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White T-shirt, Miniskirt, Hoodie, Jeans, Ballet flat, Breton top, Biker jacket, Little black dress, Stiletto, Trench. What are you wearing? In all likelihood, your outfit will feature at least one of these 10 items. Familiar, commonplace, ubiquitous - each piece has become an emblem of a certain style, carrying its own connotations and historical significance. Our social history is contained within these perfect 10 pieces - while trends may come and go, these are here to stay. The Perfect 10 includes deep dive explorations into each item's history, how it gained its reputation, and what it means today, accompanied by stylish pho-

tography and illustrations, as well as interviews with notable proponents of each item. From the evolution of the white T-shirt from army staple to symbol of aching-cool simplicity, the hoodie's birth in the monasteries of Rome to its domination of streetwear, and the transition of the stiletto from the feet of fifteenth-century Iranian equestrians to those of New York businesswomen, The Perfect 10 puts fashion in context. Showing how certain pieces are just as ubiquitous on the catwalk as on the street, Lauren Cochrane's crucial volume defines the fashion items that make up your wardrobe, and how they got there, providing the perfect excuse for the reader to wear them time and time again. "A

deeper-than-deep dive into fashion's enduring classics" - Navaz Batliwalla, DISNEY-ROLLERGIRL

Indexes the Times, Sunday times and magazine, Times literary supplement, Times educational supplement, Times educational supplement Scotland, and the Times higher education supplement.

If you could make one wish that was guaranteed to come true—what would you wish for? Rules for Wishing: Never let an outsider find out about wishing. (Zip your lips and throw away the key.) Wishes that would impact the world are off limits (i.e. no bringing back the dinosaurs). Do no harm. (Murder = no bueno.) No time travel. (What's done is done, pal.) No bringing

back the dead. (Come on. You've seen what happens in *THE WALKING DEAD*.) NEVER BREAK THE RULES. (Seriously. We mean it. See Rule #7.) There are always consequences. Madison is a small town in the Mojave desert on the road between nothing and nowhere. It's an unremarkable speck on the map, which is perfect for protecting the town's secret. Because in Madison, everyone can make one wish on their eighteenth birthday—and that wish always comes true. Most of Eldon's classmates have had their wishes picked out for months, even years. Not Eldon. He's seen how wishing has hurt the people around him. His parents' marriage is strained, his sister is a virtual ghost in their house, his ex-girlfriend is dating his ex-friend...where does he even begin? One thing is for sure: Eldon has only twenty-five days to figure it out—and the rest of his life to live with the consequences. This year, don't let Christmas sneak up on you again. The wonder and awe of the Christmas season can easily get overshadowed by lights, tinsel, bows, and paper—not to mention last-minute trips to the mall and visits to the in-laws. In all the hustle and bustle, we often lose sight of

what's most important. This book of daily readings for the month of December by best-selling author Paul David Tripp will help you slow down, prepare your heart, and focus on what matters most: adoring our Savior, Jesus.

This book shows how the fundamental traits of Cubism were translated into fashion.

Come and mend your broken hearts here. In this retelling of the classic tale "The Twelve Dancing Princesses," the eldest princess must fight to save her family—and her heart—from an ancient dark magic within the palace walls. "Full of mystery, lush settings, and fully orbed characters, Dixon's debut is both suspenseful and rewarding."—ALA Booklist Just when Azalea should feel that everything is before her—beautiful gowns, dashing suitors, balls filled with dancing—it's taken away. All of it. And Azalea is trapped. The Keeper understands. He's trapped, too, held for centuries within the walls of the palace. So he extends an invitation. Every night, Azalea and her eleven sisters may step through the enchanted passage in their room to dance in his silver forest, but

there is a cost. The Keeper likes to keep things. Azalea may not realize how tangled she is in his web until it is too late. "Readers who enjoy stories of royalty, romance, and magic will delight in Dixon's first novel."—Publishers Weekly Supports the Common Core State Standards

