Parentology Dalton Conley 2014-03-18 An award-winning scientist offers his unorthodox approach to childrearing: “Parentology is brilliant, jaw-droppingly funny, and full of wisdom—bound to change your thinking about parenting and its consequences” (Amy Chua, author of Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother). If you’re like many parents, you might ask family and friends for advice when faced with important choices about how to raise your kids. You might turn to parenting books or simply rely on time-worn religious or cultural traditions. But when Dalton Conley, a dual-doctorate scientist and full-bloomed nerd, needed childrearing advice, he turned to scientific research to make the big decisions. In Parentology, Conley hilariously reports the results of those experiments, from birthing his kids to do math (since studies show conditional cash transfers improved educational and health outcomes for kids) to teaching them impulse control by giving them useful names (because evidence shows kids with unique names learn not to react when their peers tease them) to getting a vasectomy (because fewer kids in a family mean smarter kids). Conley encourages parents to draw on the latest data to rear children, if only because that level of engagement with kids will produce solid and happy ones. Ultimately these experiments are very loving, and the outcomes are redeeming—even when Conley’s sassy kids show him the limits of his profession. Parentology teaches you everything you need to know about the latest literature on parenting—with lessons that go down easy. You’ll be laughing and learning at the same time.

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Swiss Watching Diccon Bewes 2012 New updated edition, new statistics and Epicope One country, four languages, 26 cantons, and 7.5 million people (but only 80% of them Swiss): there’s nowhere else in Europe like it. Switzerland may be almost 400 km from the nearest drop of seawater, but it is an island at the centre of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked nation. Swiss Watching is a fascinating journey around Europe’s most individual and misunderstood country. From seeking Heidi and finding the best chocolate to reliving a bloody past and exploring an uncertain future, Diccon Bewes proves that there’s more to Switzerland than banks and skiis, frans and cheese. This book dispels the myths and unveals the true meaning of Swissness. In a land of cultural contradictions, this is a picture of the real and normally unseen Switzerland, a place where the breathtaking scenery shaped a nation not just a tourist itinerary, and where tradition is as important as innovation. It’s also the story of its people, who have more power than their politicians, but can’t speak to one another in the same language and who own more guns per head than the people of Iraq. As for those national clich’s, well, not all the cheese has holes, cuckoo clocks aren’t Swiss and the trains don’t always run on time.

Cartographica Helvetica Diccon Bewes 2012-11-09 A Young Reader’s Journey to Switzerland in Entertaining Maps. Ever heard of the Röstiinger? Did you know. Switzerland lies into Germany eight times ... but 232 times into China? Where did Ulrich Zwingli live? What does Switzerland do to combat climate change? Are cuckoo clocks really from Switzerland? Where was the Red Cross founded? This is the children’s atlas about Switzerland, that answers all the questions that curious young minds might have! Learn interesting and amusing facts about this small country and its inhabitants. Exciting and current topics like the country’s languages, inventions, energy consumption or tourism and much more will be brought to life with maps and infographics, making this diverse country in the heart of Europe accessible. The 20 especially made maps in this book promise a lively, entertaining and intensive journey.

Music: A Social Experience Steven Cornelius 2016-06-03 Music: A Social Experience offers a topical approach for a music appreciation course. Through a series of subjects—from Music and Worship to Music and War and Music and Gender—the authors present active listening experiences for students to experience music’s social and cultural impact. The book offers an introduction to the standard concert repertoire, but also gives equal treatment to world music, rock and popular music, and jazz, to give students a thorough introduction to today’s rich musical world. Through lively narratives and interactive activities, the student is guided through the tools to form a personal appreciation and understanding of the power of music. The book is paired with an audio companion featuring listening guides with streaming audio, short texts on special topics, and sample recordings and notation to illustrate basic concepts in music. There is not a CD-set, but the companion website with streaming audio is provided at no additional charge.

