quest to improve his memory under the tutelage of top "mental athletes." He draws on cutting-edge research, a surprising cultural history of remembering, and venerable tricks of the mentalist's trade to transform our understanding of human memory.

From the United States Memory Championship to deep within the author's own mind, this is an electrifying work of journalism that reminds us that, in every way that matters, we are the sum of our memories.

An abridged and illustrated young readers edition of the million-copy international bestseller Prisoners of Geography, explaining the fascinating ways geography has shaped world history with charming info-packed maps
Butterflies Are Pretty ... Gross!

Kaleidoscope of Creatures

An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders

A Cookbook

A Novel

The Odditorium

How to Go Anywhere (and Not Get Lost)

What gives you joy? This beautiful journal from His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu gives you all the space you need to notice and record what gives you joy. Arranged as a 365-day companion, it prompts you with inspiring quotes from The Book of Joy to help transform their joy practices into an enduring way of life. It is the perfect companion for The Book of Joy's many passionate readers as well as the perfect gift for anyone looking to live a more joyful. Share the joy!

The ultimate book of knowledge for kids aged 7 to 9, this thorough children's encyclopedia contains all the homework answers your kids will need, explained clearly and checked by experts. An engaging, traditional-style general reference book for kids covering all the key subjects including Arts, People, History, Earth, Nature, Science, Technology, Space, and the Human Body in alphabetical order. This encyclopedia for children is a must-have resource for every student's shelf, with age-appropriate, jargon-free text accompanied by stunning, detailed images covering over 240 topics all in one place, from science and nature to history and the arts. Essential for any child who wants to discover as much as possible about the world around them. Packed with information, each single-page entry in this fabulous kid's encyclopedia features a key topic explained in a concise manner accompanied by gorgeous visuals, fun facts about the world and extensive cross-references revealing the links between subject areas. Kids can learn about Ancient Rome, chemistry, evolution, microscopic life, robots, Vikings, and so much more. Written, edited, and designed by a team of experts, vetted by educational consultants, and properly levelled to the reading age, this is the ultimate knowledge book for kids. Explore, Wonder And Learn! The ultimate illustrated children's encyclopedia is packed with thousands of incredible and essential facts on favourite subjects! Beautiful illustrations, colourful maps, and magnificent photographs bring every single page to life. Inspiring and informative, the DK Children's Encyclopedia is a book of wonder that will absorb and engage children of all ages. This kid's educational book covers topics like: - Storytelling, changing the world, music and war - Films, technology, inventions, food and clothes - Explorers, planets and pets - And so much more!

With wonder and a sense of humor, Nature Obscura author Kelly Brenner aims to help us rediscover our connection to the natural world that is just outside our front door--we just need to know where to look. Through explorations of a rich and varied urban landscape, Brenner reveals the complex micro-habitats and surprising nature found in the middle of a city. In her hometown of Seattle, which has plowed down hills, cut through the land to connect fresh- and saltwater, and paved over much of the rest, she exposes a diverse range of strange and unknown creatures. From shore to wetland, forest to neighborhood park, and graveyard to backyard, Brenner uncovers how our land alterations have impacted nature, for good and bad, through the wildlife and plants that live alongside us, often unseen. These stories meld together, in the same way our ecosystems, species, and human history are interconnected across the urban environment.

As exciting as any Greek myth, as inspiring as any story about knights of the round table, these stories of the Christian saints are filled with history, adventure, and inspiration. Here, the lives of 100 Christian saints are organized by theme and illustrated for kids ages 8-12.

Who Will Accompany You?

Extraordinary Destinations on Every Continent

A New Perspective of Earth

The Greatest Myths, Lies and Blunders on Maps

Diamond Head

A Guide to Navigation for Young Adventurers

Ancient Trees

Why are animals so amazingly colorful? Find out in this kaleidoscopic look at the technicolor world of animals. Meet animals of every color of the rainbow and find out why they are the colors and patterns they are. Discover the reason why some animals are stripy and others are spotty. Why do some creatures deliberately pop out while others strive to blend in? Why are some bright to warn off others while some only pretend to look toxic? Why are some male animals so much more flamboyant than their female counterparts? Why do some babies look so different from the grown-ups in their families? The animal kingdom is explored like never before in this richly detailed natural history book, bursting with life and color. This is a beautifully illustrated first look at the colorful and kaleidoscopic world of animals for young children.

