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Statistics Plain and Simple *Cengage Learning* Sherri Jackson's straightforward, conversational introduction to statistics presents just what its title promises -- a plain and simple overview of statistics that is clear, concise, and sparing in its use of jargon. Ideal for behavioral sciences majors, **STATISTICS PLAIN AND SIMPLE, Fourth Edition**, is designed to build students' confidence in understanding, calculating, and interpreting statistics. It instills a strong awareness of the interaction between statistical methods and research methods. It also helps students develop a solid working knowledge of basic statistical cautions in research design, a strong understanding of the concept of significance, and the critical thinking skills necessary to apply these ideas. A modular format presents the material in brief segments that make concepts manageable. Jackson shows why each statistical technique is necessary before explaining it, and skillfully uses narrative to connect one module to the next. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. **Business Law The Ethical, Global, and E-commerce Environment** *McGraw-Hill Companies* Los Angeles Magazine Los Angeles magazine is a regional magazine of national stature. Our combination of award-winning feature writing, investigative reporting, service journalism, and design covers the people, lifestyle, culture, entertainment, fashion, art and architecture, and news that define Southern California. Started in the spring of 1961, Los Angeles magazine has been addressing the needs and interests of our region for 48 years. The magazine continues to be the definitive resource for an affluent population that is intensely interested in a lifestyle that is uniquely Southern Californian. **The Dare Warning: This erotica contains scenes and elements that may be disturbing to some readers. Please review the full content warning below.** Jessica Martin is not a nice girl. As Prom Queen and Captain of the cheer squad, she'd ruled her school mercilessly, looking down her nose at everyone she deemed unworthy. The most unworthy of them all? The "freak," Manson Reed: her favorite victim. But a lot changes after high school. A freak like him never should have ended up at the same Halloween party as her. He never should have been able to beat her at a game of Drink or Dare. He never should have been able to humiliate her in front of everyone. Losing the game means taking the dare: a dare to serve Manson for the entire night as his slave. It's a dare that Jessica's pride - and curiosity - won't allow her to refuse. What ensues is a dark game of pleasure and pain, fear and desire. Is it only a game? Only revenge? Only a dare? Or is it something more? This book contains intense fantasy scenes of hard kinks/edgeplay, graphic sex, and harsh language. It is intended only for an adult audience. Beware: this is a dark, weird, kinky read. The activities depicted therein are dangerous and are not meant to be an example of realistic BDSM. Reader discretion is advised. **Kinks/Fetishes within: erotic humiliation, fearplay, painplay, knifeplay, consensual non-consent (CNC), orgasm denial, boot worship, spanking, crying, blowjobs, clowns, group sexual activities, spit, bondage, public play, bloodplay.** **Adaptation and Natural Selection A Critique of Some Current Evolutionary Thought** *Princeton University Press* Biological evolution is a fact—but the many conflicting theories of evolution remain controversial even today. When **Adaptation and Natural Selection** was first published in 1966, it struck a powerful blow against those who argued for the concept of group selection—the idea that evolution acts to select entire species rather than individuals. Williams's famous work in favor of simple Darwinism over group selection has become a classic of science literature, valued for its thorough and convincing argument and its relevance to many fields outside of biology. Now with a new foreword by Richard Dawkins, **Adaptation and Natural Selection** is an essential text for understanding the nature of scientific debate. **Redirecting Innovation in U.S. Health Care Options to Decrease Spending and Increase Value** *Rand Corporation* This report identifies promising policy options to spur the creation of new medical technologies that will reduce total U.S. health care spending or will provide health benefits that justify any increase in spending. **Homeland** *Tor Teen* In Cory Doctorow's wildly successful **Little Brother**, young Marcus Yallow was arbitrarily detained and brutalized by the government in the wake of a terrorist attack on San Francisco—an experience that led him to become a leader of the whole movement of technologically clued-in teenagers, fighting back against the tyrannical security state. A few years later, California's economy collapses, but Marcus's hacktivist past lands him a job as webmaster for a crusading politician who promises reform. Soon his former nemesis Masha emerges from the political underground to gift him with a thumbdrive containing a Wikileaks-style cable-dump of hard evidence of corporate and governmental perfidy. It's incendiary stuff—and if Masha goes missing, Marcus is supposed to release it to the world. Then Marcus sees Masha being kidnapped by the same government agents who detained and tortured Marcus years earlier. Marcus can leak the archive Masha gave him—but he can't admit to being the leaker, because that will cost his

