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Each spread tells a story with easy to read graphical presentation. Each topic is presented by clear world maps, tables, graphs and photographs. Through thematic maps and infographics it illustrates the extent and complexity of development patterns, successes and failures and comparative outcomes. It draws on the authoritative statistics from the World Bank's World Development indicators. Each spread has a balance of mapping and statistical information represented as graphs and/or statistical tables, fact boxes, illustrations/photographs supported with narrative text. World Watch concentrates on the challenges of climate change, resource degradation, population growth, health, poverty, energy, food and agriculture. This is the ideal 'go-to' resource for those who understand the importance of caring for a healthy global environment. This book includes a description of 110 of the very best rums in the world. It includes the very best product from the Caribbean, US and UK, as well as new and emerging markets. With a fascinating history of the product itself, how it's made, and details of the world's best rums, this is perfect for all rum lovers. It is completely up-to-date, including details of the different varieties and styles of rum available today. An introduction also explores the current market for rum and how distilleries are coping with the surge in demand. A great introduction to the most fascinating features of the world's landscapes, buildings, places and environments. Discover incredible facts about the world's most amazing places, including the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Barrier Reef and historical buildings of Europe. With bright imagery and categorisation by continent, this is a great supporting resource for schoolwork and home projects. The story of a fascinating man who connected the great politicians, artists and thinkers at the height of British global power and influence. A famed aesthete, politician and patron of the arts, Philip Sassoon lived in a world of English elegance and oriental flair. Gathering a social set that would provide inspiration for *Brideshead Revisited*, Sassoon gave parties at which Winston Churchill argued with George Bernard Shaw, while Noël Coward and Lawrence of Arabia mingled with flamingos and Rex Whistler painted murals as the party carried on around them. Not merely a wealthy socialite, he worked at the right hand of Douglas Haig during the First World War and then for Prime Minister Lloyd George for the settlement of the peace. He was close to King Edward VIII during the abdication crisis, and Minister for

the Air Force in the 1930s. And yet as the heir of wealthy Jewish traders from the souks of Baghdad, Philip craved acceptance from the English establishment. In *Charmed Life*, Damian Collins explores an extraordinary connected life at the heart of society during the height of British global power and influence. Valeria Woodville's first act as a married woman is to sign her name in the marriage register incorrectly, and this slip is followed by the gradual disclosure of a series of secrets about her husband's earlier life, each of which leads on to another set of questions and enigmas. Her discoveries prompt her to defy her husband's authority, to take the law into a labyrinthine maze of false clues and deceptive identities, in which the exploration of the tangled workings of the mind becomes linked to an investigation into the masquerades of femininity. Probably the first full-length novel with a woman detective as its heroine, *The Law and the Lady* is a fascinating example of Collins's later fiction. First published in 1875, it employs many of the techniques used in *The Moonstone*, developing them in bizarre and unexpected ways, and in its Gothic and fantastic elements *The Law and the Lady* adds a significant dimension to the history of detective fiction.

ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more. This ambitious and fascinating history considers why, in the space of sixty years between 1850 and 1910, football grew from a marginal and unorganised activity to become the dominant winter entertainment for millions of people around the world. The book explores how the world's football codes - soccer, rugby league, rugby union, American, Australian, Canadian and Gaelic - developed as part of the commercialised leisure industry in the nineteenth century. Football, however and wherever it was played, was a product of the second industrial revolution, the rise of the mass media, and the spirit of the age of the masses. Important reading for students of sports studies, history, sociology, development and management, this book is also a valuable resource for scholars and academics involved in the study of football in all its forms, as well as an engrossing read for anyone interested in the early history of football.

From Moses' delivery of the Ten Commandments to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" address in Washington, *Speeches That Changed the World* contains the inspiring words of the world's greatest orators. The defining moments of three thousand years of history are brought alive through the spoken words of the great leaders, religious and literary figures, politicians, and pioneering men and women who have shaped our world. Ideal as a reference tool, study companion for public speakers and students, or simply as a fascinating journey into the past, this memorable book captures the drama of history in the making. Rich in detail, filled with fascinating characters, and panoramic in its sweep, this magnificent, comprehensive work tells for the first time the complete story of the American woman from the Pilgrims to the 21st-century. In this sweeping cultural history, Gail Collins explores the transformations, victories, and tragedies of women in America over the past 300 years. As she traces the role of females from their arrival on the *Mayflower* through the 19th century to the feminist movement of the 1970s and today, she demonstrates a boomerang pattern of participation and retreat. In some periods, women were expected to work in the fields and behind the barricades—to colonize the nation, pioneer the West, and run the defense industries of World War II. In the decades between, economic forces and cultural attitudes shunted them back into the home, confining them to the role of moral beacon and domestic goddess. Told chronologically through the compelling true stories of individuals whose lives, linked together, provide a complete picture of the American