Award-winning memoirist Meg Stafford has an adventurous spirit, and this time she takes us along for the ride. When her daughters venture into terra incognita—one of them meditating in the Himalayas and the other negotiating with the Colombian military—Stafford decides to go along. In the process, she reflects on her own lifetime of wanderlust and what it means for a parent to love and to let go. Generous, insightful, and deeply funny, Stafford is the ideal tour guide for a journey as big as the world and as intimate as the human heart. "So profoundly moving, so beautifully crafted, so brave . . . A story about being true to oneself. Stafford brings all of herself to the reader as she shares her fears, doubts, triumphs, excitement, and love of life. This book is 100% authentic—because it is so human, so real." —Susan Frankl, MD, Harvard Medical School
"A road map for parenting adventurous adults . . . Stafford asks all the right questions: Where are we headed in life? Who will come with us on the journey? How do we hold

our children close while allowing them the freedom to grow? The most touching part: She doesn't hide the struggle as she tries (with love and curiosity and humor) to find the answers." -Fran Booth, LICSW, trainer, Internal Family Systems

You don't need to travel to experience the joy of bird-watching: just take a look at the pigeons in your nearby park! With this fun, quirky, and scientifically correct field guide to the most common bird in most cities, you'll learn to see pigeons and doves (they're the same thing) with a bird-watcher's expertise, understanding their fascinating behavior and appreciating nature right outside your window.

Fact-filled book with sticker images of blue jay, American crow, mourning dove, barn owl, and 44 other birds, plus informative text noting bird's size, habitat, eating habits, and other data.

Be the Dragon: 9 Keys to Unlocking Your Inner Magic

Moonwalking with Einstein

Atlas Obscura Explorer's Journal

77 Tales of Adventure, Grace & Courage

The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid

Essays

Beginning Birdwatcher's Book

Born To Explore Get outside with this interactive boom that shows how explorers have found their way around the planet for thousands of years. Read about the ancient Polynesians who tracked the stars and waves to sail precise paths through the ocean. Or the Age of European Exploration navigators who use compasses and dead reckoning to reach the New World. And learn the science behind radar and modern-day GPS satellites. Then discover how to do it yourself! With illustrated activities as well as handy tips throughout, you'll learn the fascinating history and seriously useful skills to become a true navigator. Up your adventure game and learn to: —Find north and south by reading the trees —Make a simple compass —Use the stars to tell time —Build a basic sextant —Get your bearings using the sun —Go treasure hunting with GPS

Fourteen-year-old Ronan Boyle is the youngest and lowliest recruit to the secret Garda, an Irish police force that handles the misdeeds of numerous magical creatures. Ronan's parents are in jail, but Ronan is convinced that they were framed by the wee people. So, despite his small size, poor eyesight, and social awkwardness, he's determined to learn all he can in the Garda in order to prove his parents' innocence. To show he's got what it takes, he'll have to confront a fiery leprechaun, a sinister harpy, and a whole world of monsters hidden in plain sight next to real-life Ireland. Fast paced, action packed, and completely hilarious, this is the start to an exciting new middle-grade series by actor and writer Thomas Lennon. Discover the mysteries within ancient maps — Where exploration and mythology meet This richly illustrated book collects and explores the colorful histories behind a striking range of real antique maps that are all in some way a little too good to be true. Mysteries within ancient maps: The Phantom Atlas is a guide to the world not as it is, but as it was imagined to be. It's a world of ghost islands, invisible mountain ranges, mythical

civilizations, ship-wrecking beasts, and other fictitious features introduced on maps and atlases through mistakes, misunderstanding, fantasies, and outright lies. Where exploration and mythology meet: Author Edward Brooke-Hitching is a map collector, author, writer for the popular BBC Television program *QI* and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He lives in a dusty heap of old maps and books in London investigating the places where exploration and mythology meet. *Cartography's greatest phantoms: The Phantom Atlas* uses gorgeous atlas images as springboards for tales of deranged buccaneers, seafaring monks, heroes, swindlers, and other amazing stories behind cartography's greatest phantoms. If you are a fan of this popular genre and a reader of books such as *Prisoners of Geography*, *Atlas of Ancient Rome*, *Atlas Obscura*, *What If*, *Book of General Ignorance*, or *Thing Explainer*, you will love *The Phantom Atlas*. Wonder is around every corner, and on every plate. The curious minds behind *Atlas Obscura* now turn to the hidden curiosities of food, which becomes a gateway to fascinating stories about human history, science, art, and tradition—like the first book, all organized by country, lavishly illustrated, and full of surprises.

Atlas Obscura

Overview

A City's Hidden Natural World

DK Children's Encyclopedia

Life and Death in Palestine

So Embarrassing

A Pocket Guide to Pigeon Watching

This ebook has been optimised for viewing on colour devices. Between the ages of 15 and 30 Beatrix Potter kept a secret diary written in code. When the code was cracked by Leslie Linder more than 20 years after her death, the diary revealed a remarkable picture of upper middle-class life in late Victorian Britain. This book provides an illuminating insight into the personality and inspiration of one of the world's best loved children's authors.