employer the election. He's surrounded by friends who remember what he did a few years ago and regard him as a hacker hero. He can't even attend a demonstration without being dragged onstage and handed a mike. He's not at all sure that just dumping the archive onto the Internet, before he's gone through its millions of words, is the right thing to do. Meanwhile, people are beginning to shadow him, people who look like they're used to inflicting pain until they get the answers they want. Fast-moving, passionate, and as current as next week, *Homeland* is every bit the equal of *Little Brother*—a paean to activism, to courage, to the drive to make the world a better place. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Business Law in Canada *Prentice Hall* Appropriate for one-semester courses in Administrative Law at both college and university levels. Legal concepts and Canadian business applications are introduced in a concise, one-semester format. The text is structured so that five chapters on contracts form the nucleus of the course, and the balance provides stand-alone sections that the instructor may choose to cover in any order. We've made the design more reader-friendly, using a visually-appealing four-colour format and enlivening the solid text with case snippets and extracts. The result is a book that maintains the strong legal content of previous editions while introducing more real-life examples of business law in practice.

Essentials of Metaheuristics (Second Edition) Interested in the Genetic Algorithm? Simulated Annealing? Ant Colony Optimization? *Essentials of Metaheuristics* covers these and other metaheuristics algorithms, and is intended for undergraduate students, programmers, and non-experts. The book covers a wide range of algorithms, representations, selection and modification operators, and related topics, and includes 71 figures and 135 algorithms great and small. Algorithms include: Gradient Ascent techniques, Hill-Climbing variants, Simulated Annealing, Tabu Search variants, Iterated Local Search, Evolution Strategies, the Genetic Algorithm, the Steady-State Genetic Algorithm, Differential Evolution, Particle Swarm Optimization, Genetic Programming variants, One- and Two-Population Competitive Coevolution, N-Population Cooperative Coevolution, Implicit Fitness Sharing, Deterministic Crowding, NSGA-II, SPEA2, GRASP, Ant Colony Optimization variants, Guided Local Search, LEM, PBIL, UMDA, cGA, BOA, SAMUEL, ZCS, XCS, and XCSF.

Learning and Behavior *Cengage Learning* **LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR**, Seventh Edition, is stimulating and filled with high-interest queries and examples. Based on the theme that learning is a biological mechanism that aids survival, this book embraces a scientific approach to behavior but is written in clear, engaging, and easy-to-understand language. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections <http://gocengage.com/infotrac>. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Design and Engineering of Curiosity How the Mars Rover Performs Its Job *Springer* This book describes the most complex machine ever sent to another planet: Curiosity. It is a one-ton robot with two brains, seventeen cameras, six wheels, nuclear power, and a laser beam on its head. No one human understands how all of its systems and instruments work. This essential reference to the Curiosity mission explains the engineering behind every system on the rover, from its rocket-powered jetpack to its radioisotope thermoelectric generator to its fiendishly complex sample handling system. Its lavishly illustrated text explains how all the instruments work -- its cameras, spectrometers, sample-cooking oven, and weather station -- and describes the instruments' abilities and limitations. It tells you how the systems have functioned on Mars, and how scientists and engineers have worked around problems developed on a faraway planet: holey wheels and broken focus lasers. And it explains the grueling mission operations schedule that keeps the rover working day in and day out.

