**A Dream So Big**-Steve Peifer 2013-03-19

A Dream So Big is the story of Steve Peifer, a corporate manager who once oversaw 9,000 computer software consultants, who today helps provide daily lunches for over 20,000 Kenyan school children in thirty-five national public schools, and maintains solar-powered computer labs at twenty rural African schools. Steve and his wife, Nancy, were enjoying a successful management career with one of America’s high tech corporate giants during the dot-com boom of the 1990’s when, in 1997, he and his wife Nancy discovered they were pregnant with their third child. Tragically, doctors said a chromosomal condition left their baby “incompatible with life.” The Peifers only spent 8 days with baby Stephen before he died. Seeking to flee the pain, Steve and Nancy began a pilgrimage that thrust them into a third-world setting where daily life was often defined by tragedy—drought, disease, poverty, hunger, and death. They didn’t arrive in the service of any divine calling, but the truth of their surroundings spoke to their troubled hearts. A short-term, 12-month mission assignment as dorm parents for a Kenyan boarding school turned this ordinary man into the most unlikely internationally recognized hero, and his story will inspire you to pursue similar lives of service.

**A Girlfriend’s Guide Through Infertility**-Gina Bracci 2013-09-05

Infertility is a silent epidemic. Unless a person suffers with infertility, it is most likely not thought or heard about often. However, if you or your spouse is infertile, then it is something you think about every waking moment. It is a silent disease that can consume your life. The silence is what makes infertility very isolating. Most women do not have anyone to turn to for support or else the pain runs too deep to share. The authors, Alicia and Gina, are two no-nonsense women who no longer want this to be a silent disease. They came together with one goal in mind; to write a book women can relate to on a very personal level to eliminate some of that isolation. The authors' style of writing is a very down-to-earth, as the authors share some funny and not so funny experiences. Alicia and Gina take you through their own infertility journeys, documenting every failure and triumph throughout the years they suffered. They discuss how to find the right doctor and how to identify and avoid road blocks that cause unnecessary challenges. They also share their raw emotions regarding relationships, nosey co-workers and financial strain related to infertility. "A Girlfriend's Guide Through Infertility" focuses on educating women and men on some potentially unfamiliar and surprising causes of infertility. Many couples are told they have unexplained infertility. Alicia and Gina wanted explanations. As they began researching and interviewing doctors and the more knowledgeable they became, they realized their book would provide valuable information to others. Infertility rates will continue to rise and those facing an infertility diagnosis will look for ways to alleviate their isolation and pain. Infertility prevention will be valuable in the future as more women and men are diagnosed every year. Alicia and Gina
are eager to share their stories and research with you, and they hope this book is a source of comfort, information and inspiration to every reader.

**A Companion to Chrétien de Troyes**-Norris J. Lacy 2008 A fine collection...an excellent introduction to Chrétien's world and work. Highly recommended. CHOICE

**A Companion to American Literary Studies**-Caroline F. Levander 2015-08-17 A Companion to American Literary Studies addresses the most provocative questions, subjects, and issues animating the field. Essays provide readers with the knowledge and conceptual tools for understanding American literary studies as it is practiced today, and chart new directions for the future of the subject. Offers up-to-date accounts of major new critical approaches to American literary studies Presents state-of-the-art essays on a full range of topics central to the field Essays explore critical and institutional genealogies of the field, increasingly diverse conceptions of American literary study, and unprecedented material changes such as the digital revolution A unique anthology in the field, and an essential resource for libraries, faculty, graduate students, and advanced undergraduates

**A Computational Approach to Digital Chinese Painting and Calligraphy**-Songhua Xu 2009-05-12 "A Computational Approach to Digital Chinese Painting and Calligraphy" is a technical book on computer science and its applications in the arts. It focuses on Oriental digital arts, in particular Chinese arts and painting, offering a multi-disciplinary treatment from the angles of computer graphics, interactive techniques, human-computer interaction, and artificial intelligence. The book also discusses the unique difficulties and challenges of using the computer to produce Oriental arts, including research results by the authors and their lessons and engineering experiences behind these efforts. Songhua Xu is a computer scientist of Zhejiang University and Yale University, as well as an honorary researcher of the University of Hong Kong. Francis C.M. Lau is Professor at the University of Hong Kong where he leads the Systems Research Group in the Department of Computer Science. Yunhe Pan is Professor of Computer Science at Zhejiang University as well as Deputy President of Chinese Academy of Engineering.