Amanda Hocking is an indie publishing sensation whose self-published novels have sold millions of copies all over the world, and *Switched* is the book that started the phenomenon. Prepare to be enchanted... When Wendy Everly was six years old, her mother was convinced she was a monster and tried to kill her. Eleven years later, Wendy discovers her mother might have been right. She's not the person she's always believed herself to be, and her whole life begins to unravel—all because of Finn Holmes. Finn is a mysterious guy who always seems to be watching her. Every encounter leaves her deeply shaken...though it has more to do with her fierce attraction to him than she'd ever admit. But it isn't long before he reveals the truth: Wendy is a changeling who was switched at birth—and he's come to take her home. Now Wendy's about to journey to a magical world she never knew existed, one

that's both beautiful and frightening. And where she must leave her old life behind to discover who she's meant to become... As a special gift to readers, this book contains a new, never-before-published bonus story, "The Vittra Attacks," set in the magical world of the Trylle.

Perfect for fans of *A Court of Thorns and Roses* and *Uprooted*, this stand-alone, fantasy romance about a human girl and her marriage to the Elf King is impossible to put down! The elves come for two things: war and wives. In both cases, they come for death. Three-thousand years ago, humans were hunted by powerful races with wild magic until the treaty was formed. Now, for centuries, the elves have taken a young woman from Luella's village to be their Human Queen. To be chosen is seen as a mark of death by the townsfolk. A mark nineteen-year-old Luella is grateful to have escaped as a girl. Instead, she's dedicated her life to studying herbology and becoming the town's only healer. That is, until the Elf King unexpectedly arrives... for her. Everything Luella had thought she'd known about her life, and herself, was a lie. Taken to a land filled with wild magic, Luella is forced to be the new

queen to a cold yet blisteringly handsome Elf King. Once there, she learns about a dying world that only she can save. The magical land of Midscape pulls on one corner of her heart, her home and people tug on another... but what will truly break her is a passion she never wanted. *A Deal with the Elf King* is a complete, stand-alone novel, inspired by the tales of Hades and Persephone, as well as *Beauty and the Beast*, with a "happily ever after" ending. It's perfect for fantasy romance fans looking for just the right amount of steam and their next slow-burn and swoon-worthy couple.

A teenager tries to steal the purse of Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones and is rebuked in a surprising fashion.

The Seven Directions of the Medicine Wheel will bring balance, harmony, and beauty into your life by working with the Creator and applying simple and practical lessons found in nature. Based on Native American teachings, the book focuses on one's spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental health through all the stages of life. Ideal book for students, educators, administrators, and business executives. In this book, you will learn to:

- ?Identify life's transitions and how to optimize opportunities and avoid setbacks.
- ?Adapt to the stages of life and achieve maximum benefit at every stage.
- ?Align with the seasons and work with nature and the Creator to achieve your best life.
- ?Acquire practical advice from our 2 and 4 legged creatures and how to deal with everyday problems and pressures.
- ?Discover your true purpose and set into motion your aspirations and intentions.
- ?Develop organizational skills that will allow you to become more productive and therefore more creative.
- ?Network and increase your sphere of influence and expand your circle of friends and associates.
- ?Gain the support and recognition from those around you.
- ?Deal with difficult people and eliminate stress and anxiety.
- ?Recognize the times of day and the importance of rest, recreation, and relaxation.
- ?Mentor young people and pass along valuable lessons.
- ?Present yourself to the world with style and distinction.
- ?Foster a sense of gratitude for all life's challenges and situations.
- ?Forgive others and yourself and experience the freedom that comes with it.

One Quilt Binds Three Generations of Amish Women Enjoy the gift of a brand new romance from New York Times best-selling author Wanda E. Brunstetter, along with stories by her daughter-in-law, Jean and granddaughter, Richelle. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Psalm 31:3 The scripture embroidered on the back of a beloved quilt brings hope to three generations of Pennsylvania Amish women at Christmastime. Luella's Promise By Wanda E. Brunstetter Luella Ebersol has been caregiver for a dying woman and her young son. When Dena Lapp gives Luella her favorite quilt, she makes Luella promise to pass it down to her daughter. But Luella isn't sure she will ever marry if she can't find someone with maturity and faith like Dena's husband Atlee Zook. Karen's Gift By Jean Brunstetter Karen Allgyer and her husband moved to a slow-paced village to raise their children, but Karen longs for the closeness of family to help her through the challenges of managing three girls with one on the way. When life's pressures rise, will Karen cave to her fears? Roseanna's Groom By Richelle Lynn Brunstetter When the unexpected hap-

pens on the day of her wedding, Roseanna Allgyer can't help blaming herself, despite not understanding why. Then an old friend returns to town, and she battles feeling for him—afraid of being hurt again.

