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*Count down to Kyoto, Parts I- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Science. Subcommittee on Energy and Environment 1998*

*The Great Upheaval- Arthur Levine 2021-09-14*

Concluding with a detailed agenda for action, The Great Upheaval is aimed at policy makers, college administrators, faculty, trustees, and students, as well as general readers and people who work for nonprofits facing the same big changes.

*The Book of Unknown Americans- Cristina Henríquez 2014-06-03*

"Illuminate[s] the lives behind the current debates about Latino immigration." —The New York Times Book Review When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United

States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. Once they arrive, it's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved. Here Henríquez seamlessly interweaves the story of these star-crossed lovers, and of the Rivera and Toro families, with the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America. The Book of Unknown Americans is a stunning novel of hopes and dreams, guilt and love—a book that offers a resonant new definition of what it means to be American. Named a New York Times and Washington Post Notable Book, an NPR Great Read, The Daily Beast's Novel of the Year, and a Mother Jones, Oprah.com, School Library Journal, and BookPage Best Book of

the Year

A Counting-house Dictionary - John White Kuhrt 1914

**Great by Choice** - Jim Collins 2011-10-11

Ten years after the worldwide bestseller *Good to Great*, Jim Collins returns with another groundbreaking work, this time to ask: why do some companies thrive in uncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research, buttressed by rigorous analysis and infused with engaging stories, Collins and his colleague Morten Hansen enumerate the principles for building a truly great enterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous and fast-moving times. This book is classic Collins: contrarian, data-driven and uplifting.

**21-Day Countdown to Success** - Chris J. Witting 1998

Nationally syndicated, award-winning broadcaster and entrepreneur Christian Witting has researched hundreds of highly successful people, such as Bill Gates and Lillian Vernon, and offers a simple program to help readers target their goals and achieve them.

**Will** - Will Smith 2021-11-09

The instant #1 New York Times bestseller! "It's the best memoir I've ever read." —Oprah Winfrey "Will Smith isn't holding back in his bravely inspiring new memoir . . . An ultimately heartwarming read, Will provides a humane glimpse of the man behind the actor, producer and musician, as he bares all his insecurities and trauma." —USA Today Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement One of the most dynamic and globally recognized entertainment forces of our time opens up fully about his life, in a brave and inspiring book that traces his learning curve to a place where outer success, inner happiness, and human connection are aligned. Along the way, Will tells the story in full of one of the most amazing rides through the worlds of music and film that anyone has ever had. Will Smith's transformation from a West Philadelphia kid to one of the biggest rap stars of his era, and then one of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood history, is an epic tale—but it's only half the story. Will Smith thought, with good reason, that he had won at life: not only was his own success

unparalleled, his whole family was at the pinnacle of the entertainment world. Only they didn't see it that way: they felt more like star performers in his circus, a seven-days-a-week job they hadn't signed up for. It turned out Will Smith's education wasn't nearly over. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with the help of Mark Manson, author of the multi-million-copy bestseller *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck*, Will is the story of how one person mastered his own emotions, written in a way that can help everyone else do the same. Few of us will know the pressure of performing on the world's biggest stages for the highest of stakes, but we can all understand that the fuel that works for one stage of our journey might have to be changed if we want to make it all the way home. The combination of genuine wisdom of universal value and a life story that is preposterously entertaining, even astonishing, puts Will the book, like its author, in a category by itself.

*The Next Age of Uncertainty* Stephen Poloz 2022-02-22

NATIONAL BESTSELLER From the former Governor of the Bank of Canada, a far-seeing guide to the powerful economic forces that will shape the decades ahead. The economic ground is shifting beneath our feet. The world is becoming more volatile, and people are understandably worried about their financial futures. In this urgent and accessible guide to the crises and opportunities that lie ahead, economist and former Governor of the Bank of Canada Stephen Poloz maps out the powerful tectonic forces that are shaping our future, and the ideas that will allow us to master them. These forces include an aging workforce, mounting debt, and rising income inequality. Technological advances, too, are adding to the pressure, putting people out of work, and climate change is forcing a transition to a lower-carbon economy. It is no surprise that people are feeling uncertain. The implications of these tectonic tensions will cascade throughout every dimension of our lives—the job market, the housing market, the investment climate, as well as government and central bank policy, and the role of the corporation within society. The pandemic has added momentum to many

