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This book is part of a two-volume book series that exhaustively reviews the key recent research into nanoclay reinforced polymer composites. This second volume focuses on nanoclay based nanocomposites and bionanocomposites fabrication, characterization and applications. This includes classification of nanoclay, chemical modification and processing techniques of nanocomposites. The book also provides comprehensive information about nanoclay modification and functionalization; modification of nanoclay systems, geological and mineralogical research on clays suitability; bio-nanocomposites based on nanoclays; modelling of mechanical behaviour of halloysite based composites; mechanical and thermal properties of halloysite nanocomposites; the effect of Nanoclays on gas barrier properties of polymers and modified nanocomposites. This book is a valuable reference guide for academics and industrial practitioners alike.

The Reader's Companion to World Literature

A guide to what has been the #1 modified import car for the street during the last decade?the Honda engine. This book covers some performance theory basics, then launches into dyno-tested performance parts combinations for each B-series engine. Topics covered include: performance vs. economy; air intakes, manifolds and throttle bodies; tuning; turbocharging; supercharging; and nitrous oxide.

Vibration Life

This one-stop Mega Reference eBook brings together the essential professional reference content from leading international contributors in the automotive field. An expansion the Automotive Engineering print edition, this fully searchable electronic reference book of 2500 pages delivers content to meet all the main information needs of engineers working in vehicle design and development. Material ranges from basic to advanced topics from engines and transmissions to vehicle dynamics and modelling. * A fully searchable Mega Reference Ebook, providing all the essential material needed by Automotive Engineers on a day-to-day basis. * Fundamentals, key techniques, engineering best practice and rules-of-thumb together in one quick-reference. * Over 2,500 pages of reference material, including over 1,500 pages not included in the print edition

Subaru Impreza

An updated edition of the classic reference on the dynamics of road and off-road vehicles As we enter a new millennium, the vehicle industry faces greater challenges than ever before as it strives to meet the increasing demand for safer, environmentally friendlier, more energy efficient, and lower emissions products. Theory of Ground Vehicles, Third Edition gives aspiring and practicing engineers a

fundamental understanding of the critical factors affecting the performance, handling, and ride essential to the development and design of ground vehicles that meet these requirements. As in previous editions, this book focuses on applying engineering principles to the analysis of vehicle behavior. A large number of practical examples and problems are included throughout to help readers bridge the gap between theory and practice. Covering a wide range of topics concerning the dynamics of road and off-road vehicles, this Third Edition is filled with up-to-date information, including: * The Magic Formula for characterizing pneumatic tire behavior from test data for vehicle handling simulations * Computer-aided methods for performance and design evaluation of off-road vehicles, based on the author's own research * Updated data on road vehicle transmissions and operating fuel economy * Fundamentals of road vehicle stability control * Optimization of the performance of four-wheel-drive off-road vehicles and experimental substantiation, based on the author's own investigations * A new theory on skid-steering of tracked vehicles, developed by the author.

Jeep 4.0 Engines

The photos in this edition are black and white. Acclaimed automotive technical writer David Vizard examines the finer points of carburetors and intake manifolds, looking for the smallest of modifications and upgrades which often result in large performance gains. How to Build Horsepower: Volume 2 includes Carter, Holley,

Predator, Weber, Dellorto, and Mikuni carbs, dozens of factory and aftermarket manifolds, tunnel ram intakes, etc. Also covers carb calibration methods, analysis of different designs, mixture ration, test results of various carb and intake combinations.

Standard & Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives

When it comes to their personal transportation, today's youth have shunned the large, heavy performance cars of their parents' generation and instead embraced what has become known as the "sport compact"--smaller, lightweight, modern sports cars of predominantly Japanese manufacture. These cars respond well to performance modifications due to their light weight and technology-laden, high-revving engines. And by far, the most sought-after and modified cars are the Hondas and Acuras of the mid-'80s to the present. An extremely popular method of improving vehicle performance is a process known as engine swapping. Engine swapping consists of removing a more powerful engine from a better-equipped or more modern vehicle and installing it into your own. It is one of the most efficient and affordable methods of improving your vehicle's performance. This book covers in detail all the most popular performance swaps for Honda Civic, Accord, and Prelude as well as the Acura Integra. It includes vital information on electrics, fit,

and drivetrain compatibility, design considerations, step-by-step instruction, and costs. This book is must-have for the Honda enthusiast.

Classic Honda Motorcycles

Includes Geographical index.

