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CEO Excellence Carolyn Dewar 2022-03-15 "Based on extensive interviews with today's . . . corporate leaders, this look at how the best CEOs do their jobs focuses on the mindsets and actions that foster an environment of excellence"--
Cave In the Snow Vicki Mackenzie 2008-12-26 This is the incredible story of Tenzin Palmo, a remarkable woman who spent 12 years alone in a cave 13,000 feet up in the Himalayas. At the age of 20, Diane Perry, looking to fill a void in her life, entered a monastery in India--the only woman amongst hundreds of monks---and began her battle against the prejudice that had excluded women from enlightenment for thousands of years. Thirteen years later, Diane Perry a.k.a. Tenzin Palmo secluded herself in a remote cave 13,000 feet up in the Himalayas, where she stayed for twelve years. In her mountain retreat, she face unimaginable cold, wild animals, floods, snow and rockfalls, grew her own food and slept in a traditional wooden meditation box, three feet square. She never lay down. Tenzin emerged from the cave with a determination to build a convent in northern India to revive the Togdenma lineage, a long-forgotten female spiritual elite. She has traveled around the world to find support for her cause, meeting with spiritual leaders from the Pope to Desmond Tutu. She agreed to tell her story only to Vicky Mackenzie and a portion of the royalties from this book will help towards the completion of her convent.
Sinister Street Compton Mackenzie 2020-04-21T00:48:54Z Michael Fane arrives in the thin red house in Carlington Road to his new family of Nurse, Cook, Annie the housemaid, his younger sister Stella, and the occasional presence of Mother. From here, the novel follows the next twenty years of his life as he tries to find his place in the upper echelons of Edwardian society, through prep school, studies at Oxford, and his emergence into the wide world. The setting is rich in period detail, and the characters portrayed are vivid and more nuanced in their actions and stories than first impressions imply. Sinister Street was an immediate critical success on publication, although not without some worry for its openness to discuss less salubrious scenes, and it was a favourite of George Orwell and John Betjeman. Compton Mackenzie had attended both St. James' school and St. Mary's College at Oxford and the novel is at least partly autobiographical, but for the same measure was praised as an accurate portrayal of that experience; Max Beerbohm said "There is no book on Oxford like it. It gives you the actual Oxford experience." Although originally published in two volumes (in 1913 and 1914) for commercial reasons, the two form a single novel and have been brought back together again for this edition. This book is part of the Standard eBooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.
The prophecies of the Brahan seer, **Coinneach Odhar Fiosaiche** Alexander Mackenzie 1877

Academy, with which are Incorporated Literature and the English Review 1885

Ransom River Meg Gardiner 2012-07-05 JUDGE, JURY--AND EXECUTION. You can't go home again--and survive--in this mesmerizing crime novel by Meg Gardiner, "a top-tier mystery writer at the top of her game" (BookPage). Rory Mackenzie vowed to never return to her hometown of Ransom River, California. But she comes back and does her civic duty. Now she's juror number seven on a high-profile murder case. While most of the town is focused on the tense and shocking circumstances of the trial, Rory's return to Ransom River dredges up troubling memories from her childhood that she can no longer ignore. And in the wake of a desperate attack on the courthouse, Rory realizes exposing these dark skeletons has connected her to an old case that was never solved, and that bringing the truth to light just might destroy her.
Examples in Structural Analysis, Second Edition William M.C. McKenzie 2013-12-20 This second edition of Examples in Structural Analysis uses a step-by-step approach and provides an extensive collection of fully worked and graded examples for a wide variety of structural analysis problems. It presents detailed information on the methods of solutions to problems and the results obtained. Also given within the text is a summary of each of the principal analysis techniques inherent in the design process and where appropriate, an explanation of the mathematical models used. The text emphasises that software should only be used if designers have the appropriate knowledge and understanding of the mathematical modelling, assumptions and limitations inherent in the programs they use. It establishes the use of hand-methods for obtaining approximate solutions during preliminary design and an independent check on the answers obtained from computer analyses. What's New in the Second Edition: New chapters cover the development and use of influence lines for determinate and indeterminate beams, as well as the use of approximate analyses for indeterminate pin-jointed and rigid-jointed plane-frames. This edition includes a rewrite of the chapter on buckling instability, expands on beams and on the use of the unit load method applied to singly redundant frames. The x-y-z co-ordinate system and symbols have been modified to reflect the conventions adopted in the structural Eurocodes. William M. C. McKenzie is also the author of six design textbooks relating to the British Standards and the Eurocodes for structural design and one structural analysis textbook. As a member of the Institute of Physics, he is both a chartered engineer and a chartered physicist and has been involved in consultancy, research and teaching for more than 35 years.