**A Companion to 19th-Century America**-William Barney 2008-04-15 A Companion to 19th-Century America is an authoritative overview of current historiographical developments and major themes in the history of nineteenth-century America. Twenty-seven scholars, all specialists in their own thematic areas, examine the key debates and historiography. A thematic and chronological organization brings together the major time periods, politics, the Civil War, economy, and social and cultural history of the nineteenth century. Written with the general reader in mind, each essay surveys the historical research, the emerging concerns, and assesses the future direction of scholarship. Complete coverage of all the major themes and current debates in nineteenth-century US history assessing the state of the scholarship and future concerns. 24 original essays by leading experts in nineteenth-century American history complete with up-to-date bibliographies. Chronological and thematic organization covers both traditional and contemporary fields of
research - politics, periods, economy, class formation, ethnicity, gender roles, regions, culture and ideas.

A Companion to Mark Twain - Peter Messent 2015-08-17 This broad-ranging companion brings together respected American and European critics and a number of up-and-coming scholars to provide an overview of Twain, his background, his writings, and his place in American literary history. One of the most broad-ranging volumes to appear on Mark Twain in recent years Brings together respected Twain critics and a number of younger scholars in the field to provide an overview of this central figure in American literature Places special emphasis on the ways in which Twain’s works remain both relevant and important for a twenty-first century audience A concluding essay evaluates the changing landscape of Twain criticism

A Companion to American Gothic - Charles L. Crow 2013-09-10 A Companion to American Gothic features a collection of original essays that explore America’s gothic literary tradition. The largest collection of essays in the field of American Gothic Contributions from a wide variety of scholars from around the world The most complete coverage of theory, major authors, popular culture and non-print media available

A Concise Handbook of Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering Sciences - Andrei D. Polyanin 2010-10-18 A Concise Handbook of Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering Sciences takes a practical approach to the basic notions, formulas, equations, problems, theorems, methods, and laws that most frequently occur in scientific and engineering applications and university education. The authors pay special attention to issues that many engineers and students

A Companion to the History of the English Language - Haruko Momma 2009-11-18 A Companion to the History of the English Language addresses the linguistic, cultural, social, and literary approaches to language study. The first text to offer a complete survey of the field, this volume provides the most up-to-date insights of leading international scholars. An accessible reference to the history of the English language Comprises more than sixty essays written by leading international scholars Aids literature students in incorporating language study into their work Includes an historical survey of the English language, from its Germanic and Indo-European beginnings to modern British and American English Enriched with maps, diagrams, and illustrations from historical publications Introduces the latest scholarship in the field

Cook's Guide to Asian Vegetables - Wendy Hutton 2012-11-20 Here at last is a book which all cooks need to know about the fast-growing list of Asian vegetables found in Asian grocery stores and specialty gourmet shops. With attractive watercolors and photographs, A Cook's Guide to Asian Vegetables helps you identify more than 170 vegetables and vegetable products commonly used in Asian cuisine and sold world-wide. Categories
include: Beans, peas, pulses Cabbage and other leafy greens Fruiting vegetables Gourds and melons Herbs Mushrooms and other fungi The onion family Preserved vegetables Seaweeds Tofu and other soy products Tubers, stems, and roots Any many more! This Asian cookbook offers insightful tips on how cooks have used the vegetables throughout history; their appearance, nutritional content and flavor; selection, storage and preparation as well as information on traditional Asian herbal remedies and folk beliefs. Fresh, dried and preserved vegetables and herbs are described in this volume, together with simple recipes from around Asia that demonstrate how various vegetables can be served. This cookbook also features over 100 recipes to craft delicious vegetable dishes from all over Asia.

