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Sphere - Michael Crichton 2012-05-14

From the author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Congo comes a psychological thriller about a group of scientists who investigate a spaceship discovered on the ocean floor. In the middle of the South Pacific, a thousand feet below the surface, a huge vessel is unearthed. Rushed to the scene is a team of American scientists who descend together into the depths to investigate the astonishing discovery. What they find defies their imaginations and mocks their attempts at logical explanation. It is a spaceship, but apparently it is undamaged by its fall from the sky. And, most startling, it appears to be at least three hundred years old, containing a terrifying and destructive force that must be controlled at all costs.

Grave Descend - Michael Crichton 2013-08-27

An Edgar Award finalist from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Jurassic Park: A diver enters dangerous waters to recover a sunken yacht. The Grave Descend lies under more than sixty feet of clear blue Caribbean water, guarded by a coral reef and schools of hungry hammerhead sharks. Raising it would be a near-impossible task, but James McGregor is suited to the impossible. An expert diver, he makes his living exploring sunken ships. But there's something strange about the wreck of the Grave Descend. How did she sink? Why do none of the survivors tell the same story? And what was the cargo inside her hull? To answer these questions, McGregor will have to contend with the deadliest sharks around—both underwater and on land. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton

including rare images from the author's estate.

Timeline - Michael Crichton 2013-01-01

In this thriller from the author of Jurassic Park, Sphere, and Congo, a group of young scientists travel back in time to medieval France on a daring rescue mission that becomes a struggle to stay alive. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Compulsive reading . . . brilliantly imagined."—Los Angeles Times In an Arizona desert, a man wanders in a daze, speaking words that make no sense. Within twenty-four hours he is dead, his body swiftly cremated by his only known associates. Halfway around the world, archaeologists make a shocking discovery at a medieval site. Suddenly they are swept off to the headquarters of a secretive multinational corporation that has developed an astounding technology. Now this group is about to get a chance not to study the past but to enter it. And with history opened up to the present, the dead awakened to the living, these men and women will soon find themselves fighting for their very survival—six hundred years ago. "Exciting . . . classic adventure . . . [a] swashbuckling novel . . . Crichton delivers."—USA Today "More screams per page . . . than Jurassic Park and The Lost World combined . . . The pace will leave many breathlessly grasping for oxygen masks."—The San Diego Union-Tribune "One of his best . . . [a] nonstop roller coaster of a novel."—The Philadelphia Inquirer

Rising Sun - Michael Crichton 1993

In a novel set within the arena of volatile Japanese-American relations, business moguls compete for control of the international

electronics industry

Eaters of the Dead - Michael Crichton

2012-05-14

From the bestselling author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Sphere comes an epic tale of unspeakable horror. It is 922 A.D. The refined Arab courtier Ibn Fadlan is accompanying a party of Viking warriors back to their home. He is appalled by their customs—the gratuitous sexuality of their women, their disregard for cleanliness, and their cold-blooded sacrifices. As they enter the frozen, forbidden landscape of the North—where the day's length does not equal the night's, where after sunset the sky burns in streaks of color—Fadlan soon discovers that he has been unwillingly enlisted to combat the terrors in the night that come to slaughter the Vikings, the monsters of the mist that devour human flesh. But just how he will do it, Fadlan has no idea.

Travel s - Michael Crichton 2002-11-05

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[Jurassic Park](#) - Michael Crichton 2012-09-25

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *Timeline*, *Sphere*, and *Congo*, this is the classic thriller of science run amok that took the world by storm. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read* "[Michael] Crichton's dinosaurs are genuinely frightening."—Chicago Sun-Times An astonishing technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. Now humankind's most thrilling fantasies have come true. Creatures extinct for eons roam Jurassic Park with their awesome presence and profound

mystery, and all the world can visit them—for a price. Until something goes wrong. . . . In *Jurassic Park*, Michael Crichton taps all his mesmerizing talent and scientific brilliance to create his most electrifying technothriller. Praise for *Jurassic Park* "Wonderful . . .

powerful."—The Washington Post Book World "Frighteningly real . . . compelling . . . It'll keep you riveted."—The Detroit News "Full of suspense."—The New York Times Book Review

