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***Laugh with the Moon is on the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List. Thirteen-year-old Clare Silver is stuck. Stuck in denial about her mother's recent death. Stuck in the African jungle for sixty-four days without phone reception. Stuck with her father, a doctor who seems able to heal everyone but Clare. Clare feels like a fish out of water at Mzanga Full Primary School, where she must learn a new language. Soon, though, she becomes immersed in her new***

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***surroundings and impressed with her fellow students, who are crowded into a tiny space, working on the floor among roosters and centipedes. When Clare's new friends take her on an outing to see the country, the trip goes horribly wrong, and Clare must face another heartbreak head-on. Only an orphan named Memory, who knows about love and loss, can teach Clare how to laugh with the moon. Told from an American girl's perspective, this story about how death teaches us to live and how love endures through our memories will capture the hearts of readers everywhere.***

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***"1994 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion"--cover.***

***Written by a former Spelling Bee contestant who placed 34th and 4th in his two years of participating, this comprehensive guide to the Scripps National Spelling Bee not only recounts the author's experience, but it also prepares you to have the thrill of your own lifetime. Scott maximizes your study time by organizing the book into sections, each with a specific set of skills or goals in mind. He has dissected almost every language that has entered our English patois and has formatted the words into tables, with accompanying***

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***observations. There are more than a hundred exercises, spelling tests, and activities where you can absorb over 13,000 regional and national level words. This updated edition also includes a vocabulary section to reflect the recent changes to the National Spelling Bee's format. If you are interested in competing on the national level, this book is for you. It has thousands of words of all difficulty levels, for all different types of spellers - the product of almost two years of exhaustive work and eight years of additions and revisions. We invite you to experience the ultimate reality TV show... from the inside. "Bee" wise and***

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**choose Words of Wisdom: Keys to Success in the Scripps National Spelling Bee! Please go to [www.spellingbeebook.com](http://www.spellingbeebook.com) for more information.**

**MacNolia Cox won the Akron District Spelling Bee, and at the age of 13 she became the first African American to reach the final round of the national competition. The Southern judges, it is thought, kept her from winning by presenting a word not on the official list. The word that tripped MacNolia, ironically, was "nemesis." When she died 40 years later, the girl who "was almost/ The national spelling champ" had become a cleaning woman, a grandmother,**

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***and "the best damn maid in town." Cox's ambition and her later frustration find incisive shape in this remarkably varied meditation on ambition, racism, discouragement and ennui, where successive pages can bring to mind a handbook of poetic forms (a double sestina, Japanese-inspired syllabics, a blues ghazal and prose poems based on definitions of prepositions), Ann Carson's "TV Men" poems, Rita Dove's Thomas and Beulah and the documentary film Spellbound. Jordan (Rise) begins in Cox's later life, giving voice to her husband, John Montiere, at "The Moment Before He Asks***

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***MacNolia Out on a Date," then to MacNolia herself when in 1970 her son dies just after his return from Vietnam. As counterpoints, Jordan intersperses poems about African-Americans who won more lasting public acclaim, among them Richard Pryor, Josephine Baker and the great labor organizer and orator A. Philip Randolph. Jordan's most quotable poems, however, return to the voice of the 13-year-old speller, who "learned the word chiaroscuro/ By rolling it on my tongue// Like cotton candy the color/ Of day and night." (June) Copyright 2004 Reed Business Information. Library Journal. Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary***

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**Builder**

***Toward Measurement of Expert  
Performance and Design of  
Optimal Learning Environments  
Word by Word***

***Spelling Bee Practice Book For  
5th Grade***

***Feed Me Words***

***Lunchbox Words***

***Elementary Student & School  
Teacher Writing Exercise***

***Notebook 100 Wide Ruled Lined  
Pages Scripps Academic***

***Competition Vocabulary Word  
Composition Book***

*The tragedy of extinction is explained through the dramatic story of a legendary bird, the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, and of those who tried to possess it, paint it,*



