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Where the Heart Is 2001-04-15 talk about unlucky sevens an hour ago seventeen year old seven months pregnant novalee nation was heading for california with her boyfriend now she finds herself stranded at a wal mart in sequoyah oklahoma with just 7 77 in change but novalee is about to discover hidden treasures in this small southwest town a group of down to earth deeply caring people willing to help a homeless jobless girl living secretly in a wal mart from bible thumping blue haired sister thelma husband to eccentric librarian forney hull who loves novalee more than she loves herself they are about to take her and you too on a moving funny and unforgettable journey to where the heart is

Shoot the Moon 2004-07-01 from one of america s best loved storytellers the author of the 1 new york times bestseller where the heat is comes a tale of a small oklahoma town and

the mystery that has haunted its residents for years in 1972 windswept declare oklahoma was consumed by the murder of a young mother gaylene harjo and the disappearance of her baby nicky jack when the child's pajama bottoms were discovered on the banks of willow creek everyone feared that he too had been killed although his body was never found nearly thirty years later nicky jack mysteriously returns to declare shocking the town and stirring up long buried memories but what he discovers about the night he vanished is more astonishing than he or anyone could have imagine piece by piece what emerges is a story of dashed hopes desperate love and a secret that still cries out for justice and redemption Made in the U.S.A. 2008-06-19 the bestselling author of where the heart is returns with a heartrending tale of two children in search of a place to call home lutie mcfee s history has

taught her to avoid attachments to people to places and to almost everything with her mother long dead and her father long gone to find his fortune in las vegas 15 year old lutie lives in the god forsaken town of spearfish south dakota with her twelve year old brother fate and floy satterfield the 300 pound ex girlfriend of her father while lutie shoplifts for kicks fate spends most of his time reading watching weird tv shows and worrying about global warming and the endangerment of pandas as if their life is not dismal enough one day while shopping in their local wal mart floy keels over and the two motherless kids are suddenly faced with the choice of becoming wards of the state or hightailing it out of town in floy s old pontiac choosing the latter they head off to las vegas in search of a father who has no known address no phone number and clearly no interest in the kids he left behind made in the u s a is the alternately heartbreaking and life affirming story of two gutsy children who must discover how cruel unfair and frightening the world is before they come to a place they can finally call home

You've Got Mail, Billie Letts 1999 a collection of personal letters between molly levite griffis and her friend best selling author billie letts that celebrate the joys and hardships of small town life

The Honk and Holler Opening Soon 2001-04-15 caney paxton wanted his cafe to have the biggest and brightest sign in eastern oklahoma the opening soon part was supposed to be just a removable painted notice but a fateful misunderstanding gave vietnam vet caney the flashiest joke in the entire state twelve years later the once busy highway is dead and the sign is as worn as caney who hasn t ventured outside the diner since it opened then one blustery december day a thirtyish crow woman blows in with a three legged dog in her arms and a long buried secret on her mind hiring on as a carhop vena takes horse is soon shaking up business the locals and caney s heart as she teaches them all about generosity of spirit love and the possibility of promise just like the sign says

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2005-05 introduces nine exciting and talented playwrights who have emerged in twenty first century america exploring issues of race gender and society

Twenty-First Century American Playwrights 2017-12-07 features a comprehensive guide to american dramatic literature from its origins in the early days of the nation to the groundbreaking works of today s best writers

The Facts on File Companion to American Drama 2010 with a billion shoppers worldwide wal mart world is the first book to look at this incredibly important phenomenon in global perspective its broad scope makes it essential reading for anyone interested in the global impact of this economic colossus