of them. Poloz skillfully argues that past crises, from the Victorian Depression in the late 1800s to the more recent downturn in 2008, give a hint of what is in store for us in the decades ahead. Unlike the purely destructive power of earthquakes, the upheaval that is sure to come in the decades ahead will offer unexpected opportunities for renewal and growth. Filled with takeaways for employers, investors, and policymakers, as well as families discussing jobs and mortgage renewals around the kitchen table, *The Next Age of Uncertainty* is an indispensable guide for those navigating the fault lines of the risky world ahead.

**Historical Developments in the Accountancy Profession, Financial Reporting, and Accounting Theory** - C. Richard Baker 2021-11-15

*Historical Developments in the Accountancy Profession, Financial Reporting, and Accounting Theory* contains ten manuscripts authored by C. Richard Baker during an academic career that spans four decades, picking up on various understudied threads of academic and professional initiatives over the past several hundred years.

**Harold Cecil Edey** - Martin E. Persson 2019-09-30

Harold Cecil Edey was instrumental in the development of British accounting thought in the mid-1900s, and his scholarship influenced a generation of students. This edited collection of his unpublished manuscripts sheds light on his contribution to modern accounting thought.

**Uncertainty** - Jonathan Fields 2011-09-29

Jonathan Fields knows the risks-and potential power-of uncertainty. He gave up a six-figure income as a lawyer to make \$12 an hour as a personal trainer. Then, married with a 3-month old baby, he signed a lease to launch a yoga center in the heart of New York City. . . the day before 9/11. But he survived, and along the way he developed a fresh approach to transforming uncertainty, risk of loss, and exposure to judgment into catalysts for innovation, creation, and achievement. Properly understood and harnessed, fear and uncertainty can become fuel for creative genius rather than sources of pain, anxiety, and suffering. In business, art, and life, creating on a world-class level

demands bold action and leaps of faith in the face of great uncertainty. But that uncertainty can lead to fear, anxiety, paralysis, and destruction. It can gut creativity and stifle innovation. It can keep you from taking the risks necessary to do great work and craft a deeply-rewarding life. And it can bring companies that rely on innovation grinding to a halt. That is, unless you know how to use it to your advantage. Fields draws on leading-edge technology, cognitive-science and ancient awareness-focusing techniques in a fresh, practical, non-dogmatic way. His approach enables creativity and productivity on an entirely different level and can turn the once-tortuous journey into a more enjoyable quest. Fields will reveal how to: Make changes to your workflow that unlock buried creative potential. Build "creation hives" -- supportive groups that can supercharge and humanize the process. Tap social technology and user co-creation to add clarity, certainty, and sanity, even if you're an artist or solo-creator. Develop a set of personal practices and mindset shifts that let you not just tolerate, but invite and even amplify, uncertainty as a catalyst for genius. Drawing on extensive case studies and research, Fields shares a set of detailed personal practices and environmental changes that can not only humanize the creative process, but also allow individuals and teams to stay more open to opportunity and play a bigger creative game.

*The Uncertainty Principle* - Kathryn Bermann 2011-08-31

Its been four months since the weirdest girl in school, Carly Smithson, seemingly vanished into thin air. Jen Rivers has moved to Spiritwood, and despite her appearance, she doesnt claim to know anything about it. However, the spy group Silver League is determined to uncover the truth behind both girls actions. As the second and third terms of school progress, the case becomes even more intriguing. They discover a way to contact Carly but are met with more questions than answers. The Shadowed Wolves, a rival spy club, are found to not be just a gathering of cryptography enthusiasts, but rather a pawn in Carlys game. In addition, one of the members knows a lot more than she is letting on. Along the way, the secrets that surround the League itself are revealed, and not all of the members agree on how to deal with them. Their

friendships are tested as time goes on and they are forced to either accept each others pasts or completely dissolve the club. Just as they reach the breaking point, they uncover evidence of a conspiracy that is so incriminating it sends the entire club reeling, and whether they want to or not, they are about to confront the very heart of the Gemini case.

