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### **A Brief History of Earth** Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

Renowned astronomer Carl Sagan's classic bestseller that "dives into the past, present, and future of science, dealing with the mind-staggering enormity of the cosmos in which we exist" (Associated Press)—with an Introduction by Ann Druyan and a Foreword by Neil deGrasse Tyson "Sagan dazzles the mind with the miracle of our survival, framed by the stately galaxies of space."—Cosmopolitan THE INSPIRATION FOR THE FOX MINISERIES COSMOS: POSSIBLE WORLDS, HOSTED BY NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON AND STARRING SETH MACFARLANE AND SIR PATRICK STEWART In clear-eyed prose, Carl Sagan reveals a jewel-like blue world inhabited by a life form that is just beginning to discover its own identity and to venture into the vast ocean of space. Featuring full-color illustrations, Cosmos retraces the fourteen billion years of cosmic evolution that have transformed matter into consciousness, exploring such topics as the origin of life, the human brain, Egyptian hieroglyphics, spacecraft missions, the death of the Sun, the evolution of galaxies, and the forces and individuals who helped shape modern science.

The Irrational Mind Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The book on sex in the twenty-first century "Alfred Kinsey only scratched the surface. Interviewing a mere 18,000 horny humans? Please . . . Drs. Ogas and Gaddam [offer] hot new scientific findings."—The Washington Post Want to know what really turns your partner on? A Billion Wicked Thoughts offers the clearest picture ever of the differences between male and female sexuality and the teeming diversity of human desire. What makes men attracted to images and so predictable in their appetites? What makes the set up to a romantic evening so important for a woman? Why are women's desires so hard to predict? Neuroscientists Ogi Ogas and Sai Gaddam reveal the mechanics of sexual relationships based on their extensive research into the mountains of new data on human behavior available in online entertainment and traffic around the world. Not since Alfred Kinsey in the 1950s has there been such a revolution in our knowledge of what is really going on in the bedroom. What Ogas and Gaddam learned, and now share, will deepen and enrich the way you, and your partner, think and talk about sex.

### **Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years** Ballantine Books

"Numbers are often intimidating, confusing, and even deliberately deceptive—especially when they are really big. The media loves to report on millions, billions, and trillions, but frequently makes basic mistakes or presents such numbers in misleading ways. And misunderstanding numbers can have serious consequences, since they can deceive us in many of our most important decisions, including how to vote, what to buy, and whether to make a financial investment. In this short, accessible, enlightening, and entertaining book, leading computer scientist Brian Kernighan teaches anyone—even diehard math-phobes—how to demystify the numbers that assault us every day. With

examples drawn from a rich variety of sources, including journalism, advertising, and politics, Kernighan demonstrates how numbers can mislead and misrepresent. In chapters covering big numbers, units, dimensions, and more, he lays bare everything from deceptive graphs to speciously precise numbers. And he shows how anyone—using a few basic ideas and lots of shortcuts—can easily learn to recognize common mistakes, determine whether numbers are credible, and make their own sensible estimates when needed. Giving you the simple tools you need to avoid being fooled by dubious numbers, Millions, Billions, Zillions is an essential survival guide for a world drowning in big—and often bad—data"—Jacket

### **Billions at Play** Simon and Schuster

An Official Billions Guide to More than One Hundred Iconic New York City Dining Institutions From hole-in-the-walls to cozy neighborhood gems to Michelin-starred restaurants, the characters in the SHOWTIME® series Billions know how to eat well, as any fan of the beloved show can confirm. Creators Brian Koppelman and David Levien spectacularly display the city's vibrant food scene—but it's more than showing us how the one percent eats. It's about integrating food, which brings people together and is an integral part of our daily lives, into the storyline while honoring the quality, the diversity, and the legacy of culinary culture in New York City. It's about the city staples that have been around for generations. It's about the immigrants who brought their own food to New York and made it a part of city culture. It's about the power joints where the movers and shakers of the city discuss the affairs of the day. It's about the pizza slice or the candy bar that takes you back to your childhood. It's about those who start at the bottom of the kitchen chain and ultimately open their own restaurant as well as about the old who pass the torch to future generations. It's about the energy and the creativity in New York food industry that is setting the standards for the rest of the world. It's about everyone who has contributed to making New York the dining capital of the world as it is today. This book presents the complete list of restaurants, bars, bakeries, bodegas, and more, featured in Billions. The listings include description and history of the chef and building, signature dishes, fun facts, and of course, tie-in to the show's storyline. Which characters are eating there? What is the occasion? What are they discussing? Features include: Empire Diner Yonah Schimmel's Knish Bakery Sushi Nakazawa Peking Duck House Veselka The Spotted Pig Ivan Ramen Library Bar at the NoMad Hotel Emmy Squared Morgenstern's Ice Cream So many more!