Lecturers/Instructors - Request a free digital inspection copy here This is the best book on the market for taking students from 'how children acquire their first language' to the point where they can engage with key debates and current research in the field of child language. No background knowledge of linguistic theory is assumed and all specialist terms are introduced in clear, non-technical language. It is rare in its balanced presentation of evidence from both sides of the nature-nurture divide and its ability to make this complicated topic engaging and understandable to everyone. This edition includes Exercises to foster an understanding of key concepts in language and linguistics A glossary of key terms so students can always check back on the more difficult terms Suggestions for further reading including fascinating TED Talks that bring the subject to life Access to Multiple Choice Quizzes and other online resources so students can check they've understood what

they have just read

365 Gospel-Centered Devotions for the Whole Year Mornings can be tough. Sometimes, a hearty breakfast and strong cup of coffee just aren't enough. Offering more than a rush of caffeine, best-selling author Paul David Tripp wants to energize you with the most potent encouragement imaginable: the gospel. Forget "behavior modification" or feel-good aphorisms. Tripp knows that what we really need is an encounter with the living God. Then we'll be prepared to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory each and every day.

The Ultimate Guide to Chakras and Energy Systems As powerful centers of subtle energy, the chakras have fascinated humanity for thousands of years. Llewellyn's Complete Book of Chakras is a unique and empowering resource that provides comprehensive insights into these foundational sources of vitality and strength. Discover what chakras and chakra systems are, how to work with them for personal growth and healing, and the ways our understanding of chakras has transformed throughout time and across cultures. Lively and acces-

sible, this definitive reference explores the science, history, practices, and structures of our subtle energy. With an abundance of illustrations and a wealth of practical exercises, Cyndi Dale shows you how to use chakras for improving wellness, attracting what you need, obtaining guidance, and expanding your consciousness. Praise: "In one thoroughly researched and beautifully written book you can learn...what it took ancient seekers a lifetime to uncover."—Steven A. Ross, PhD, CEO of the World Research Foundation and author of *And Nothing Happened...But You Can Make It Happen* "A shining constellation of timeless wisdom and brilliant insights on chakras. This groundbreaking book is an essential conduit to whole-self healing."—Dr. Deanna Minich, founder of Food & Spirit "Expertly researched, well written, and easy to understand. The go-to guide for understanding subtle energy systems."—Madisyn Taylor, bestselling author and editor-in-chief of DailyOM "Cyndi's exploration of cross-cultural systems is stunningly complete...Very impressive."—Margaret Ann Lembo, author of *Chakra Awakening* Top young fashion designer Luella Bartley celebrates English style and explains how

to acquire it. What makes English girls the coolest in the world? What is the English style which girls around the world try to emulate? In this book Luella Bartley - crowned Designer of the Year at the British Fashion Awards in 2008 - sets out to capture what it is that makes English girls just a little bit special. First up are the clothes Luella investigates the combination of smart and scruffy, classic and street-style, which ensures that English girls are always at the cutting edge of fashion. Then there are the icons the English girl knows that Kate Moss and The Duchess of Devonshire both have a place in the style pantheon. Luella explains the style tribes vying for the English girl's allegiance, the social rituals she undergoes from surfing in Cornwall to clubbing in Berlin and the status symbols she marks herself out with. All this requires a lot of photographs, drawings, and, occasionally, diagrams. But *Luella's Guide to English Style* isn't simply a book about fashion and style, it's a work of social anthropology delivered with a wink and a kiss on the cheek. Luella describes the English girl's approach to love and shows how the English girl gets better with age. With her

background as London's hippest designer and as an editor on *Vogue* and the *London Evening Standard*, Luella Bartley is brilliantly placed to map out English style and what it means for girls."

