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Ridley Pearson at a book signing

The Polarshield Project Ridley Pearson 2019-12 Jon Kent and Ian Wayne are opposites in every way except one, they are the sons of the World’s Greatest Heroes, Superman and Batman! To uncover a global conspiracy, this unlikely duo will need to learn to trust each other and work together to save the Earth.

No Witnesses Ridley Pearson 2012-08-14 Product tampering. Innocent lives. Nice suburban homes. A Seattle food company is victim to an ingenious extortion that has the FBI two steps behind. Seattle’s veteran homicide sergeant, Lou Boldt, and police psychologist Daphne Matthews approach the case from opposite ends: one unearthing microscopic evidence, the other putting together a chilling psychological profile of a man willing to contaminate and kill if necessary. The cop Daphne Matthews secretly loves is being destroyed by the extortion. Boldt sees his department cracking. As the high-tech manhunt builds to a furious crescendo, Boldt and Matthews are jolted again: the madman they’re hunting may not be working alone. . .

Engineering Unesco 2010-01-01 This report reviews engineering’s importance to human, economic, social and cultural development and in addressing the UN Millennium Development Goals. Engineering tends to be viewed as a national issue, but engineering knowledge, companies, conferences and journals, all demonstrate that it is as international as science. The report reviews the role of engineering in development, and covers issues including poverty reduction, sustainable development, climate change mitigation and adaptation. It presents the various fields of engineering around the world and is intended to identify issues and challenges facing engineering, promote better understanding of engineering and its role, and highlight ways of making engineering more attractive to young people, especially women.—Publisher’s description.

Peter and the Secret of Rundoon Ridley Pearson 2010-11-23 In this action-packed third installment in the Starcatchers series, Peter and Molly find themselves in the dangerous land of Rundoon, ruled by an evil king who enjoys watching his pet snake consume those who displease him. But that’s just the beginning of problems facing our heroes, who once again find themselves pitted against the evil shadow-creature Lord Ombra in a struggle to save themselves, not to mention the planet

Kingdom Keepers IV: Power Play Ridley Pearson 2011-04-05 For the five teens who modeled as Disney Hologram Imaging hosts, life is beginning to settle down when an intriguing video arrives to Philyb’s computer at school. It’s a call for action: the OverTakers, a group of Disney villains, seem to be plotting to attempt a rescue of two of their leaders, both of whom the Disney Imagineers have hidden away somewhere following a violent encounter in Epcot. Includes a preview chapter from Kingdom Keepers V - Shell Game

Kingdom Keepers: The Return Book One Disney Lands Ridley Pearson 2016-03-29 With the defeat of the OverTakers behind them, the five teenagers known as the Kingdom Keepers should be celebrating. By all accounts they saved Disneyland from certain destruction. Why then did their mentor leave one last puzzle for them to decipher? The Keepers must solve a puzzle of the past, or be crushed under an evil that makes the OverTakers seem like gentle souls.

The Secret of Our Success Joseph Henrich 2017-10-17 How our collective intelligence has helped us to evolve and prosper Humans are a puzzling species. On the one hand, we struggle to survive on our own in the wild, often failing to overcome even basic challenges, like obtaining food, building shelters, or avoiding predators. On the other hand, human groups have produced ingenious technologies, sophisticated languages, and complex institutions that have permitted us to successfully expand into a vast range of diverse environments. What has enabled us to dominate the globe, more than any other species, while remaining virtually helpless as lone individuals? This book shows that the secret of our success lies not in our innate intelligence, but in our collective brains—on the ability of human groups to socially interconnect and learn from one another over generations. Drawing insights from lost European explorers, clever chimpanzees, mobile hunter-gatherers, neuroscientific findings, ancient bones, and the human genome, Joseph Henrich demonstrates how our collective brains have propelled our species’ genetic evolution and shaped our biology. Our early capacities for learning from others produced many cultural innovations, such as fire, cooking, water containers, plant knowledge, and projectile weapons, which in turn drove the expansion of our brains and altered our physiology, anatomy, and psychology in crucial ways. Later on, some collective brains generated and recombined powerful concepts, such as the lever, wheel, screw, and writing, while also creating the institutions that continue to alter our motivations and perceptions. Henrich shows how our genetics and biology are inextricably interwoven with cultural evolution, and how culture-gene interactions launched our species on an extraordinary evolutionary trajectory. Tracking clues from our ancient past to the present, *The Secret of Our Success* explores how the evolution of both our cultural and social natures produce a collective intelligence that explains both our species’ immense success and the origins of human uniqueness.