*One Billion Americans* Astra Publishing House

"Fascinating . . . memorable . . . revealing . . . perhaps the best of Carl Sagan's books."—The Washington Post Book World (front page review) In Cosmos, the late astronomer Carl Sagan cast his gaze over the magnificent mystery of the Universe and made it accessible to millions of people around the world. Now in this stunning sequel, Carl Sagan completes his revolutionary journey through space and time. Future generations will look back on our epoch as the time when the human race finally broke into a radically new frontier—space. In Pale Blue Dot, Sagan traces the spellbinding history of our launch into the cosmos and assesses the future that looms before us as we move out into our own solar system and on to distant galaxies beyond. The exploration and

eventual settlement of other worlds is neither a fantasy nor luxury, insists Sagan, but rather a necessary condition for the survival of the human race. "Takes readers far beyond Cosmos . . . Sagan sees humanity's future in the stars."—Chicago Tribune

**8 Billion and Counting: How Sex, Death, and Migration Shape Our World** Spencer Fraseur  
From the author of *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years* comes a new picture book about space—this time starring our Sun! Meet Sun: He's a star! And not just any star—he's one in a billion. He lights up our solar system and makes life possible. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Sun in this next celestial "autobiography." Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully illustrated, *Sun! One in a Billion* is an equally charming and irresistible companion to *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years*.

*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars Made For Success* Publishing

China and India are home to one-third of the world's population. And they're undergoing social and economic revolutions that are capturing the best minds--and money--of Western business. In *Billions of Entrepreneurs*, Tarun Khanna examines the entrepreneurial forces driving China's and India's trajectories of development. He shows where these trajectories overlap and complement one another--and where they diverge and compete. He also reveals how Western companies can participate in this development. Through intriguing comparisons, the author probes important differences between China and India in areas such as information and transparency, the roles of capital markets and talent, public and private property rights, social constraints on market forces, attitudes toward expatriates abroad and foreigners at home, entrepreneurial and corporate opportunities, and the importance of urban and rural communities. He explains how these differences will influence China's and India's future development, what the two countries can learn from each other, and how they will ultimately reshape business, politics, and society in the world around them. Engaging and incisive, this book is a critical resource for anyone working in China or India or planning to do business in these two countries.

**Billions of Entrepreneurs** Bloomsbury Publishing USA

"A savvy analysis of the game's financial problems" (Los Angeles Times), now updated throughout and featuring a new chapter on recent controversies and upheavals in the game. Selected as one of the best books of the year by Business Week.

*Billions of Missing Links* Ballantine Books

The author of "What Darwin Didn't Know" presents his second work which focuses on evidence that millions of structures and systems on the Earth came about all at once with no preceding, subsequent, or RsidewaysS links.

**Millions, Billions, Zillions** Macmillan

Turn your passion into a thriving and lucrative career. You can create a wildly successful YouTube channel doing whatever you love doing most, no matter what it is. In this book, we break down exactly how you can do this. Learn the tricks of the trade from Aaron Kyro, who created a YouTube channel that has over 4 million subscribers and over 1 billion views. This book is a quick read that will give you the vital information you need to grow your YouTube Channel. Walk through exactly what we did to hit 1 billion views. Learn from our mistakes and our successes. Aaron lays out in detail all of the secrets, tips and tricks to growing your channel and pulls back the curtain on what

makes some YouTube channels succeed and others fail. This book contains practical exercises that will put you ahead of the game and well on your way to YouTube success. It also has inspirational quotes to help push you through the tough times. This is your inside look into how Aaron Kyro made Braille Skateboarding happen.

*Billions & Billions* S&S/Simon Element

How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions.

*Billions and Billions* Grand Central Publishing

In this poignant epilogue to his bestselling "The Bridges of Madison County," Waller tells the remainder of the story of photographer Robert Kincaid and farmer's wife Francesca Johnson. Hardy Publishing.

