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The English Assassin Daniel Silva 2003-02-25 Spy turned art 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.

Hoi Nicole Egger 2005 With 'Hoi', you'll learn to express your feelings and opinions, shop and meet people - all in Swiss German. You'll find the formulations you need to enjoy Swiss social life or engage in sports and outdoor activities. And you'll discover lots of handy phrases for small talk, eating out, making telephone calls, getting and giving help in an emergency, and other day-to-day language needs. 'Hoi' includes over 2000 words and phrases. They're derived primarily from the dialect spoken in the Zurich region, which is understood throughout the Swiss German speaking part of the country. 'Hoi' is chock-full of encouragement for you to get a grip on the expressions you'll need if you're to enjoy your time in Switzerland and feel at home here. 'Hoi' includes an English to Swiss German and a Swiss German to English dictionary.

The Statesman's Yearbook 2014 B. Turner 2017-01-12 Now in its 150th edition, 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.statesmansyearbook.com.

The Art of Doing Business Across Cultures Craig Storti 2017-01-24 People in other cultures don't always think and act the way you do. If you try to do business your way in their culture, you will make mistakes. And mistakes have consequences. Some will be merely embarrassing, others will be deeply frustrating, and still others will cost you dearly. This book describes 50 common cultural mistakes made in business settings in the form of short (8-10 line) conversations and shows you, 1) that there's always a reason why people do the strange things they do, 2) the reason is almost never to upset you, and 3) there's always a way forward - The Fix. Craig Storti, a nationally known figure in the field of intercultural communications, and author of 7 books, presents and deconstructs conversations between Americans and citizens of 10 of the world's largest economies, the Arab Middle East, Brazil, China, England, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, and Russia. He also provides five easily applicable steps to cultural competence - a framework readers can apply to identify cultural differences and communicate and act more effectively and appropriately. If you are an American doing business in any of the ten locations featured, if you come from one of these countries and work with Americans, or if you do business with any of these folks, this book will save you a great deal of confusion and frustration.

Behind the Silk Curtain Gulistan Khamzayeva 2022-07-01 The book Behind the Silk Curtain is about multiculturalism, adapting to new environments, socializing with people of different cultures, about linguistic integration, gaining experience, and facing challenges, about friends and family, about some of the Kazakh traditions and the country's mentality, about charity and weddings and many other fascinating contexts she was involved in.

Coming Out Swiss Anne Herrmann 2014-04-15 Anne Herrmann, a dual citizen born in New York to Swiss parents, offers in Coming Out Swiss a witty, profound, and ultimately universal exploration of identity and community. "Swissness"—even on its native soil a loose confederacy, divided by multiple languages, nationalities, religion, and alpen geography—becomes in the diaspora both nowhere (except in the minds of immigrants and their children) and everywhere, reflected in pervasive clichés. In a work that is part memoir, part history and travelogue, Herrmann explores all our Swiss clichés (chocolate, secret bank accounts, Heidi, Nazi gold, neutrality, mountains, Swiss Family Robinson) and also scrutinizes topics that may surprise (the "invention" of the Alps, the English Colony in Davos, Switzerland's role during World War II, women students at the University of Zurich in the 1870s). She ponders, as well, marks of Swissness that have lost their identity in the diaspora (Sutter Home, Helvetica, Dadaism) and the enduring Swiss American community of New Glarus, Wisconsin. Coming Out Swiss will appeal not just to the Swiss diaspora but also to those drawn to multi-genre writing that blurs boundaries between the personal and the historical.

Notes from a Small Island Bill Bryson 2015-06-02 Before New York Times bestselling author Bill Bryson wrote The Road to Little Dribbling, he took this delightfully irreverent jaunt around the unparalleled floating nation of Great Britain, which has produced zebra crossings, Shakespeare, Twiggie Winkie's Farm, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Titsey.