Assault on the Unknown - Walter Sullivan 1961

Account of the International Geophysical Year which ran from July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958 and focused on international research and exchange of data relating to meteorological observations.

Unknown sort out - Mihir Mishra 2020-08-14

About the series:- Detective MDR (Mihir Dave Roy) is the series of crime tales which is chock-full with Mystery, Suspense, Thrillers, Science fiction, Action, Adventure and fantasy. This book is sitting in two parts \*Case number 90 and \*Unknown risk. About the story:- This is the 90th case of Detective MDR, Unknown Sort Out- The story of this book is revolving around past life and the present escaping of the criminal's, Criminal's who had escaped from the prison's located at the various locations in the world at the same time because of that the higher authorities feel that something wrong is going to be done because they all escaped from the prison at the same time and they don't want this to be on a public platform, Therefore, they entrusted the responsibility of this case to Detective MDR (Mihir Dave Roy). Now it would be amusing to see why all seven dreaded prisoners escaped from prison at the same time?

*Exploring the Unknown* John M. Logsdon 1995

The Big Four - Ian D. Gow 2018-08-28

"Messrs. Gow and Kells have made an invaluable contribution, writing in an amused tone that nevertheless acknowledges the firms' immense power and the seriousness of their neglect of traditional responsibilities. 'The Big Four' will appeal to all those interested in the future of the profession--and of capitalism itself." —Jane Gleeson-White, Wall Street Journal With staffs that are collectively larger than the Russian army and combined revenues of over \$130 billion a year, the Big Four accounting

firms—Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, and KPMG—are a keystone of global commerce. But leading scholar Ian Gow and award-winning author Stuart Kells warn that a house of cards may be about to fall. Stretching back to the Medicis in Renaissance Florence, this book is a fascinating story of wealth, power, and luck. The founders of the Big Four lived surprisingly colorful lives. Samuel Price, for example, married his own niece. Between the world wars, Nicholas Waterhouse collected postage stamps while also hosting decadent parties in his fashionable London home. All four firms have endured major calamities in recent decades. There have been hundreds of court cases and legal prosecutions for failed audits, tax scandals, and breaches of independence. The firms have come so close to “extinction level events” that regulators have required them to prepare “living wills.” And today, the Big Four face an uncertain future—thanks to their push into China, their vulnerability to digital disruption and competition, and the hazards of providing traditional services in a new era of transparency. This account of the past, present, and likely future of the Big Four is essential reading for anyone perplexed or fascinated by professional services, working or considering working in the industry, or simply curious about the fate of the global economy.

Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office - United States. Patent Office 1969

Count Down - Jim Peterson 2017-07-03

Enron killed Arthur Andersen in 2002, leaving only Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC. Now the Big Four, with a total revenue of \$127 billion, face major threats that need immediate attention. Count Down looks at today's model and proposes a new Big Audit, fit to serve the capital markets of the 21st century.

**Corporate Reporting** - Kevin Christopher Carduff 2022-10-28

Volume 26 of Studies in the Development of Accounting Thought was written by the late Professor Kevin Christopher Carduff, who taught at several institutions including Case Western Reserve University and the College of Charleston.

## **The Era of Uncertainty** - Francois Trahan 2011-07-13

Macroeconomic Investment Strategies for an Era of Economic Uncertainty “Over the years, François’ insightful analyses of the business cycle has led to market calls that have both benefitted investors on the upside and (more important to many) protected them from losses on the downside. François’ incredible track record in successfully interpreting the trends that can be found in leading indicators and other macroeconomic data have also led to his well deserved reputation as an expert in sector rotation - providing investors on both the long and short side of the market opportunities to profit from his ideas. In my opinion, his most important and influential macro prediction to date was his call in the middle of the last decade when he predicted that the worst housing crisis in American history would soon be upon us, and that it would have far-ranging implications for both the global economy and world financial markets.”