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*shoot it, sell it, and, in a last-ditch effort, save it. A powerful saga that sweeps through two hundred years of history, it introduces artists like John James Audubon, bird collectors like William Brewster, and finally a new breed of scientist in Cornell's Arthur A. "Doc" Allen and his young ornithology student, James Tanner, whose quest to save the Ivory-bill culminates in one of the first great conservation showdowns in U.S. history, an early round in what is now a worldwide effort to save species. As hope for the Ivory-bill fades in the United States, the bird is last spotted in Cuba in 1987, and Cuban scientists join in the race to save it. All this, plus Mr.*

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*Hoose's wonderful story-telling skills, comes together to give us what David Allen Sibley, author of The Sibley Guide to Birds calls "the most thorough and readable account to date of the personalities, fashions, economics, and politics that combined to bring about the demise of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker." The Race to Save the Lord God Bird is the winner of the 2005 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction and the 2005 Bank Street - Flora Stieglitz Award.*

*This book is designed to provide the first comprehensive overview of research on the acquisition and training of professional performance.*

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*Deep inside the broom cupboard of Rose Cottage, two mice live in great style. Tumtum and Nutmeg lead cozy and quiet lives, secretly looking after Arthur and Lucy, the disheveled human children of the cottage, never dreaming that so many exciting adventures will soon find them. But when evil Aunt Ivy, a squeamish schoolteacher named Miss Short, and pirating pond rats threaten the safety of those they hold dear, the courageous pair will stop at nothing to save the day. In three thrilling tales with charming illustrations in every chapter, Tumtum and Nutmeg--along with the valiant efforts of veteran hero General Marchmouse, Ms. Tiptoe's*

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*bouncing ballerina army, and a team of caged gerbils--prove that small-size mice can have world-size hearts.*

*An anthropologist uses spelling bees as a lens to examine the unique and diverse traits of Generation Z--and why they are destined for success At first glance, Generation Z (youth born after 1997) seems to be made up of anxious overachievers, hounded by Tiger Moms and constantly tracked on social media. One would think that competitors in the National Spelling Bee -- the most popular brain sport in America -- would be the worst off.*

*Counterintuitively, anthropologist Shalini Shankar argues that, far*

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*from being simply overstressed and overscheduled, Gen Z spelling bee competitors are learning crucial twenty-first-century skills from their high-powered lives, displaying a sophisticated understanding of self-promotion, self-direction, and social mobility. Drawing on original ethnographic research, including interviews with participants, judges, and parents, Shankar examines the outsized impact of immigrant parents and explains why Gen Z kids are on a path to success.*

*Peak*

*Byrd & Igloo: A Polar Adventure*

*The Secret Life of Dictionaries*

*A Champion's Guide to Success in Spelling Bees*

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*Poems*

*A Rigorous Vocabulary Study  
Guide for the Scripps National  
Spelling Bee and the PSAT, SAT,  
ACT, & Other Standardized Tests  
Over 1,800 Spelling Bee Words of  
German Origin*

**Junior Library Guild Selection \*  
Kids' Indie Next List Pick From  
Leslie Connor, award-winning  
author of *Waiting for Normal* and  
*Crunch*, comes a soaring and  
heartfelt story about love,  
forgiveness, and how innocence  
makes us all rise up. *All Rise for the  
Honorable Perry T. Cook* is a  
powerful story, perfect for fans of  
*Wonder* and *When You Reach Me*.  
Eleven-year-old Perry was born and  
raised by his mom at the Blue River  
Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny**

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**Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home. When Perry moves to the “outside” world, he feels trapped. Desperate to be reunited with his mom, Perry goes on a quest for answers about her past crime. As he gets closer to the truth, he will discover that love makes people resilient no matter where they come from . . . but can he find a way to tell everyone what home truly means?**

**Does your child dream of winning a school spelling bee, or even competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington,**

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**D.C., area? You've found the perfect place to start. Words of the Champions: Your Key to the Bee is the new official study resource from the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Help prepare your child for a 2020 or 2021 classroom, grade-level, school, regional, district or state spelling bee with this list of 4,000 spelling words. The School Spelling Bee Study List, featuring 450 words, is part of the total collection. All words in this guide may be found in our official dictionary, Merriam-Webster Unabridged (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/>)**