Wal-Mart World 2006 theatre in america has had a rich history from the first performance of the lewis hallam troupe in september 1752 to the lively shows of modern broadway over the past few centuries significant works by american playwrights have been produced including abie s irish rose long day s journey into night a streetcar named desire death of a salesman a raisin in the sun fences and angels in america in 100 greatest american plays thomas s hischak provides an engaging discussion of the best stage productions to come out of the united states each play is discussed in the context of its original presentation as well as its legacy arranged alphabetically the entries for these plays include plot details production history biography of the playwright literary aspects of the drama critical reaction to the play major awards the play s influence cast lists of notable stage and film versions the plays have been selected not for their popularity but for their importance to american theatre and include works by edward albee harvey fierstein lorraine hansberry lillian hellman tony kushner david mamet arthur miller eugene o neill sam shepard neil simon gore vidal wendy wasserstein thornton wilder tennessee williams and august wilson this informative volume also includes complete lists of pulitzer prize winners for drama the new york drama critics circle award for american plays and the tony award for best play providing critical information about the most important works produced since the eighteenth century 100 greatest american plays will appeal to anyone interested in the cultural history of theatre

100 Greatest American Plays 2017-03-06 discussing more than 80 full length plays this volume provides an overview of the most important and memorable theatrical works of crime and detection produced between 1975 and 2000 each entry includes a plot synopsis production data and the opinions of well known and respected critics and scholars Blood on the Stage, 1975-2000 2012-10-18 in reading reasons motivational mini lessons for middle and high school author and teacher kelly gallagher offers a series of mini lessons specifically tailored to motivate middle and high school students to read and in doing so to help them understand the importance and relevance reading will take in their lives this book introduces and explains in detail nine specific real world reasons why students should be readers the book contains 40 practical classroom tested and reproducible mini lessons that get to the heart of reading motivation and that can be used immediately in english and other content area classrooms these easy to use motivational lessons serve as weekly reading booster shots that help maintain reading enthusiasm in your classroom from september through june the mini lessons ranging from 5 20 minutes in length hit home with adolescents and in turn enable them to internalize the importance reading will play in their lives rather than telling students reading is good for them the lessons in this book show them the benefits of reading

Reading Reasons 2023-10-10 book bans and challenges frequently make the news but when the reporting ends how do we put them in context the fight against book bans captures the views of dozens of librarians and library science professors regarding the recent flood of book challenges across the united states gathered in a comprehensive analysis of their impact and significance it also serves as a guide to responding to challenges chapter authors provide first hand accounts of facing book challenges and describe how they have prepared for challenges overcome opposition to certain books and shown the value of specific library materials library science faculty with a range of specialties provide relevant background information to bolster these on the ground views together the chapters both articulate the importance of intellectual freedom and demonstrate how to convey that significance to others in the community with passion and wisdom this volume provides a timely and thorough overview of the complex issues surrounding the ongoing spate of book challenges faced by public and school libraries

The Fight against Book Bans 2023-06-30 oprah winfrey is the protagonist of the story to be told here but this book has broader intentions begins eva illouz in this original examination of how and why this talk show host has become a pervasive symbol in american culture unlike studies of talk shows that decry debased cultural standards and impoverished political consciousness oprah winfrey and the glamour of misery asks us to rethink our perceptions of culture in general and popular culture in particular at a time when crises of morality beliefs value systems and personal worth dominate both public and private spheres oprah s emergence as a cultural form the oprah persona becomes clearer as she successfully reiterates some of our most pressing moral questions drawing on nearly one hundred show transcripts a year and a half of watching the show regularly and analysis of magazine articles several biographies o magazine oprah book club novels self help manuals promoted on the show and hundreds of discussions on the oprah winfrey site illouz takes the oprah industry seriously revealing it to be a multilayered textual structure that initiates stages and performs narratives of suffering and self improvement that resonate with a wide audience and challenge traditional models of cultural analysis this book looks closely at oprah s method and her message and in the process reconsiders popular culture and the tools we use to understand it

Oprah Winfrey and the Glamour of Misery 2003-11-05 the scholarship of this book is based upon the personal experience of author benjamin lee wren who taught world civilization for six years at the high school level and 35 years at the university level the book stresses that world civilization should be taught at all levels of academia because due to the innovations of the last hundred years the world has evolved into a global village the author firmly believes that one cannot have a true grasp of history without an active knowledge of geography and how it is affected by terrain climate and neighboring countries key elements discussed are the importance of writing techniques and examples of major systems the foremost philosophies religions and turning points in history down to 1650 major contributions to world civilization recommended source materials for both instructors and students and various methods and techniques for creating and fostering enthusiasm within the classroom