Hausfrau Jill Alexander Essbaum 2015-03-17 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE HUFFINGTON POST, AND SHELF AWARENESS • "In Hausfrau, Anna Karenina goes Fifty Shades with a side of Madame Bovary."—Time "A debut novel about Anna, a bored housewife who, like her Tolstoyan namesake, throws herself into a psychosexual journey of self-discovery and tragedy."—O: The Oprah Magazine "Sexy and insightful, this gorgeously written novel opens a window into one woman's desperate soul."—People Anna was a good wife, mostly. For readers of The Girl on the Train and The Woman Upstairs comes a striking debut novel of marriage, fidelity, sex, and morality, featuring a fascinating heroine who struggles to live a life with meaning. Anna Benz, an American in her late thirties, lives with her Swiss husband, Bruno—a banker—and their three young children in a postcard-perfect suburb of Zürich. Though she leads a comfortable, well-appointed life, Anna is falling apart inside. Adrift and increasingly unable to connect with the emotionally unavailable Bruno or even with her own thoughts and feelings, Anna tries to rouse herself with new experiences: German language classes, Jungian analysis, and a series of sexual affairs she enters with an ease that surprises even her. But Anna can't easily extract herself from these affairs. When she wants to end them, she finds it's difficult. Tensions escalate, and her lies start to spin out of control. Having crossed a moral threshold, Anna will discover where a woman goes when there is no going back. Intimate, intense, and written with the precision of a Swiss Army knife, Jill Alexander Essbaum's debut novel is an unforgettable story of marriage, fidelity, sex, morality, and most especially self. Navigating the lines between lust and love, guilt and shame, excuses and reasons, Anna Benz is an electrifying heroine whose passions and choices readers will debate with recognition and fury. Her story reveals, with honesty and great beauty, how we create ourselves and how we lose ourselves and the sometimes disastrous choices we make to find ourselves. Praise for Hausfrau "Elegant . . . There is much to admire in Essbaum's intricately constructed, meticulously composed novel, including its virtuosic intercutting of past and present."—Chicago Tribune "For a first novelist, Essbaum is extraordinary because she is a poet. Her language is meticulous and resonant and daring."—NPR's Weekend Edition "We're in literary territory as familiar as Anna's name, but Essbaum makes it fresh with sharp prose and psychological insight."—San Francisco Chronicle "This marvelously quiet book is psychologically complex and deeply intimate. . . . One of the smartest novels in recent memory."—The Dallas Morning News "Essbaum's poignant, shocking debut novel rivets."—Us Weekly "A powerful, lyrical novel . . . Hausfrau boasts taut pacing and melodrama, but also a fully realized heroine as love-hateable as Emma Bovary."—The Huffington Post "Imagine Tom Perrotta's American nowheresvilles swapped out for a tidy Zürich suburb, sprinkled liberally with sharp riffs on Swiss-German grammar and European hypocrisy."—New York

Slow Train to Switzerland Diccon Bewes 2013-11-07 A travel diary from 1863 inspires author Diccon Bewes to retrace Thomas Cook's historic train trip that revolutionized tourism forever.

Swiss Watching, 3rd Edition Diccon Bewes 2018-09-25 'A great subject for a cultural anthropologist and Bewes is a perfect guide' Financial Times, Book of the Year A brand new edition of the international bestseller, with new sections on the Swiss elections, the Swiss citizenship test and how Brexit has affected Switzerland. 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 hundreds of miles away from the nearest drop of seawater, but it is an island at the center of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked island. 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 skis, francs and cheese. This book dispels the myths and unravels the true meaning of Swissness.

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Target Switzerland Stephen P. Halbrook 2009-08-05 A fascinating and enlightening explanation of the dilemma Switzerland found itself in during the 1930's and 1940's. --Publishers Weekly

Swiss 52 Diccon Bewes 2021-05 From bestselling author Diccon Bewes (Swiss Watching), comes this photographic tour of the 52 most unforgettable places in Switzerland. A book for both international visitors and local Swissophiles, each double page includes an iconic photo and a lively description. From the Aletsch Glacier to Zurich, and the towns and trains in between (with maybe even a cow or two), the whole of Switzerland is covered, making this a must-have memory of a beautiful country.