*With great style, wit, and joy, Maira Kalman and Barbara Scott-Goodman celebrate their favorite dessert. In *Cake*, renowned artist and author Maira Kalman and food writer Barbara Scott-Goodman bring us a beautifully illustrated book dedicated to their love of cakes. Filled with Kalman's inimitable illustrations and memories, from chocolate cake on a terrace in Tel Aviv as a child to a gorgeous pink cake enjoyed over Lucretius and Nietzsche in Rome, and sprinkled with seventeen mouthwatering recipes prepared by Scott-Goodman, *Cake* is a joyful and whimsical celebration of a timeless dessert. From the acclaimed author of *Black Hole Blues and Other Songs from Outer Space*—an authoritative and accessible guide to the most alluring and challenging phenomena of contemporary science.*

"[Levin will] take you on a safe black hole trip, an exciting travel story enjoyed from your chair's event horizon." —Boston Globe Through her writing, astrophysicist Janna Levin has focused on making the science she studies not just comprehensible but also, and perhaps more important, intriguing to the nonscientist. In this book, she helps us to understand and find delight in the black hole—perhaps the most opaque theoretical construct ever imagined by physicists—illustrated with original artwork by American painter and photographer Lia Halloran. Levin takes us on an evocative exploration of black holes, provoking us to imagine the visceral experience of a black hole encounter. She reveals the influence of black holes as they populate the universe, sculpt galaxies, and even infuse the whole expanse of reality that we inhabit. Lively, engaging, and utterly unique, *Black Hole Survival Guide* is not just informative—it is, as well, a wonderful read from first to last.

New York Times bestseller! *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid* is a thrilling expedition to 100 of the most surprising, mysterious, and weird-but-true places on earth. For curious kids, this is the chance to embark on the journey of a lifetime—and see how faraway countries have more in common than you might expect! Hopscotch from country to country in a chain of connecting attractions: Explore Mexico's glittering cave of crystals, then visit the world's largest cave in Vietnam. Peer over a 355-foot waterfall in Zambia, then learn how Antarctica's Blood Falls got their mysterious color. Or see mysterious mummies in Japan and France, then majestic ice caves in both Argentina and Austria. As you climb mountains, zip-line over forests, and dive into oceans, this book is your passport to a world of hidden wonders, illuminated by gorgeous art.

Gastro Obscura

Alexander Von Humboldt

Floating in a Most Peculiar Way

The Phantom Atlas

Ultimate Journeys for Two

Roar with Confidence and Slay Your Fears with Quizzes, Quests, and More!

An Explorer's Guide to Wildlife, Geology, and Botany

A freewheeling, sharp-shooting indictment of a tech-besotted culture. With razor wit, Nicholas Carr cuts through Silicon Valley's unsettlingly cheery vision of the technological future to ask a hard question: Have we been seduced by a lie? Gathering a decade's worth of posts from his blog, *Rough Type*, as well as his seminal essays, *Utopia Is Creepy* is "Carr's best hits for those who missed the last decade of his stream of thoughtful commentary about our love affair with technology and its effect on our relationships"

(Richard Cytowic, *New York Journal of Books*). Carr draws on artists ranging from Walt Whitman to the Clash, while weaving in the latest findings from science and sociology. Carr's favorite targets are those zealots who believe so fervently in computers and data that they abandon common sense. Cheap digital tools do not make us all the next Fellini or Dylan. Social networks, diverting as they may be, are not vehicles for self-enlightenment. And "likes" and retweets are not going to elevate political discourse. *Utopia Is Creepy* compels us to question the technological momentum that has trapped us in its flow. "Resistance is never futile," argues Carr, and this book delivers the proof.

A stunning and unique collection of satellite images of Earth that offer an unexpected look at humanity, derived from the wildly popular Daily Overview Instagram project. Inspired by the "Overview Effect"—a sensation that astronauts experience when given the opportunity to look down and view the Earth as a whole—the breathtaking, high definition satellite photographs in *OVERVIEW* offer a new way

to look at the landscape that we have shaped. More than 200 images of industry, agriculture, architecture, and nature highlight incredible patterns while also revealing a deeper story about human impact. This extraordinary photographic journey around our planet captures the sense of wonder gained from a new, aerial vantage point and creates a perspective of Earth as it has never been seen before. Turn off the screen and turn on the creativity as second-generation homeschooling mom Greta Eskridge shares 100 hands-on learning activities for kids that will connect and enrich your family through adventures, small and big. Have a meteor slumber party, attend a symphony concert, take a hike in the rain, preserve colorful fall leaves, and make nettle pesto as children explore a love of nature and venture into the great, wide, real world. From backyard bugs to farmer's market veggies, children will unplug from electronics; explore the world; and learn about nature, art, music, and themselves through STEAM projects and new experiences. 100 Days of Adventure will spark curiosity in 6- to 10-year-olds with Indoor and outdoor seasonal activities, projects, experiments, crafts, recipes, and field trips Free and low-cost activities, with options for different kinds of groups and locations Step-by-step directions, nature journal prompts, tips, and checklists Beautiful photos and helpful illustrations Children can bond with parents and siblings, learn new skills with individual investigations, or explore with friends in an educational or homeschool group with this full-color activity book. Also included is a note to parents with encouraging start-here guidance on growing a family culture of curiosity and adventure. Whether your family is looking for fun activities for school breaks at home, road trip vacations, or everyday ways to learn together, this collection of interactive educational activities will help your kids get creative, get into nature, and get closer to each other. Don't miss Greta's essential guide for parents on building a connected and loving family through exploration, *Adventuring Together: How to Create Connections and Make Lasting Memories with Your Kids*.

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