Story Paper a Draw and Write Journal

Strategic Learning in a Knowledge Economy defines unique and powerful ways that organizations can foster learning at the individual, group and organizational levels, a capability critical to both strategic objectives and business performance. The book explains how individuals and organizations learn, clarifying cognitive and social aspects of the topic. Readers will understand how learning enables organizations and individuals to better create, assimilate, and transfer knowledge. Strategic Learning in a Knowledge Economy helps managers create individual and collective processes that maximize the quality of the knowledge created and learned and ensures this knowledge is effectively used. The book appropriately redefines the frequently narrow and technology-oriented view of learning and explains how an effective learning strategy ensures that a broad base of employees learn and implement vital organizational lessons. Strategic Learning in

a Knowledge Economy features focused discussions of organizational core competencies, learning and innovation, communities of practice, assessing organizational learning capabilities, and other important learning topics. This authoritative compendium helps readers master organizational issues crucial in today's knowledge economy by:

Brown

In *Comeback*, Pulitzer Prize-winners Paul Ingrassia and Joseph B. White take us to the boardrooms, the executive offices, and the shop floors of the auto business to reconstruct, in riveting detail, how America's premier industry stumbled, fell, and picked itself up again. The story begins in 1982, when Honda started building cars in Marysville, Ohio, and the entire U.S. car industry seemed to be on the brink of extinction. It ends just over a decade later, with a remarkable turn of the tables, as Japan's car industry falters and America's Big Three emerge as formidable global competitors. *Comeback* is a story propelled by larger-than-life characters -- Lee Iacocca, Henry Ford II, Don Petersen, Roger Smith, among many others -- and their greed, pride, and sheer refusal to face facts. But it is also a story full of dedicated, unlikely heroes who struggled to make the Big Three change before it was too late.

Honda Engine Swaps

Widely considered one of the best practical guides to programming, Steve McConnell's original *CODE COMPLETE* has been helping developers write better software for more than a decade. Now this classic book has been fully updated and revised with leading-edge practices—and hundreds of new code samples—illustrating the art and science of software construction. Capturing the body of knowledge available from research, academia, and everyday commercial practice, McConnell synthesizes the most effective techniques and must-know principles into clear, pragmatic guidance. No matter what your experience level, development environment, or project size, this book will inform and stimulate your thinking—and help you build the highest quality code. Discover the timeless techniques and strategies that help you: Design for minimum complexity and maximum creativity Reap the benefits of collaborative development Apply defensive programming techniques to reduce and flush out errors Exploit opportunities to refactor—or evolve—code, and do it safely Use construction practices that are right-weight for your project Debug problems quickly and effectively Resolve critical construction issues early and correctly Build quality into the beginning, middle, and end of your project

Theory of Ground Vehicles

The Closer: Young Readers Edition

An accessibly priced, revised edition of an extensively illustrated, officially licensed guide to the first six generations of Corvette models shares in-depth coverage of each prototype and experimental model as well as the anniversary and pace cars and specialty packages for street and competition driving. Original.

Automotive Fuel Economy

The first book of its kind, How to Rebuild the Honda B-Series Engines shows exactly how to rebuild the ever-popular Honda B-series engine. The book explains variations between the different B-series designations and elaborates upon the features that make this engine family such a tremendous and reliable design. Honda B-series engines are some of the most popular for enthusiasts to swap, and they came in many popular Honda and Acura models over the years, including the Civic, Integra, Accord, Prelude, CRX, del Sol, and even the CR-V. In this special Workbench book, author Jason Siu uses more than 600 photos, charts, and illustrations to give simple step-by-step instructions on disassembly, cleaning, machining tips, pre-assembly fitting, and final assembly. This book gives considerations for both stock and performance rebuilds. It also guides you through both the easy and tricky procedures, showing you how to rebuild your engine and

ensure it is working perfectly. Dealing with considerations for all B-series engines-foreign and domestic, VTEC and non-VTEC-the book also illustrates many of the wildly vast performance components, accessories, and upgrades available for B-series engines. As with all Workbench titles, this book details and highlights special components, tools, chemicals, and other accessories needed to get the job done right, the first time. Appendices are packed full of valuable reference information, and the book includes a Work-Along-Sheet to help you record vital statistics and measurements along the way. You'll even find tips that will help you save money without compromising top-notch results.

Automotive Mechatronics: Operational and Practical Issues

An alphabetical listing and description of authors, works, literary types and terms, mythological figures, and literary periods and movements from all over the world.

