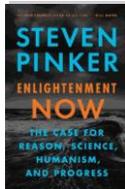


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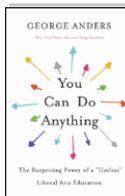
When : the scientific secrets of perfect timing
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Reveals how to use the hidden patterns of the day to build the ideal schedule, and the ideal time to quit a job, switch careers, or get married. ...Distills cutting-edge research and data on timing into a ...narrative that gives readers compelling insights into how we can live richer, more engaged lives.



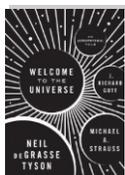
Enlightenment now, the case for reason, science, humanism, and progress
Steven Pinker

Is the world really falling apart? Is the ideal of progress obsolete? Cognitive scientist Steven Pinker urges us to step back from the gory headlines and prophecies of doom, which play to our psychological biases. Instead, follow the data. In seventy-five graphs, Pinker shows that life, health, prosperity, safety, peace, knowledge, and happiness are on the rise, not just in the West, but worldwide. This progress is not the result of some cosmic force. It is a gift of the Enlightenment: the conviction that reason and science can enhance human flourishing. Far from being a naïve hope, the Enlightenment, we now know, has worked. But more than ever, it needs a vigorous defense. The Enlightenment project swims against currents of human nature -- tribalism, authoritarianism, demonization, magical thinking -- which demagogues are all too willing to exploit.



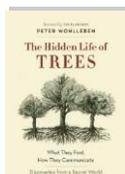
You can do anything, the surprising power of a "useless" liberal arts education
George Anders

Offers a portrait of what a liberal arts education can do for the world, as told from the grads who have completed their degrees in humanities.



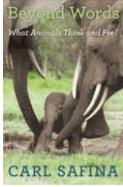
Welcome to the universe
Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael A. Strauss, and J. Richard Gott

Presents a guided tour of the cosmos based on the introductory astronomy course that Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael A. Strauss, and J. Richard Gott taught together at Princeton.



The hidden life of trees
Peter Wohlleben

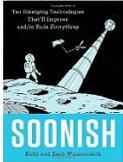
A forester's fascinating stories, supported by the latest scientific research, reveal the extraordinary world of forests and illustrate how trees communicate and care for each other.



Beyond words, what animals think and feel

Carl Safina

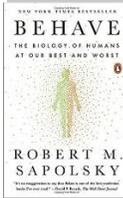
Drawing on decades of field observations of elephants, wolves, and killer whales, this book offers a view of animal behavior that challenges the boundaries between human and animal psychology.



Soonish, ten emerging technologies that'll improve and/or ruin everything

Kelly and Zach Weinersmith

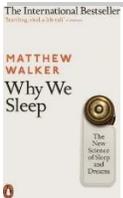
An illustrated investigation into future technologies, including robot swarms, nuclear-fusion-powered toasters, and brain-computer interfaces.



Behave, the biology of humans at our best and worst

Robert M. Sapolsky

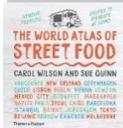
Neurobiologist and primatologist [Robert M. Sapolsky examines] ... human behavior, both good and bad, ... [to provide] an answer to the question: Why do we do the things we do?



Why we sleep, the new science of sleep and dreams

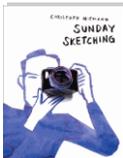
Matthew Walker

The first sleep book by a leading scientific expert--Professor Matthew Walker, Director of UC Berkeley's Sleep and Neuroimaging Lab--reveals his groundbreaking exploration of sleep, explaining how we can harness its transformative power to change our lives for the better.



The world atlas of street food

The World Atlas of Street Food identifies the best places around the globe to find street food and surveys the mouth-watering range of food and drink being purveyed.



Sunday sketching

Christoph Niemann

A charming illustrated collection that sheds light on the creative process by one of the most inventive designers working today.



Knowing the score, what sports can teach us about philosophy

David Papineau

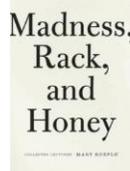
Uses sports to answer philosophical questions and shows that the study of sports clarifies, challenges and advances philosophical debate.



Why baseball matters

Susan Jacoby

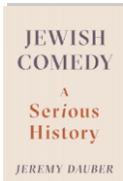
Baseball, first dubbed the "national pastime" in print in 1856, is the country's most tradition-bound sport. Despite remaining popular and profitable into the twenty-first century, the game is losing young fans, among African Americans and women as well as white men. Furthermore, baseball's greatest charm--a clockless suspension of time--is also its greatest liability in a culture of digital distraction.



Madness, rack, and honey

Mary Ruefle

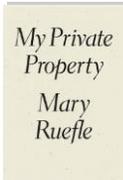
Presents the lectures of Mary Ruefle on poetics.



Jewish comedy

Jeremy Dauber

A rich account of Jewish humor, including its nature, development, and the vital role laughter and jokes have played throughout Jewish history.



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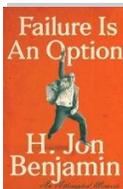
In this collection of short essays and prose poems, Ruefle rambles through the quotidian and the morbid, displaying quirkiness as well as the sublime. The writing recalls fables, in that contained narratives and simple premises turn to reveal something of the human predicament. But far from offering moral instruction, Ruefle tunes into an unsettling and enlivening strangeness.



Fantasyland, how America went haywire

Kurt Andersen

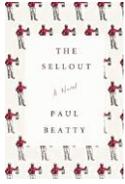
A provocative chronicle of American delusion and make-belief that constitutes a new paradigm for understanding our post-factual world.



Failure is an option

H. Jon Benjamin

H. Jon Benjamin--the lead voice behind Archer and Bob's Burgers--helps us all feel a little better about our own failures by sharing his own in a hilarious memoir-ish chronicle of failure. Most people would consider H. Jon Benjamin a comedy show business success. But he'd like to remind everyone that as great as success can be, failure is also an option. And maybe the best option. In this book, he tells stories from his own life, from his early days ("wherein I'm unable to deliver a sizzling fajita") to family ("wherein a trip to P.F. Chang's fractures a family") to career ("how I failed to sell a pilot").



The sellout

Paul Beatty

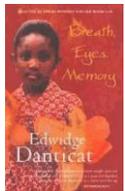
A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court.



Sleepwalking land

Mia Couto

Two refugees from a bloody civil war seek refuge in a burned out bus and bide their time by reading the notebooks of a nearby corpse, Kindzu.



Breath, eyes memory

Edwidge Danticat

Sophie Caco, a child who was born of rape, leaves Haiti at the age of twelve to join her mother in New York City, where they both battle with the results of sexual abuse.



Less

Andrew Sean Greer

Receiving an invitation to his ex-boyfriend's wedding, Arthur, a failed novelist on the eve of his fiftieth birthday, embarks on an international journey that finds him falling in love, risking his life, reinventing himself, and making connections with the past.



Winter

Karl Ove Knausgaard

The birth of Karl Ove Knausgaard's youngest daughter draws near. Prompted to see the world anew, he writes short pieces on everything from winter boots to the brain, describing to her the wonders of life.