*Think Again* - Adam Grant 2021-02-02

#1 New York Times Bestseller “THIS. This is the right book for right now. Yes, learning requires focus. But, unlearning and relearning requires much more—it requires choosing courage over comfort. In *Think Again*, Adam Grant weaves together research and storytelling to help us build the intellectual and emotional muscle we need to stay curious enough about the world to actually change it. I’ve never felt so hopeful about what I don’t know.” —Brené Brown, Ph.D., #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Dare to Lead* The bestselling author of *Give and Take* and *Originals* examines the critical art of rethinking: learning to question your opinions and open other people's minds, which can position you for excellence at work and wisdom in life Intelligence is usually seen as the ability to think and learn, but in a rapidly changing world, there's another set of cognitive skills that might matter more: the ability to rethink and unlearn. In our daily lives, too many of us favor the comfort of conviction over the discomfort of doubt. We listen to opinions that make us feel good, instead of ideas that make us think hard. We see disagreement as a threat to our egos, rather than an opportunity to learn. We surround ourselves with people who agree with our

conclusions, when we should be gravitating toward those who challenge our thought process. The result is that our beliefs get brittle long before our bones. We think too much like preachers defending our sacred beliefs, prosecutors proving the other side wrong, and politicians campaigning for approval--and too little like scientists searching for truth. Intelligence is no cure, and it can even be a curse: being good at thinking can make us worse at rethinking. The brighter we are, the blinder to our own limitations we can become. Organizational psychologist Adam Grant is an expert on opening other people's minds--and our own. As Wharton's top-rated professor and the bestselling author of *Originals* and *Give and Take*, he makes it one of his guiding principles to argue like he's right but listen like he's wrong. With bold ideas and rigorous evidence, he investigates how we can embrace the joy of being wrong, bring nuance to charged conversations, and build schools, workplaces, and communities of lifelong learners. You'll learn how an international debate champion wins arguments, a Black musician persuades white supremacists to abandon hate, a vaccine whisperer convinces concerned parents to immunize their children, and Adam has coaxed Yankees fans to root for the Red Sox. *Think Again* reveals that we don't have to believe everything we think or internalize everything we feel. It's an invitation to let go of views that are no longer serving us well and prize mental flexibility over foolish consistency. If knowledge is power, knowing what we don't know is wisdom.

*The Routledge Companion to Accounting History* - John Richard Edwards 2020-05-06

The *Routledge Companion to Accounting History* presents a single-volume synthesis of research in this expanding field, exploring and analysing accounting from ancient civilizations to the modern day. No longer perceived as the narrow study of how a mysterious technique was used in past, the scope of accounting history has widened substantially. This revised and updated volume moves beyond the history of accounting technologies, accounting theories and practices and the accountants who applied them. Expert contributors from around the world explore the interfaces between accounting and the economy, society, culture and the

polity. Accounting history is shown to offer important insights into such disparate phenomena as the evolution of capitalism, control of labour, gender and family relationships, racial exploitation, the operation of religious organisations, and the functioning of the state. Illuminating the foundation and development of accounting systems, this updated, classic book opens the field to a new generation of accounting scholars and historians around the world.

**Countdown: Two Minutes to Midnight and the Architecture of Armageddon** - 2022-11-15

**William A. Paton** - Kelly L. Williams 2018-10-04

This groundbreaking study explores major influences on Paton's thoughts on accounting and shows how Paton was an active participant in the professional accounting organizations of his day.

Patched up Parenting - Angela J. Dunne J.D. 2018-08-16

Whether a person initiates or responds to a divorce, every part of that person's life is about to change. Parenting, family relationships, finances, friends, personal belongings, residences, job performance—all are affected. Nothing remains untouched during divorce. As a divorce attorney, author Angela Dunne's job is to help people navigate through an uncertain, difficult journey that affects both parents and their children. Co-parenting in two separate homes is tough. In *Patched Up Parenting*, she offers a guide to help overcome the challenges of post-separation parenting, and she shows how it can be easier and better for your children as she shares real life experiences of her clients and her post-divorce life with her two daughters. From how to tell the children about a separation, to how to carry on when you don't think you can, Dunne provides a powerful perspective. She shares stories of toppling Christmas trees and tough times while focusing on the children. Her lessons learned from her many teachers—her clients, children, and co-parents—acknowledge the pitfalls of divorce while inspiring parents to be better and do better for their children. *Patched Up Parenting* presents practical advice and tips and empowers mothers and fathers to parent better no matter the circumstances.