Microsoft Azure Essentials - Fundamentals of Azure Michael Collier 2015-01-29 Microsoft Azure Essentials from Microsoft Press is a series of free ebooks designed to help you advance your technical skills with Microsoft Azure. The first ebook in the series, Microsoft Azure Essentials: Fundamentals of Azure, introduces developers and IT professionals to the wide range of capabilities in Azure. The authors - both Microsoft MVPs in Azure - present both conceptual and how-to content for key areas, including: Azure Websites and Azure Cloud Services Azure Virtual Machines Azure Storage Azure Virtual Networks Databases Azure Active Directory Management tools Business scenarios Watch Microsoft Press's blog and Twitter (@MicrosoftPress) to learn about other free ebooks in the "Microsoft Azure Essentials" series.

The Academy 1879

The Madness of Lord Ian Mackenzie Jennifer Ashley 2011-08-02 A woman is drawn to a dangerously intriguing man in this unique historical romance from New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Ashley. It was whispered all through London Society that Ian Mackenzie was mad, that he'd spent his youth in an asylum, and was not to be trusted--especially with a lady. For the reputation of any woman caught in his presence was instantly ruined. Yet Beth found herself inexorably drawn to the Scottish lord whose hint of a brogue wrapped around her like silk and whose touch could draw her into a world of ecstasy. Despite his decadence and his intimidating intelligence, she could see that he needed help. Her help. Because suddenly the only thing that made sense to her was...The Madness of Lord Ian Mackenzie.

Introduction to Environmental Engineering Mackenzie Leo Davis 1999-09 This comprehensive new edition tackles the multiple aspects of environmental engineering, from solid waste disposal to air and noise pollution. It places a much-needed emphasis on fundamental concepts, definitions, and problem-solving while providing updated problems and discussion questions in each chapter. Introduction to Environmental Engineering also includes a discussion of environmental legislation along with environmental ethics case studies and problems to present the legal framework that governs environmental engineering design.

Academy and Literature 1885

Python for Data Analysis Wes McKinney 2017-09-25 Get complete instructions for manipulating, processing, cleaning, and crunching datasets in Python. Updated for Python 3.6, the second edition of this hands-on guide is packed with practical case studies that show you how to solve a broad set of data analysis problems effectively. You'll learn the latest versions of pandas, NumPy, IPython, and Jupyter in the process. Written by Wes McKinney, the creator of the Python pandas project, this book is a practical, modern introduction to data science tools in Python. It's ideal for analysts new to Python and for Python programmers new to data science and scientific computing. Data files and related material are available on GitHub. Use the IPython shell and Jupyter notebook for exploratory computing Learn basic and advanced features in NumPy (Numerical Python) Get started with data analysis tools in the pandas library Use flexible tools to load, clean, transform, merge, and reshape data Create informative visualizations with matplotlib Apply the pandas groupby facility to slice, dice, and summarize datasets Analyze and manipulate regular and irregular time series data Learn how to solve real-world data analysis problems with thorough, detailed examples