*Millions of Cats* W. W. Norton & Company

Wall Street Journal Best Selling Book "I agree with the points made--and with Ayuk's case for the critical role that OPEC will play in helping African oil products achieve a much-deserved voice in the petroleum industry." --OPEC Secretary-General, H.E. Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo Two decades of negotiating African oil and gas deals have given NJ Ayuk a grasp of the continent's energy landscape that few can match. The American-educated, African energy lawyer serves up generous doses of that insight in his second book, *Billions at Play: The Future of Africa Energy and Doing Deals*. Serving as a road map for the continent to do a better job of using its vast energy resources to improve its peoples' lives, Ayuk addresses how African countries can use their energy industries as springboards for diversifying and growing their overall economies. In addition, Ayuk shows how African governments and local companies can negotiate better deals with international energy companies and how the continent's countries can use marginal oil and gas fields to develop domestic energy industries that, once strong, will compete globally. Questions posed and answered: Why Africa's fledgling natural gas resources can allow the continent to emerge as a key global player in the industry What changes African countries can make in order to become attractive investment destinations The role that access to reliable, sustainable, and affordable power can play in the acceleration of economic growth Why and how American energy companies should stop curtailing their investments in Africa And why the continent's energy industry needs more women The book's underlying theme is that too often, natural resources create wealth for foreign investors and a select group of African elites while everyday people (and in turn, African economies) fail to benefit. While it is easy to see that there is a lack of local participation in African projects and an ongoing challenge in securing necessary investment, we also need to understand our role in this. We have to understand the importance of creating enabling environments with attractive fiscal terms for local and foreign investors, the role of stronger local content policies in ensuring more local participation in the sector, and the weight government and political uncertainty carries in moving projects forward. "It's up to Africans to fix Africa," writes Ayuk. This statement can be considered a living theme throughout the book as he encourages that local companies and governments have to enter into collaborative agreements rather than passive engagements with IOCs and majors. "[We need] investors who show that they want to fully participate with us, by coming in and building long-term sustainable businesses that last and make a profit, create jobs and further development." If you're ready to dive headfirst into accessing a frank analysis and examination of the African energy

landscape and how Africans can begin to fix Africa, jump into the pages of *Billions at Play*.

**Contact Penguin**

Praise for *BILLIONS OF DROPS in MILLIONS OF BUCKETS* "Billions of Drops in Millions of Buckets provides a bracing and original look at philanthropy that offers a much-needed corrective to conventional wisdom. Steve Goldberg combines a resolve to understand why so much philanthropy accomplishes so little enduring social change with a timely and serious proposal to reinvigorate nonprofit capital markets through the simplest of insights: getting more of the money to where it can do the most good. This book will change how forward-looking philanthropists, foundations, and policymakers think about the relationship between charitable giving and the transformative capacity of social entrepreneurs." —Jerr Boschee, founder and Executive Director, The Institute for Social Entrepreneurs; Visiting Professor of the Practice in Social Enterprise, Carnegie Mellon University "Goldberg's arguments are logical next steps in the rapidly evolving discussion of social capital markets. He offers ambitious proposals informed by the reality of current practices and focused on an achievable set of goals. He fully recognizes the potential for restructuring that is inherent in this time of financial hardship. Real change relies on big ideas, and Steve Goldberg offers us several." —Lucy Bernholz, author of *Creating Philanthropic Capital Markets: The Deliberate Evolution* "When I first heard about 'evidence-based medicine,' I thought: 'you mean it isn't?' Read this book and that's how you'll feel about 'performance-based philanthropy.' Goldberg takes some of the best current management thinking and applies it to social enterprise, illuminating both the encouraging successes of social entrepreneurs and the barriers they face. Even better, he presents compelling ideas for making the social sector vastly more effective." —Christopher Meyer, Chief Executive, Monitor Networks "Goldberg calls for more 'performance-driven philanthropy,' where nonprofits are rewarded based on their results, in place of the current dysfunction. It is an important call and a valuable contribution to discussions about how to improve nonprofits in the U.S. and internationally." —Martin Brookes, Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital "Billions of Drops... is a must-read romp through emerging fields of social entrepreneurship and nonprofit capital markets." —George Overholser, founder and Managing Director, NFF Capital Partners

**Molly Fyde and the Blood of Billions** Princeton University Press

"Molly returns to her homeworld, her birth planet, to find that the Bern threat and her life began in the same place and at the same time. With the crew of the Starship Parsona scattered, she chases clues in the footsteps of her father and uncovers the case that tore her family apart. It's a race against time to put the pieces back together, to reunite with her friends, and to save the universe."-- Back cover.

**Pale Blue Dot** Penguin

Thor Bjorgolfsson is a self-styled adventure capitalist with an addiction to debt and an insatiable appetite for business deals who became Iceland's first billionaire. After 10 years establishing his financial empire with alco-pops and beer in the lawless 'Wild East' of newly-capitalist Russia in the 1990s, he moved on to merging, floating, spinning off and privatising businesses from Finland to Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and the Czech Republic. On his 40th birthday, and worth \$3.5 billion, he was sitting on top of the world; only 250 people in it were richer than him. His most spectacular triumph was the takeover of Iceland's second-largest bank, Landsbanki - he had

expected his investment's value to double or treble in four years, and instead it rose ten-fold. But when financial meltdown hit Iceland in October 2008, Landsbanki crashed and burned, taking Bjorgolfsson with it. Within 12 months he had lost 3.3 billion euros - 98.5% of his wealth - and was treated as a scapegoat in his native country for supposedly bringing about the disaster. Faced with appalling debts, Bjorgolfsson has made good on his promises to repay his creditors, and at the age of 47 is now a billionaire once again.