**Persistence and Vigilance** - Yvette J. Lazdowski 2020-11-02

This accounting history study follows the major chronological events in the first 50 years of the Ford Motor Company from the perspective of accounting procedures and financial reporting. Several key business executives are profiled, along with their contributions to the implementation and maintenance of financial structures and policies.

**Lost Books of the Bible and The Forgotten Books of Eden** -

Rutherford Hayes Platt 2020-02-12

2020 Reprint of 1926 Editions. Full facsimile of the original editions and not reproduced with Optical Recognition software. This edition includes two titles published into one bound volume. Rutherford Hayes Platt, in the preface to his 1963 reprint of this work, states: "First issued in 1926, this is the most popular collection of apocryphal and pseudepigraphal literature ever published." The translations were first published, under this title, by an unknown editor in *The Lost Books of the Bible* Cleveland 1926, but the translations had previously been published many times. The book is, essentially, a combined reprint of earlier works. The first half, *Lost Books of the Bible*, covers the New Testament. The second half of the book, *The Forgotten Books of Eden*, includes a translation originally published in 1882 of the "First and Second Books of Adam and Eve", translated first from ancient Ethiopic to German and then into English by Solomon Caesar Malan, and a number of items of Old Testament pseudepigrapha, such as reprinted in the second volume of R.H. Charles's *Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament* (Oxford, 1913).

*Count down to Zero Day* Kim Zetter 2015-09-01

A top cybersecurity journalist tells the story behind the virus that sabotaged Iran's nuclear efforts and shows how its existence has ushered in a new age of warfare—one in which a digital attack can have the same destructive capability as a megaton bomb. "Immensely enjoyable . . . Zetter turns a complicated and technical cyber story into an engrossing whodunit."—*The Washington Post* The virus now known as Stuxnet was unlike any other piece of malware built before: Rather than simply hijacking targeted computers or stealing information from them, it

proved that a piece of code could escape the digital realm and wreak actual, physical destruction—in this case, on an Iranian nuclear facility. In these pages, journalist Kim Zetter tells the whole story behind the world's first cyberweapon, covering its genesis in the corridors of the White House and its effects in Iran—and telling the spectacular, unlikely tale of the security geeks who managed to unravel a top secret sabotage campaign years in the making. But *Countdown to Zero Day* also ranges beyond Stuxnet itself, exploring the history of cyberwarfare and its future, showing us what might happen should our infrastructure be targeted by a Stuxnet-style attack, and ultimately, providing a portrait of a world at the edge of a new kind of war.

**The Routledge Companion to Accounting Information Systems** - Martin Quinn 2017-12-22

Information technology has permeated all walks of life in the past two decades. Accounting is no exception. Be it financial accounting, management accounting, or audit, information technology and systems have simplified daily tasks and routine work, simplified reporting, and changed how accounting is done. *The Routledge Companion to Accounting Information Systems* provides a prestige reference work which offers students and researchers an introduction to current and emerging scholarship in the discipline. Contributions from an international cast of authors provides a balanced view of both the technical underpinnings and organisational consequences of accounting information systems. With a focus on the business consequences of technology, this unique reference book will be a vital resource for students and researchers involved in accounting and information management.

**The Baseball 100** - Joe Posnanski 2021-09-28

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER \* Winner of the CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book of the Year “An instant sports classic.” —New York Post \* “Stellar.” —The Wall Street Journal \* “A true masterwork...880 pages of sheer baseball bliss.” —BookPage (starred review) \* “This is a remarkable achievement.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) A magnum opus from acclaimed baseball writer Joe Posnanski, *The*