New Scientist Digital Rubbish A Natural History of Electronics *University of Michigan Press* "This is a study of the material life of information and its devices; of electronic waste in its physical and electronic incarnations; a cultural and material mapping of the spaces where electronics in the form of both hardware and information accumulate, break down, or are stowed away. Electronic waste occurs not just in the form of discarded computers but also as a scatter of information devices, software, and systems that are rendered obsolete and fail. Where other studies have addressed "digital" technology through a focus on its immateriality or virtual qualities, Gabrys traces the material, spatial, cultural, and political infrastructures that enable the emergence and dissolution of these technologies. In the course of her book, she explores five interrelated "spaces" where electronics fall apart: from Silicon Valley to Nasdaq, from containers bound for China to museums and archives that preserve obsolete electronics as cultural artifacts, to the landfill as material repository. All together, these sites stack up into a sedimentary record that forms the "natural history" of this study. *Digital Rubbish: A Natural History of Electronics* describes the materiality of electronics from a unique perspective, examining the multiple forms of waste that electronics create as evidence of the resources, labor, and imaginaries that are bundled into these machines. By drawing on the material analysis developed by Walter Benjamin, this natural history method allows for an inquiry into electronics that focuses neither on technological progression nor on great inventors but rather considers the ways in which electronic technologies fail and decay. Ranging across studies of media and technology, as well as environments, geography, and design, Jennifer Gabrys pulls together the far-reaching material and cultural processes that enable the making and breaking of these technologies"--Publisher's description.

Wandering Significance An Essay on Conceptual Behavior *Oxford University Press* Mark Wilson presents a highly original and broad-ranging investigation of the way we get to grips with the world conceptually, and the way that philosophical problems commonly arise from this. Words such as color, shape, solidity exemplify the commonplace conceptual tools we employ to describe and order the world around us. But the world's goods are complex in their behaviors and we often overlook the subtle adjustments that our evaluative terms undergo as their usage becomes gradually adapted to different forms of supportive circumstance. Wilson not only explains how these surprising strategies of hidden management operate, but also tells the astonishing story of how faulty schemes and great metaphysical systems sometimes spring from a simple failure to recognize the innocent wanderings to which our descriptive words are heir. Wilson combines traditional philosophical concerns about human conceptual thinking with illuminating data derived from a large variety of fields including physics and applied

mathematics, cognitive psychology, and linguistics. *Wandering Significance* offers abundant new insights and perspectives for philosophers of language, mind, and science, and will also reward the interest of psychologists, linguists, and anyone curious about the mysterious ways in which useful language obtains its practical applicability. *Agent, Person, Subject, Self A Theory of Ontology, Interaction, and Infrastructure* *Oxford University Press* This book offers both a naturalistic and critical theory of signs, minds, and meaning-in-the-world. It provides a reconstructive rather than deconstructive theory of the individual, one which both analytically separates and theoretically synthesizes a range of faculties that are often confused and conflated: agency (understood as a causal capacity), subjectivity (understood as a representational capacity), selfhood (understood as a reflexive capacity), and personhood (understood as a sociopolitical capacity attendant on being an agent, subject, or self). It argues that these faculties are best understood from a semiotic stance that supersedes the usual intentional stance. And, in so doing, it offers a pragmatism-grounded approach to meaning and mediation that is general enough to account for processes that are as embodied and embedded as they are articulated and enminded. In particular, while this theory is focused on human-specific modes of meaning, it also offers a general theory of meaning, such that the agents, subjects and selves in question need not always, or even usually, map onto persons. And while this theory foregrounds agents, persons, subjects and selves, it does this by theorizing processes that often remain in the background of such (often erroneously) individuated figures: ontologies (akin to culture, but generalized across agentive collectivities), interaction (not only between people, but also between people and things, and anything outside or in-between), and infrastructure (akin to context, but generalized to include mediation at any degree of remove). *The Galapagos Islands* *Penguin Group USA* *Whale Talk* *Harper Collins* "A truly exceptional book."