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Einstein's Dreams Alan Lightman 2011-03-02 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A modern classic explores the connections between science and art, the process of creativity, and ultimately the fragility of human existence. "A magical, metaphysical realm ... Captivating, enchanting, delightful." —The New York Times Einstein's Dreams is a fictional collage of stories dreamed by Albert Einstein in 1905, about time, relativity and physics. As the defiant but sensitive young genius is creating his theory of relativity, a new conception of time, he imagines many possible worlds. In one, time is circular, so that people are fated to repeat triumphs and failures over and over. In another, there is a place where time stands still, visited by lovers and parents clinging to their children. In another, time is a nightingale, sometimes trapped by a bell jar. Now translated into thirty languages, Einstein's Dreams has inspired playwrights, dancers, musicians, and painters all over the world. In poetic vignettes, it explores the connections between science and art, the process of creativity, and ultimately the fragility of human existence.

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 details the growing phenomenon of 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 everywhere. An expert on the intersection of economics and politics, Ian Bremmer has followed the rise of state-owned firms in China, Russia, the Arab states of the Persian Gulf, Iran, Venezuela, and elsewhere. He demonstrates the growing challenge that state capitalism will pose for the entire global economy. Among the questions addressed: Are we on the brink of a new kind of Cold War, one that pits competing economic systems in a battle for dominance? Can free market countries compete with state capitalist powerhouses over relations with countries that have elements of both systems-like India, Brazil, and Mexico? Does state capitalism have staying power? This guide to the next big global economic trend includes useful insights for investors, business leaders, policymakers, and anyone who wants to understand important emerging changes in international politics and the global economy.

East, West and Centre Michael Gott 2014-12-09 Re-examines notions of East and West in contemporary European cinema. This book presents a comprehensive investigation of Central European cinema in the early 21st century.

Bowser the Hound Thornton Waldo Burgess 1920 When Bowser the Hound gets lost in the Green Forest, Blacky the Crow and other animals decide to help him.

The Almost Nearly Perfect People Michael Booth 2015-01-27 NAMED THE #1 BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, A WITTY, INFORMATIVE, AND POPULAR TRAVELOGUE ABOUT THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND HOW THEY MAY NOT BE AS HAPPY OR AS PERFECT AS WE ASSUME Journalist Michael Booth has lived among the Scandinavians for more than ten years, and he has grown increasingly frustrated with the rose-tinted view of this part of the world offered up by the Western media. In this timely book he leaves his adopted home of Denmark and embarks on a journey through all five of the Nordic countries to discover who these curious tribes are, the secrets of their success, and, most intriguing of all, what they think of one another. Why are the Danes so happy, despite having the highest taxes? Do the Finns really have the best education system? Are the Icelanders as feral as they sometimes appear? How are the Norwegians spending their fantastic oil wealth? And why do all of them hate the Swedes? In The Almost Nearly Perfect People Michael Booth explains who the Scandinavians are, how they differ and why, and what their quirks and foibles are, and he explores why these societies have become so successful and models for the world. Along the way a more nuanced, often darker picture emerges of a region plagued by taboos, characterized by suffocating parochialism, and populated by extremists of various shades. They may very well be almost nearly perfect, but it isn't easy being Scandinavian.

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Swiss Watching

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What Happened Where Chris Cook 2014-04-23 First published in 1997. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Alev Scott 2019-05-07 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. Alev 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 appeal of his authoritarian leadership. A Druze warlord explains the secretive religious faction in the heart of the Middle East. The palimpsest-like streets of Jerusalem's Old Town hint at the Ottoman co-existence of Muslims and Jews. And in Turkish Cyprus, Alev Scott rediscovers a childhood home. In every community, history is present as a dynamic force. Faced by questions of exile, diaspora and collective memory, Alev 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.

The Xenophobe's Guide to the Swiss

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 innovative activities, the student is given the tools to form a personal appreciation and understanding of the power of music. The book is paired with an audio compilation 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.

Swisscellany

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 Swiss are great visionaries and philosophers with noble thoughts and global dreams. They worry that their Swiss-German compatriots do not share these dreams. The Italian-speaking Swiss are less interested in the solid values of work and have a terrible tendency not to worry nearly enough.