Xtreme Honda B-Series Engines HP1552

This volume presents realistic estimates for the level of fuel economy that is achievable in the next decade for cars and light trucks made in the United States and Canada. A source of objective and comprehensive information on the topic, this book takes into account real-world factors such as the financial conditions in

the automotive industry, costs and benefits to consumers, and marketability of high-efficiency vehicles. The committee is composed of experts from the fields of science, technology, finance, and regulation and offers practical evaluations of technological improvements that could contribute to increased fuel efficiency. The volume also examines potential barriers to improvement, such as high production costs, regulations on safety and emissions, and consumer preferences. This practical book is of considerable interest to car and light truck manufacturers, policymakers, federal and state agencies, and the public.

The Phantom of the Opera

Perceived as a replacement for the long running Leone, the Impreza quickly gained a great reputation through Subaru's successful WRC program. This book covers the full story of the Impreza, from concept through to the current production car, looking at the rally machines along the way, and illustrated throughout with contemporary material. Now with over 400 mainly color pictures and significant additional text, this is a fantastic warts and all account of an amazing car.

Popular Science

Written for the do-it-yourselfer, good enough for the pro. Includes everything you

wish to know about your vehicles heating and air conditioning. From simple adjustments, to complete tune-ups and troubleshooting.

101 Performance Projects for Your BMW 3 Series 1982-2000

In 'Vibration Life' a cute 18-year-old finds his heart breaking as he's kept at arm's length by best friend, Sungmoo.

The Complete Book of Corvette

Amidst rumors that the Paris opera house is haunted, Christine Daaé, a young Swedish girl, performs at a gala and attracts attention from both her childhood sweetheart, Raoul, and the Phantom, who is living underground. Suddenly, mysterious circumstances abound at the opera house: a stagehand is found dead, managers receive letters demanding that Christine sing the lead role, and a chandelier crashes down into the audience. When Christine reunites with Raoul, the phantom grows dangerously jealous. Will Christine stay on the stage or disappear into the opera house's dark cellars and grim secrets? Gaston Leroux's Gothic novel was first published in French in 1911. This is an unabridged version of the translation by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos, published the same year.

The Perfect Thing

As daring and defiant as Kirk Douglas journeying "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," there's no stopping diver Hawk Ridley as he takes the plunge into a briny world of untold riches and danger. The Caribbean is a fortune hunter's dream, salted with the gold of galleons long ago claimed by the deep. Now Hawk's headed for the Windward Passage of Haiti to stake his claim. But a rival team has also picked up the scent, and they're willing to turn the sea red with blood to get to the gold first. Fighting off ruthless competitors is nothing new to Hawk but fighting off a beautiful woman is a different story. Is she an innocent stowaway or a seductive saboteur? Between the cool millions lying on the bottom of the ocean, and the boiling - hot race to grab it, Hawk's about to find the answer and make a discovery "Twenty Fathoms Down" that will blow you out of the water. When it came to research, Hubbard was not one to head for the library. He always went to the source - in this case a U.S. navy deep - sea diver who agreed to show him the ropes and the danger. Hubbard admits it was daunting - even frightening - but he returned from the experience with all the first - hand knowledge he needed to fathom the true nature of life and death underwater. ""Primo pulp fiction."" - Booklist

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology

Rantoul and the former Chanute Air Force Base are inseparably intertwined as primary players in a single historical narrative. Rantoul was first founded as an agriculturally based community in 1848 near an area known as Mink Grove. The settlement boomed with the coming of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854; a railroad championed by the town's namesake, Robert Rantoul Jr. Disaster followed in 1899 and again in 1901 with devastating fires. Then, in 1917, a U.S. Army flying field was built on the outskirts of Rantoul. Named after the aviation pioneer Octave Chanute, Chanute Field, later Chanute Air Force Base, became a premier technical training facility. A mutually beneficial relationship quickly developed between these civilian and military establishments that would last for over 75 years. Chanute Air Force Base closed in 1993, ushering in yet another new era for the village of Rantoul.

How to Rebuild Honda B-Series Engines

Draws on real-life stories and figures, including Martin Luther King, Jr. and Steve Jobs, to examine the qualities a good leader requires in order to inspire and motivate people.