*Baseball 100* is an audacious, singular, and masterly book that took a lifetime to write. The entire story of baseball rings through a countdown of the 100 greatest players in history, with a foreword by George Will. Longer than *Moby-Dick* and nearly as ambitious, *The Baseball 100* is a one-of-a-kind work by award-winning sportswriter and lifelong student of the game Joe Posnanski that tells the story of the sport through the remarkable lives of its 100 greatest players. In the book's introduction, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator George F. Will marvels, “Posnanski must already have lived more than 200 years. How else could he have acquired such a stock of illuminating facts and entertaining stories about the rich history of this endlessly fascinating sport?” *Baseball's* legends come alive in these pages, which are not merely rankings but vibrant profiles of the game's all-time greats. Posnanski dives into the biographies of iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today, and more. He doesn't rely just on records and statistics—he lovingly retraces players' origins, illuminates their characters, and places their accomplishments in the context of baseball's past and present. Just how good a pitcher is Clayton Kershaw in the twenty-first-century game compared to Greg Maddux dueling with the juiced hitters of the nineties? How do the career and influence of Hank Aaron compare to Babe Ruth's? Which player in the top ten most deserves to be resurrected from history? No compendium of baseball's legendary geniuses could be complete without the players of the segregated Negro Leagues, men whose extraordinary careers were largely overlooked by sportswriters at the time and unjustly lost to history. Posnanski writes about the efforts of former Negro Leaguers to restore sidelined Black athletes to their due honor, and draws upon the deep troves of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and extensive interviews with the likes of Buck O'Neil to illuminate the accomplishments of players such as pitchers Satchel Paige and Smokey Joe Williams; outfielders Oscar Charleston, Monte Irvin, and Cool Papa Bell; first baseman Buck Leonard; shortstop Pop Lloyd; catcher Josh Gibson; and many, many more. *The Baseball 100* treats readers to the whole rich pageant of baseball history in a single volume. Chapter by chapter, Posnanski invites readers to examine common lore

with brand-new eyes and learn stories that have long gone unheard. The epic and often emotional reading experience mirrors Posnanski's personal odyssey to capture the history and glory of baseball like no one else, fueled by his boundless love for the sport. Engrossing, surprising, and heartfelt, *The Baseball 100* is a magisterial tribute to the game of baseball and the stars who have played it.

[The Financial Diaries](#) - Jonathan Morduch 2017-03-27

What the financial diaries of working-class families reveal about economic stresses, why they happen, and what policies might reduce them Deep within the American Dream lies the belief that hard work and steady saving will ensure a comfortable retirement and a better life for one's children. But in a nation experiencing unprecedented prosperity, even for many families who seem to be doing everything right, this ideal is still out of reach. In *The Financial Diaries*, Jonathan Morduch and Rachel Schneider draw on the groundbreaking U.S. Financial Diaries, which follow the lives of 235 low- and middle-income families as they navigate through a year. Through the Diaries, Morduch and Schneider challenge popular assumptions about how Americans earn, spend, borrow, and save—and they identify the true causes of distress and inequality for many working Americans. We meet real people, ranging from a casino dealer to a street vendor to a tax preparer, who open up their lives and illustrate a world of financial uncertainty in which even limited financial success requires imaginative—and often costly—coping strategies. Morduch and Schneider detail what families are doing to help themselves and describe new policies and technologies that will improve stability for those who need it most. Combining hard facts with personal stories, *The Financial Diaries* presents an unparalleled inside look at the economic stresses of today's families and offers powerful, fresh ideas for solving them.

**Disruption in the Audit Market** - Krish Bhaskar 2019-04-16

Focussing on the dominance of the Big Four auditing firms – PwC, EY, Deloitte and KPMG – this concise volume provides an authoritative critical assessment of the state and future of the audit market, currently the subject of much debate and the focus of significant government

enquiries. Drawing on extensive research and a vast collection of evidence from interviews with insiders, experts and users, it explores the key issues of audit quality, independence, choice and the growing expectation gap. Just as disruptive technologies are overturning other established sectors, this book explores their impact on accounting, financial reporting and auditing. It questions whether the Big Four-dominated audit market is prepared not only for the inevitable disruption of new technologies, but also the challenges of negative public perceptions, cynicism about regulation and demands for greater transparency. In the context of increasing high-profile corporate failures, this book provides a compelling scrutiny of the industry's failings and present difficulties, and the impact of future disruption. At this crucial time, it will be of great interest to students, researchers and professionals in accounting and auditing, as well as policy makers and regulators.