Something in the Water Catherine Steadman 2020-06-23 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK • "A psychological thriller that captivated me from page one. What unfolds makes for a wild, page-turning ride! It's the perfect beach read!"--Reese Witherspoon A shocking discovery on a honeymoon in paradise changes the lives of a picture-perfect couple in this taut psychological thriller from the author of Mr. Nobody and The Disappearing Act. "Steadman keeps the suspense ratcheted up."--The New York Times ITW THRILLER AWARD FINALIST • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY GLAMOUR AND NEWSWEEK If you could make one simple choice that would change your life forever, would you? Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Passionately in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora, where they enjoy the sun, the sand, and each other. Then, while scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water. . . . Could the life of your dreams be the stuff of nightmares? Suddenly the newlyweds must make a dangerous choice: to speak out or to protect their secret. After all, if no one else knows, who would be hurt? Their decision will trigger a devastating chain of events. . . . Have you ever wondered how long it takes to dig a grave? Wonder no longer. Catherine Steadman's enthralling voice shines throughout this spellbinding debut novel. With piercing insight and fascinating twists, *Something in the Water* challenges the reader to confront the hopes we desperately cling to, the ideals we're tempted to abandon, and the perfect lies we tell ourselves.

The Alchemy of Growth Mehrdad Baghai 2000-06-30 Growth unleashes benefits beyond the economic. It revitalizes organizations and invigorates the people in them, creating energy, a sense of purpose, and the glow of being on a winning team. Like the alchemy of old, it seeks to transform the everyday into the exalted by means that seem little short of magical. Yet growth is often elusive, achieved at unacceptable costs, or managed in fits and starts. Based on over three years of research and application at high-performing companies around the world, *The Alchemy of Growth* is a comprehensive, practical approach to initiating, achieving, and sustaining profitable growth--today and tomorrow. As the book shows, the secret is to manage business opportunities across three time horizons at once: extending and defending core businesses, building new businesses, and seeding options for the future. *The Alchemy of Growth* offers managers at all levels the tools and concepts for investing in the right initiatives, capabilities, and talent to propel their companies into the future.

The Book of Why Judea Pearl 2018-05-15 A Turing Award-winning computer scientist and statistician shows how understanding causality has revolutionized science and will revolutionize artificial intelligence "Correlation is not causation." This mantra, chanted by scientists for more than a century, has led to a virtual prohibition on causal talk. Today, that taboo is dead. The causal revolution, instigated by Judea Pearl and his colleagues, has cut through a century of confusion and established causality -- the study of cause and effect -- on a firm scientific basis. His work explains how we can know easy things, like whether it was rain or a sprinkler that made a sidewalk wet; and how to answer hard questions, like whether a drug cured an illness. Pearl's work enables us to know not just whether one thing causes another: it lets us explore the world that is and the worlds that could have been. It shows us the essence of human thought and key to artificial intelligence. Anyone who wants to understand either needs *The Book of Why*.

Omega Karina Espinosa 2017-07-19 Bodies drained of blood are scattered around New York City. With a serial killer on the loose, Mackenzie Grey is obsessed with solving the murders. She dives into her work at the Supernatural Investigative Unit to forget about the events that dismantled her Pack a year ago. When the killer makes Kenz the target, she falls down the rabbit hole and discovers she has a lot more to do with these murders than she realized. As her past creeps up behind her, she must swallow her pride and seek aid from old and new friends. In the epic finale of the Mackenzie Grey: Origins series, she will finally become the wolf she is destined to be...

Cloud Design Patterns Alex Homer 2014-02-17 Cloud applications have a unique set of characteristics. They run on commodity hardware, provide services to untrusted users, and deal with unpredictable workloads. These factors impose a range of problems that you, as a designer or developer, need to resolve. Your applications must be resilient so that they can recover from failures, secure to protect services from malicious attacks, and elastic in order to respond to an ever changing workload. This guide demonstrates design patterns that can help you to solve the problems you might encounter in many different areas of cloud application development. Each pattern discusses design considerations, and explains how you can implement it using the features of Windows Azure. The patterns are grouped into categories: availability, data management, design and implementation, messaging, performance and scalability, resilience, management and monitoring, and security. You will also see more general guidance related to these areas of concern. It explains key concepts such as data consistency and asynchronous messaging. In addition, there is useful guidance and explanation of the key considerations for designing features such as data partitioning, telemetry, and hosting in multiple datacenters. These patterns and guidance can help you to improve the quality of applications and services you create, and make the development process more efficient. Enjoy!