**The ultimate guide to WordPress, from the world's most popular resource for web designers and developers As one of the hottest**



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**tools on the web today for creating a blog, WordPress has evolved to be much more than just a blogging platform and has been pushed beyond its original purpose. With this new edition of a perennially popular WordPress resource, Smashing Magazine offers you the information you need so you can maximize the potential and power of WordPress. WordPress expert Thord Daniel Hedengren takes you beyond the basic blog to show you how to leverage the capabilities of WordPress to power advanced websites. Addresses new theming options, custom post types, custom headers, menus, background, and more Explains how to build beautiful and unique WordPress themes and creating amazing navigation Walks you through**

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building plugins, integrating theme options, creating custom login forms and admin themes, and using the Loop to control content  
Zeroes in on building a WordPress project for SEO Highlights  
integrating WordPress with the social web Smashing WordPress, Third Edition teaches you how to make WordPress look any way you like--from a corporate site to a photography gallery and much, much more!

How well do you spell? Find out! Thanks to the innovative Scratch & Play(R) format, you can experience the Scripps National Spelling Bee as a competitor. Each page provides a definition and the pronunciation of a real spelling bee word, along with its origins, part of speech, and an example sentence.

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**Give it your best shot, and then scratch off the answer to see if you're right.**

**Smashing WordPress**

**Why Good Schools, Good Grades, and Good Behavior Are Not Enough**

**The Elementary Spelling Book**

**Your Key to the Bee 2020**

**Desi Land**

**Sesquipedalia!**

**All Rise for the Honorable Perry T.**

**Cook**

Lavinia Warren never let her height—or the lack of it—prevent her from leading a full and adventurous life. Although she never grew more than three feet tall, she became a beloved teacher, a world traveler, an entertainer and the friend of many powerful

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figures. Lavinia was teaching at a local school when she heard about an opportunity to travel doing shows as a "human curiosity" on a Mississippi River boat. Eventually she met P. T. Barnum and worked at his American Museum. It was there that she met Charles Stratton, a little person known to the world as "Tom Thumb." Their wedding, which took place on February 10, 1863, brought joy to a nation at war. President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln held a reception for the couple at the White House. The newlyweds later toured the United States and the world. Lavinia faced several tragedies but always found the strength to go on. Lavinia's

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extraordinary story also provides a social history of one of the most devastating periods in American history. With additional material on Tom Thumb Weddings, readers' questions, time line, and notes and bibliography, this is sure to be a valuable title for adventurous middle-grade readers.

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the ultimate reality TV show from the inside. "Bee" wise and choose Words of Wisdom: Keys to Success in the Scripps National Spelling Bee (2nd Edition)!

There are many words in English that originated in German language, and are potential spelling bee words. We have identified over 1,800 such words and listed them out in simple and easy format for students to study for local, regional and national spelling bee competitions, held by Scripps National Spelling Bee, North South Foundation and South Asian Spelling Bee. The words included are from German, Low German, Modified German

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and Pennsylvania German

Discusses the origins and rules of spelling bees; provides advice on study techniques, word origins, and spelling rules; and offers word lists, drills, and puzzles to aid spellers.

Spurious Correlations

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Words 2019

The Race to Save the Lord God  
Bird

Grow Up, David!

Words from the Champs

40+ Bite-size Stories, Quizzes, and  
Puzzles to Make Spelling and Word  
Use Fun!

A Novel

A middle grade novel in  
verse about Samira, an



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eleven-year-old Rohingya refugee living in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, who finds strength and sisterhood in a local surf club for girls. Samira thinks of her life as before and after: before the burning and violence in her village in Burma, when she and her best friend would play in the fields, and after, when her family was forced to flee. There's before the uncertain journey to Bangladesh by river, and after, when the river swallowed her nana and nani whole. And now, months after rebuilding a life in Bangladesh with her mama, baba, and brother, there's before Samira saw the

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Bengali surfer girls of Cox's Bazar, and after, when she decides she'll become one. *Samira Surfs*, written by Rukhsanna Guidroz with illustrations by Fahmida Azim, is a tender novel in verse about a young Rohingya girl's journey from isolation and persecution to sisterhood, and from fear to power.