—*Washington Post* There's bad news and good news about the Cutter High School swim team. The bad news is that they don't have a pool. The good news is that only one of them can swim anyway. Bestselling author Chris Crutcher's controversial and acclaimed novel follows a group of outcasts as they take on inequality and injustice in their high school. "Crutcher's superior gifts as a storyteller and his background as a working therapist combine to make magic in *Whale Talk*. The thread of truth in his fiction reminds us that heroes can come in any shape, color, ability or size, and friendship can bridge nearly any divide."—*Washington Post* T.J. Jones hates the blatant preferential treatment jocks receive at his high school, and the reverence paid to the varsity lettermen. When he sees a member of the wrestling team threatening an underclassman, T.J. decides he's had enough. He recruits some of the biggest misfits at Cutter High to form a swim team. They may not have very much talent, but the All-Night Mermen prove to be way more than T.J. anticipated. As the unlikely athletes move closer to their goal, these new friends might learn that the journey is worth more than the reward. For fans of Andrew Smith and Marieke Nijkamp. "Crutcher offers an unusual yet resonant mixture of black comedy and tragedy that lays bare the superficiality of the high-school scene. The book's shocking climax will force readers to re-examine their own values and may cause them to alter their perception of individuals pegged as 'losers.'"—*Publishers Weekly* An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults *New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age* Features a new afterword by Chris Crutcher *Beginning the Assistant Principalsip A Practical Guide for New School Administrators* *Corwin Press* Establish your goals as an assistant principal! *Beginning the Assistant Principalsip* provides excellent tools to navigate your way as a new administrator. Full of ideas, this valuable resource helps you ask yourself the important questions, find answers, and develop strong plans of action. Some significant topics to help you in your new job include: Building a platform Developing leadership skills Carrying out management skills Maintaining balance and perspective Knowing your job Using effective disagreement to your advantage Building your profile as a leader Listening, listening, then listening some more *The East India Company, 1600-1858 A Short History with Documents* *Hackett Publishing* In existence for 258 years, the English East India Company ran a complex, highly integrated global trading network. It supplied the tea for the Boston Tea Party, the cotton textiles used to purchase slaves in Africa, and the opium for China's nineteenth-century addiction. In India it expanded from a few small coastal settlements to govern territories that far exceeded the British Isles in extent and population. It minted coins in its name, established law courts and prisons, and prosecuted wars with one of the world's largest armies. Over time, the Company developed a pronounced and aggressive colonialism that laid the foundation for Britain's Eastern empire. A study of the Company, therefore, is a study of the rise of the modern world. In clear, engaging prose, Ian Barrow sets the rise and fall of the Company into political, economic, and cultural contexts and explains how and why the Company was transformed from a maritime trading entity into a territorial colonial state. Excerpts from eighteen primary documents illustrate the main themes and ideas discussed in the text. Maps, illustrations, a glossary, and a chronology are also included. *Freud on Madison Avenue Motivation Research and Subliminal Advertising in America* *University of Pennsylvania Press* *Freud on Madison Avenue* tells the story of how and why mid-twentieth-century advertisers adopted Freudian psychology to sell products. This study follows the careers of Paul Lazarsfeld, Herta Herzog, James Vicary, Alfred Politz, Pierre Martineau, Edward Bernays, and the father of motivational research, Ernest Dichter. *Dictionary of the British English Spelling System* *Open Book Publishers* This book will tell all you need to know about British English spelling. It's a reference work intended for anyone interested in the English language, especially those who teach it, whatever the age or mother tongue of their students. It will be particularly useful to those wishing to produce well-designed materials for teaching initial literacy via phonics, for teaching English as a foreign or second language, and for teacher training. English spelling is notoriously complicated and difficult to learn; it is correctly described as much less regular and predictable than any other alphabetic orthography. However, there is more regularity in the English spelling system than is generally appreciated. This book provides, for the first time, a thorough account of the whole complex system. It does so by describing how phonemes relate to graphemes and vice versa. It enables searches for particular words, so that one can easily find, not the meanings or pronunciations of words, but the other words with which those