Open Access Peter Suber 2012-07-20 A concise introduction to the basics of open access, describing what it is (and isn't) and showing that it is easy, fast, inexpensive, legal, and beneficial. The Internet lets us share perfect copies of our work with a worldwide audience at virtually no cost. We take advantage of this revolutionary opportunity when we make our work "open access": digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. Open access is made possible by the Internet and copyright-holder consent, and many authors, musicians, filmmakers, and other creators who depend on royalties are understandably unwilling to give their consent. But for 350 years, scholars have written peer-reviewed journal articles for impact, not for money, and are free to consent to open access without losing revenue. In this concise introduction, Peter Suber tells us what open access is and isn't, how it benefits

authors and readers of research, how we pay for it, how it avoids copyright problems, how it has moved from the periphery to the mainstream, and what its future may hold. Distilling a decade of Suber's influential writing and thinking about open access, this is the indispensable book on the subject for researchers, librarians, administrators, funders, publishers, and policy makers.

97 Things Every Cloud Engineer Should Know Emily Freeman 2020-12-04 If you create, manage, operate, or configure systems running in the cloud, you're a cloud engineer--even if you work as a system administrator, software developer, data scientist, or site reliability engineer. With this book, professionals from around the world provide valuable insight into today's cloud engineering role. These concise articles explore the entire cloud computing experience, including fundamentals, architecture, and migration. You'll delve into security and compliance, operations and reliability, and software development. And examine networking, organizational culture, and more. You're sure to find 1, 2, or 97 things that inspire you to dig deeper and expand your own career. "Three Keys to Making the Right Multicloud Decisions," Brendan O'Leary "Serverless Bad Practices," Manases Jesus Galindo Bello "Failing a Cloud Migration," Lee Atchison "Treat Your Cloud Environment as If It Were On Premises," Iyana Garry "What Is Toil, and Why Are SREs Obsessed with It?," Zachary Nickens "Lean QA: The QA Evolving in the DevOps World," Theresa Neate "How Economies of Scale Work in the Cloud," Jon Moore "The Cloud Is Not About the Cloud," Ken Corless "Data Gravity: The Importance of Data Management in the Cloud," Geoff Hughes "Even in the Cloud, the Network Is the Foundation," David Murray "Cloud Engineering Is About Culture, Not Containers," Holly Cummins

To Win Her Love Mackenzie Crowne 2015-08-04 To win the game, they'll have to risk losing their hearts... When a bizarre child custody stipulation pits popular sports blogger Gracie Gable against football superstar Jake Malone, losing the battle for her twin nieces isn't the only thing Gracie has to worry about. Forced to live for three months under the same roof as the sexy tight end, will she fall prey to his flirtatious pursuit? Or worse, will the skeletons in her closet destroy her chance for the love and family she so desperately wants? Neglected by his parents as a boy, Jake doesn't believe in happily ever after. Yet living with Gracie and the twins might be enough to change his mind--and his womanizing ways. But when the press unearths a scandal from Gracie's past, will he lose the one woman he was ready to open his heart to? 88,000 Words

Microsoft Windows Azure Development Cookbook Neil Mackenzie 2011-08-05 Over 80 advanced recipes for developing scalable services with the Windows Azure platform.

Calculus for Business, Economics, and the Social and Life Sciences Laurence D. Hoffmann 2007-06-01 Calculus for Business, Economics, and the Social and Life Sciences introduces calculus in real-world contexts and provides a sound, intuitive understanding of the basic concepts students need as they pursue careers in business, the life sciences, and the social sciences. The new Ninth Edition builds on the straightforward writing style, practical applications from a variety of disciplines, clear step-by-step problem solving techniques, and comprehensive exercise sets that have been hallmarks of Hoffmann/Bradley's success through the years.