What Technology Wants Kevin Kelly 2011-09-27 From the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Inevitable*—a sweeping vision of technology as a living force that can expand our individual potential. In this provocative book, one of today’s most respected thinkers turns the conversation about technology on its head by viewing technology as a natural system, an extension of biological evolution. By mapping the behavior of life, we paradoxically get a glimpse at where technology is headed—or “what it wants.” Kevin Kelly offers a dozen trajectories in the coming decades for this near-living system. And as we align ourselves with technology’s agenda, we can capture its colossal potential. This visionary and optimistic book explores how technology gives our lives greater meaning and is a must-read for anyone curious about the future.

Big and Little Histories Marne Hughes-Warrington 2021-08-17 This book introduces students to ethics in historiography through an exploration of how historians in different times and places have explained how history ought to be written and how those views relate to different understandings of ethics. No two histories are the same. The book argues that this is a good thing because the differences between histories are largely a matter of ethics. Looking to histories made across the world and from ancient times until today, readers are introduced to a wide variety of approaches to the ethics of history, including well-known ethical approaches, such as the virtue ethics of universal historians, and utilitarian approaches to collective biography writing while also discovering new and emerging ideas in the ethics of history. Through these approaches, readers are encouraged to challenge their ideas about whether humans are separate from other living and non-living things and whether machines and animals can write histories. The book looks to the fundamental questions posed about the nature of history making by indigenous history makers and asks whether the ethics at play in the global variety of histories might be better appreciated in professional codes of conduct and approaches to research ethics management. Opening up the topic of ethics to show how historians might have viewed ethics differently in the past, the book requires no background in ethics or history theory and is open to all of those with an interest in how we think about good histories.

Killer Weekend Ridley Pearson 2007-07-10 **THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER THAT’LL LEAVE READERS BREATHELESS.** Controversial New York State Attorney General Liz Shaler is announcing her candidacy for president at a high-profile convergence of media heavy-hitters. Also in attendance is an assassin with a brilliant and foolproof plan.

Kabbalah, Magic, and the Great Work of Self-Transformation Lyam Thomas Christopher 2006 Based on an innovative blend of Kabbalah and magic, a step-by-step program toward spiritual attainment guides readers through each level of the Golden Dawn system of ritual magic and its corresponding sphere in the Kabbalah Tree of Life. Original, 10,000 first printing.

Kingdom Keepers III Ridley Pearson 2020-04-14 With the adventures set forth in the first books now behind them, Kingdom Keepers 3: Disney In Shadow follows the five teens, Finn, Philyb, Willa, Charlene, and Maybeck as they search to find Wayne, their mentor and head Imagineer who has mysteriously gone missing. Concerned Wayne has been abducted by the OverTakers-Disney villains, who along with other Disney characters, take over the parks when the turnstiles stop spinning, and want desperately to steer the parks to a far darker place—the five kids pick up a major clue from a close friend, Jess, whose dreams (nightmares, really) often accurately predict the future. The very few clues from Jess’s dream lead the kids into Disney’s Hollywood Studios and Epcot—through imaginary worlds that become real, by imaginary kids who are real. Each clue seems tied to the last, and with the stakes growing ever higher, what starts out as a puzzle ends up as a fight for their lives. Through a transparent paper box, a quest for a sword, rides on Soarin’ and Maelstrom, life-and-death encounters with giant snakes, and a devious Maleficent, the Kingdom Keepers not only begin to decipher deeper meanings to the clues, but discover new truths about themselves and their ever-growing friendships.

The Search Gordon Korman 2006 Attempts to find the kidnapped Meg Falconer by her brother Aiden, her parents, and the FBI, are hindered by Meg’s efforts to save herself by running away from her captors.

Essential Rendering David L. Meeker 2006-01-01

Kidnapped # 1: The Abduction Gordon Korman 2013-08-27 Gordon Korman offers another edge-of-your-seat action/adventure in a return to the trilogy format that sold more than 1 million copies of *Island*, *Everest*, and *Dive*. It’s every brother’s worst fear: As Aiden and his sister Meg are walking home from school one day, a van pulls over and Meg is kidnapped. There’s no way for Aiden to stop it from happening. He’s the only witness to his sister’s disappearance. Why has Meg been kidnapped? Is it for ransom? As a vendetta against Meg and Aiden’s parents? Or is there an even bigger conspiracy at work? While Meg fends off her kidnapers and plans an escape, Aiden must team up with the FBI to try to find her—tracking down clues only a brother could recognize.