The End of the Free Market Ian Bremmer 2010-05-13 Understanding the rise of state capitalism and its threat to global free markets The End of the Free Market traces the deepening of global state capitalism, a system in which governments drive local economies through ownership of market-dominant companies and large pools of excess capital, using them for political gain. This trend threatens America’s competitive edge and the conduct of free markets around the world. As the United States has fallen behind its global peers, a new player has emerged in the global economy: the state capitalist nation. This new power has emerged in China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, and elsewhere. It is a strategy born out of necessity: the state capitalists have an endless supply of cheap labor, and many have access to cheap raw materials. But in the end, it all comes down to a contentious question: is it better to compete globally or to compete at home, and who will pay for that? The End of the Free Market answers these questions, and offers a convincing argument for the need to reassert America’s competitive edge and restore the principles of a global economy that is truly free.

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The Expert Guide to Your Life in Switzerland Diccon Bewes 2022-04-01 The Expert Guide is the bible for your happy and successful life in Switzerland. An ideal book for the newly arrived and the seasoned resident. It contains must-know information on immigration and permits, advice on making friends and immersing yourself in Swiss life, savvy tips on finding the right job, the perfect place to live, on how to save money on your taxes and health insurance, and the best ways to enjoy Switzerland’s stunning landscape and its vibrant cultural life. This is the book with everything you need to know to enjoy living in Switzerland.

Switzerland Rebecca Rowell 2013-01-01 Explore diverse landscapes, travel back in time, and discover unique populations, all without leaving your chair! Start your international tour in Switzerland, land of Lake Geneva, the Alps, cheese, chocolate, and so much more. This colorful, informative book introduces Switzerland's history, geography, culture, climate, government, economy, and other significant features. Sidebars, maps, fact pages, a timeline, historic images and full-color photos, and well-placed graphs and charts enhance this engaging title. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

The English Assassin Daniel Silva 2003-02-25 Spy turned artist restorer Gabriel Allon finds himself accused of murder in this New York Times bestseller from Daniel Silva. An Israeli spy by trade and art restorer by preference, Gabriel Allon arrives in Zurich to restore the work of an Old Master for a millionaire banker—and finds himself standing in blood and framed for the man's murder. While trying to clear his name, Allon is swept into a spiraling chain of events involving Nazi art theft, a decades-old suicide, and a dark and bloody trail of killings—some of them his own. The spy world Allon thought he had left behind has come back to haunt him. And he will have to fight for his life—against an assassin he himself helped train.

Swiss Watching Diccon Bewes 2022-04-01 The Statesman’s Yearbook continues to be the reference work of choice for accurate and reliable information on every country in the world. Covering political, economic, social and cultural aspects, the Yearbook is also available online for subscribing institutions: www.statesmanyearbook.com.

Swiss Watching Diccon Bewes 2012-03-09 A travel diary from 1863 inspires author Diccon Bewes to retrace Thomas Cook’s historic train trip that revolutionized tourism forever.

The White Marit Burren William Easterly 2006 Argues that western foreign aid efforts have done little to stem global poverty, citing how such organizations as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank are not held accountable for ineffectual practice that the authors believe intrude into the inner workings of other countries. By the author of The Elusive Quest for Growth: 60,000 first printing.

Swiss Watching: Inside Europe’s Landlocked Island Diccon Bewes 2010-07-16 Swiss Watching is a light-hearted yet revealing journey around Europe's most individual country. From seeking Heidi and finding the best chocolate to reliving a bloody past and exploring an uncertain future, Swiss Watching proves that there's more to Switzerland than banks, skiis, frans and cheese. This is a picture of the real Switzerland, a place where the breathtaking scenery shaped a nation (not just a tour itinerary) and where tradition is as important as technology. And where recycling is forbidden on Sundays. It's also the story of its people, who have more power than their politicians, but can't speak to one another in the same language-and who own more guns per head than the people of Iraq. One country, four languages, 26 cantons and 7.5 million people (only 80% of whom are Swiss): there's nowhere else in Europe like it. Switzerland may be...
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Ottomanboolean Ale Scott 2013-05-07 An exploration of the contemporary influence of the Ottoman Empire on the wider world, as the author uncovers the new Ottoman legacy across Europe and the Middle East. Alek Scott's odyssey began when she looked beyond Turkey's borders for contemporary traces of the Ottoman Empire. Their 800 years of rule ended a century ago--and yet, travelling through twelve countries from Kosovo to Greece to Palestine, she uncovers a legacy that's vital and relevant; where medieval ethnic diversity meets twenty-first century nationalism--and displaced people seek new identities. It's a story of surprises. An acolyte of Erdogan in Christian-majority Serbia confirms the wide-reaching appeal of his authoritarian leadership. A Druze warlord explains the secretive religious faction in the heart of the Middle East. The pamplissa-like streets of Jerusalem's Old Town hint at the Ottoman coexistence of Muslims and Jews. And in Turkish Cyprus, Alek Scott rediscovers a childhood home. In every community, history is present as a dynamic force. Face to face with new generation diaspora and collective memory, Alek Scott searches for answers from the cafes of Beirut to the refugee camps of Lesbos. She uncovers in Erdogan's nouveau-Ottoman Turkey a version of the nostalgic utopias sold to disillusioned voters in Europe and America. And yet--as she relates with compassion, insight, and humor--diversity is the enduring, endangered heart of this fascinating region.