**Billions Lost** Wiley

In the fall of 2015, The Wall Street Journal ran an article on its front page which effectively set the biotechnology world and the insular Silicon Valley scene on fire. Theranos, a much hailed startup which was disrupting the world of healthcare and led by a visionary young woman, was a fraud, the story claimed. To most people, the article amounted to nothing short of blasphemy. To stain the reputation of Elizabeth Holmes and her company, valued at \$10 billion, was to align oneself against progress and it was initially seen as the backward thinking that was prevalent in mainstream, non-Silicon Valley society. Here was the next Steve Jobs, right down to the ridiculous black turtleneck, being tarnished much in the manner Galileo was sabotaged by the Catholic Church for simply telling the truth. The backlash from Theranos had followed similar lines of argument. The story was completely made up and the firm had rebuttals on hand which would disprove every single line of the story. The reporter who broke the story, John Carreyrou, had his name dragged through the mud and the journal was buried with threats of lawsuits from the powerful law firm representing Theranos. However, despite the threats and vows to set things right, there was simply too much smoke around Theranos. It seemed as if the Valley had finally removed its blinders and began taking a look at facts. The facts were damning: Theranos and Elizabeth Holmes were frauds. As of current writing, Holmes and her crony are facing multiple charges of fraud and are battling to stave off jail time. Most stories consist of all sorts of characters - good, bad, endearing and hateful. This story is not like that. Almost every person you will read about in this book is a fraud or behaves in an extremely stupid manner even when confronted with facts. There are no winners in this, just victims and the sociopathic perpetrators of fraud who still have the gall to go around behaving as if they are visionaries.

**Factfulness** Hachette+ORM

Industry insider, veteran executive, and working mom Hilarie Gamm pulls the curtain back on the destruction of the American technology industry in her groundbreaking work, *Billions Lost: The American Tech Crisis and the Road Map to Change*. Gamm connects the dots between seemingly disparate events and facts, and outlines with stunning clarity the perfect storm that created a massive exodus of tech industry jobs from the U.S. Extensively researched and firmly apolitical, *Billions Lost* explains how the offshoring of millions of U.S. technology jobs opened a gateway that places our economy, our national security, and our educational systems at risk. Gamm succinctly explains the Y2K scare, visa reform, and other factors that snowballed into today's crisis, and identifies the ramifications of outsourcing on our country and its profound impact on America's middle class. To spark a national conversation, Gamm closes with her *Road Map to Change: 20 actions that can reverse the trend, improve education, save the middle class, and return growth, security, and prosperity to America.*

*Billions of Bricks* Flatiron Books

"Having an understanding of the human mind and how it functions is probably the single most important thing anyone who wants to be successful can do." We make thousands of decisions every day. In fact, research suggests that an adult brain makes on average about 35,000 remotely conscious decisions on a daily basis. When we were younger, choices were most likely simple. As we get older, our level of responsibility increases and so does the amount of choices that we are faced with on a daily basis. With ever increasing choices and responsibility at least our decision making process stays the same, right? In actuality, our decision making process is broken. It's warped and sometimes even shattered by cognitive bias. Why are we so afraid of sharks or plane crashes yet continue to do far more dangerous things? Why do we instinctively look for patterns to inform our decision making and bring meaning to our world? Why can't we listen to reason when we need it most? Join Spencer Fraseur through a journey of real stories of flawed logic and bad behavior in

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business (and in life) to discover what can be done to overcome the hidden forces that impact our everyday decisions.

*Billions of Besties* Profile Books

"This picture book is one in a gazillion."--Jane O'Connor, the New York Times-bestselling author of the Fancy Nancy series Did you know that the earth is covered in three trillion trees? And that seven billion people weigh about the same as ten quadrillion ants? Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything? The playful illustrations from New York Times-bestselling artist Isabel Greenberg and the friendly, straightforward voice of author Seth Fishman illuminate some of the biggest numbers in the universe--a hundred billion trillion stars--and the smallest--one unique and special YOU. Here is a book for story time, for science time, for math time, for bedtime, and all the times in between. Perfect for curious children, classrooms eager for STEM content, and readers who have devoured *Ada Twist, Scientist* and *How Much Is a Million?*