"Readers who choose the book for the attraction of Navajo code talking and the heat of battle will come away with more than they ever expected to find."—Booklist, starred review Throughout World War II, in the conflict fought against Japan, Navajo code talkers were a crucial part of the U.S. effort, sending messages back and forth in an unbreakable code that used their native language. They braved some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and with their code, they saved countless American lives. Yet their story remained classified for more than twenty years. But now Joseph Bruchac brings their stories to life for young adults through the riveting fictional tale of Ned Begay, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a code talker. His grueling journey is eye-opening and inspiring. This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned, who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

"Nonsensational and accurate, Bruchac's tale is quietly inspiring..."—School Library Journal

Discover the signature sartorial and literary style of fifty men and women of letters, including Maya Angelou; Truman Capote; Colette; Bret Easton Ellis; Allen Ginsberg; Patti Smith; Karl Ove Knausgaard; and David Foster Wallace; in this unique compendium of profiles—packed with eighty black-and-white photographs, excerpts, quotes, and fast facts—that illuminates their impact on modern fashion. Whether it's Zadie Smith's exotic turban, James Joyce's wire-framed glasses, or Samuel Beckett's Wallabees, a writer's attire often reflects the creative and spiritual essence of his or her work. As a non-linear sensibility has come to dominate modern style, curious trendsetters have increasingly found a stimulating muse in writers—many, like Joan Didion, whose personal aesthetic is distinctly "out of fashion." For decades, Didion has used her work, both her journalism and experimental fiction, as a mirror to reflect her innermost emotions and ideas—an originality that has inspired Millennials, resonated with a new genera-

tion of fashion designers and cultural tastemakers, and made Didion, in her eighties, the face of Celine in 2015. *Legendary Authors and the Clothes They Wore* examines fifty revered writers—among them Samuel Beckett; Quentin Crisp; Simone de Beauvoir; T.S. Eliot; F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald; Malcolm Gladwell; Donna Tartt; John Updike; Oscar Wilde; and Tom Wolfe—whose work and way of dress bears an idiosyncratic stamp influencing culture today. Terry Newman combines illuminating anecdotes about authors and their work, archival photography, first-person quotations from each writer and current designers, little-known facts, and clothing-oriented excerpts that exemplify their original writing style. Each entry spotlights an author and a signature wardrobe moment that expresses his or her persona, and reveals how it influences the fashion world today. Newman explores how the particular item of clothing or style has contributed to fashion's lingua franca—delving deeper to appraise its historical trajectory and distinctive effect. *Legendary Authors and the Clothes They Wore* is an invaluable and engaging look at the writers we love—and why we love what they

wear—that is sure to captivate lovers of great literature and sophisticated fashion. Paul Tripp identifies the attitudes and assumptions behind our words and shows how to develop God-honoring communication.

"Powerful, wrenching." –JOHN GREEN, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Turtles All the Way Down* "Raw and gripping." –JASON REYNOLDS, New York Times bestselling coauthor of *All American Boys* "A must-read!" –ANGIE THOMAS, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Hate U Give* Raw, captivating, and undeniably real, Nic Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning #1 New York Times bestselling debut, a William C. Morris Award Finalist. Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a

journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack. "Vivid and powerful." -Booklist, Starred Review "A visceral portrait of a young man reckoning with the ugly, persistent violence of social injustice." -Publishers Weekly

Throughout history, fashion models have occupied a curious position: while their faces were instantly familiar, virtually nothing else was known about them. But their impression upon Vogue's readership has always been considerable -- they reflect and represent the ever-changing ideal of beauty. It was models such as Barbara Goalen and Fiona-Campbell Walter in Britain and Lisa Fonssagrives and Dorien Leigh in the US, in the 1950s, who were the first to become household names and to achieve the glamour and prestige that came with world fame. The supermodels of the 1990s turned the profession into a billion-dollar industry, and today models like Kate Moss, Claudia Schiffer and Gisele Bundchen are

brand names. Our fascination with these sublime creatures never seems to wane. Shining a light on these women's lives, Vogue Model uses photographs and illustrations from more than ninety years of Vogue's history to tell the fascinating story of the real faces of fashion.