Teaching World Civilization with Joy and Enthusiasm 2004 introducing a posthumanist concept of nostalgia to analyze steadily widening themes of animality home travel slavery

shopping and war in u s literature after 1945 in the anthropocene as climate change renders environments less stable the human desire for place underscores the weakness of the individual in the face of the world in this book ryan hediger introduces a distinctive notion of homesickness one in which the longing for place demonstrates not only human vulnerability but also intersubjectivity beyond the human arguing that this feeling is unavoidable and characteristically posthumanist hediger studies the complex mix of attitudes toward home the homely and the familiar in an age of resurgent cosmopolitanism especially eco cosmopolitanism homesickness closely examines u s literature mostly after 1945 including prominent writers such as annie proulx marilynne robinson and ernest hemingway in light of the challenges and themes of the anthropocene hediger argues that our desire for home is shorthand for a set of important hopes worth defending serious and genuine relationships to places and their biotic regimes and landforms membership in vital cultures human and nonhuman resistance to capital infused forms of globalization that flatten differences and turn life and place into mere resources our homesickness according to hediger is inevitable because the self is necessarily constructed with reference to the material past therefore homesickness is not something to dismiss as nostalgic or reactionary but is rather a structure of feeling to come to terms with and even to cultivate recasting an expansive range of fields through the lens of homesickness from ecocriticism to animal studies and disability studies eco philosophy to posthumanist theory homesickness speaks not only to the desire for a physical structure or place but also to a wide range of longings and dislocations including those related to subjectivity memory bodies literary form and language

2001 if you are a new young adult librarian or an experienced librarian with little time to plan and execute programs for teens this book is for you for each month in the calendar year two or three programs popular with teens are presented with instructions sample flyers letters and checklists from simple programs such as a candy raffle to more complex programs such as a mystery night librarians can keep their teen calendar full of activities with a minimum of effort programs that tie into both school events and national events for teens are included as well as those that can be presented at an individual library suggestions for programs range from a poetry contest to a summer job program instructions for ongoing procedures for soliciting teens opinions are provided a monthly question board candy raffle starting and running a teen advisory board and so on basic skills for all ya librarians are emphasized in each of the programs these skills include booktalking working with the schools and marketing your programs within the library and to the community by creating variations in each of the programs young adult librarians will have a wealth of ideas in this book to keep their ya program calendar filled for years to come Homesickness 2019-10-15 departing from the conventional understanding of neoliberalism as a set of economic and political policies favoring free markets neoliberal culture presents a framework for analyzing neoliberalism in the united states as a culture or structure of feeling which shapes american everyday life the book proposes five components as the keys to any study of american neoliberal culture biopower corporatocracy globalization the erosion of welfare state society and hyperlegality these five components enabling rich analyses of key artifacts of the neoliberal era including the iraq war las vegas welfare reform walmart and oprah s book club carefully organized according to its central themes and adopting a case study approach in order to allow for thorough illustrated analyses this book