Captain Vorpatril's Alliance - Lois McMaster Bujold 2012-11-15

Captain Ivan Vorpatril is happy with his relatively uneventful bachelor's life of a staff officer to a Barrayaran admiral. Ivan, cousin to Imperial troubleshooter Miles Vorkosigan, is not far down the hereditary list for the emperorship. Thankfully, new heirs have directed that headache elsewhere, leaving Ivan to enjoy his life on Komarr, far from the Byzantine court politics of his home system. But when an old friend in Barrayaran intelligence asks Ivan to protect an attractive young woman who may be on the hit list of a criminal syndicate, Ivan's chivalrous nature takes over. It seems danger and adventures have once more found Captain Vorpatril. Tej Arqua and her half-sister and servant Rish are fleeing the violent overthrow of their clan on free-for-all planet Jackson's Whole. Now it seems Tej may possess a hidden secret of which even she may not be aware. It's a secret that could corrupt the heart of a highly regarded Barayarran family and provide the final advantage for the thugs who seek to overthrow Tej's homeworld. But none of Tej's formidable adversaries have counted on Ivan Vorpatril. For behind Ivan's facade of wry and self-effacing humor lies a true and cunning protector who will never leave a distressed lady in the lurch^{3/4} up to and including making the ultimate sacrifice to keep her from harm: the treasured and hardwon freedom from his own fate as a scion of Barrayar. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

Easy Go - Michael Crichton 2013-07-23

A thriller about an Egyptologist's greatest find—and his quest to steal it—from the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *Jurassic Park* and *The Andromeda Strain*. Brilliant Egyptologist Harold Barnaby has discovered a message hidden inside a particularly difficult set

of hieroglyphics. It just may lead him to a secret tomb holding the greatest riches of the ancient world. Barnaby could put his name to the most fantastic archaeological find of the century. But he doesn't just want to dig it up. He wants to steal it. With the help of a smuggler, a thief, and an English lord, he plans his heist. They find that tomb raiding is trickier than they thought, and those who steal from dead Egyptians face dangers worse than a mummy's ancient curse. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author's estate.

Binary - Michael Crichton 2013-07-23

An agent races to stop a chemical attack in this thriller from the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park*. His name is John Wright, and he's the most dangerous man in the United States. A millionaire radical with a deep hatred for everything America stands for, he has concocted a scheme that will shatter the very foundation of our democracy—and he's just crazy enough to pull it off. The only man who can stop him is John Graves, an embittered federal agent whose mission in life is to destroy Wright. He'll get his chance—or America will burn. A train races across the Utah desert, carrying a shipment of the deadliest nerve gas known to man. Seven mobsters stop the train, steal the gas, and hand it over to Wright. His target? The Republican National Convention in San Diego, where unleashing the gas will kill one million honest citizens, including the US president. Graves has just one shot to stop Wright—and for the sake of democracy, he'd better not miss. From "the master of the sci-tech thriller," this is a terrifying high-speed novel that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end (Booklist). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author's estate.

The Great Train Robbery - Michael Crichton 2012-05-14

From the bestselling author of *Jurassic Park*, *Timeline*, and *Sphere* comes an enthralling novel about Victorian London's most notorious gold heist. London, 1855, when lavish wealth and appalling poverty exist side by side, one mysterious man navigates both worlds with perfect ease. Edward Pierce preys on the most

prominent of the well-to-do as he cunningly orchestrates the crime of his century. Who would suspect that a gentleman of breeding could mastermind the extraordinary robbery aboard the pride of England's industrial era, the mighty steam locomotive? Based on fact, but studded with all the suspense and style of fiction, here is a classic historical thriller, set a decade before the age of dynamite—yet nonetheless explosive...

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Five Patients - Michael Crichton 1995

"ER has become the most successful television series in the world since CHARLIE'S ANGELS. Michael Crichton created the series from his own experiences as a medical doctor in the emergency rooms, operating rooms and wards of Massachusetts General Hospital. FIVE PATIENTS is Michael Crichton's true account of the real life dramas so vividly portrayed in ER. A construction worker is seriously injured in a scaffold collapse- a middle-aged despatcher is brought in suffering from a fever that has reduced him to a delirious wreck; a young man nearly severs his hand in an accident; an airline traveller suffers chest pains; a mother of three is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease."