Behaviour of Lithium-Ion Batteries in Electric Vehicles

Automotive Engineering e-Mega Reference

This book surveys state-of-the-art research on and developments in lithium-ion batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles. It summarizes their features in terms of performance, cost, service life, management, charging facilities, and safety. Vehicle electrification is now commonly accepted as a means of reducing fossil-fuels consumption and air pollution. At present, every electric vehicle on the road is powered by a lithium-ion battery. Currently, batteries based on lithium-ion technology are ranked first in terms of performance, reliability and safety. Though other systems, e.g., metal-air, lithium-sulphur, solid state, and aluminium-ion, are now being investigated, the lithium-ion system is likely to dominate for at least the next decade – which is why several manufacturers, e.g., Toyota, Nissan and Tesla, are chiefly focusing on this technology. Providing comprehensive information on lithium-ion batteries, the book includes contributions by the world’s leading experts on Li-ion batteries and vehicles.

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Start with why

Comeback

Air conditioning in vintage cars often falls into disrepair, as owners figure that it never really worked all that well when it was new, and assume that rejuvenation would be prohibitively expensive. In his new book, *Just Needs a Recharge: The Hack Mechanic Guide to Vintage Air Conditioning*, Rob Siegel details exactly what's needed to resurrect long-dead air conditioning in a vintage car, or install a/c in a car that never had it. In a level of detail not found in any other automotive a/c book, Rob reveals what you need to know about flare and o-ring fittings, upgrading to a rotary-style compressor and a parallel-flow condenser, making or specifying custom hoses, and selecting refrigerant so that the a/c blows cold enough to be usable. Although the book draws from Rob's BMW experience (with specifics for the BMW 2002 and 3.0CS), and concentrates on vintage a/c systems (those that have flare fittings and originally contained R12), most of the information applies to any air conditioning system, foreign or domestic, vintage or modern. Written in Rob's entertaining Hack Mechanic narrative voice, and including 240 photographs and illustrations, the book covers theory, the choice of refrigerant (R12, R134a, other EPA-approved, non-EPA-approved), legality, tools for a/c work, fittings and sizes, the compressor, the evaporator assembly and expansion valve or orifice tube, the condenser and fan, the receiver/drier or accumulator, electrical connections and compressor cycling, connecting and using manifold gauges, the basic steps for a/c rejuvenation, from-scratch a/c retrofit, making and installing hoses, flushing the

system, pressure-testing and leak detection, evacuating and charging the system troubleshooting, and other things that heat up the cabin.

Rantoul and Chanute Air Force Base

The venerable Jeep 4.0-liter inline-six engine has powered millions of Jeeps, including CJs, YJs, Wranglers, Cherokees, and Wagoneers. The 4.0 delivers adequate horsepower from the factory, but many off-road drivers want more horsepower and torque to conquer challenging terrain, which means these engines are often built and modified. The Jeep 4.0, or 242-ci, is affordable, abundant, exceptionally durable, and many consider it one of the best 4x4 off-road engines. In this Workbench title, veteran author and Chrysler/Jeep engine expert Larry Shepard covers the rebuild of an entire engine in exceptional detail. He also delves into popular high-performance modifications and build-ups. Step-by-step photos and captions cover each crucial step of the engine disassembly. He shows the inspection of all critical parts, including block, heads, rotating assembly, intake, and exhaust. Critical machining processes are covered, such as decking the block, line boring, and overboring the block. The book provides exceptional detail during the step-by-step assembly so your engine is strong and reliable. Installing a larger-displacement rotating assembly or stroker package is one of the most cost-effective ways to increase performance, and the author covers a stroker package installation in detail. With millions of Jeep 4.0 engines in the marketplace (which

are subjected to extreme use), many of these engines require a rebuild. In addition, many owners want to extract more torque and horsepower from their 4.0 engines so these engine are also modified. Until now, there has not been a complete and authoritative guide that covers the engine rebuild and build-up process from beginning to end. Jeep 4.0 Engines is the essential guide for an at-home mechanic to perform a professional-caliber rebuild or a high-performance build-up.

Twenty Fathoms Down (Large Print 16pt)

Ever since their introduction in 1972, the S-Class saloons from Mercedes-Benz have been considered the pinnacle of automotive excellence. For most of that time, ownership of an S-Class - at least, of a reasonably recent one - has been symbolic of material success and of restrained yet impeccable good taste. Several other car makers have nibbled at the edges of the S-Class market, but none has produced a viable and lasting alternative to the big Benz. Mercedes-Benz S-Class 1972-2013 charts the evolution and success of the series, from the W116 model, the first to be designed from the ground up as a large luxury saloon, through to the C126 coupe, one of the all-time Mercedes-Benz classic designs. Topics covered include: development and production of the W126 saloons and classic W126 coupes; the W140 saloons in the 1990s; the 140 coupes, the W220 models and the elegant 215 coupes; the W221 models, introduced at the Frankfurt International Motor Show in

2005; the C216 coupes and the future of Mercedes-Benz S-Class. Superbly illustrated with 288 colour photographs.