A Concise History of Switzerland Clive H. Church 2013-05-23 Despite its position at the heart of Europe and its quintessentially European country, Switzerland's history is often overlooked within the English-speaking world. This comprehensive and engaging history of Switzerland traces the historical and cultural development of this fascinating but neglected European country from the end of the Dark Ages up to the present. The authors focus on the initial Confederacy in the Middle Ages; the religious divisions which threatened it after 1500 and its surprising survival amongst Europe's monarchies; the tumult following the French Revolution and conquest, which continued until the Federal Constitution of 1848: the testing of the Swiss nation through the late nineteenth century and then two World Wars and the Depression of the 1930s; and the unparalleled economic and social growth and political success of the post-war era. The book concludes with a discussion of the contemporary challenges, often shared with neighbours, that shape the country today.

Why the Dutch are Different Ben Coates 2015-09-24 Stranded at Schiphol airport, Ben Coates called up a friendly Dutch girl he'd met some months earlier. He stayed for dinner. Actually, he stayed for good. In the first book to consider the hidden history and heart of the Netherlands from a modern perspective, the author explores the length and breadth of his adopted homeland and discovers why one of the world's smallest countries is also so significant and so fascinating. It is a self-made country, the Dutch national character shaped by the ongoing battle to keep the water out from the love of dairy and beer to the attitude to nature and the famous tolerance. Ben Coates investigates what makes the Dutch the Dutch, why the Netherlands is much more than Holland and why the color orange is so important. Along the way he reveals why they are the world's tallest people and have the best carnival outside Brazil. He learns why Amsterdam's brothels are going out of business, who really killed Anne Frank, and how the Dutch manage to be richer than almost everyone else despite working far less. He also discovers a country which is changing fast, with the Dutch now questioning many of the liberal policies which made their nation famous.

The Xenophile's Guide to the Swiss Paul Bilton 2008-08-01 Mountain mentality Swiss farmers are tough, independent, hard-working, resilient, well-prepared for every kind of natural disaster, and above all staunchly conservative. These characteristics have been passed on to Swiss town-dwellers, who go about their day as if they too were farming a lonely mountain cliff. We can do better The Swiss stubbornly refuse to believe they are doing well and will even dispute the figures that prove it. So, like the poor donkey chasing the carrot, they pull their collective cart along ever faster, chasing the goal they passed years ago. Peak performers The perceptions of the Swiss being dull, staid, and boring while at the same time displaying a talent for ruthless efficiency and a limitless capacity for hard work are uncomfortably close to the truth. Likewise the clichéd impressions of high mountains, watches, cheese, chocolate bars, and gold bars are genuine. Degrees of unease The diversity of the Swiss is apparent in the degree to which they worry. The German-speakers do little else. The French-speaking figures that prove it. So, like the poor donkey chasing the carrot, they pull their collective cart along ever faster, chasing the goal they passed years ago. Peak performers The perceptions of the Swiss being dull, staid, and boring while at the same time displaying a talent for ruthless efficiency and a limitless capacity for hard work are uncomfortably close to the truth. Likewise the clichéd impressions of high mountains, watches, cheese, chocolate bars, and gold bars are genuine. Degrees of unease The diversity of the Swiss is apparent in the degree to which they worry. The German-speakers do little else. The French-speaking