**Operational Methods for Space Vehicle Countdown Planning** -

Sidney I. Firstman 1963

The purpose of a countdown is explored and a measure of countdown effectiveness is defined and rationalized. The countdown planning problem is formally structured through the use of a game-oriented formulation that shows the impact of operational factors upon the countdown. It is seen that several assumptions are required in order to reduce the planning problem to one that is computationally tractable. These assumptions are described in and a Markovian prediction model is developed. This model yields predictions of countdown success probability for a given countdown sequence. The problems of obtaining a feasible countdown sequence and then an acceptable sequence are considered in Sec. V, which develops several computational techniques for these planning tasks. The planning problems introduced by uncertainty concerning the actual state of nature, i.e., the actual levels of the numerous probabilities and parameters are considered, and algorithms for coping with this uncertainty are developed. Then, the countdown length problems are addressed and expressions derived for the moments of an interrupted countdown. (Author).

Counting Down - Gerard Stembridge 2009

'Counting Down' is a story about a man out of sorts with the world who decides to live life on his own - lethal - terms.

*Author Unknown* - Tom Geue 2019-10-01

Classical scholarship tends to treat anonymous authorship as a problem or game—a defect to be repaired or mystery to be solved. But anonymity can be a source of meaning unto itself, rather than a gap that needs filling. Tom Geue's close readings of Latin texts show what the suppression or loss of a name can do for literature.

**Japan 1941** - Eri Hotta 2013-10-29

A groundbreaking history that considers the attack on Pearl Harbor from the Japanese perspective and is certain to revolutionize how we think of the war in the Pacific. When Japan launched hostilities against the United States in 1941, argues Eri Hotta, its leaders, in large part, understood they were entering a war they were almost certain to lose. Drawing on material little known to Western readers, and barely explored in depth in Japan itself, Hotta poses an essential question: Why did these men—military men, civilian politicians, diplomats, the emperor—put their country and its citizens so unnecessarily in harm's way? Introducing us to the doubters, schemers, and would-be patriots who led their nation into this conflagration, Hotta brilliantly shows us a Japan rarely glimpsed—eager to avoid war but fraught with tensions with the West, blinded by reckless militarism couched in traditional notions of pride and honor, tempted by the gambler's dream of scoring the biggest win against impossible odds and nearly escaping disaster before it finally proved inevitable. In an intimate account of the increasingly heated debates and doomed diplomatic overtures preceding Pearl Harbor, Hotta reveals just how divided Japan's leaders were, right up to (and, in fact, beyond) their eleventh-hour decision to attack. We see a ruling cadre rich in regional ambition and hubris: many of the same leaders seeking to avoid war with the United States continued to adamantly advocate Asian expansionism, hoping to advance, or at least maintain, the occupation of China that began in 1931, unable to end the second Sino-Japanese War and unwilling to acknowledge Washington's hardening

disapproval of their continental incursions. Even as Japanese diplomats continued to negotiate with the Roosevelt administration, Matsuoka Yosuke, the egomaniacal foreign minister who relished paying court to both Stalin and Hitler, and his facile supporters cemented Japan's place in the fascist alliance with Germany and Italy—unaware (or unconcerned) that in so doing they destroyed the nation's bona fides with the West. We see a dysfunctional political system in which military leaders reported to both the civilian government and the emperor, creating a structure that facilitated intrigues and stoked a jingoistic rivalry between Japan's army and navy. Roles are recast and blame reexamined as Hotta analyzes the actions and motivations of the hawks and skeptics among Japan's elite. Emperor Hirohito and General Hideki Tojo are newly appraised as we discover how the two men fumbled for a way to avoid war before finally acceding to it. Hotta peels back seventy years of historical mythologizing—both Japanese and Western—to expose all-too-human Japanese leaders torn by doubt in the months preceding the attack, more concerned with saving face than saving lives, finally drawn into war as much by incompetence and lack of political will as by bellicosity. An essential book for any student of the Second World War, this compelling reassessment will forever change the way we remember those days of infamy.

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Enron killed Arthur Andersen in 2002, leaving only Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC. Now the Big Four, with a total revenue of \$127 billion, face major threats that need immediate attention. Count Down looks at today's model and proposes a new Big Audit, fit to serve the capital markets of the 21st century.

**Dune** - Frank Herbert 2016-10-25

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**What We Owe the Future** - William MacAskill 2022-08-16

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