Just Needs a Recharge

This Story Paper Book is ideal for young children (approximately Kindergarten - third grade) who are learning how to write and properly proportion letters. It is also useful for older children who have delays with handwriting or have dysgraphia. Each story paper has a measured space at the top for a title, then a picture box for the child to draw an illustration and then five lines for the child to write their story. Each measured space consists of two lines (top and bottom) .65" apart and a dotted line in the center to guide the child as they write. Details: Size of the book: 8.5 x 11 inches No of pages: 150 Cover: Premium Glossy Finish

How to Build Horsepower, Volume 2

By the author of the Canada Reads finalist and bestselling *Intolerable* comes a stunning new book about the meaning of being brown. Finalist for the 2016 Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction. Brown is not white. Brown is not black. Brown is an experience, a state of mind. Historically speaking, issues of race and skin colour have been interpreted along black and white lines, leaving out millions

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of people whose stories of migration and racial experiences have shaped our modern world. In this new book by Kamal Al-Solaylee, whose bestselling *Intolerable* was a finalist for Canada Reads and for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Nonfiction Prize and won the Toronto Book Award, fills in the narrative gap by taking a global look at the many social, political, economic and personal implications of being a brown-skinned person in the world now. Brown people have emerged as the source of global cheap labour (Hispanics or South Asians) while also coming under scrutiny and suspicion for their culture and faith (Arabs and Muslims). To be brown is to be on the cusp of whiteness and on the edge of blackness. *Brown* is packed with storytelling and on-the-street reporting conducted over two years in 10 countries from four continents that reveals a multitude of lives and stories from destinations as far apart as the United Arab Emirates, Philippines, Britain, Trinidad, France, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Qatar, the United States, and Canada. It contains striking research about immigration, workers' lives and conditions, and the pursuit of a lighter shade of brown as a global status symbol. It is also a personal book, as the author studies the significance of brown skin for those whose countries of origin include North Africa and the Middle East, Mexico and Central America, and South and East Asia, he also reflects on his own identity and experiences as a brown-skinned person (in his case from Yemen) who has grown up with images of whiteness as the only indicators of beauty and desire.

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Mercedes-Benz S-Class 1972-2013

This book presents operational and practical issues of automotive mechatronics with special emphasis on the heterogeneous automotive vehicle systems approach, and is intended as a graduate text as well as a reference for scientists and engineers involved in the design of automotive mechatronic control systems. As the complexity of automotive vehicles increases, so does the dearth of high competence, multi-disciplined automotive scientists and engineers. This book provides a discussion into the type of mechatronic control systems found in modern vehicles and the skills required by automotive scientists and engineers working in this environment. Divided into two volumes and five parts, Automotive Mechatronics aims at improving automotive mechatronics education and emphasises the training of students' experimental hands-on abilities, stimulating and promoting experience among high education institutes and produce more automotive mechatronics and automation engineers. The main subject that are treated are: VOLUME I: RBW or XBW unibody or chassis-motion mechatronic

control hypersystems; DBW AWD propulsion mechatronic control systems; BBW AWB dispulsion mechatronic control systems; VOLUME II: SBW AWS diversion mechatronic control systems; ABW AWA suspension mechatronic control systems. This volume was developed for undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as for professionals involved in all disciplines related to the design or research and development of automotive vehicle dynamics, powertrains, brakes, steering, and shock absorbers (dampers). Basic knowledge of college mathematics, college physics, and knowledge of the functionality of automotive vehicle basic propulsion, dispulsion, conversion and suspension systems is required.

U.S. Business Directory

Code Complete

Mariano Rivera never dreamed of becoming a professional athlete. He didn't grow up collecting baseball cards, playing Little League, or cheering on his home team at the World Series. He had never heard of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, or Mickey Mantle. One day, that all changed. From a childhood playing pickup games in Panama to an epic career with the New York Yankees, Mariano's rise to greatness has been anything but ordinary. He's the guy on the mound who doesn't

hear the crowd, just the sound of the ump calling, Strike! The teammate you can rely on, even when the bases are loaded in the bottom of the ninth. Whether you know him as Mo or as the Sandman, Mariano is The Closer, and this is his story. Full of tips for young athletes and tales from the Yankee clubhouse, The Closer: Young Readers Edition is an inspiring story of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication that have defined the life of a baseball legend.