Diccon Bewes 2012 A treasure-trove of serious and not-so-serious facts about Switzerland that will amuse and enlighten you with statistics and details you never dreamed you'd enjoy knowing.

How to Be Swiss Diccon Bewes 2016-10-10 Mastering the art of being Swiss isn't always easy, even if you're Swiss, but this entertaining instruction manual will help you make it (or fake it). Created by best-selling author Diccon Bewes and Swiss cartoonist Michael Meister, How to be Swiss gives you the low-down on such crucial matters as 'Swiss History You (Almost) Need to Know' and 'Finding Swiss Bliss'. It's the perfect book for discovering how Swiss you are already, and how Swiss you want to be.

La Place de la Concorde Suisse John McPhee 2011-04-01 La Place de la Concorde Suisse is John McPhee's rich, journalistic study of the Swiss Army's role in Swiss society. The Swiss Army is so quietly efficient at the art of war that the Israelis have carefully patterned their own military on the Swiss model.

Switzerland: A Village History

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 glossary, 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 Statesman's Yearbook 2015

Swiss Watching: Inside Europe's Landlocked Island Bewes, Diccon 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, skis, francs 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 surrounded by land, but it is an island at the center of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked island.

The New Beyond Chocolate

D. Birmingham 2000-05-09 Switzerland is a remarkable country half of whose territory lies in the Alps. The raising of cattle and the making of cheese eventually brought a modest wealth to the peasants but the destructive Napoleonic invasion brought revolution and poverty. The democratic unification of Switzerland created a common market and a single currency. This history of one alpine village illustrates a one-thousand-year struggle for survival on the edge of this white wilderness.

Hoi

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Switzerland Nicola Williams 2015

Margaret Oertig-Davidson 2019-03-29 For nearly twenty years, Margaret Oertig-Davidson's 'Beyond Chocolate' has stood as the definitive guide to living and working among the Swiss. Now comes an all-new edition, for an all-new Switzerland-a country that has firmly arrived in a multicultural, globalised age. Oertig-Davidson examines the Swiss through the eyes of hundreds of people who have lived and worked here, and her insight will help any reader gain respect and understanding for the diverse people that make up Swiss society. From friendship to professionalism, teamwork to leadership, education to etiquette, Oertig-Davidson provides concrete and simple advice to manage the challenges of integration. Go beyond Swiss chocolate, and immerse yourself in Switzerland's fascinating, modern and multifaceted society.

Sergio J. Lievano 2014-12 The all-time bestselling Swiss German survival guide with over 50,000 copies in print.

A Concise History of Switzerland Clive H. Church 2013-05-23 Despite its position at the heart of Europe and its quintessentially European nature, 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 of the Middle Ages; the religious divisions which threatened it after 1500 and its surprising survival amongst Europe's monarchies; the turmoil 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.

Old Granny Fox Thornton Waldo Burgess 1920 When a deep winter snow carpets the Green Forest and nearby meadow, Granny Fox and Reddy have some disagreements on how best to find some food. But Granny - with her years of experience - wins out over Reddy and teaches him quite a bit about patience, common sense, and resourcefulness.

Dying of Money Jens O. Parsson 2011-03 First published: Boston: Wellspring Press, 1974.

Cartographica Helvetica Diccon Bewes 2021-09-15 A Young Reader's Journey to Switzerland in Entertaining Maps. Ever heard of the Röstigraben? Did you know, Switzerland fits into Germany eight times ... but 232 times into China? Where did Ulrich Zwingli live? What does Switzerland do to combat climat 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 intresting 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.

The Alps: A Human History from Hannibal to Heidi and Beyond Stephen O'Shea 2017-02-21 "An entertaining, turbocharged race among the high mountain passes of six alpine countries." —Liesl Schillinger, New York Times Book Review For centuries the Alps have been witness to the march of armies, the flow of pilgrims and Crusaders, the feats of mountaineers, and the dreams of engineers. In The Alps, Stephen O'Shea ("a graceful and passionate writer"—Washington Post) takes readers up and down these majestic mountains. Journeying through their 500-mile arc across France, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria, and Slovenia, he explores the reality behind historic events and reveals how the Alps have profoundly influenced culture and society.

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