Teen Library Events 2001-10-30 perfect for book lovers and foodies alike a splendid cookbook featuring recipes inspired by classic works of literature and modern favorites wake up to a perfect breakfast with mrs dalby s buttermilk scones courtesy of james herriot s all things bright and beautiful and ichabod s slapjacks as featured in washington irving s the legend of sleepy hollow there s homey comfort food like connie may s tomato pie created with and inspired by connie may fowler remembering blue thanksgiving spinach casserole elizabeth berg s open house and amish chicken and dumplings jodi picoult s plain truth sample salads breads and such soul warming soups as nearly a meal potato soup terry kay s shadow song mr casaubon s chicken noodle soup george eliot s middlemarch and mrs leibowitz s lentil vegetable soup frank mccourt s angela s ashes after relishing appetizers and entrees there s a dazzling array of desserts including carrot pudding charles dickens s a christmas carol effie belle s coconut cake olive ann burns s cold sassy tree and the kids will love c s lewis s turkish delight from the lion the witch and the wardrobe sprinkled throughout with marvelous anecdotes about writers and writing the book lover s cookbook is a culinary and literary delight a browser s cornucopia of reading pleasure and a true inspiration in the kitchen tasty recipes and the books that inspired them jo s best omelette little women by louisa may alcott no dieter s delight chicken neapolitan thinner by stephen king extra special rhubarb pie the persian pickle club by sandra dallas grand feast crab meat casserole at home in mitford by jan karon persian cucumber and yogurt house of sand and fog by andre dubus iii tamales like water for chocolate by laura esquivel bev s no fuss crab cakes unnatural exposure by patricia cornwell macaroni and cheese the accidental tourist by anne tyler veteran split pea soup the red badge of courage by stephen crane alternative carrot raisin pineapple salad midwives by chris bohjalian summer s day

The Book Lover's Cookbook 2009-03-25 the definitive account of how a small ozarks company upended the world of business and what that change means wal mart the world s largest company roared out of the rural south to change the way business is done deploying computer age technology reagan era politics and protestant evangelism sam walton s firm

became a byword for cheap goods and low paid workers famed for the ruthless efficiency of its global network of stores and factories but the revolution has gone further sam s protégés have created a new economic order which puts thousands of manufacturers indeed whole regions in thrall to a retail royalty like the pennsylvania railroad and general motors in their heyday wal mart sets the commercial model for a huge swath of the global economy in this lively probing investigation historian nelson lichtenstein deepens and expands our knowledge of the merchandising giant he shows that wal mart s rise was closely linked to the cultural and religious values of bible belt america as well as to the imperial politics deregulatory economics and laissez faire globalization of ronald reagan and his heirs he explains how the company s success has transformed american politics and he anticipates a day of reckoning when challenges to the wal mart way at home and abroad are likely to change the far flung empire insightful original and steeped in the culture of retail life the retail revolution draws on first hand reporting from coastal china to rural arkansas to give a fresh and necessary understanding of the phenomenon that has transformed international commerce

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Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook 2003 2002-12-02 durant the seat of bryan county is located in southeastern oklahoma only 10 miles from lake texoma one of the largest man made lakes in the united states it is also about 17 miles from the red river and the texas border durant a beautiful city with many magnolia trees lining its streets has officially been recognized by the oklahoma legislature as the magnolia capital of oklahoma the annual magnolia festival is attended by tens of thousands of people and offers a wide variety of family oriented activities

Writing Blockbuster Plots 2016-03-03 blockbuster plots pure and simple presents step by step strategies that demystify the structure of story track the 7 most important elements of scene pre plot cause and effect conflict tension suspence complex characters compelling action clarify theme re vision rewrites you will be able to develop a multi layered plotline for your story

Images of America Durant 2013 harry huxhold s excellent sermons build on the epistle texts from the lectionary to express and explain the meaning of the lord s passion and resurrection his messages interpret the events of jesus life in the light of god s revelation to us through the scriptures by sharpening our focus on the access we have to hope through the saving grace of our lord jesus christ he helps readers find the true significance in the events of his earthly life sermon titles include access to grace romans 5 1 11 live in the light ephesians 5 8 14 the outcome of faith 1 peter 1 3 9 having high hope ephesians 1 15 23 harry n huxhold has had a wide ranging career during more than a half century in the ministry he has served parishes in wisconsin southwest chicago and indianapolis worked in the welfare ministry of the church and taught at the high school level in chicago and at the university level at valparaiso university indiana pastor huxhold has also been an assistant and interim bishop was a member of a task force in the creation of the evangelical lutheran church in america and was a part of the dialogue team in the national methodist lutheran dialogue he has served as president and is the chaplain of the church federation of greater indianapolis he holds degrees from concordia theological seminary st louis luther theological seminary st paul minnesota and christian theological seminary indianapolis huxhold currently serves as pastoral associate at king of glory lutheran church in carmel indiana

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