The Andromeda Evolution - Michael Crichton 2019-11-12

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Fifty years after *The Andromeda Strain* made Michael Crichton a household name—and spawned a new genre, the technothriller—the threat returns, in a gripping sequel that is terrifyingly realistic and

resonant. The Evolution is Coming. In 1967, an extraterrestrial microbe came crashing down to Earth and nearly ended the human race. Accidental exposure to the particle—designated The Andromeda Strain—killed every resident of the town of Piedmont, Arizona, save for an elderly man and an infant boy. Over the next five days, a team of top scientists assigned to Project Wildfire worked valiantly to save the world from an epidemic of unimaginable proportions. In the moments before a catastrophic nuclear detonation, they succeeded. In the ensuing decades, research on the microparticle continued. And the world thought it was safe... Deep inside Fairchild Air Force Base, Project Eternal Vigilance has continued to watch and wait for the Andromeda Strain to reappear. On the verge of being shut down, the project has registered no activity—until now. A Brazilian terrain-mapping drone has detected a bizarre anomaly of otherworldly matter in the middle of the jungle, and, worse yet, the tell-tale chemical signature of the deadly microparticle. With this shocking discovery, the next-generation Project Wildfire is activated, and a diverse team of experts hailing from all over the world is dispatched to investigate the potentially apocalyptic threat. But the microbe is growing—evolving. And if the Wildfire team can't reach the quarantine zone, enter the anomaly, and figure out how to stop it, this new Andromeda Evolution will annihilate all life as we know it.

Disclosure - Michael Crichton 2012-11-27

From the author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Sphere comes an electrifying thriller in which a shocking accusation of sexual harassment triggers a gripping psychological game of cat and mouse and threatens to derail a brilliant career. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "A fresh and provocative story."—People An up-and-coming executive at the computer firm DigiCom, Tom Sanders is a man whose corporate future is certain. But after a closed-door meeting with his new boss—a woman who is his former lover and has been promoted to the position he expected to have—Sanders finds himself caught in a nightmarish web of deceit in which he is branded the villain. As Sanders scrambles to defend himself, he uncovers an electronic trail into the company's secrets—and begins to grasp

that a cynical and manipulative scheme has been devised to bring him down. "Crichton writes superbly. . . . The excitement rises with each page."—Chicago Tribune "A heart-stop story running on several tracks at once. Disclosure is up to [Crichton's] usual locomotive speed."—The Boston Globe "Expertly crafted, ingenious and absorbing."—The Philadelphia Inquirer Pirate Latitudes - Michael Crichton 2011-11-22 Contains an exclusive preview of Micro by Michael Crichton and Richard Preston. In Port Royal, a cutthroat town of taverns, grog shops and bawdy houses, life can end swiftly. But for Captain Edward Hunter, this is a life destined for riches; Spanish gold is there for the taking. And law in the New World is made by those who take it into their own hands.

Miracle in Seville James A. Michener 2015-12-08

James A. Michener, the Pulitzer Prize-winning master of the historical saga, returns to his beloved Spain with this magical novel of Seville at Easter time, a season of splendid pageantry, thrilling bullfights, deep piety—and the possibility of miracles. An American sports journalist has come to the city to report on efforts by the rancher Don Cayetano Mota to revive his once-proud line of bulls. Not only does Mota pray to the Virgin Mary, but he takes on herculean acts of devotion during the solemn celebrations of Holy Week. With treacherous enemies waiting in the ring, Mota's struggle taps deeply into life's mysteries, shaking the newspaperman's skepticism and opening his eyes to the wonder of faith. Featuring illustrations by the American bullfighter John Fulton, *Miracle in Seville* is Michener at his most dazzling. Praise for *Miracle in Seville* "Eloquent . . . a vintage demonstration of Michener storytelling . . . What emerges most strongly is the real admiration and awe that lovers of bullfighting feel for the toro bravo."—The New York Times Book Review "Compelling . . . told with an understanding of and appreciation for a culture where matadors are artists and miracles are possible."—Chicago Tribune

Electronic Life Michael Crichton 1983

State of Fear - Michael Crichton 2009-10-13
New York Times bestselling author Michael Crichton delivers another action-packed techno-

thriller in *State of Fear*. When a group of eco-terrorists engage in a global conspiracy to generate weather-related natural disasters, its up to environmental lawyer Peter Evans and his team to uncover the subterfuge. From Tokyo to Los Angeles, from Antarctica to the Solomon Islands, Michael Crichton mixes cutting edge science and action-packed adventure, leading readers on an edge-of-your-seat ride while offering up a thought-provoking commentary on the issue of global warming. A deftly-crafted novel, in true Crichton style, *State of Fear* is an exciting, stunning tale that not only entertains and educates, but will make you think.