Thinking in C++ (2nd Edition) MAHAPATRA P B 2000

Entertainment Science Thorsten Hennig-Thurau 2018-08-01 The entertainment industry has long been dominated by legendary screenwriter William Goldman’s “Nobody-Knows-Anything” mantra, which argues that success is the result of managerial intuition and instinct. This book builds the case that combining such intuition with data analytics and rigorous scholarly knowledge provides a source of sustainable competitive advantage – the same recipe for success that is behind the rise of firms such as Netflix and Spotify, but has also fueled Disney’s recent success. Unlocking a large repertoire of scientific studies by business scholars and entertainment economists, the authors identify essential factors, mechanisms, and methods that help a new entertainment product succeed. The book thus offers a timely alternative to “Nobody-Knows” decision-making in the digital era: while coupling a good idea with smart data analytics and entertainment theory cannot guarantee a hit, it systematically and substantially increases the probability of success in the entertainment industry. Entertainment Science is poised to inspire fresh new thinking among managers, students of entertainment, and scholars alike. Thorsten Hennig-Thurau and Mark B. Houston – two of our finest scholars in the area of entertainment marketing – have produced a definitive research-based compendium that cuts across various branches of the arts to explain the phenomena that provide consumption experiences to capture the hearts and minds of audiences. Morris B. Holbrook, W. T. Dillard Professor Emeritus of Marketing, Columbia University Entertainment Science is a must-read for everyone working in the entertainment industry today, where the impact of digital and the use of big data can’t be ignored anymore. Hennig-Thurau and Houston are the scientific frontrunners of knowledge that the industry urgently needs. Michael K◻ lmel, media entrepreneur and Honorary Professor of Media Economics at University of Leipzig Entertainment Science’s winning combination of creativity, theory, and data analytics offers managers in the creative industries and beyond a novel, compelling, and comprehensive approach to support their decision-making. This ground-breaking book marks the dawn of a new Golden Age of fruitful conversation between entertainment scholars, managers, and artists. All◻ gre Hadida, Associate Professor in Strategy, University of Cambridge

The Kingdom Within Samantha Gillespie 2014-12-23 Princess Meredith’s eighteenth birthday is fast approaching, but unlike other girls, she is not looking forward to it. Upon her coming of age, she is to marry the prince of Alder, the most powerful kingdom in the world. Though the idea of marriage to a complete stranger is appalling, she knows she has no choice. Without the marriage contract, Stonefall’s alliance with Alder will be lost, and her people will be safe no longer; Theros, King of Talos, has set his eyes of conquest on Stonefall and he wants Meredith dead. Connor, an elite soldier entrusted with Meredith’s safety, arrives at the palace just as things begin to take a turn for the worse. Together, they embark on a journey of survival, in which Meredith will find that the only thing she never prepared for was falling in love.

The Academy 1869

The Syndrome Ridley Pearson 2015-03-03 When Amanda travels east to Orlando on a hunch, she’s met with the worst news possible. Kingdom Keeper Finn Whitman is missing. Calling on her own gift (she’s telekinetic), her sister Jess’s ability to dream the future, and their fellow Fairlie Mattie Weaver’s unexplained ability to read minds through physical contact, the three gifted girls must navigate treachery, deception, and the stubborn, unwilling parents of the missing Keepers if they’re to save their friends.

Kingdom Keepers Inheritance Ridley Pearson 2023-02-21 In near-future Epcot, sixty thousand people live in a CommuTREE surrounding the forward-looking Walt Disney World theme park - including parents who were once Kingdom Keepers, identities carefully-guarded. With the arrival of a communication from Villains Park in Hong Kong, a few ‘ordinary’ kids are thrust into a battle to save Epcot and find their friend who has mysteriously disappeared. The Kingdom Kids discover they are in

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Escape from the Carnivale

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possession of unusual powers as they forge a bond to rescue their friend and uncover the truth about how real magic has entered their lives.