woman's experience, *Untitled* is a landmark work and major contribution for us all. *The World*, an illustrated pictorial atlas, takes children on a journey of discovery around the countries of the world. Clear, colourful and highly informative, discover fascinating facts about the countries, cultures and landmarks of our world. Topics are introduced globally to explain simply the use of illustrations selected on the regional mapping. Mapping is arranged by continent for easy reference and each map is packed with useful statistics and fascinating facts about the world we live in. A great resource for schoolwork and home projects, easy to follow, fun and entertaining. The fascinating, true account of the quest for one of the Old Testament's most infamous cities. Like many Christians today in the academic world, Dr. Steven Collins felt pulled in different directions when it came to apparent conflicts between the Bible and scholarly research and theory—an intellectual crisis that inspired him to lay it all on the line as he set off to locate the lost city of Sodom. Recounting Dr. Collins's quest for Sodom in absorbing detail, this adventure-cum-memoir reflects the tensions that define biblical archaeology as it narrates a tale of discovery. Readers follow "Dr. C" as he tracks down biblical, archaeological, and geographical clues to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, narrowing the list of possible sites as he weighs evidence and battles skeptics. Finally, he arrives at a single location that looms as the only option: a massive ancient ruin called Tall el-Hammam in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Many scholars who were initially opposed to Dr. Collins's theory now concede that history books may need to be rewritten in light of his groundbreaking discovery. It—along with several other recent finds—is challenging the assumptions of academics and asserting a new voice in the controversy of biblical archaeology and the dispute over using the Bible as a credible historical source. *** From respected archaeologist Dr. Steven Collins and award-winning author Dr. Latayne C. Scott comes the fascinating, true account of the frustrating search and exciting excavation of the city the Bible calls Sodom, which scholars and others had "misplaced" for hundreds of years. Like many modern-day Christians, Dr. Collins struggled with what seemed to be a clash between his heritage of belief in the Bible and the research regarding ancient history and human evolution. This crisis of faith led him to embark on a quest to put both his archaeological education and the Bible to the test by seeking out the lost ancient city, an expedition that has led to one of the most exciting finds in recent archaeology. Challenging the assumptions of academics around the world, *Discovering the City of Sodom* may well inspire a revision of the history books. Dr. Collins has become a new voice in the controversy over using the Bible as a credible source of understanding the past—and opened a new chapter in the struggle over the soul of biblical archaeology. Meet famous explorers and adventurers in this exciting non-fiction storybook for children. Venture into steaming jungles in search of lost temples, fight off frostbite in the Arctic, and blast off into space! Great explorers have one thing in common - a desire to leap into the unknown, no matter how dangerous that might be. From Ferdinand Magellan's first circumnavigation of the world 500 years ago to Barbara Hillary's treks to the North and South poles while in her seventies, *Explorers* documents the trials and hardships of the men and women who rewrote our understanding of the world, and showed us what humans are capable of. *Explorers* looks at the towering achievements of more than 50 explorers in great detail, with incredible cross-sections revealing the amazing detail inside Spanish galleons, lost cities, and spaceships. Hand-drawn maps reveal their intrepid journeys in great detail, and photographs highlight the artefacts and relics they found along the way. The explorers come from all walks of life and parts of the world. Packed with jaw-dropping facts and written in language that will get the heart racing, *Explorers* is the perfect book for any budding young adventurer, combining both beautiful illustrations by Jessamy Hawke and fantastic photography. The largest single-

volume English dictionary in print celebrates the extraordinary breadth and changing nature of world English, with more than 725,000 words, meanings, and phrases. Updated with all the very latest new words and senses, this is an unparalleled resource for word lovers, word gamers, and word geeks everywhere. It draws on Collins' extensive language databases and covers many literary and rare words useful for crossword solvers and setters as well as Scrabble players. Ideal for use at work, at home, and at school--new words, new meanings and new uses are tracked by Collins' lexicographers who monitor language change around the world. This along with suggestions from the public on the award-winning collinsdictionary.com, ensures Collins English Dictionary truly is the home of living language. More place names and biographical entries--with over 8,500 place names and 5,500 biographies you will encounter thousands of fascinating facts and figures at your fingertips. The latest edition is beautifully designed and printed, and is surprisingly light and easy to hold. Designed for day-to-day use, with a clear layout and virtual thumb tabs, it is also available in flexible formats to suit every user--in print, as a Kindle dictionary, and as an iOS app.

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include:

- Level 5 Leaders:** The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness.
- The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles):** To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence.
- A Culture of Discipline:** When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results.
- Technology Accelerators:** Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology.
- The Flywheel and the Doom Loop:** Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap.

"Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings? This title introduces children to the ever-popular topic of space and the amazing worlds that make up our solar system. From the New York Times bestselling author of *My Share of the Task* and *Leaders*, a manual for leaders

looking to make their teams more adaptable, agile, and unified in the midst of change. When General Stanley McChrystal took command of the Joint Special Operations Task Force in 2004, he quickly realized that conventional military tactics were failing. Al Qaeda in Iraq was a decentralized network that could move quickly, strike ruthlessly, then seemingly vanish into the local population. The allied forces had a huge advantage in numbers, equipment, and training—but none of that seemed to matter. To defeat Al Qaeda, they would have to combine the power of the world's mightiest military with the agility of the world's most fearsome terrorist network. They would have to become a "team of teams"—faster, flatter, and more flexible than ever. In *Team of Teams*, McChrystal and his colleagues show how the challenges they faced in Iraq can be relevant to countless businesses, nonprofits, and organizations today. In periods of unprecedented crisis, leaders need practical management practices that can scale to thousands of people—and fast. By giving small groups the freedom to experiment and share what they learn across the entire organization, teams can respond more quickly, communicate more freely, and make better and faster decisions. Drawing on compelling examples—from NASA to hospital emergency rooms—*Team of Teams* makes the case for merging the power of a large corporation with the agility of a small team to transform any organization. This new edition of the Collins COBUILD Idioms Dictionary offers comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the most important English idioms from around the world. The world has become a global village; it is vital that we understand each other's religions and motivations. Father Collins makes this a fascinating and enriching task. Embark on a journey through Nanjing's rich history and vibrant literary tradition, a UNESCO City of Literature, with *Nanjing: A World of Literature*. This captivating book takes you on a journey through time, exploring the city's deep cultural roots and its evolution as a renowned literary hub. Discover how Nanjing's enchanting natural beauty and profound historical significance have shaped its identity as a literary center, producing countless renowned figures and masterpieces. Uncover the fascinating stories of the city's iconic literary figures, from ancient scribes like Wang Xianzhi and Li Bai to modern luminaries like Pearl S. Buck and Lu Xun. Witness the contemporary landscape of Nanjing's literary scene as the city nurtures a thriving community of writers, readers, and cultural institutions. Learn about the initiatives that have solidified Nanjing's place as a leading city in publishing, literary awards, and public reading programs. *Nanjing: A World of Literature* is an essential guide for anyone seeking to understand this storied city's remarkable literary history and contemporary landscape. This book offers an intimate look at the heart of Chinese and global literature through exquisite prose and striking imagery, making it a must-have treasure for literature enthusiasts and lovers of cultural historians alike. Hailed by his contemporaries as "the divine painter," Raphael Sanzio of Urbino (1483-1520) was one of the greatest artists of the Italian Renaissance. A contemporary of Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael was sought out by popes, kings and aristocrats to decorate their residences. Michael Collins' new biography, *Raphael's World*, portrays the era in which the divine painter lived. Born thirty years after the invention of the printing press and nine years before the discovery of the New World, Raphael harnessed the new techniques of printing and the riches which flowed from the Americas into Europe in the early 16th century. The political map of Europe was changing as Raphael painted for his wealthy patrons. Pope Julius II commissioned him to decorated his apartments at the Vatican while Pope Leo X appointed him architect of the new St. Peter's which replaced the 1000 year old Constantinian basilica. While Raphael painted the Apostolic Palace and designed tapestries to be hung in the Sistine Chapel, a German friar, Martin Luther was about to rend Christendom apart. *Raphael's World* brings the reader into the ducal court of