A Companion to Jorge Luis Borges-Steven Boldy 2013 An introduction to one of Latin America's most important authors.

Germany, 1918-1945-Greg Lacey 1997 Germany 1918-1945 is an authoritative depth study for use with all GCSE Modern World History and SHP specifications from all examinations boards. It thoroughly covers the content requirements of the OCR, Edexcel and AQA specifications using an enquiry based approach. It is written by experts who understand both how to design good teaching material but also understand the exact assessment requirements of each specification. It is supported by a comprehensive Teacher's Resource Book, and a Dynamic Learning digital resource which contains all the content of the Student Book clickable and usable as you wish on a whiteboard or on a school VLE or network. This is a popular book, being widely used throughout Australia.

A Cultural History of British Euroscepticism-M. Spiering 2014-12-03 Why are the British so Euro-sceptic? Forget about tedious treaties, party politics or international relations. The real reason is that the British do not feel European. This book explores and explains the cultural divide between Britain and Europe, where it comes from and how it manifests itself in everyday life and the academic world.

A Companion to American Immigration-Reed Ueda 2011-03-21 A Companion to American Immigration is an authoritative collection of original essays by leading scholars on the major topics and themes underlying American immigration history. Focuses on the two most important periods in American Immigration history: the Industrial Revolution (1820-1930) and the Globalizing Era (Cold War to the present) Provides an in-depth treatment of central themes, including economic circumstances, acculturation, social mobility, and assimilation Includes an introductory essay by the volume editor.

A Companion to the Works of Hermann Hesse-Ingo Cornils 2009 New essays on the works and themes of Hesse, one of the most perennially relevant and widely-read German authors.
A Companion to Jean Renoir-Alastair Phillips 2013-04-11 François Truffaut called him, simply, ‘the best’. Jean Renoir is a towering figure in world cinema and fully justifies this monumental survey that includes contributions from leading international film scholars and comprehensively analyzes Renoir’s life and career from numerous critical perspectives. New and original research by the world’s leading English and French language Renoir scholars explores stylistic, cultural and ideological aspects of Renoir’s films as well as key biographical periods Thematic structure admits a range of critical methodologies, from textual analysis to archival research, cultural studies, genre-based and philosophical approaches Features detailed analysis of Renoir’s essential works Provides an international perspective on this key auteur’s enduring significance in world film history

A Concise History of Bolivia-Herbert S. Klein 2011-01-31 In its first Spanish edition, Herbert Klein’s A Concise History of Bolivia won immediate acceptance within Bolivia as the new standard history of this important nation. Surveying Bolivia’s economic, social, cultural and political evolution from the arrival of early man in the Andes to the present, this current version brings the history of this society up to the present day, covering the fundamental changes that have occurred since the National Revolution of 1952 and the return of democracy in 1982. These changes have included the introduction of universal education and the rise of the mestizos and Indian populations to political power for the first time in national history. This second edition brings this story through the first administration of the first self-proclaimed Indian president in national history and the major changes that the government of Evo Morales has introduced in Bolivian society, politics and economics.

A Concise History of Chinese Literature-Yuming Luo 2011 A history of Chinese literature from its early beginnings through the end of the Qing dynasty, this recent work from Professor Luo Yuming of China’s Fudan University seeks to provide, by adopting new theoretical perspectives and using updated research, a coherent, panoramic description of the development of Chinese literature and its major characteristics. As one of the very few English translations of such works by Chinese authors it seeks to inform the Western audience of the recent viewpoints and scholarship on the topic from a leading Chinese scholar. It may also provide some grounds of comparison and contrast with equivalent works in the West.