The Body of David Hayes Ridley Pearson 2004-04-06 Years ago, Lou Boldt’s wife Liz had an affair with David Hayes, a young computer specialist at the bank where she is an executive. When Liz ended the relationship after reconciling with Lou, Hayes engaged in a daring embezzlement scheme. Now, years later, Hayes is trying to retrieve the money he hid for the Russian mob and contacts Liz to try to gain access to the bank’s mainframe. Liz is torn between wanting to protect the bank and needing to protect her family. Boldt, ripped apart by the discovery of his wife’s possible blackmail, must skate a delicate line between his incompatible roles as determined detective and jealous husband if he is to find the money while exposing and stopping Hayes. Intensely involving and revealing new aspects of Boldt’s emotional makeup never before seen, *The Body of David Hayes* is Ridley’s most gripping and engaging thriller yet.

Dave Barry 2007 Adventure-seeking Little Scallop sneaks off into forbidden waters in Neverland with her mermaid friends Aqua and Surf. But they run into trouble when they encounter a fierce storm and a strange ship sailed by men who would love to capture a mermaid. Little Scallop is caught up in the adventure she always wanted-- now, can she get out of it?

Kingdom Keepers V Ridley Pearson 2022-03-08 As the five Kingdom Keepers enter high school, everything is about to change. The Maintenance Base that controls all four parks in Disney World is under attack by the OverTakers, a group determined to change Disney forever. Relationships between the Keepers are no longer as simple as they once were. In fact, nothing is as simple as it once was. An after-hours visit to Typhoon Lagoon is a game changer. The Keepers lose one of their most valuable supporters. But there’s work to do . . . The Disney Dream leaves Port Canaveral on an historic cruise to Los Angeles with a special treat in store for guests: the Disney Host Interactive guides are on board. Finn, Maybeck, Charlene, Willa, and Philyb join guests as the DHl experience moves to one of the most advanced cruise ships in the world. But all is not right below decks. Strange things are happening. Only the Kingdom Keepers know the truth behind their invitation to be in attendance: nearly every Disney villain is aboard the ship, including Maleficent. The OverTakers have infiltrated the cast and crew. And no one knows what they have planned. The Dream sets sail filled with enthusiastic guests and crew. But not for long. Maleficent takes over a video screen and warns the guests of trouble to come. With the ship arriving to the beaches of Castaway Cay--its first of many exotic ports of call--the Kingdom Keepers are under attack; back home the Base is threatened and about to fall. The OverTakers have expanded in ways never foreseen, and it’s clear they intend to use this element of surprise to accomplish what has eluded them so far: victory. But not if Finn Whitman and friends have anything to say about it.

Lombard/Advanced Learners’ Grammar Mark Foley 2003

Adventures of the Super Sons Vol. 1: Action Detectives Peter J. Tomasí 2019-04-16 In these stories from issues #1-6 of their new maxiseries, Robin and Superboy stand face to face with Rex Luthor, Joker Jr. and other psychos pulled right from your nightmares in an interstellar adventure featuring the Gang. The Gang has already robbed Superboy of his powers, and now they’re ready to reveal their grand plan!

Peter and the Starcatchers Dave Barry 2006 Best-selling authors Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson turn back the clock and set their sights on younger readers teaming up for an action-packed prequel to J. M. Barrie’s classic *Peter Pan*. Fast paced and brimming with seafaring adventure Barry and Ridley’s modern update returns to preNever Land days quickly zeroing in on Peter now a “wayward boy” who finds himself aboard a ship (called the Never Land) with other chums from St. Norbert’s. Soon Peter meets the seafarer’s mysterious daughter and persuades her to reveal her secret about...

Ridley Pearson 2020-04-14 In this fantastical thriller, five young teens tapped as models for theme park “guides” find themselves pitted against Disney villains and witches that threaten both the future of Walt Disney World and the stability of the world outside its walls. Using a cutting-edge technology called DHl—which stands for both Disney Host Interactive and Daylight Hologram Imaging—Finn Whitman, an Orlando teen, and four other kids are transformed into hologram projections that guide guests through the park. The new technology turns out, however, to have unexpected effects that are both thrilling and scary. Soon Finn finds himself transported in his DHl form into the Magic Kingdom at night. Is it real? Is he dreaming? Finn’s confusion only increases when he encounters Wayne, an elderly Imagineer who tells him that the park is in grave danger. Led by the scheming witch, Maleficent, a mysterious group of characters called the OverTakers is plotting to destroy Disney’s beloved realm, and may have more. This gripping high-tech tale will thrill every kid who has ever dreamed of sneaking into Walt Disney World after hours and wondered what happens at night, when the park is closed.

