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Consumer Culture and Society offers an introduction to the study of consumerism and consumption from a sociological perspective. Author Wendy Wiedenholt Murphy examines what we buy, how and where we consume, the meanings attached to the things we purchase, and the social forces that enable and constrain consumer behavior. Opening chapters provide a theoretical overview and history of consumer society and featured case studies look at mass consumption in familiar contexts, such as tourism, food, and higher education. The book explores ethical and political concerns, including consumer activism, indebtedness, alternative forms of consumption, and dilemmas surrounding the globalization of consumer culture. The landmark book about the toxicity of everyday life, updated, revised and re-issued for its 10th anniversary, along with the experiments from Smith and Lourie's second book, Toxin Toxout. It's amazing how little can change in a decade. In 2009, a book transformed the way we see our frying pans, thermometers and tuna sandwiches. Daily life was bathing us in countless toxins that accumulated in our tissues, were passed on to our children and damaged our health. To expose the extent of this toxification, environmentalists Rick Smith and Bruce Lourie offered themselves to science and undertook a series of over a dozen experiments to briefly raise their personal levels of mercury, BPA, Teflon and other pollutants. The ease with which ordinary activities caused dangerous levels to build in their bodies was a wake-up call, and readers all over the world responded. But did government regulators and corporations? Ten years later, there is good news. But not much. Concise, shocking, practical and hopeful, this new combined edition of one of the most important books ever published about green

living will put the nasty stuff back where it belongs: on the national agenda and out of our bodies.

The loss of hearing - be it gradual or acute, mild or severe, present since birth or acquired in older age - can have significant effects on one's communication abilities, quality of life, social participation, and health. Despite this, many people with hearing loss do not seek or receive hearing health care. The reasons are numerous, complex, and often interconnected. For some, hearing health care is not affordable. For others, the appropriate services are difficult to access, or individuals do not know how or where to access them. Others may not want to deal with the stigma that they and society may associate with needing hearing health care and obtaining that care. Still others do not recognize they need hearing health care, as hearing loss is an invisible health condition that often worsens gradually over time. In the United States, an estimated 30 million individuals (12.7 percent of Americans ages 12 years or older) have hearing loss. Globally, hearing loss has been identified as the fifth leading cause of years lived with disability. Successful hearing health care enables individuals with hearing loss to have the freedom to communicate in their environments in ways that are culturally appropriate and that preserve their dignity and function. Hearing Health Care for Adults focuses on improving the accessibility and affordability of hearing health care for adults of all ages. This study examines the hearing health care system, with a focus on non-surgical technologies and services, and offers recommendations for improving access to, the affordability of, and the quality of hearing health care for adults of all ages.

Many people know one or two things they can do to save money, like cutting back on vacations and meals out, but beyond that, they're stumped. When they look at their current lifestyle, they

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have no idea where they can trim the fat without sacrificing their quality of life. That's exactly what this guide will do. It will help you identify small, painless changes you can make to your daily habits that can add up to big savings--while bringing you closer as a family. By grouping these money-saving tips into a room of the house or errand on a to-do list, you can immediately put your suddenly frugal plan into action--and instantly begin saving money. By pinpointing the dollar amount associated with each cost-saving step, financial whiz and mom Leah Ingram will inspire you to embrace--and enjoy--your new frugality.

Contents: (Part 1) Be a Savvy Consumer: Buyer Beware; Cars; Banking; Credit; Loans; Financing Your Educ.; Employ.; Food and Nutrition; Health Care; Housing; Insur.; Internet; Investing; Phones; Identity Theft; Home Shopping; Telemark. and Mail; Travel; TV; Utilities; Wills and Funerals; (Part 2) Complaint Filing: Contact the Seller; Contact 3rd Parties; Sample Complaint Letter; (Part 3) Info. Resources: Teachers; Persons with Disabil.; Mil. Personnel; (Part 4) Consumer Assist. Directory: Auto. Mfrs.; Better Bus. Bureaus; Corp. Contacts; SOCAP Internat.; Fed. Agencies; Nat. Consumer Org.; State, County and City Consumer Protection Offices; State Banking Auth.; State Insur. Reg.; State Securities Admin.; State Util. Comm.; Trade and Prof. Assoc.

A consumer guide that integrates shopping suggestions and handy user tips as it describes and rates dozens of digital electronic products, including cell phones, digital cameras, televisions, computers, video games, and home theater products.

From Steve Forbes, the iconic editor in chief of Forbes Media, and Elizabeth Ames coauthors of *How Capitalism Will Save Us*—comes a new way of thinking about the role of government and the morality of free markets. Americans today are at a turning point.

Are we a country founded on the values of freedom and limited government, as envisioned by the founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution? Or do we want to become a European-style socialist democracy? What best serves the public good—freedom or Big Government? In *Freedom Manifesto*, Forbes and Ames offer a new twist on this historic debate. Today's bloated and bureaucratic government, they argue, is anything but a force for compassion. Instead of assuring fairness, it promotes favoritism. Instead of furthering opportunity, it stifles economic growth. Instead of unleashing innovation and material abundance, its regulations and price controls create rigidity and scarcity. Not only are Big Government's inefficient and ever-expanding bureaucracies ill-equipped to deliver on their promises—they are often guilty of the very greed, excess, and corruption routinely ascribed to the private sector. The only way to a truly fair and moral society, the authors say, is through economic freedom—free people and free markets. Throughout history, open markets have helped the poor and everyone else by unleashing unprecedented creativity, generating wealth, and raising living standards. Promoting trust, generosity, and democracy, economic freedom has been a more powerful force for individual rights, self-determination—and humanity—than any government bureaucracy. *Freedom Manifesto* captures the spirit of a new movement that is questioning old ideas about the morality of government and markets for the first time since the Great Depression. Going beyond the familiar explanations and sound bites, the authors provide a fully developed

framework of “first principles” for a true understanding of the real moral and ethical distinctions between more and less government. This timely and provocative book shows why free markets and liberty are the only way to a better future and a fair and humane society.