A Cultural History of the English Language-Gerry Knowles 2014-05-01 This book presents a new interpretation of the history of English. Access to large corpuses of English has allowed scholars to assess the minutiae of linguistic change with much greater precision than before, often pinpointing the beginnings of linguistic innovations in place and time. The author uses the findings from this research to relate major historical events to change in the language, in particular to areas of linguistic inquiry that have been of particular importance in recent years, such as discourse analysis, stylistics and work on pidgins and creoles. The book does not attempt to chronicle changes in syntax or pronunciation and spelling, but is designed to complement a corpus-based study of formal changes. The story of English is brought up to the late 1990s to include, amongst other things, discussions of Estuary English and the implications of the information superhighway.
A Companion to Latin American Women Writers-Brigida M. Pastor 2012 This volume offers a critical study of a representative selection of Latin American women writers who have made major contributions to all literary genres and represent a wide range of literary perspectives and styles. Many of these women have attained the highest literary honours: Gabriela Mistral won the Nobel Prize in 1945; Clarice Lispector attracted the critical attention of theorists working mainly outside the Hispanic area; others have made such telling contributions to particular strands of literature that their names are immediately evocative of specific currents or styles. Elena Poniatowska is associated with testimonial writing; Isabel Allende and Laura Esquivel are known for the magical realism of their texts; others, such as Juana de Ibarbourou and Laura Restrepo remain relatively unknown despite their contributions to erotic poetry and to postcolonial prose fiction respectively. The distinctiveness of this volume lies in its attention to writers from widely differing historical and social contexts and to the diverse theoretical approaches adopted by the authors. Brigida M. Pastor teaches Latin American literature and film at the University of Glasgow . Her publications include Fashioning Cuban Feminism and Beyond, El discurso de Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda: Identidad Femenina y Otredad; and Discursos Caribenhos: Historia, Literatura e Cinema Lloyd Hughes Davies teaches Spanish American Literature at Swansea University. His publications include Isabel Allende, La casa de los espíritus and Projections of Peronism in Argentine Autobiography, Biography and Fiction.

A Companion to T. S. Eliot- David E. Chinitz 2011-09-26 Reflecting the surge of critical interest in Eliot renewed in recent years, A Companion to T.S. Eliot introduces the 'new' Eliot to readers and educators by examining the full body of his works and career. Leading scholars in the field provide a fresh and fully comprehensive collection of contextual and critical essays on his life and achievement. It compiles the most comprehensive and up-to-date treatment available of Eliot's work and career It explores the powerful forces that shaped Eliot as a writer and thinker, analyzing his body of work and assessing his oeuvre in a variety of contexts: historical, cultural, social, and philosophical It charts the surge in critical interest in T.S. Eliot since the early 1990s It provides an illuminating insight into a poet, writer, and critic who continues to define the literary landscape of the last century

A Companion to Medieval Poetry-Corinne Saunders 2010-02-12 A Companion to Medieval Poetry presents a series of original essays from leading literary scholars that explore English poetry from the Anglo-Saxon period up to the 15th century. Organised into three parts to echo the chronological and stylistic divisions between the Anglo-Saxon, Middle English and Post-Chaucerian periods, each section is introduced with contextual essays, providing a valuable introduction to the society and culture of the time Combines a general discussion of genres of medieval poetry, with specific consideration of texts and authors, including Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Chaucer, Gower and Langland Features original essays by eminent scholars, including Andy Orchard, Carl Schmidt, Douglas Gray, and Barry Windeatt, who present a range of theoretical, historical, and cultural approaches to reading medieval poetry, as well as offering close analysis of individual texts and traditions.

A Concise History of Kentucky-James Klotter 2010-09-12 Kentucky is most commonly
associated with horses, tobacco fields, bourbon, and coal mines. There is much more to the state, though, than stories of feuding families and Colonel Sanders’ famous fried chicken. Kentucky has a rich and often compelling history, and James C. Klotter and Freda C. Klotter introduce readers to an exciting story that spans 12,000 years, looking at the lives of Kentuckians from Native Americans to astronauts. The Klotters examine all aspects of the state’s history—its geography, government, social life, cultural achievements, education, and economy. A Concise History of Kentucky recounts the events of the deadly frontier wars of the state’s early history, the divisive Civil War, and the shocking assassination of a governor in 1900. The book tells of Kentucky’s leaders from Daniel Boone and Henry Clay to Abraham Lincoln, Mary Breckinridge, and Muhammad Ali. The authors also highlight the lives of Kentuckians, both famous and ordinary, to give a voice to history. The Klotters explore Kentuckians’ accomplishments in government, medicine, politics, and the arts. They describe the writing and music that flowered across the state, and they profile the individuals who worked to secure equal rights for women and African Americans. The book explains what it was like to work in the coal mines and explains the daily routine on a nineteenth-century farm. The authors bring Kentucky’s story to the twenty-first century and talk about the state’s modern economy, where auto manufacturing jobs are replacing traditional agricultural work. A collaboration of the state historian and an experienced educator, A Concise History of Kentucky is the best single resource for Kentuckians new and old who want to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Bluegrass State.