with unusual phoneme-grapheme/grapheme-phoneme correspondences keep company. Other unique features of this book include teacher-friendly lists of correspondences and various regularities not described by previous authorities, for example the strong tendency for the letter-name vowel phonemes (the names of the letters) to be spelt with those single letters in non-final syllables. **Natural Healing Wisdom & Know How Useful Practices, Recipes, and Formulas for a Lifetime of Health** *Black Dog & Leventhal* **Natural Healing Wisdom & Know-How** gathers useful and fascinating information on every practice of natural health and healing in one handy volume. This new edition, with a smaller trim, includes all the must-have information from the original edition including chapters on herbal healing, naturopathy, homeopathy, Eastern medicine, energy healing, mind-body healing, and healing with foods. Information within these chapters includes various methods and techniques for managing and curing hundreds of ailments, as well as for maintaining a healthy constitution year-round. The content is culled from dozens of the most respected books and authors on the topics of natural and alternative health and healing. A special index of ailments and symptoms appears at the front of the book to guide readers to useful methods and techniques for managing specific issues and problems. Included are hundreds of black-and-white illustrations and photographs as well as lists, tables, resources, and step-by-step instructions. **Future Wise Educating Our Children for a Changing World** *John Wiley & Sons* **How to teach big understandings and the ideas that matter most** Everyone has an opinion about education, and teachers face pressures from Common Core content standards, high-stakes testing, and countless other directions. But how do we know what today's learners will really need to know in the future? **Future Wise: Educating Our Children for a Changing World** is a toolkit for approaching that question with new insight. There is no one answer to the question of what's worth teaching, but with the tools in this book, you'll be one step closer to constructing a curriculum that prepares students for whatever situations they might face in the future. K-12 teachers and administrators play a crucial role in building a thriving society. David Perkins, founding member and co-director of Project Zero at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, argues that curriculum is one of the most important elements of making students ready for the world of tomorrow. In **Future Wise**, you'll learn concepts, curriculum criteria, and techniques for prioritizing content so you can guide students toward the big understandings that matter. **Understand how learners use knowledge in life after graduation** **Learn strategies for teaching critical thinking and addressing big questions** **Identify top priorities when it comes to disciplines and content areas** **Gain curriculum design skills that make the most of learning across the years of education** **Future Wise** presents a brand new framework for thinking about education. Curriculum can be one of the hardest things for teachers and administrators to change, but David Perkins shows that only by reimagining what we teach can we lead students down the road to functional knowledge. **Future Wise** is the practical guidebook you need to embark on this important quest. **Who Asked the First Question** **The Origins of Human Choral Singing, Intelligence, Language and Speech** **Psychiatric Nursing Contemporary Practice** *Lippincott Williams & Wilkins* **The AJN Book of the Year** award-winning textbook, **Psychiatric Nursing: Contemporary Practice**, is now in its thoroughly revised, updated **Fourth Edition**. Based on the biopsychosocial model of psychiatric nursing, this text provides thorough coverage of mental health promotion, assessment, and interventions in adults, families, children, adolescents, and older adults. Features include psychoeducation checklists, therapeutic dialogues, NCLEX® notes, vignettes of famous people with mental disorders, and illustrations showing the interrelationship of the biologic, psychologic, and social domains of mental health and illness. This edition reintroduces the important chapter on sleep disorders and includes a new chapter on forensic psychiatry. A bound-in CD-ROM and companion Website offer numerous student and instructor resources, including Clinical Simulations and questions about movies involving mental disorders. **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** **Moving into a mysterious old house, Miranda finds that she can see the horrifying things that happened there in the past; but can she do anything now to change history?** **Life in the Iron-Mills; Or, The Korl Woman** *Good Press* "Life in the Iron-Mills; Or, The Korl Woman" by Rebecca Harding Davis. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format. **Imagining Urban Futures** **Cities in Science Fiction and What We Might Learn from Them** *Wesleyan University Press* Carl Abbott, who has taught urban studies and urban planning in five decades, brings together urban studies and literary studies to examine how fictional cities in work by authors as different as E. M. Forster, Isaac Asimov, Kim Stanley Robinson, and China Miéville might help us to envision an urban future that is viable and resilient. **Imagining Urban Futures** is a remarkable treatise on what is best and strongest in urban theory and practice today, as refracted and intensely imagined in science fiction. As the human population grows, we can envision an increasingly urban society. Shifting weather patterns, rising sea levels, reduced access to resources, and a host of other issues will radically impact urban environments, while technology holds out the dream of cities beyond Earth. Abbott delivers a compelling critical discussion of science fiction cities found in literary works, television programs, and films of many eras from **Metropolis** to **Blade Runner** and **Soylent Green** to **The Hunger Games**, among many others. **New Media A Critical Introduction** *Taylor & Francis* **A God Who Hates The Courageous Woman Who Inflamed the Muslim World Speaks Out Against the Evils of Islam** *St. Martin's Press* From the front page of **The New York Times** to **YouTube**, Dr. Wafa Sultan has become a force radical Islam has to reckon with. For the first time, she tells her story and what she learned, first-hand, about radical Islam in **A God Who Hates**, a passionate memoir by an outspoken Arabic woman that is also a cautionary tale for the West. She grew up in Syria in a culture ruled by a god who hates women. "How can such a culture be anything but barbarous?", Sultan asks. "It can't", she concludes "because any culture that hates its women can't love anything else." She believes that the god who hates is waging a battle between modernity and barbarism, not a

battle between religions. She also knows that it's a battle radical Islam will lose. Condemned by some and praised by others for speaking out, Sultan wants everyone to understand the danger posed by A God Who Hates. **Nurses Making Policy From Bedside to Boardroom** *Springer Publishing Company* "There is a plethora of policy books on the market, but none illustrate the steps in the policy process better than this one. The high caliber editors and contributors, all of whom have been involved in policy work, bring years of experience to illustrate the key points... This publication is timely as the shift in healthcare requires input from all health professionals, but especially nurses who are at the frontline of healthcare change and delivery. This outstanding resource will help motivate many more nurses to get involved in the policy process... Weighted Numerical Score: 93 - 4 Stars!"--Doody's Medical Reviews Written by those in the know-exceptional nurse leaders in practice, education, and politics-this is a practical, "how-to" book written to help advanced students and nurse leaders develop health policy skills to advocate for patients from the bedside to the larger political arena. Co-published with the American Nurses Association (ANA), the book examines the pivotal role of nurses' involvement in health policy and describes the requisite steps for facilitating policy change-from understanding the political system through activating a plan and beyond. It features the voices of a wide variety of nurse leaders who discuss policy work both locally and nationally through descriptive case histories. The book discusses those qualities and skill sets that are needed for advocacy at the bedside and other arenas where health policy is determined. It examines the political system and opportunities for nurse involvement, and clarifies the process of identifying issues that need a policy solution. Because citing research is an integral component of health policy solutions, the book describes how research can be used to strengthen policy initiatives. The book guides the reader step by step through the process of creating a work plan and describes the resources needed to accomplish policy change. Activating an action plan and strategies for working with the media are covered, along with the process of taking a leadership role, evaluating outcomes, using policy to eliminate health inequities, and maintaining and expanding momentum. Woven throughout the book are the major themes of ethics, leadership, safety, and the quest for quality of care. The text provides information and perspectives relevant to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) doctor of nursing practice (DNP) Essentials, and includes multimedia electronic links to resources (podcasts, online articles, social network resources, and key political websites) that promote policy research and leadership development. **KEY FEATURES:** Delineates the steps to becoming a policy advocate in organizational, educational, and political settings Written by noted nurse leaders who describe policy work locally and nationally Presents competencies for nursing policy work derived from the AACN DNP Essentials Focuses throughout on themes of ethics, leadership, quality, and safety Facilitates web use for policy research and development Ancillary materials from the editors are available

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