Urbino, and follows the young Raphael to Perugia where he studied in the studio of Perugino, to Florence where he saw Michaelangelo and Da Vinci at work, to Rome where he painted for popes and cardinals, as well as Agostino Chigi, one of the wealthiest patrons of the day. Based on contemporary documentation, Raphael's World explores the complex era in which the artist flourished and introduces the reader to the fascinating panoply of patrons. The 500th anniversary of the death of Raphael occurs on 6 April 2020. There will be a number of events to celebrate the event, including the rare display of his Sistine tapestries and a symposium at the Vatican and other galleries around the world. Animals helps introduce children to marine mammals, birds of prey and the different types of animals that roam our Earth. From amphibians to butterflies, you'll learn all about the evolution of some of the world's greatest predators and plant eaters. This colourful and engaging animal book offers hours of fun learning and is also a great support for schoolwork, projects and home learning. NATIONAL BESTSELLER A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE Proclaimed as "truly spellbinding," a "great fable" that "functions as transporting romance" by the Guardian, the runaway #1 international bestseller "A rich, gothic entertainment that explores what books have trapped inside them and reminds us of the power of storytelling. Spellbinding." — TRACY CHEVALIER Imagine you could erase grief. Imagine you could remove pain. Imagine you could hide the darkest, most horrifying secret. Forever. Young Emmett Farmer is working in the fields when a strange letter arrives summoning him away from his family. He is to begin an apprenticeship as a Bookbinder—a vocation that arouses fear, superstition, and prejudice amongst their small community, but one neither he nor his parents can afford to refuse. For as long as he can recall, Emmett has been drawn to books, even though they are strictly forbidden. Bookbinding is a sacred calling, Seredith informs her new apprentice, and he is a binder born. Under the old woman's watchful eye, Emmett learns to hand-craft the elegant leather-bound volumes. Within each one they will capture something unique and extraordinary: a memory. If there's something you want to forget, a binder can help. If there's something you need to erase, they can assist. Within the pages of the books they create, secrets are concealed and the past is locked away. In a vault under his mentor's workshop rows upon rows of books are meticulously stored. But while Seredith is an artisan, there are others of their kind, avaricious and amoral tradesman who use their talents for dark ends—and just as Emmett begins to settle into his new circumstances, he makes an astonishing discovery: one of the books has his name on it. Soon, everything he thought he understood about his life will be dramatically rewritten. An unforgettable novel of enchantment, mystery, memory, and forbidden love, *The Binding* is a beautiful homage to the allure and life-changing power of books—and a reminder to us all that knowledge can be its own kind of magic. Did you know Marco Polo travelled 4,000 miles along the Silk Road all the way from Italy to China and it took him 4 years? Discover hundreds of fascinating facts about the world's greatest explorers. Long before people roamed this earth, it was home to dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. This exciting book challenges readers to search for and count a variety of ancient animals. Each puzzle provides insight about the different habitats dinosaurs lived in, and a fun fact about each of the creatures on the page. Readers will put their observation and counting skills to the test while seeing how many of each animal they can spot. Featuring colorful illustrations and accessible text, this book will be a popular addition to any library or classroom. A history of the Bard's competitively pursued First Folio traces the author's travels from the site of a Sotheby auction to regions in Asia, throughout which he investigated the roles played by those who have sought and owned the Folios. Profiles thirteen scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, adventurers, and writers who once basked in glory, but faded into obscurity due to failed experiments, bad luck,

and the signs of madness. This full-color, illustrated atlas offers students and families an inspired, approachable, and interactive view of today's world and the issues facing it. 160 color plates. This brightly illustrated and engaging book introduces young readers to ancient pyramids, lost cities, beautiful palaces and amazing natural features. It provides hours of pleasure as well as help with school work and projects. The 20th century has been one of vast and sweeping global change, of communism and fascism, of debt and prosperity, of the United Nations and nationalistic fervour, of mass demonstrations and individual defiance; and also of the aircraft and the submarine, of the conveyor belt and the computer, of miracle cures and new diseases, and of radio and television. Many people make rules. Learn about who makes the rules and why we need rules. Paired to the fiction title Not Yet!. Like most Manhattanites, aspiring artist Tate can't resist a good rental deal-even if it's in the city's strangest neighborhood, Golgotham, where for centuries werewolves, centaurs, and countless other creatures have roamed the streets. Her new landlord is a sorcerer name Hexe, who is determined to build his reputation without using dark, left-hand magic. As Tate is drawn into Hexe's fascinating world, they both find that the right hand does not always know what the left hand is doing-and avoiding darkness is no easy trick... View our feature on Nancy A Collins' Right Hand Magic. Discusses the ways that the magazine and its authors and editors have both passively and actively shaped American opinions of other cultures and caused us to reflect on our own culture. "The author presents QuantumThink^a, her system of thinking that contains twenty-two principles and practices combining ideas from quantum science and spiritual insights"--Provided by publisher. This beautifully presented Little Book is an excellent introduction to the world of gin. It includes a fascinating history of the product itself, how it's made, how best to drink it and details of the world's best gins. This colorful board book reveals how God created the world in simple, easy-to-remember rhymes as Collins uses geometric designs to create bright, beautiful, and exiting pictures that preschoolers will want to look at over and over again. Full color. This edition has been brought fully up-to-date to reflect all recent changes. The reference maps provide world-wide coverage, and are clear and accessible. Fascinating facts and Internet links to the most relevant websites enhance the reader's knowledge of the world. When eleven-year-old Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats and giant cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. Gregor has a vital role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Discover incredible facts about the dinosaurs that roamed our planet millions of years ago: learn where they lived, what they ate and what they looked like, with full colour diagrams and fact files about each species. A great supporting resource for schoolwork and home projects. Highly visual, easy to follow, fun and entertaining.

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