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PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY

153.4 GLA

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking / Malcolm Gladwell

2005

Summary:

How do we think without thinking, seem to make choices in an instant--in the blink of an eye--that actually aren't as simple as they seem? Why are some people brilliant decision makers, while others are consistently inept? Why do some people follow their instincts and win, while others end up stumbling into error? And why are the best decisions often those that are impossible to explain to others? Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology, the author reveals that great decision makers aren't those who process the most information or spend the most time deliberating, but those who have perfected the art of filtering the very few factors that matter from an overwhelming number of variables.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

305.8 ELL

Celtic Women: Women in Celtic Society and Literature / Peter Berresford

1996

Summary:

Discusses the balanced system of equal rights for women in Celtic society where they held prominent positions in political, religious and artistic life.

363.2 RES

Whoever Fights Monsters / Robert K. Ressler

1992

Summary:

A brilliant FBI detective's career-long war against serial killers.

ART

709.01 LAI

Art of the Celts / Lloyd Robert Laing

1992

MUSIC

782.42 SHE

America the Beautiful: The Stirring True Story Behind Our Nation's Favorite Song / Lynn Sherr

2001

792.6 AND

Mamma Mia! How Can I Resist You: The Inside Story of Mamma Mia! And the Songs of Abba / Benny

Andersson

Summary:

In the 1970s, the Swedish musical phenomenon known as ABBA-Agnetha Fçltskog, Benny Andersson, Bjrn Ulvaeus, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad-succeeded in reinventing the world's perception of pop. They produced hit after catchy hit, each one instantly recognizable, infectious, and irresistible. Nearly a quarter of a century later, these beloved songs gave birth to the blockbuster musical MAMMA MIA!, which became a legend in its own right.

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LITERATURE/HUMOROUS WRITING

818 STE

America (the Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction / Jon Stewart

2004

Summary:

The book is presented as a text book with discussion questions and classroom activities.

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

917.98 KRA

Into The Wild / Jon Krakauer

1997

Summary:

Tells the story of Chris McCandless, a twenty-four-year-old who walked into the Alaskan wilderness on an idealistic journey and was found dead of starvation four months later.

940.4 TRE

The First Air War: A Pictorial History, 1914-1919 / Terry C. Treadwell

1996

946.9 BIR

A Concise History of Portugal / David Birmingham

1993

956.7044 RIC

Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq / Thomas E. Ricks

2006

Contents:

Containment -- A bad ending -- Containment and its discontents -- This changes everything: the aftermath of 9/11 -- The war of words -- The run-up -- The silence of the lambs -- Into Iraq -- Winning a battle -- How to create an insurgency (I) -- How to create an insurgency (II) -- The CPA: "can't produce anything" -- Getting tough -- The descent into abuse -- The long term -- "The Army of the Euphrates" takes stock -- The Marine Corps files a dissent -- The surprise -- The price paid -- The corrections -- Turnover -- Too little too late? -- Betting against history.

973 PRE

Presidential Leadership: Rating the Best and the Worst in the White House

2004

Summary:

Based on a completely new nationwide survey prepared exclusively for this edition of Presidential Leadership, two of America's most prominent institutions, The Wall Street Journal and the Federalist Society, explore just what it is that makes a president great and then rank each from best to worst. Now with updated chapters on Bush and "Leadership in the Midst of Controversy," a wide range of eminent scholars, journalists, and political leaders evaluate the competence of our nation's chief executives, including that of George W. Bush's first complete term in office. From John McCain on Teddy Roosevelt to Kenneth Starr on Richard Nixon, editors James Taranto and Leonard Leo have collected a series of lively, provocative, and highly readable essays evaluating the terms of each of the forty-three U.S. presidents.

BIOGRAPHY

BIO DAM

A Pirate of Exquisite Mind: Explorer, Naturalist, and Buccaneer: The Life of William Dampier / Diana Preston

2004

Contents:

The adventurer -- The buccaneer -- The traveler -- The celebrity -- The ancient mariner.

BIO DOB

The Only Girl in the Car: A Memoir / Kathy Dobie

2003

Summary:

Kathy Dobie writes about how she overcame a childhood filled with bad decisions and tragic events to become a confident, well-adjusted woman.

BIO KIM

A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana / Haven Kimmel

2001

Summary:

The author describes her small-town childhood in Indiana, remembering her eventful 1960s and '70s family life with fondness.

BIO NAS

A Beautiful Mind: The Life of Mathematical Genius and Nobel Laureate John Nash / Sylvia Nasar

2001

Summary:

Chronicles the life of mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr., and discusses his contributions to the study of economics, his illegitimate child, his bouts with schizophrenia, and his Nobel Prize-winning theories.

BIO PER

Eva Perón / Alicia Dujovne Ortiz

1997

Summary:

Biography of Eva Perón looking at her impoverished childhood, failed acting career, political activities and role as the wife of the Argentinian dictator, Juan Perón.

BIO ROC

Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. / Ron Chernow

1998

Summary:

A biography of America's first billionaire, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., drawing from Rockefeller's personal papers to provide information about his rustic origins, his creation of Standard Oil, his often controversial business tactics, and his personal relationships and attributes.

BIO ROO

Grandmère: a Personal History of Eleanor Roosevelt / David B. Roosevelt

2002

Summary:

Until her death when he was 20, David B. Roosevelt enjoyed a close relationship with his Grandmère, Eleanor Roosevelt. Although she was admired by millions around the world, few people knew her as her loved ones did. Now David shares personal family stories and photographs that show Eleanor as she really was: passionate, vulnerable, courageous, and determined to live her private and personal life according to the humanitarian ideals she cherished.

BIO TUN

Tunney: Boxing's Brainiest Champ and His Upset of the Great Jack Dempsey / Jack Cavanaugh

2006

Summary:

Tells the life story of early-twentieth-century boxer Gene Tunney, describing his youth in Greenwich Village, his relationship with Polly Lauder, the 1920s boxing world, his rivalry with Jack Dempsey, and his later years, including his work in the business world.

BIO X

Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary: A Biography / Walter Dean Myers

1993

Summary:

Chronicles the life of controversial militant leader Malcolm X.

VIDEOS

VID MAL

The Maltese Falcon

Summary:

Based on the novel by Dashiell Hammett.

VID 526 LOS

Lost At Sea: The Search For Longitude

Summary:

Examines the development of navigation, and looks at the life of carpenter John Harrison who unlocked the mystery of measuring longitude.