The definitive research paper guide, *Writing Research Papers* combines a traditional and practical approach to the research process with the latest information on electronic research and presentation. This market-leading text provides students with step-by-step guidance through the research writing process, from selecting and narrowing a topic to formatting the finished document. *Writing Research Papers* backs up its instruction with the most complete array of samples of any writing guide of this nature. The text continues its extremely thorough and accurate coverage of citation styles for a wide variety of disciplines. The fourteenth edition maintains Lester's successful approach while bringing new writing and documentation updates to assist the student researcher in keeping pace with electronic sources.

15-year-old Carolyn Pierce is struggling to

find her place in the adult world, despite being the youngest in her family, but when she meets a strange new immigrant family, she learns hard lessons about life and need.

Teenage hassles that disrupt parents' lives? Or prime opportunities to connect with, listen to, and nurture our kids? Paul Tripp uncovers the heart issues affecting parents and their teenagers during the often chaotic adolescent years. With wit, wisdom, humility, and compassion, he shows parents how to seize the countless opportunities to deepen communication, learn, and grow with their teenagers.

This text is a transformation of *Writing for Success*, a text adapted by The Saylor Foundation under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License without attribution as requested by the work's original creator or licensee. Kathryn Crowther, Lauren Curtright, Nancy Gilbert, Barbara Hall, Tracienne Ravita, and Kirk Swenson adapted this text under a grant from Affordable Learning Georgia to Georgia Perimeter College (GPC, now part of Georgia State University) in 2015. Section 1.3 was authored by Rebecca Weaver. This text is a revision of a prior

adaptation of Writing for Success led by Rosemary Cox in GPC's Department of English, titled Successful College Writing for GPC Students (2014, 2015). Georgia Northwestern Technical College adapted this textbook for English 1101. Georgia Northwestern Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. You can see the latest version at <https://oer.galileo.usg.edu/english-textbooks/8/>

Amy Astley, former Teen Vogue Editor-in-Chief, says: "The Teen Vogue Handbook is a dream book, a truly creative book filled with tips on the stylish life from the top people in the industry." The key to this book is the mix of beautiful pictures, career advice and profiles of everyone and every aspect of the fashion industry. There are hugely famous people interviewed (Marc Jacobs, Bruce Weber, Patrick Demarchelier) alongside assistants and others who are just getting started. The book includes 6 sections: Designers, Editors, Stylists, Beauty, Photographers and Models. And in every section, the people in

the profile share simple tips on how to live the Teen Vogue lifestyle, now.

A collection of interviews with designers, founders of fashion labels, editors, stylists, buyers, trend forecasters, and educators explore the inner workings of the world of fashion.

Based on Emily Schuman's popular lifestyle blog of the same name, Cupcakes and Cashmere is the must-have guide for those looking to establish their own sense of style, organize and decorate their home, or throw an easy and stylish party. Organized by season, the book expands on Schuman's blog by including DIY projects, organization tips, party-planning ideas, beauty how-tos, and seasonal recipes. Cupcakes and Cashmere features original material that has not been previously published on the site. With her signature photographic layouts, Emily creates a lifestyle that is chic and achievable for every reader, making this the ultimate style guide for living a fashionable life. Praise for Cupcakes and Cashmere: "Inspiration for anyone looking to update her wardrobe, decorate her home, or throw a fab party." —Shape magazine

This groundbreaking fashion branding and

management text brings an analytical business dimension to the marketing and corporate techniques of the luxury fashion goods industry. It will make engaging reading for anyone who wishes to learn about the captivating business of turning functional products into objects of desire.

Coming of age in middle America, 18-year-old Rosemary evaluates how her entire youth was defined by the presence and forced removal of an endearing chimpanzee who was secretly regarded as a family member and who Rosemary loved as a sister. By the best-selling author of The Jane Austen Book Club.