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Big Data, Analytics, and the Future of Marketing & Sales McKinsey Chief Marketing & Sales Officer Forum 2014-08-16 Big Data is the biggest game-changing opportunity for marketing and sales since the Internet went mainstream almost 20 years ago. The data big bang has unleashed torrents of terabytes about everything from customer behaviors to weather patterns to demographic consumer shifts in emerging markets. This collection of articles, videos, interviews, and slideshows highlights the most important lessons for companies looking to turn data into above-market growth: Using analytics to identify valuable business opportunities from the data to drive decisions and improve marketing return on investment (MROI) Turning those insights into well-designed products and offers that delight customers Delivering those products and offers effectively to the marketplace.The goldmine of data represents a pivot-point moment for marketing and sales leaders. Companies that inject big data and analytics into their operations show productivity rates and profitability that are 5 percent to 6 percent higher than those of their peers. That's an advantage no company can afford to ignore.

The Time Trap R. Alec Mackenzie 2009 Focusing on twenty major obstacles to effective time management, a guide to using time well offers practical solutions to the problem.

How the Scots Invented the Modern World Arthur Herman 2007-12-18 An exciting account of the origins of the modern world Who formed the first literate society? Who invented our modern ideas of democracy and free market capitalism? The Scots. As historian and author Arthur Herman reveals, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Scotland made crucial contributions to science, philosophy, literature, education, medicine, commerce, and politics--contributions that have formed and nurtured the modern West ever since. Herman has charted a fascinating journey across the centuries of Scottish history. Here is the untold story of how John Knox and the Church of Scotland laid the foundation for our modern idea of democracy; how the Scottish Enlightenment helped to inspire both the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution; and how thousands of Scottish immigrants left their homes to create the American frontier, the Australian outback, and the British Empire in India and Hong Kong. How the Scots Invented the Modern World reveals how Scottish genius for creating the basic ideas and institutions of modern life stamped the lives of a series of remarkable historical figures, from James Watt and Adam Smith to Andrew Carnegie and Arthur Conan Doyle, and how Scottish heroes continue to inspire our contemporary culture, from William "Braveheart" Wallace to James Bond. And no one who takes this incredible historical trek will ever view the Scots--or the modern West--in the same way again.

Enterprise Architecture for Global Companies in a Digital IT Era Yoshimasa Masuda 2019-01-24 This book investigates solutions incorporated by architecture boards in global enterprises to resolve issues and mitigate related architecture risks, while also proposing and implementing an adaptive integrated digital architecture framework (AIDAF) and related models and approaches/platforms, which can be applied in companies to promote IT strategies using cloud/mobile IT/digital IT. The book is divided into three main parts, the first of which (Chapters 1–2) addresses the background and motivation for AIDAF aligned with digital IT strategies. The second part (Chapter 3) provides an overview of strategic enterprise architecture (EA) frameworks for digital IT, elaborates on the essential elements of EA frameworks in the digital IT era, and advocates using AIDAF, models for architecture assessment/risk management, knowledge management on digital platforms. In turn, the third part (Chapters 4–7) demonstrates the application and benefits of AIDAF and related models, as shown in three case studies. "I found this book to be a very nice contribution to the EA community of practice. I can recommend this book as a textbook for digital IT strategists/practitioners, EA practitioners, students in universities and graduate schools." (From the Foreword by Scott A. Bernard) "In this new age of the digital information society, it is necessary to advocate a new EA framework. This book provides state-of-the-art knowledge and practices about EA frameworks beneficial for IT practitioners, IT strategists, CIO, IT architects, and even students. It serves as an introductory textbook for all who drive the information society in this era."(From the Foreword by Jun Murai)