Medicinal Plants and Natural Product Research Milan S. Stanokovic 2020-02-14 The book entitled Medicinal Plants and Natural Product Research describes various aspects of ethnopharmacological uses of medicinal plants; extraction, isolation and identification of bioactive compounds from medicinal plants; various aspects of biological activity such as antioxidant, antimicrobial, anticancer, immunomodulatory activity, etc., as well as characterization of plant secondary metabolites as active substances from medicinal plants.

International Management: Culture, Strategy and Behavior W/ OLC Card MP Richard M. Hodgetts 2005-02-16 As a discipline of academy inquiry, International Management applies management concepts and techniques to their contexts in firms working in multinational, multicultural environments. Hodgetts’Luthans: International Management was the first mainstream International Management text in the market. Its 6th edition continues to set the standard for International Management texts with its research-based content and its balance between culture, strategy, and behavior. International Management stresses the balanced approach and the synergy/connection between the text’s four parts: Environment (3 chapters); Culture (4 chapters); Strategy and Functions (4 chapters) and Organizational Behavior /Human Resource Management (4 chapters).

Kingdom Keepers VI: Dark Passage Ridley Pearson 2013-04-02 The five Kingdom Keepers and their core friends have uncovered a startling truth: Disney villains Maleficent and the OverTakers are plotting a catastrophic event that could have repercussions far beyond the world of Disney. Aboard the Disney Cruise Line’s inaugural passage through the new Panama Canal, the Keepers and their holograms uncover a puzzle hidden within the pages of a stolen journal. The point of that puzzle will reveal itself in the caves of Aruba, the zip lines of Costa Rica, and the jungles of Mexico. A destructive force, dormant for decades, is about to be unleashed. The five Kingdom Keepers are to be its first victims! Includes a preview chapter from Kingdom Keepers VII - The Insider!

Kingdom Keepers III Ridley Pearson 2011-03-01 With the adventures set forth in the first books now behind them, Kingdom Keepers 3: Disney In Shadow follows the five teens, Finn, Philyb, Willa, Charlene, and Maybeck as they search to find Wayne, their mentor and head Imagineer who has mysteriously gone missing. Concerned Wayne has been abducted by the OverTakers—Disney villains, who along with other Disney characters, take over the parks when the turnstiles stop spinning, and want desperately to steer the parks to a far darker place—the five kids pick up a major clue from a close friend, Jess, whose dreams (nightmares, really) often accurately predict the future. The very few clues from Jess’s dream lead the kids into Disney’s Hollywood Studios and Epcot—through imaginary worlds that become real, by imaginary kids who are real. Each clue seems tied to the last, and with the stakes growing ever higher, what starts out as a puzzle ends up as a fight for their lives. Through a transparent paper box, a quest for a sword, rides on Soarin’ and Maelstrom, life-and-death encounters with giant snakes, and a devious Maleficent, the Kingdom Keepers not only begin to decipher deeper meanings to the clues, but discover new truths about themselves and their ever-growing friendships.

Ridley Pearson 2020-04-14 It’s supposed to be a happy day at the Magic Kingdom—the return of the teenaged holographic hosts. But things go very wrong when a sudden lightning storm disrupts the celebration, and Amanda’s mysterious sister, Jez, disappears. The only clue is the sighting of a wild monkey in the Magic Kingdom during the storm. The mystery deepens as Finn is contacted by Wayne, an old man he hasn’t heard from in months. Wayne tells Finn that there’s trouble at the Animal Kingdom: the evil OverTakers have gained control of one of the computer servers that will be used to operate Daylight Holographic Imaging there. That means that if any of the holographic hosts fall asleep, they will go into comas—permanently. Filled with action and brimming with the same meticulous detail as *The Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark*, this second book in the series — *The Rise of Chernabog*—is the result of hands-on research behind the scenes at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Park. Young and older readers alike will get a glimpse into a second Disney kingdom. The wild rides have only just begun, and the clock is ticking. How long can the teens keep themselves awake in their quest to find their friend—and what happens if they fail?