Ibn Fadlan and the Land of Darkness

Fadlan 2012-07-26

In 922 AD, an Arab envoy from Baghdad named Ibn Fadlan encountered a party of Viking traders on the upper reaches of the Volga River. In his subsequent report on his mission he gave a meticulous and astonishingly objective description of Viking customs, dress, table manners, religion and sexual practices, as well as the only eyewitness account ever written of a Viking ship cremation. Between the ninth and fourteenth centuries, Arab travellers such as Ibn Fadlan journeyed widely and frequently into the far north, crossing territories that now include Russia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Their fascinating accounts describe how the numerous tribes and peoples they encountered traded furs, paid tribute and waged wars. This accessible new translation offers an illuminating insight into the world of the Arab geographers, and the medieval lands of the far north.

Travels - Michael Crichton 2014-03-11

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rejuvenation, terror and wonder, as exciting as Michael Crichton's many masterful and widely heralded works of fiction.

A Walk in the Woods - Bill Bryson 2012-05-15

God only knows what possessed Bill Bryson, a reluctant adventurer if ever there was one, to undertake a gruelling hike along the world's longest continuous footpath—The Appalachian Trail. The 2,000-plus-mile trail winds through 14 states, stretching along the east coast of the United States, from Georgia to Maine. It snakes through some of the wildest and most spectacular landscapes in North America, as well as through some of its most poverty-stricken and primitive backwoods areas. With his offbeat sensibility, his eye for the absurd, and his laugh-out-loud sense of humour, Bryson recounts his confrontations with nature at its most uncompromising over his five-month journey. An instant classic, riotously funny, *A Walk in the Woods* will add a whole new audience to the legions of Bill Bryson fans.

The Venom Business - Michael Crichton

2013-07-23

“A glossy and inventive thriller” from the pen of the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *Jurassic Park* during his early years (Washington Daily News). Charles Raynaud feels at home in the jungle. A snake trapper, he makes a tidy profit selling poisonous creatures to the zoos of Europe, but it isn't just the snake trade that pays his bills. Raynaud is the finest artifact smuggler the world has ever known, and his particular talents are about to be put to the test. Between jobs in Paris, Raynaud meets an old drinking buddy. One of London's wealthiest, nastiest men, Richard Pierce has eyes on his late father's fortune and wants Raynaud to act as his bodyguard until he acquires it. But after the first attempts on Pierce's life, Raynaud begins to smell a rat. Has he been hired as a bodyguard, or a target? This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author's estate.

Congo - Michael Crichton 2012-05-14

From the bestselling author of *Jurassic Park*, *Timeline*, and *Sphere* comes a gripping thriller about the shocking demise of eight American geologists in the darkest region of the Congo. Deep in the African rain forest, near the ruins of the Lost City of Zinj, a field expedition is brutally

killed. At the Houston-based Earth Resources Technology Services, Inc., a horrified supervisor watches a gruesome video transmission of that ill-fated group and sees a haunting, grainy, man-like blur moving amongst the bodies. In San Francisco, an extraordinary gorilla named Amy, who has a 620-sign vocabulary, may hold the secret to that fierce carnage. Immediately, a new expedition is sent to the Congo with Amy in tow, descending into a secret, forbidden world where the only escape may be through the grisliest death.

Ada Blackjack - Jennifer Niven 2012-02-21
From the author of *The Ice Master* comes the remarkable true story of a young Inuit woman who survived six months alone on a desolate, uninhabited Arctic island. In September 1921, four young men and Ada Blackjack, a diminutive 25-year-old Eskimo woman, ventured deep into the Arctic in a secret attempt to colonize desolate Wrangel Island for Great Britain. Two years later, Ada Blackjack emerged as the sole survivor of this ambitious polar expedition. This young, unskilled woman—who had headed to the Arctic in search of money and a husband—conquered the seemingly unconquerable north and survived all alone after her male companions had perished. Following her triumphant return to civilization, the international press proclaimed her the female Robinson Crusoe. But whatever stories the press turned out came from the imaginations of reporters: Ada Blackjack refused to speak to anyone about her horrific two years in the Arctic. Only on one occasion—after charges were published falsely accusing her of causing the death of one her companions—did she speak up for herself. Jennifer Niven has created an absorbing, compelling history of this remarkable woman, taking full advantage of the wealth of first-hand resources about Ada that exist, including her never-before-seen diaries, the unpublished diaries from other primary characters, and interviews with Ada's surviving son. *Ada Blackjack* is more than a rugged tale of a woman battling the elements to survive in the frozen north—it is the story of a hero.