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Building Cloud Apps with Microsoft Azure Scott Guthrie 2014-07-18 This ebook walks you through a patterns-based approach to building real-world cloud solutions. The patterns apply to the development process as well as to architecture and coding practices. The content is based on a presentation developed by Scott Guthrie and delivered by him at the Norwegian Developers Conference (NDC) in June of 2013 (part 1, part 2), and at Microsoft Tech Ed Australia in September 2013 (part 1, part 2). Many others updated and augmented the content while transitioning it from video to written form. Who should read this book Developers who are curious about developing for the cloud, are considering a move to the cloud, or are new to cloud development will find here a concise overview of the most important concepts and practices they need to know. The concepts are illustrated with concrete examples, and each chapter includes links to other resources that provide more in-depth information. The examples and the links to additional resources are for Microsoft frameworks and services, but the principles illustrated apply to other web development frameworks and cloud environments as well. Developers who are already developing for the cloud may find ideas here that will help make them more successful. Each chapter in the series can be read independently, so you can pick and choose topics that you're interested in. Anyone who watched Scott Guthrie's "Building Real World Cloud Apps with Windows Azure" presentation and wants more details and updated information will find that here. Assumptions This ebook expects that you have experience developing web applications by using Visual Studio and ASP.NET. Familiarity with C# would be helpful in places.

The Shadow Reader Sandy Williams 2019-06-15 A fae urban fantasy romance. Some humans can see the fae. McKenzie Lewis can track them. A Houston College student trying to finish her degree, McKenzie has been working for the fae king for years, tracking vicious rebels who would claim the Realm. Her job isn't her only secret. For just as long, she's been in love with Kyo!, the king's sword-master--and relationships between humans and fae are forbidden. But any hope of a normal life is shattered when she's captured by Aren, the fierce and uncompromising rebel leader. He teaches her the forbidden fae language and tells her dark truths about the Court, all to persuade her to turn against the king. Time is running out, and as the fight starts to claim human lives, McKenzie has to decide once and for all whom to trust--and where she ultimately stands in the face of a cataclysmic civil war. "A fresh take on the fae, packed with suspense, surprises, and real moral dilemmas. Sexy and fun, this is a must for anyone who likes their fae modern, their stakes high, and their property damage extensive." --Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author "Combines top-notch writing and world-building with characters you'll adore...and the star-crossed lovers may just break your heart." --Ann Aguirre, USA Today bestselling author Keywords: urban fantasy, urban fantasy romance, contemporary fantasy, contemporary fantasy, fae romance, fantasy, fae books, fae urban fantasy series, urban fantasy magic, sword and sorcery, epic urban fantasy, paranormal romance, fae urban fantasy, fey urban fantasy, new adult urban fantasy, enemies to lovers, urban fantasy trilogy, paranormal fae Similar Authors: K. F. Breene, McKenzie Hunter, Linsey Hall, Jaymin Eve, Bella Forrest, Annette Marie, Kim Harrison, Karen Marie Moning, Meg Xuemei X

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Serverless Integration Design Patterns with Azure Abhishek Kumar 2019-02-13 Whether you work for a small start-up or for a large enterprise, this book can help you understand Microsoft Cloud Integration technologies to Integrate application and business processes. By using this book, readers will be able to learn various Architecture design principles while connecting Enterprise application with Azure components.

The Everything Store Brad Stone 2013-10-15 The authoritative account of the rise of Amazon and its intensely driven founder, Jeff Bezos, praised by the Seattle Times as "the definitive account of how a tech icon came to life." Amazon.com started off delivering books through the mail. But its visionary founder, Jeff Bezos, wasn't content with being a bookseller. He wanted Amazon to become the everything store, offering limitless selection and seductive convenience at disruptively low prices. To do so, he developed a corporate culture of relentless ambition and secrecy that's never been cracked. Until now. Brad Stone enjoyed unprecedented access to current and former Amazon employees and Bezos family members, giving readers the first in-depth, fly-on-the-wall account of life at Amazon. Compared to tech's other elite innovators -- Jobs, Gates, Zuckerberg -- Bezos is a private man. But he stands out for his restless pursuit of new markets, leading Amazon into risky new ventures like the Kindle and cloud computing, and transforming retail in the same way Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing. The Everything Store is the revealing, definitive biography of the company that placed one of the first and largest bets on the Internet and forever changed the way we shop and read.