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INSTANT INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER A beautiful tale of hope, courage, and sisterhood—inspired by the real House of Mercy and the girls confined there for daring to break the rules. Growing up in New York City in the 1910s, Luella and Effie Tildon realize that even as wealthy young women, their freedoms come with limits. But when the sisters discover a shocking secret about their father, Luella, the brazen elder sister, becomes emboldened to do as she pleases. Her rebellion comes with consequences, and one morning Luella is mysteriously gone. Effie suspects her father has sent Luella to the House of Mercy and hatches a plan to get herself committed to save her sister. But she made a miscalculation, and with no one to believe her story, Effie’s own escape seems impossible—unless she can trust an enigmatic girl named Mable. As their fates entwine, Mable and

Effie must rely on their tenuous friendship to survive. Home for Unwanted Girls meets *The Dollhouse* in this atmospheric, heart-warming story that explores not only the historical House of Mercy, but the lives—and secrets—of the girls who stayed there. “Burdick has spun a cautionary tale of struggle and survival, love and family — and above all, the strength of the heart, no matter how broken.” — *New York Times Book Review* “Burdick reveals the perils of being a woman in 1913 and exposes the truths of their varying social circles.” — *Chicago Tribune*

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “The guardian of all style” (*The New York Times Magazine*) shares stories on life, love, style, and career, from Paris to New York, and inspires readers to cultivate an effortless chic that is all their own. Garance Doré, the voice and vision behind her eponymous blog, has captivated millions of readers worldwide with her fresh and appealing approach to style through storytelling. This gorgeously illustrated book takes readers on a unique narrative journey that blends Garance’s inimitable photography and illustrations with the candid, hard-won wisdom drawn from her life and her trav-

els. Infused with her Left Bank sensibility, the eclecticism of her adopted city of New York, and the wild, passionate spirit of her native Corsica, *Love Style Life* is a backstage pass behind fashion’s frontlines, peppered with French-girl-next-door wit and advice on everything from mixing J.Crew with Chanel, to falling in love, to pursuing a life and career that is the perfect reflection of you. Praise for Garance Doré and *Love Style Life* “The most elegant, funny, truthful book on style, love and life. Garance is an original with the cutest French accent.”—Jenna Lyons, president and creative director, J.Crew “This charming book by fashion blogger Doré is part memoir and part style guide, gathered together in a chic, Gallic-inflected package.”—*Publishers Weekly* “One of blogdom’s most compelling storytellers.”—*The New York Times* “Doré’s mix of portrait photography, illustrations, collages, and stream-of-consciousness writing . . . has given the fashion world en masse a girl crush.”—*Interview* “Garance Doré embodies effortless French style.”—*Martha Stewart Living*

After traveling the globe and speaking to

thousands of churches worldwide, Paul David Tripp has discovered a serious problem within pastoral culture. He is not only concerned about the spiritual life of the pastor, but also with the very community of people that trains him, calls him, relates to him, and restores him if necessary. *Dangerous Calling* reveals the truth that the culture surrounding our pastors is spiritually unhealthy—an environment that actively undermines the wellbeing and efficacy of our church leaders and thus the entire church body. Here is a book that both diagnoses and offers cures for issues that impact every member and church leader, and gives solid strategies for fighting the all-important war that rages in our churches today.

A few years ago, a magazine sponsored a contest for the comment most likely to end a conversation. The winning entry? "I teach English grammar." Just throw that line out at a party; everyone around you will clam up or start saying "whom." Why does grammar make everyone so nervous? Probably because English teachers, for decades – no, for centuries – have been making a big deal out of grammar in classrooms, diagramming sentences and

drilling the parts of speech, clauses, and verbals into students until they beg for mercy. Happily, you don't have to learn all those technical terms of English grammar – and you certainly don't have to diagram sentences – in order to speak and write correct English. So rest assured – *English Grammar For Dummies* will probably never make your English teacher's top-ten list of must-read books, because you won't have to diagram a single sentence. What you will discover are fun and easy strategies that can help you when you're faced with such grammatical dilemmas as the choice between "I" and "me," "had gone" and "went," and "who" and "whom." With *English Grammar For Dummies*, you won't have to memorize a long list of meaningless rules (well, maybe a couple in the punctuation chapter!), because when you understand the reason for a particular word choice, you'll pick the correct word automatically. *English Grammar For Dummies* covers many other topics as well, such as the following: Verbs, adjectives, and adverbs – oh my! Preposition propositions and pronoun pronouncements Punctuation: The lowdown on periods, commas, colons, and all those other squiggly marks