Timeline - Michael Crichton 2003-11-04
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Tales of a Female Nomad - Rita Golden Gelman 2007-12-18

The true story of an ordinary woman living an extraordinary existence all over the world. "Gelman doesn't just observe the cultures she visits, she participates in them, becoming emotionally involved in the people's lives. This is an amazing travelogue." —*Booklist* At the age of forty-eight, on the verge of a divorce, Rita Golden Gelman left an elegant life in L.A. to follow her dream of travelling the world, connecting with people in cultures all over the globe. In 1986, Rita sold her possessions and became a nomad, living in a Zapotec village in Mexico, sleeping with sea lions on the Galapagos Islands, and residing everywhere from thatched huts to regal palaces. She has observed orangutans in the rain forest of Borneo, visited trance healers and dens of black magic, and cooked with women on fires all over the world. Rita's example encourages us all to dust off our dreams and rediscover the joy, the exuberance, and the hidden spirit that so many of us bury when we become adults.

Terminal Man - Michael Crichton 2012-05-14
From the bestselling author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Sphere comes a neurological thriller about the dangers of cutting-edge medical experimentation. Harry Benson suffers from violent seizures. So violent that he often blackouts when they take hold. Shortly after severely beating two men during an episode, the police escort Benson to a Los Angeles hospital for treatment. There, Dr. Roger McPherson, head of the prestigious Neuropsychiatric Research Unit, is convinced he can cure Benson with an experimental procedure that would place electrodes deep in his brain's pleasure centers, effectively short-circuiting Harry's seizures with pulses of bliss. The surgery is successful, but while Benson is in recovery, he discovers how to trigger the pulses himself. To make matters worse his violent impulses have only grown, and he soon escapes the hospital with a deadly agenda. . .

Drug of Choice - Michael Crichton 2013-07-23
A thriller from the Jurassic Park author's med school years, when he wrote "steamy potboilers and heist capers under the pen name John Lange" (USA Today). When a Hell's Angel is thrown from his bike at 110 miles per hour, he should probably end up in the morgue. But this Angel survives his crash without a scratch, and ends up sleeping peacefully in the hospital. When Dr. Roger Clark inspects him, he finds only one defect: blue urine. Similar reports start to trickle in from hospitals upstate. It seems that a strange new drug is sending people into comas, and only Clark can unravel its mystery. His search for answers takes him on the strangest trip of his life, into a place called "Eden," which looks like paradise, but feels like hell. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author's estate.

Bill Bryson's African Diary - Bill Bryson 2010-03-02
Bill Bryson goes to Kenya at the invitation of CARE International, the charity dedicated to working with local communities to eradicate poverty around the world. Kenya, generally regarded as the cradle of humankind, is a land of stunning landscapes, famous game reserves, and a vibrant culture, but it also has many serious problems, including refugees, AIDS, drought and

grinding poverty. It also provides plenty to worry a nervous traveller like Bill Bryson: hair-raising rides in light aircraft, tropical diseases, snakes, insects and large predators. Bryson casts his inimitable eye on a continent new to him, and the resultant diary, though short in length, contains all his trademark laugh-out-loud wit, wry observation and curious insight. All the author's royalties from this book, as well as all profits, will go to CARE International.