Every year, tens of thousands of students around the country compete for one of just a few hundred coveted slots at the Scripps National Spelling Bee finals. So how does the novice speller hone his or her craft at home? By spelling constantly, at

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breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Each of the warm, inspirational and aspirational notes in Lunchbox Words features a Bee-selected early spelling word used in context and accompanied by its definition and pronunciation, a quick and easy spelling lesson, and an illustrated joke or quote. These mini-lessons are bite-sized and easily sharable—perfect for tucking in a book bag, lunchbox, or coat pocket whenever your speller is on the go. This “marvelously absorbing” book is “a walk on the wild side of words and ventures into the zone where language

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and mathematics intersect” (San Jose Mercury News). A former Wall Street Journal reporter and NPR regular, Stefan Fatsis recounts his remarkable rise through the ranks of elite Scrabble players while exploring the game’s strange, potent hold over them—and him. At least thirty million American homes have a Scrabble set—but the game’s most talented competitors inhabit a sphere far removed from the masses of “living room players.” Theirs is a surprisingly diverse subculture whose stars include a vitamin-popping standup comic; a former bank teller whose intestinal

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troubles earned him the nickname "G.I. Joel"; a burly, unemployed African American from Baltimore's inner city; the three-time national champion who plays according to Zen principles; and the author himself, who over the course of the book is transformed from a curious reporter to a confirmed Scrabble nut. Fatsis begins by haunting the gritty corner of a Greenwich Village park where pickup Scrabble games can be found whenever weather permits. His curiosity soon morphs into compulsion, as he sets about memorizing thousands of obscure words and fills his evenings with

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solo Scrabble played on his living room floor. Before long he finds himself at tournaments, socializing—and competing—with Scrabble's elite. But this book is about more than hardcore Scrabblers, for the game yields insights into realms as disparate as linguistics, psychology, and mathematics. Word Freak extends its reach even farther, pondering the light Scrabble throws on such notions as brilliance, memory, competition, failure, and hope. It is a geography of obsession that celebrates the uncanny powers locked in all of us, "a can't-put-it-down narrative that dances

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between memoir and reportage" (Los Angeles Times). "Funny, thoughtful, character-rich, unchallengeably winning writing." -The Atlantic Monthly This edition includes a new afterword by the author.

Location-based stories from the Scripps National Spelling Bee take kids on a vocabulary- and spelling-filled road trip across the U.S.

65 Word-Based Notes to Pack in Your Speller's Lunchbox or Backpack

Bee Season

Beeline

What Spelling Bees Reveal About Generation Z's New

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quizzes, and puzzles to  
make spelling and word use  
fun!" --Cover.*

*A narrative portrait of  
the America's national  
spelling bee competition  
offers insight into its  
subculture of young  
wordsmiths, competitive  
parents, and spectator  
tension, sharing the  
stories of five top  
contestants to offer  
insight into their*



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*ambitions and winning strategies. 40,000 first printing.*

*"We think of English as a fortress to be defended, but a better analogy is to think of English as a child. We love and nurture it into being, and once it gains gross motor skills, it starts going exactly where we don't want it to go: it heads right for the goddamned electrical sockets." With wit and irreverence, lexicographer Kory Stamper cracks open the obsessive world of dictionary writing, from the agonizing decisions*

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about what to define and how to do it to the knotty questions of ever-changing word usage. Filled with fun facts—for example, the first documented usage of “OMG” was in a letter to Winston Churchill—and Stamper’s own stories from the linguistic front lines (including how she became America’s foremost “irregardless” apologist, despite loathing the word), *Word by Word* is an endlessly entertaining look at the wonderful complexities and eccentricities of the English language.