**A Concise History of the Modern World**

William Woodruff 1993-07-20 In an ever-shrinking world, the need for a global perspective in dealing with the modern world has become acute. This book attempts to provide such a perspective by investigating the major changes in geopolitics and world economy during the past 500 years. However compact, it enables us to understand the present unravelling of Communism and the growing challenge from Asia to Western Superiority. It is shown that in so many ways the problems of the contemporary world spring from the unprecedented era of western domination, which the non-western world is now trying to unlive.

**A Companion to the American Short Story**

Alfred Bendixen 2020-07-13 A Companion to the American Short Story traces the development of this versatile literary genre over the past 200 years. Sets the short story in context, paying attention to the interaction of cultural forces and aesthetic principles Contributes to the ongoing redefinition of the American canon, with close attention to the achievements of women writers as well as such important genres as the ghost story and detective fiction Embraces diverse traditions including African-American, Jewish-American, Latino, Native-American, and regional short story writing Includes a section focused on specific authors and texts, from Edgar Allen Poe to John Updike

**A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python**

Mark J. Johnson 2018-04-17 A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python, Second Edition provides a hands-on and accessible introduction to writing software in Python, with no prior programming experience required. The Second Edition was thoroughly reorganized and rewritten based
on classroom experience to incorporate: A spiral approach, starting with turtle graphics, and then revisiting concepts in greater depth using numeric, textual, and image data. Clear, concise explanations written for beginning students, emphasizing core principles. A variety of accessible examples, focusing on key concepts. Diagrams to help visualize new concepts. New sections on recursion and exception handling, as well as an earlier introduction of lists, based on instructor feedback. The text offers sections designed for approximately one class period each, and proceeds gradually from procedural to object-oriented design. Examples, exercises, and projects are included from diverse application domains, including finance, biology, image processing, and textual analysis. It also includes a brief "How-To" sections that introduce optional topics students may be interested in exploring. The text is written to be read, making it a good fit in flipped classrooms. Designed for either classroom use or self-study, all example programs and solutions to odd-numbered exercises (except for projects) are available at: http://www.central.edu/go/conciseintro/.

The Unicorn Delusion-G. L. Lambert 2018-04-17 "This book will serve as that hard reset for you to scan through whenever you're feeling weak, being taken advantage of, or simply burnt the fuck out. This isn't a traditional book with chapters that build towards an ending. It's a collection of several thematically similar entries that focus on the much-needed goal of extinguishing your weak traits, your negative thoughts, and your debilitating fears so you can quickly regain your place of power in your Universe"--Page 1.

A Companion to Astronomy and Astrophysics-Kenneth R. Lang 2007-01-15 Astronomy and Astrophysics is a comprehensive, fundamental, and up-to-date reference book. It is filled with vital information and basic facts for amateur astronomers and professional astrophysicists, and for anyone interested in the Universe, from the Earth and other planets to the stars, galaxies and beyond. An exceptionally thorough Index cross-references concepts, discoveries and individuals in both the Timeline section and Dictionary section. The combined result is a unique stand-alone reference volume in which the reader can quickly locate information, while also discovering new and unexpected knowledge.