Adventure Capitalist Jim Rogers 2003-05-13
Drive . . . and grow rich! The bestselling author of Investment Biker is back from the ultimate road trip: a three-year drive around the world that would ultimately set the Guinness record for the longest continuous car journey. In Adventure Capitalist, legendary investor Jim Rogers, dubbed "the Indiana Jones of finance" by Time magazine, proves that the best way to profit from the global situation is to see the world mile by mile. "While I have never patronized a prostitute," he writes, "I know that one can learn more about a country from speaking to the madam of a brothel or a black marketeer than from meeting a foreign minister." Behind the wheel of a sunburst-yellow, custom-built convertible Mercedes, Rogers and his fiancée, Paige Parker, began their "Millennium Adventure" on January 1, 1999, from Iceland. They traveled through 116 countries, including many where most have rarely ventured, such as Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Angola, Sudan, Congo, Colombia, and East Timor. They drove through war zones, deserts, jungles, epidemics, and blizzards. They had many narrow escapes. They camped with nomads and camels in the western Sahara. They ate silkworms, iguanas, snakes, termites, guinea pigs, porcupines, crocodiles, and grasshoppers. Best of all, they saw the real world from the ground up—the only vantage point from which it can be truly understood—economically, politically, and socially. Here are just a few of the author's conclusions: • The new commodity bull market has started. • The twenty-first century will belong to China. • There is a dramatic shortage of women developing in Asia. • Pakistan is on the verge of disintegrating. • India, like many other large nations, will break into several countries. • The Euro is doomed to fail. • There are fortunes to be made in Angola. •

Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are a scam. • Bolivia is a comer after decades of instability, thanks to gigantic amounts of natural gas. *Adventure Capitalist* is the most opinionated, sprawling, adventurous journey you're likely to take within the pages of a book—the perfect read for armchair adventurers, global investors, car enthusiasts, and anyone interested in seeing the world and understanding it as it really is.

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High Tech and Hot Pot - Stephan Orth 2020-08-18

An award-winning writer reveals a changing China—one conversation and adventure at a time. When Stephan Orth lands in China, he knows it's his last visit, having lied about his job as a journalist to get into the country. So, he makes the most of it, couch-surfing with locals instead of hitting the nearest hotel. Starting in Macau—a former Portuguese colony and now gambler's paradise—Orth takes on the world's biggest casino. Next, he visits Shenzhen, where more than 200 million sidewalk cameras monitor citizens who win and lose points on *Sesame Credit*, an app that sends data to Alibaba—and to the government. As his adventure continues, Orth encounters a bewildering mix of new tech and old traditions. Over a steaming bowl of hot pot, he learns ancient chopstick etiquette from a policewoman who later demos the facial recognition app she could use to detain him. He eats dog meat as a guest of honor one day—and

finds himself censored on live TV the next. He even seriously considers joining an outlawed sect. Self-deprecatingly funny, compassionate, and observant, *High Tech and Hot Pot* is a formidable addition to a well-loved series, and offers a timely travelogue of an enigmatic country poised to become the world's next superpower.

The Andromeda Strain - Michael Crichton 2012-05-14

From the author of *Jurassic Park*, *Timeline*, and *Sphere* comes a captivating thriller about a deadly extraterrestrial microorganism, which threatens to annihilate human life. Five prominent biophysicists have warned the United States government that sterilization procedures for returning space probes may be inadequate to guarantee uncontaminated re-entry to the atmosphere. Two years later, a probe satellite falls to the earth and lands in a desolate region of northeastern Arizona. Nearby, in the town of Piedmont, bodies lie heaped and flung across the ground, faces locked in frozen surprise. What could cause such shock and fear? The terror has begun, and there is no telling where it will end.

Airframe - Michael Crichton 2011-03-22

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *Jurassic Park*, *Timeline*, and *Sphere* comes this extraordinary thriller about airline safety, business intrigue, and a deadly cover-up. "The pacing is fast, the suspense nonstop."—People Three passengers are dead. Fifty-six are injured. The interior cabin is virtually destroyed. But the pilot manages to land the plane. At a moment when the issue of safety and death in the skies is paramount in the public mind, a lethal midair disaster aboard a commercial twin-jet airliner flying from Hong Kong to Denver triggers a pressured and frantic investigation. *Airframe* is nonstop reading, full of the extraordinary mixture of super suspense and authentic information on a subject of compelling interest that are the hallmarks of Michael Crichton. "A one-sitting read that will cause a lifetime of white-knuckled nightmares."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "The ultimate thriller . . . [Crichton's] stories are always page-turners of the highest order. . . . [Airframe] moves like a firehouse dog chasing a red truck."—The Denver Post "Dramatically vivid."—The New York Times