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*The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below. – Peak Marcello After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak*

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*Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life. Roland Smith has created an action-packed adventure about friendship, sacrifice, family, and the drive to take on Everest, despite the incredible risk. The story of Peak's dangerous ascent--told in his own words--is*

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*suspenseful, immediate,  
and impossible to put  
down.*

*The National Spelling Bee  
and the Culture of Word  
Nerds*

*Laugh with the Moon  
Moo*

*Fundamentals of Spelling  
Bee Competition and  
Preparation*

*Geospell German*

*Big, Bold, Adventurous  
Life of Lavinia Warren*

*Wisconsin Spelling Bee!*

*The ideal book for people who want to  
increase their word power. Thorough  
coverage of 1,200 words and 240  
roots while introducing 2,300 words.*

*The Vocabulary Builder is organized by  
Greek and Latin roots for effective*

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*study with nearly 250 new words and roots. Includes quizzes after each root discussion to test progress. A great study aid for students preparing to take standardized tests.*

*Following a family move to Maine, twelve-year-old Reena has no idea what to expect. She hopes it's going to be beaches, blueberries and all the lobster she can eat. She certainly doesn't expect to suddenly be put in charge of a menagerie of animals, belonging to the irascible Mrs Falala, who not only has a fast-wheeling pig, a secretive snake, but the most ornery cow she ever thought to meet. A wonderfully funny, moving story of one family's move to the country, and the challenges they face.*

*National Spelling Bee Winning Words 2019 is included in the Scripps Academic Competition collection. The*

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*custom cover design features all eight of the 2019 winning words (auslaut, erysipelas, bougainvillea, aiguillette, pendeloque, palama, cernuous, and odylic) correctly spelled by the history making octochampions. It's perfect for any intelligent wordsmith, writer, instructor, student, teacher, spelling tutor / coach, vocabulary wiz, smart kid, child prodigy, genius, word nerd, academic intellectual, high IQ individual, high achiever, competitive language arts lover, grammar police, etc. This book makes a unique prize /award for school students participating in class, local, district, regional, and national spelling bees as a reward to motivate and inspire kids and to celebrate their hard work and achievements. Buy this attractive custom designed book today. NOTE: The line spacing in this edition is ideal*

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*for children and adults who prefer wide ruled composition & writing exercise pages. Visit the C. A. Vision Books Author Page to view other options.*

*This version of National Spelling Bee Winning Words 2019 features: Size: 8 in. x 10 in. (203.2mm x 254mm)*

*Pages: 100 sturdy pages (50 sheets)*

*Paper: Wide Ruled lined pages with horizontal line spacing of 1 1/32 in.*

*(8.7mm) on high quality white paper*

*Cover: Soft, Paperback, Matte*

*Includes four pages of blank unlined paper inside book National Spelling*

*Bee Winning Words 2019: Elementary*

*Student & School Teacher Writing*

*Exercise Notebook 100 Wide Ruled*

*Lined Pages Scripps Academic*

*Competition Vocabulary Word*

*Composition Book is an ideal solution*

*for many purposes such as: Preparing for spelling tests & competitions*



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*humor gifts, secret Santa gifts, white elephant gift exchanges, etc. Employees, supervisors, bosses, colleagues, students, teachers, doctors, veterinarians, babysitters, service workers, moms, dads, children, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, extended family, relatives, and other people you love and care about will appreciate books from C. A. Vision Books. Don't forget to include yourself on your list of gift recipients by adding books to your wish list of presents! Visit the C. A. Vision Books Author Page for additional book categories, book cover designs, and book sizes. An up-close look at the education arms race of after-school learning, academic competitions, and the perceived failure of even our best schools to educate children Beyond soccer leagues, music*

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*camps, and drama lessons, today's youth are in an education arms race that begins in elementary school. In Hyper Education, Pawan Dhingra uncovers the growing world of high-achievement education and the after-school learning centers, spelling bees, and math competitions that it has spawned. It is a world where immigrant families vie with other Americans to be at the head of the class, putting in hours of studying and testing in order to gain a foothold in the supposed meritocracy of American public education. A world where enrichment centers, like Kumon, have seen 194 percent growth since 2002 and target children as young as three. Even families and teachers who avoid after-school academics are getting swept up. Drawing on over 100 in-depth interviews with teachers, tutors,*