Killer View Ridley Pearson 2008 A dead search-and-rescue team member, a missing friend, an unexplained illness at a local water-bottling plant that sends workers to the hospital and sets off biohazard warnings may have something in common as Sun Valley Sheriff Walt Fleming follows three

The First Victim Ridley Pearson 2001-08-01 Lieutenant Lou Boldt, the Seattle cop who stars in Ridley Pearson’s deservedly popular series, is a sharp and touching figure—perhaps the most believable police officer in current fiction. Early in this ninth book about his public and private life, Lou has to put on a bullet-resistant vest to lead a raid against some dangerous criminals. “The vest was not physically heavy, but its presence was,” Pearson tells us. It meant battle; it meant risk. For Boldt, a vest was a symbol of youth. It had been well over a year since he had worn one. Ironically, as he approached the hangar’s north door at a light run behind his own four heavily armored ERT personnel, he caught himself worrying about his hands, not his life. He didn’t want to smash up his piano hands in some close quarters skirmish. . . . Boldt plays jazz piano one night a week in a local bar, and despite his concern for his hands, he takes every opportunity he can to get away from his desk and into the streets. But money pressures, caused by his wife’s recent illness, also make him think about the possibility of a better-paying job in the private sector. Meanwhile, some extremely ruthless people are murdering illegal Chinese immigrant women and leaving their bodies buried in newly dug graves. An ambitious local TV journalist named Stevie McNeal and the young Chinese woman she thinks of as her “Little Sister” risk their lives to investigate the killings, while Boldt and his team round up a most unusual array of suspects. This combination of hard-edged realism and softer sentiment has become Pearson’s trademark, and once again it works smoothly. --Dick Adler

Ridley Pearson 2013-06-04 The New Risk Agent novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author Private security firm Rutherford Risk’s new client is a philanthropist with a headline-making cause: to locate and shut down an Amsterdam-based sweatshop that uses enslaved girls as forced labor. Enter import/export entrepreneur John Knox, with his former combat experience—and forensic accountant Grace Chu, who can trap and trace even the most sensitive financial information. Working through the picturesque streets and canals of Amsterdam, Knox and Grace face middle Eastern mobsters, the owner of a local brothel, and police officers they don’t trust. Pursuing one young girl who holds the key to their investigation, but is either too afraid or in too deep to help them, they encounter the dark side of a secret world where would-be allies are enemies, and the victims themselves don’t want to be saved.

The Angel Maker Ridley Pearson 2012-08-14 Urban legend, or frightening fact? “One of the better fictional detectives ever penned.”* Seattle’s Lou Boldt, and forensic psychologist Dephe Matthews suspect illegal organ harvesting is behind recent assaults on teenage runaways. The trail leads them down dark streets and darker corners of the mind, as they find themselves pursuing a twisted surgeon with his own ideas of mortality and social justice. Packed with action, *The Angel Maker* takes the reader on a joy ride from Seattle’s homeless to an abandoned homesteading cabin and kennel hidden away in the forests of the Northwest. Daphne Matthews, intent on rescuing a teenage runaway from the madman’s scalpel, puts her own life on the line, finding herself face to face with the Angel Maker. Award-winning author Ridley Pearson carves out and serves up a thriller that will make you look twice at your local veterinarian. *Book Magazine

The Ghost Map Steven Johnson 2006 A historical chronicle of Victorian London’s worst cholera outbreak traces the day-by-day efforts of Dr. John Snow, who put his own life on the line in his efforts to prove his previously dismissed contagion theory about how the epidemic was spreading. 80,000 first printing.

Skin-Related Neglected Tropical Diseases (Skin-NTDs): A New Challenge Roderick J. Hay 2019-07-31 This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue Skin-Related Neglected Tropical Diseases (Skin-NTDs)—A New Challenge that was published in TropicalMed

Cut and Run Ridley Pearson 2006-03-01 While Ridley Pearson’s Lou Boldt series seems to have run out of steam lately, his new stand-alone thriller shows this perennial best-selling author at the top of his form. It begins with a taut prologue introducing federal marshal Roland Larson and his protected witness, Hope Stevens, whose testimony will send the Romero crime family to jail. If she ever makes it to court. When Hope walks away from the witness protection program, she takes Larson’s heart with her; he hesitates just long enough to regret it, and spends the next six years searching for her. Then she surfaces again in connection with the disappearance of another protected witness, a computer expert who holds the safety of everyone in the program in the top secret software program he developed. Noone wants access to that program more than the Romero family, and Hope Stevens is the most important target of their wrath. As a member of the elite Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, Larson races the clock to find the man whose knowledge threatens the life of the woman he still loves...and the child he never knew he had. A heart-pounding thriller that’s impossible to put down, this is Pearson’s best to date. --Jane Adams