Travel as a Political Act - Rick Steves

2018-02-06

Change the world one trip at a time. In this illuminating collection of stories and lessons from the road, acclaimed travel writer Rick Steves shares a powerful message that resonates now more than ever. With the world facing divisive and often frightening events, from Trump, Brexit, and Erdogan, to climate change, nativism, and populism, there's never been a more important time to travel. Rick believes the risks of travel are widely exaggerated, and that fear is for people who don't get out much. After years of living out of a suitcase, he still marvels at how different cultures find different truths to be self-evident. By sharing his experiences from Europe, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East, Rick shows how we can learn more about our own country by viewing it from afar. With gripping stories from Rick's decades of exploration, this fully revised edition of *Travel as a Political Act* is an antidote to the current climate of xenophobia. When we travel thoughtfully, we bring back the most beautiful souvenir of all: a broader perspective on the world that we all call home. All royalties from the sale of *Travel as a Political Act* are donated to support the work of Bread for the World, a non-partisan organization working to end hunger at home and abroad.

Vagabondi ng - Rolf Potts 2002-12-24

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There’s nothing like vagabonding: taking time off from your normal life—from six weeks to four months to two years—to discover and experience the world on your own terms. In this one-of-a-kind handbook, veteran travel writer Rolf Potts explains how anyone armed with an independent spirit can achieve the dream of extended overseas travel. Now completely revised and updated, *Vagabonding* is an accessible and inspiring guide to • financing your travel time • determining your destination • adjusting to life on the road • working and volunteering overseas • handling travel adversity • re-assimilating

back into ordinary life Updated for our ever-changing world, *Vagabonding* is an indispensable guide for the modern traveler.
Prey - Michael Crichton 2009-10-13
Michael Crichton's *Prey* is a terrifying page-turner that masterfully combines a heart-pounding thriller with cutting-edge technology. Deep in the Nevada desert, the Xymos Corporation has built a state-of-the-art fabrication plant, surrounded by miles and miles of nothing but cactus and coyotes. Eight people are trapped. A self-replicating swarm of predatory molecules is rapidly evolving outside the plant. Massed together, the molecules form an intelligent organism that is anything but benign. More powerful by the hour, it has targeted the eight scientists as prey. They must stop the swarm before it is too late... In *Prey*, Michael Crichton combines scientific brilliance with relentless pacing to create an electrifying, chilling techno-thriller

Conversations with Michael Crichton - Robert Golla 2011

Conversations with Michael Crichton brings together decades of interviews and profiles with one of the world's most successful authors. Michael Crichton (1942-2008) had many careers—doctor, novelist, film director, screenwriter—but was best known to millions of readers as “Father of the techno-thriller.” His novels have sold more than 150 million copies, have been translated into thirty-six languages, and have been made into thirteen films. He remains the only writer to have had simultaneously the number-one book, the number-one movie, and the number-one television show. While still a student at Harvard Medical School, Crichton's first novel, *The Andromeda Strain*, became a bestseller. He left medicine and moved to Los Angeles, intent on pursuing dual careers as a writer and filmmaker. His writings had an unmatched prescience, anticipating public interest about emerging technology and controversial topics. His suspenseful plotting and technical detail were evident in subsequent novels such as *Jurassic Park*, *Congo*, *Sphere*, *Rising Sun*, *Disclosure*, *Timeline*, *State of Fear*, *Next*, and the posthumously published *Pirate Latitudes*. He received an Academy Award in 1995 for his pioneering use of computer programs in film production, and was the creator and co-

executive producer of ER (1994-2009), for which he earned WGA, Emmy, and Peabody awards.

Dealing - Michael Crichton 2013-07-23

A wild, “entertaining—slick and cool and savvy” novel of the sixties drug culture from the #1 bestselling author of Jurassic Park and his brother (The New York Times). The suitcase looks like a standard weekend bag. But like the man who carries it, it isn’t what it seems. Lined with tinfoil to mask the smell, it is a smuggler’s bag and will soon be filled to the brim with

marijuana bricks. The smuggler is a Harvard student who has come to California to make his fortune. He hopes to score not just with his connection but with his new girlfriend, a Golden State beauty with an appetite for fine weed. When the deal goes south, she takes the fall, and a crooked FBI agent swipes half the stash. To free his girl, this pothead will have to make the deal of a lifetime. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Michael Crichton including rare images from the author’s estate.