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*principals, children, and parents, Dhingra delves into the why people participate in this phenomenon and examines how schools, families, and communities play their part. Moving past "Tiger Mom" stereotypes, he addresses why Asian American and white families practice what he calls "hyper education" and whether or not it makes sense. By taking a behind-the-scenes look at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, other national competitions, and learning centers, Dhingra shows why good schools, good grades, and good behavior are seen as not enough for high-achieving students and their parents and why the education arms race is likely to continue to expand.*

*Keys to Success in the Scripps  
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Vocabulary Word Study Workbook Skill*

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*Guts & Glory: The Vikings*

*Words of the Champions*

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*Beyond the Blog*

*Scratch and Play® Scripps National  
Spelling Bee*

"Spurious Correlations ... is the most fun you'll ever have with graphs."--Bustle  
Military intelligence analyst and Harvard Law student Tyler Vigen illustrates the golden rule that "correlation does not equal causation" through hilarious graphs inspired by his viral website. Is there a correlation between Nic Cage films and swimming pool accidents? What about beef consumption and people getting struck by lightning? Absolutely not. But that hasn't stopped millions of people from going to [tylervigen.com](http://tylervigen.com) and asking, "Wait, what?" Vigen has designed software that scours enormous data sets to find unlikely

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statistical correlations. He began pulling the funniest ones for his website and has since gained millions of views, hundreds of thousands of likes, and tons of media coverage. Subversive and clever, Spurious Correlations is geek humor at its finest, nailing our obsession with data and conspiracy theory.

Desi Land is Shalini Shankar's lively ethnographic account of South Asian American teen culture during the Silicon Valley dot-com boom. Shankar focuses on how South Asian Americans, or "Desis," define and manage what it means to be successful in a place brimming with the promise of technology. Between 1999 and 2001 Shankar spent many months "kickin' it" with Desi teenagers at three Silicon Valley high schools, and she has since followed their lives and stories. The diverse high-school students who populate Desi Land are Muslims, Hindus,

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Christians, and Sikhs, from South Asia and other locations; they include first- to fourth-generation immigrants whose parents' careers vary from assembly-line workers to engineers and CEOs. By analyzing how Desi teens' conceptions and realizations of success are influenced by community values, cultural practices, language use, and material culture, she offers a nuanced portrait of diasporic formations in a transforming urban region. Whether discussing instant messaging or arranged marriages, Desi bling or the pressures of the model minority myth, Shankar foregrounds the teens' voices, perspectives, and stories. She investigates how Desi teens interact with dialogue and songs from Bollywood films as well as how they use their heritage language in ways that inform local meanings of ethnicity while they also connect to a broader South Asian diasporic

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consciousness. She analyzes how teens negotiate rules about dating and reconcile them with their longer-term desire to become adult members of their communities. In *Desi Land* Shankar not only shows how Desi teens of different socioeconomic backgrounds are differently able to succeed in Silicon Valley schools and economies but also how such variance affects meanings of race, class, and community for South Asian Americans.

Eliza Naumann, a seemingly unremarkable nine-year-old, expects never to fit into her gifted family: her autodidact father, Saul, absorbed in his study of Jewish mysticism; her brother, Aaron, the vessel of his father's spiritual ambitions; and her brilliant but distant lawyer-mom, Miriam. But when Eliza sweeps her school and district spelling bees in quick succession, Saul takes it as a sign that she



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is destined for greatness. In this altered reality, Saul inducts her into his hallowed study and lavishes upon her the attention previously reserved for Aaron, who in his displacement embarks upon a lone quest for spiritual fulfillment. When Miriam's secret life triggers a familial explosion, it is Eliza who must order the chaos. Myla Goldberg's keen eye for detail brings Eliza's journey to three-dimensional life. As she rises from classroom obscurity to the blinding lights and outsized expectations of the National Bee, Eliza's small pains and large joys are finely wrought and deeply felt. Not merely a coming-of-age story, Goldberg's first novel delicately examines the unraveling fabric of one family. The outcome of this tale is as startling and unconventional as her prose, which wields its metaphors sharply and rings with maturity. The work of a lyrical and gifted storyteller, Bee

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