A Dangerous Solace-Lucy Ellis 2013-10-22 Stripped of her defenses... Italy's most desirable playboy, Gianluca Benedetti, might not initially recognize Ava Lord as the beautiful bridesmaid who stole his breath and shared his bed all those years ago, but one glimpse of the curves beneath her buttoned-up clothes and it all comes rushing back! When a steamy kiss between them ignites a media firestorm, Gianluca whisks Ava off to the Amalfi Coast to minimize the PR scandal. Exploring the reignited passion between them, Ava realizes the danger of opening her heart. Because the closer Gianluca gets...the more cracks in her carefully constructed armor appear.

A Concise Companion to Shakespeare on Screen-Diana E. Henderson 2008-04-15 This Concise Companion presents a multidisciplinary range of approaches to a vast multimedia subject, Shakespeare on screen. Draws on the latest thinking in cultural studies, communications, and comparative media, in dialogue with literary, theatrical and
filmic approaches. Organised around themes, such as authorship and collaboration, theatricality, sex and violence, globalization and history. Offers readers a variety of accessible routes into the subject of Shakespeare on screen. Also enables readers to explore fundamental topics in the study of literature and culture more broadly, such as the relationships between elite and popular culture, art and the marketplace, text and image. Includes suggestions for further reading, a bibliography, a filmography, a chronology and a thorough index.

**A Course in Field Theory**- Pierre van Baal 2016-04-19 Extensively classroom-tested, A Course in Field Theory provides material for an introductory course for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in physics. Based on the author's course that he has been teaching for more than 20 years, the text presents complete and detailed coverage of the core ideas and theories in quantum field theory.

**A Critical Dictionary of Jungian Analysis**- Andrew Samuels 2012-12-06 The language of Jung's writings, and of analytical psychology generally, is sometimes difficult to understand. This guide, in dictionary format, combines scholarship and historical accuracy with a stimulating, critical attitude.

**A Concise Guide to Clinical Trials**- Allan Hackshaw 2011-09-07 Clinical trials have revolutionized the way disease is prevented, detected and treated, and early death avoided, and they continue to be an expanding area of research. They are central to the work of pharmaceutical companies, and there are many academic and public sector organizations that conduct trials on a wide variety of interventions, including drugs, devices, surgical techniques, and changes in behaviour and lifestyle. A Concise Guide to Clinical Trials provides a comprehensive yet easy-to-read overview of the design, conduct and analysis of trials. It requires no prior knowledge on the subject as the important concepts are introduced throughout. There are chapters that distinguish between the different types of trials, and an introduction to systematic reviews, health-related quality of life and health economic evaluation. The book also covers the ethical and legal requirements in setting up a clinical trial due to an increase in governance responsibilities and regulations. This practical guidebook is ideal for busy clinicians and other health professionals who do not have enough time to attend courses or search through extensive textbooks. It will help anyone involved in undertaking clinical research, or those reading about trials. The book is aimed at: Those wishing to learn about clinical trials for the first time, or as a quick reference guide, for example as part of a taught course on clinical trials. Health professionals who wish to conduct their own trials, or participate in other people's studies. People who work in pharmaceutical companies, grant funding organisations, or regulatory agencies.

**A Companion to Tragedy**- Rebecca Bushnell 2008-04-15 A Companion to Tragedy is an essential resource for anyone interested in exploring the role of tragedy in Western history and culture. Tells the story of the historical development of tragedy from classical Greece to modernity. Features 28 essays by renowned scholars from multiple disciplines, including...
classics, English, drama, anthropology and philosophy Broad in its scope and ambition, it considers interpretations of tragedy through religion, philosophy and history Offers a fresh assessment of Ancient Greek tragedy and demonstrates how the practice of reading tragedy has changed radically in the past two decades

A Companion to German Cinema-Terri Ginsberg 2012-02-13 A Companion to German Cinema offers a wide-ranging collection of essays demonstrating state-of-play scholarship on German cinema at a time during which cinema studies as well as German cinema have once again begun to flourish. Offers a careful combination of theoretical rigor, conceptual accessibility, and intellectual inclusiveness Includes essays by well-known writers as well as up-and-coming scholars who take innovative critical approaches to both time-honored and emergent areas in the field, especially regarding race, gender, sexuality, and (trans)nationalism Distinctive for its contemporary relevance, reorienting the field to the global twenty-first century Fills critical gaps in the extant scholarship, opening the field onto new terrains of critical engagement

A Companion to Australian Aboriginal Literature-Belinda Wheeler 2013 This international collection of eleven original essays on Australian Aboriginal literature provides a comprehensive critical companion that contextualizes the Aboriginal canon for scholars, researchers, students, and general readers.

A Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry-Neil Roberts 2008-04-15 In the twentieth century more people spoke English and more people wrote poetry than in the whole of previous history, and this Companion strives to make sense of this crowded poetical era. The original contributions by leading international scholars and practising poets were written as the contributors adjusted to the idea that the possibilities of twentieth-century poetry were exhausted and finite. However, the volume also looks forward to the poetry and readings that the new century will bring. The Companion embraces the extraordinary development of poetry over the century in twenty English-speaking countries; a century which began with a bipolar transatlantic connection in modernism and ended with the decentred heterogeneity of post-colonialism. Representation of the 'canonical' and the 'marginal' is therefore balanced, including the full integration of women poets and feminist approaches and the in-depth treatment of post-colonial poets from various national traditions. Discussion of context, intertextualities and formal approaches illustrates the increasing self-consciousness and self-reflexivity of the period, whilst a 'Readings' section offers new readings of key selected texts. The volume as a whole offers critical and contextual coverage of the full range of English-language poetry in the last century.

A Diamond in the Desert-Jo Tatchell 2010-10-05 Get a closer look at this glittering, oil-rich city in a “revealing travelogue through the capital of the United Arab Emirates” (Publishers Weekly). Jo Tatchell first arrived in the city of Abu Dhabi as a child in 1974, when the discovery of oil was quickly turning a small fishing town into a growing international community. Decades later, this Middle Eastern capital is a dizzying metropolis
of ten-lane highways and overlapping languages, and its riches and emphasis on cultural development have thrust it into the international spotlight. Here, Tatchell returns to Abu Dhabi and explores the city and its contradictions: It is a tolerant melting-pot of cultures and faiths, but only a tiny percentage of its native residents are deemed eligible to vote by the ruling class, and the nation’s president holds absolute veto power over his advisory boards and councils. The Emirates boast one of the world’s highest GDP per capita, but the wealth inequality in its cities is staggering. Abu Dhabi’s royal family, worth an estimated $500 billion, lives off the sweat of the city’s migrant workers, who subject themselves to danger and poverty under barely observed labor laws. But now, the city is making an international splash with a showy investment in tourism, arts, and culture—perhaps signaling a change to a more open, tolerant state. As this sparkling city surges into the future, it devotes just as much energy to concealing its past. Tatchell looks not only at history and social issues—the ancient system of tribal organization, the condition of the city’s million foreign workers, the emergence of women in Emirati society, but also her own experiences as both a child and adult in this fascinating city that has radically changed—and in other ways, stayed the same.

**A Course in Commutative Banach Algebras**

Eberhard Kaniuth 2008-12-16

Banach algebras are Banach spaces equipped with a continuous multiplication. In rough terms, there are three types of them: algebras of bounded linear operators on Banach spaces with composition and the operator norm, algebras consisting of bounded continuous functions on topological spaces with pointwise product and the uniform norm, and algebras of integrable functions on locally compact groups with convolution as multiplication. These all play a key role in modern analysis. Much of operator theory is best approached from a Banach algebra point of view and many questions in complex analysis (such as approximation by polynomials or rational functions in specific domains) are best understood within the framework of Banach algebras. Also, the study of a locally compact Abelian group is closely related to the study 1 of the group algebra $L(G)$. There exist a rich literature and excellent texts on each single class of Banach algebras, notably on uniform algebras and on operator algebras. This work is intended as a textbook which provides a thorough introduction to the theory of commutative Banach algebras and stresses the applications to commutative harmonic analysis while also touching on uniform algebras. In this sense and purpose the book resembles Larsen’s classical text [75] which shares many themes and has been a valuable resource. However, for advanced graduate students and researchers I have covered several topics which have not been published in books before, including some journal articles.
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