CIS Federal Register Index

Nanoclay Reinforced Polymer Composites

Since its introduction in 1975, the BMW 3-series has earned a reputation as one of the world's greatest sports sedans. Unfortunately, it has also proven one of the more expensive to service and maintain. This book is dedicated to the legion of BMW 3-series owners who adore their cars and enjoy restoring, modifying, and maintaining them to perfection; its format allows more of these enthusiasts to get out into the garage and work on their BMWs-and in the process, to save a fortune. Created with the weekend mechanic in mind, this extensively illustrated manual offers 101 projects that will help you modify, maintain, and enhance your BMW 3-series sports sedan. Focusing on the 1984-1999 E30 and E36 models, 101

Performance Projects for Your BMW 3-Series presents all the necessary information, covers all the pitfalls, and assesses all the costs associated with performing an expansive array of weekend projects.

The Ethanol Papers

On October 23, 2001, Apple Computer, a company known for its chic, cutting-edge technology -- if not necessarily for its dominant market share -- launched a product with an enticing promise: You can carry an entire music collection in your pocket. It was called the iPod. What happened next exceeded the company's wildest dreams. Over 50 million people have inserted the device's distinctive white buds into their ears, and the iPod has become a global obsession. The Perfect Thing is the definitive account, from design and marketing to startling impact, of Apple's iPod, the signature device of our young century. Besides being one of the most successful consumer products in decades, the iPod has changed our behavior and even our society. It has transformed Apple from a computer company into a consumer electronics giant. It has remolded the music business, altering not only the means of distribution but even the ways in which people enjoy and think about music. Its ubiquity and its universally acknowledged coolness have made it a symbol for the digital age itself, with commentators remarking on "the iPod generation." Now the iPod is beginning to transform the broadcast industry, too, as podcasting becomes a way to access radio and television programming. Meanwhile

millions of Podheads obsess about their gizmo, reveling in the personal soundtrack it offers them, basking in the social cachet it lends them, even wondering whether the device itself has its own musical preferences. Steven Levy, the chief technology correspondent for Newsweek magazine and a longtime Apple watcher, is the ideal writer to tell the iPod's tale. He has had access to all the key players in the iPod story, including Steve Jobs, Apple's charismatic cofounder and CEO, whom Levy has known for over twenty years. Detailing for the first time the complete story of the creation of the iPod, Levy explains why Apple succeeded brilliantly with its version of the MP3 player when other companies didn't get it right, and how Jobs was able to convince the bosses at the big record labels to license their music for Apple's groundbreaking iTunes Store. (We even learn why the iPod is white.) Besides his inside view of Apple, Levy draws on his experiences covering Napster and attending Supreme Court arguments on copyright (as well as his own travels on the iPod's click wheel) to address all of the fascinating issues -- technical, legal, social, and musical -- that the iPod raises. Borrowing one of the definitive qualities of the iPod itself, *The Perfect Thing* shuffles the book format. Each chapter of this book was written to stand on its own, a deeply researched, wittily observed take on a different aspect of the iPod. The sequence of the chapters in the book has been shuffled in different copies, with only the opening and concluding sections excepted. "Shuffle" is a hallmark of the digital age -- and *The Perfect Thing*, via sharp, insightful reporting, is the perfect guide to the deceptively diminutive gadget embodying our era.

The Aircraft Apprentice

Classic Honda Motorcycles presents an overview of Honda motorcycles produced from 1958 through 1990, including iconic models such as the CB77 Super Hawk, CB92 Benly, Dream, CB750 and many others. Enthusiasts will find a bounty of useful and interesting information about which bikes are likely to suit an individual rider's needs, which models are most collectible and how to find parts for rare Honda motorcycles.

Strategic Learning in a Knowledge Economy

In this brash and audacious debunking of the myths and manipulation that brought the world to oil addiction, alt fuel expert Marc J. Rauch brilliantly lays out how ethanol can change the planet for the better--and along the way helps us navigate the noise of petroleum advocates. The Ethanol Papers is a rough-and-tumble, no holds-barred crystallization of the ethanol vs. gasoline conflict. Written in plain jargon, non-scientists, non-academics, and politicians alike will find it compelling. Yet this is no "Idiots Guide to Biofuels" or "Alt Fuels for Dummies." Rather, The Ethanol Papers is the most in-depth and complete explanation of the ethanol-oil problem now available, targeted for smart people who demand facts.

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