Azure in Action Brian Prince 2010-10-21 Azure in Action is a fast-paced tutorial intended for architects and developers looking to develop cloud-based applications on the Windows Azure Platform. Written by two of Microsoft's leading Azure evangelists, it's designed both for readers new to cloud concepts and for those familiar with cloud development but new to Azure. Starting with core concepts, the book explores designing and scaling front-end and back-end services that run in the cloud, and more advanced scenarios in Windows Azure. Later chapters introduce the rest of the Azure Services Platform with a particular focus on SQL Azure Database.

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Microsoft Azure Development Cookbook Second Edition Roberto Freato 2014-09-25 If you are an architect, this book will help you make the correct decisions about which Azure building blocks to use. If you are a developer, this book will help you understand how to use them appropriately, and if you are a .NET developer, this book is a pure delight. *Shift* Karina Espinosa 2015-01-21 It's hard enough being an undergraduate student, an intern at Downtown Manhattan's police station, and a bouncer at a local bar. Add her now ex-boyfriend who recently dumped her for the school's resident bimbo-oh, and she's a werewolf. Mackenzie Grey meets her match when she is kidnapped by the Brooklyn Pack and tossed between Sebastian and Jonah-the Alpha and the Beta. Being a lone-wolf in the city is dangerous, and now that the Pack has found her, so can every supernatural being in the Tri-State area. And not even her sarcastic, smart mouth can get her out of this. When a string of kidnappings involves Mackenzie in supernatural politics, she questions her new acquaintances and finds unlikely allies. Can she escape Pack law and keep her freedom-or will she be condemned to an unwanted path?

Impact Evaluation in Practice, Second Edition Paul J. Gertler 2016-09-12 The second edition of the Impact Evaluation in Practice handbook is a comprehensive and accessible introduction to impact evaluation for policy makers and development practitioners. First published in 2011, it has been used widely across the development and academic communities. The

book incorporates real-world examples to present practical guidelines for designing and implementing impact evaluations. Readers will gain an understanding of impact evaluations and the best ways to use them to design evidence-based policies and programs. The updated version covers the newest techniques for evaluating programs and includes state-of-the-art implementation advice, as well as an expanded set of examples and case studies that draw on recent development challenges. It also includes new material on research ethics and partnerships to conduct impact evaluation. The handbook is divided into four sections: Part One discusses what to evaluate and why; Part Two presents the main impact evaluation methods; Part Three addresses how to manage impact evaluations; Part Four reviews impact evaluation sampling and data collection. Case studies illustrate different applications of impact evaluations. The book links to complementary instructional material available online, including an applied case as well as questions and answers. The updated second edition will be a valuable resource for the international development community, universities, and policy makers looking to build better evidence around what works in development.

Risky Play Rachel Van Dyken 2019-03-12 Even one-night stands deserve a second chance in New York Times bestselling author Rachel Van Dyken's novel of sporting desire. What else can a virgin do when she's ditched at the altar? Seattle heiress Mackenzie Dupont is treating herself to a single-girl honeymoon in Mexico and a desire to relinquish her innocence to a gorgeous one-night stand. Fake names. True pleasure. But when she wakes up alone, Mackenzie realizes just how much anger is left in her broken heart. Suffering a tragic personal loss, pro soccer player Slade Rodriguez has his reasons for vanishing without a goodbye. Right or wrong, he's blaming the beautiful and infuriating stranger he never wants to see again. They're both in for a shock when Mackenzie shows up as his new personal assistant. And they both have a lot to learn about each other. Because they share more than they could possibly know, including a common enemy who's playing his own games. And he's not afraid to get dirty. Now there's only one way Mackenzie and Slade can win: to trust in each other and to stop hiding from the lies they've told, the secrets they've kept, the mistakes they've made, and the attraction that still burns between them.