Possession: It's nine-tenths of grammatical law Avoiding those double negative vibes How to spice up really boring sentences (like this one) Top Ten lists on improving your proofreading skills and ways to learn better grammar Just think how improving your speaking and writing skills will help you in everyday situations, such as writing a paper for school, giving a presentation to your company's big wigs, or communicating effectively with your family. You will not only gain the confidence in knowing you're speaking or writing well, but you'll also make a good impression on those around you!

The moment the second line on the pee stick turns pink, women discover they've entered a world of parenting experts. Friends, family, colleagues, the UPS delivery guy -- suddenly everybody is a trove of advice, much of it contradictory and confusing. With dire warnings of what will happen if baby is fed on demand and even direr warnings of what will happen if he isn't, not to mention hordes of militant "lactivists," cosleeping advocates, and books on what to worry about next, modern parenthood can seem like a minefield. In busy Mom-friendly short essays, *Sippy Cups Are*

Not for Chardonnay delivers the empathetic straight dirt on parenting, tackling everything from Mommy & Me classes ("Your baby doesn't need to be making friends at three months old -- you do! But not with people you'll meet at Mommy & Me") to attachment parenting ("If you're holding your baby 24/7, that's not a baby, that's a tumor"). Stefanie Wilder-Taylor combines practical tips with sidesplitting humor and refreshing honesty, assuring women that they can be good mothers and responsibly make their own choices. A witty and welcome antidote to trendy parenting texts and scarifying case studies, *Sippy Cups Are Not for Chardonnay* provides genuine support, encouragement, and indispensable common-sense advice.

In many ways, the church today has more consumers than committed participants. We see church merely as an event we attend or an organization we belong to, rather than as a calling that shapes our entire life. Many of us would be relieved if God had placed our sanctification in the

hands of trained professionals, but that simply is not the biblical model. God's plan is that through the faithful ministry of every part, the whole body will grow to maturity in Christ. All of his children are called into ministry, and each of them needs the daily intervention this ministry provides. God uses people, who need change themselves, as instruments of change in others. Tripp explains how his work follows an "all of my people, all of the time" model. If you followed the Lord for a thousand years, you would still need the ministry of the body of Christ as much as you did the day you first believed. This need will remain until our sanctification is complete in Glory

"You'll be hard-pressed to find a Hollywood memoir with this much blood and (broken) bone" (*Entertainment Weekly*) in this candid, thrilling autobiography from one of the most recognizable, influential, and beloved cinematic personalities in the world. Everyone knows Jackie Chan. Whether it's from *Rush Hour*, *Shanghai Noon*, *The Karate Kid*, or *Kung Fu Panda*, Jackie is admired by generations of movie-

goers for his acrobatic fighting style, comic timing, and mind-bending stunts. In 2016—after over fifty-five years in the industry, over 200 films, and many broken bones—he received an honorary Academy Award for his lifetime achievement in film. But Jackie is just getting started. Now, in *Never Grow Up*, the global superstar reflects on his early life, including his childhood years at the China Drama Academy (in which he was enrolled at the age of six), his big breaks (and setbacks) in Hong Kong and Hollywood, his numerous brushes with death (both on and off film sets), and his life as a husband and father (which has been, admittedly and regrettably, imperfect). In this "impossibly colorful memoir" (*USA TODAY*), Jackie applies the same spirit of openness to his "legendary life, with many fascinating stories waiting for you to discover" (*Jet Li*), proving time and time again why he's beloved the world over: he's honest, funny, kind, brave beyond reckoning and—after all this time—still young at heart.