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many wonderments than the former chief editor of the oed john simpson simpson spent almost four decades of his life immersed in the intricacies of our language and guides us through its history with charmingly laconic wit in the word detective an intensely personal memoir and a joyful celebration of english he weaves a story of how words come into being and sometimes disappear how culture shapes the language we use and how technology has transformed not only the way we speak and write but also how words are made throughout he enlivens his narrative with lively excavations and investigations of individual words from deadline to online and back to 101 yes it s a word all the while reminding us that the seemingly mundane words can you name the four different meanings of ma are often the most interesting ones but simpson also reminds us of the limitations of language spending his days in the oed s house of words his family at home is forced to confront the challenges of wordlessness a brilliant and deeply humane expedition through the world of words the word detective will delight and inspire any lover of language a pathbreaking introduction to eighteenth century metaphors of the mind that recasts the grand narrative of the enlightenment in terms of its tropes and figures an encyclopedic dictionary along the lines of voltaire s classic dictionnaire philosophique metaphors of mind provides an in depth look at the myriad ways in which enlightenment writers used figures of speech to characterize the mind drawn from brad pasanek s massive online archive metaphorized net this volume constitutes a veritable treasury of mental metaphors dividing the book into eleven broad metaphorical categories animals coinage court empire fetters impressions inhabitants metal mirror rooms and writing pasanek maps out constellations of metaphors he frames his collection of literary excerpts in each section with a more descriptive and theoretical discussion of what he calls desultory reading a form of unsystematic perusal of writing frequently employed by enlightenment thinkers by surveying the printed past alongside the digital present the book treats eighteenth century writing as its topic while essentially exemplifying its rhetorical approach more than an exercise in quotation this intellectual history offers illuminating readings of fragmentary literary works and confrontations with neoclassical and contemporary theories of metaphor the book s entries complicate received ideas about locke s blank slate question m h abrams claims about mirrors and lamps and chart changing frequencies of metal metaphors in a moment of industrial revolution the book also responds to current anxieties about reading and the mass digitization of literature touching on recent discussions of distant reading shallow reading and surface reading promoting critical and creative anachronism metaphors of mind redefines the notion of an archive in the age of amazon and google books precious old books found in unlikely places from the family that

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Reading the OED

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Memoir

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A Field Guide for Immersion Writing

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The Word Detective

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Metaphors of Mind

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Rare Books Uncovered

2018-02-27

precious old books found in unlikely places from the family that avoided foreclosure through a book in their attic to a copy of the nuremberg chronicle in a local fundraiser

Inventing English

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a history of english from the age of beowulf to the rap of eminem written with real authority enthusiasm and love for our unruly and exquisite language the washington post many have written about the evolution of grammar pronunciation and vocabulary but only seth lerer situates these developments within the larger history of english america and literature this edition of his remarkable linguistic investigation booklist features a new chapter on the influence of biblical translation and an epilogue on the relationship of english speech to writing a unique blend of historical and personal narrative both erudite and accessible the globe and mail inventing english is the surprising tale of a language that is as dynamic as the people to whom it belongs lerer is not just a scholar he s also a fan of english his passion is evident on every page of this examination of how our language came to sound and look as it does and how words came to have their current meanings the book percolates with creative energy and will please anyone intrigued by how our richly variegated language came to be publishers weekly starred review

Reading in History

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a collection of essays that offer a methodological framework for the history of reading focusing on a specific historical moment it gathers statistics about such issues as literacy rates library subscriptions publication and sales figures and print runs to answer questions about what was being read and by whom in a particular place and time

How to Write Short

2013-08-27

america s most influential writing teacher offers an engaging and practical guide to effective short form writing in how to write short roy peter clark turns his attention to the art of painting a thousand

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New Mexico Law Review

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California for the Fiscal Year ...

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