The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that 56.7 million Americans had some type of disability in 2010, which represents 18.7 percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population included in the 2010 Survey of Income and Program Participation. The U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) provides disability benefits through the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. As of December 2015, approximately 11 million individuals were SSDI beneficiaries, and about 8 million were SSI beneficiaries. SSA currently considers assistive devices in the nonmedical and medical areas of its program guidelines. During determinations of substantial gainful activity and income eligibility for SSI benefits, the reasonable cost of items, devices, or services applicants need to enable them to work with their impairment is subtracted from eligible earnings, even if those items or services are used for activities of daily living in addition to work. In addition, SSA considers assistive devices in its medical disability determination process and assessment of work capacity. The Promise of Assistive Technology to Enhance Activity and Work Participation provides an analysis of selected assistive products and technologies, including wheeled and seated mobility devices, upper-extremity

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prostheses, and products and technologies selected by the committee that pertain to hearing and to communication and speech in adults.

Rates consumer products from stereos to food processors

This book provides research assistance for 99 current and provocative issues students can use to write a brief argumentative paper. • Each jumpstart topic contains a photograph, chart, or drawing • Bibliography collects all book and audio-video selections used in the jumpstarts, and can be used for library collections

New communication technologies are being introduced at an astonishing rate. Making sense of these technologies is increasingly difficult. Communication Technology Update and Fundamentals is the single best source for the latest developments, trends, and issues in communication technology. Featuring the fundamental framework along with the history and background of communication technologies, Communication Technology Update and Fundamentals, 12th edition helps you stay ahead of these ever-changing and emerging technologies. As always, every chapter has been completely updated to reflect the latest developments and market statistics, and now covers digital signage, cinema technologies, social networking, and telepresence, in addition to the dozens of technologies explored in the previous edition. The book also features industry structure and regulation, history, and theory along with full coverage of the latest technologies! The book's companion website (<http://commtechupdate.com>) offers updated information submitted by chapter authors and offers links to other Internet

resources.

A wide variety of technology is available to physical educators, health teachers, and coaches—but technology is only helpful if people know how to use it effectively. This text will help health and physical education teachers and coaches improve their abilities by learning to effectively use technology in the areas of instruction, assessment, management, communication, professional development, and advocacy. The effective use of technology as outlined in this book can improve student and athlete performance and assessment and motivate active and healthy lifestyles among students. An important distinction with this book is that it goes beyond simply discussing the technology tools—it helps readers understand how to use technology to improve instruction. Practical examples of how to use various technological tools are included for different settings and a variety of age groups (child to adult). Readers will learn about the effective use of technology in physical education, health education, and coaching. *Technology for Physical Educators, Health Educators, and Coaches* is a practical, hands-on text that offers a number of useful tools: What Does the Research Say? sidebars that provide evidence for which technologies do and do not work in physical education, health education, and sport coaching, with accompanying explanations Tips, examples, and interviews from seasoned professionals on various types of technology Chapter objectives, key terms, review questions, and open-ended discussion questions, which could prove useful for online discussion boards Instructor

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ancillaries, including PowerPoint presentations and learning management system (LMS)–ready quizzes for each chapter, that help instructors organize, plan, teach, and assess content effectively Online web resource that offers a variety of tools, including additional practitioner interviews; links to websites, videos, and podcasts; sample handouts, and other activities and resources from practicing professionals. The online web resource will be updated annually to keep current with the changing technology. Social media accounts (@Tech4HPECoach) on Twitter and Facebook allow readers to further connect and share ideas. Use the hashtag #Tech4HPECoach across various social media platforms too! (The web resource is included with all new print books and some ebooks. For ebook formats that don't provide access, the web resource is available separately.) The text is organized into six parts. Part I focuses on how technology can assist in meeting specific goals, objectives, and national standards within physical education, health education, and sport coaching. Part II covers technology for class and team management as well as communication technology, while part III explores how to leverage technology to facilitate teaching and learning, including within a traditional classroom, online, and with special populations. The authors address how to use technology for assessment in part IV, and part V delves into how technology can benefit professional development and advocacy. In part VI, the authors detail the all-important legal and financial aspects of technology. With countless new ways to manage money and spend it, Chris Farrell provides what is most

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needed: reliable information on personal finance. In the tradition of the great “how-to” series on public television, *Right on the Money!* offers a practical, hands-on approach to making savvy financial decisions. In each chapter, finance expert Chris Farrell visits an individual or family facing a financial crossroads in their lives and, aided by a team of street-smart experts, helps them take control of their finances. From setting up a budget to saving for retirement, *Right on the Money!* not only gives readers the knowledge and tools they need, but also shows how to make informed decisions among the options at hand. Subjects discussed include balancing love and money, investments, the stock market, credit cards and how to get out of debt, buying a car, buying a home, creating a household budget, and paying for college. Informative and fun, with a “roll up your sleeves and solve the problem” attitude, *Right on the Money!* is destined to become a new classic of personal finance.

Written in an engaging, easy-to-read format by three of the industry's leading experts, *Speech Mapping and Probe Microphone Measurements* is an essential clinical companion for all practitioners fitting and dispensing hearing aids. The key to successful hearing aid fittings is the patient-specific programming of gain and output. As outlined in all Best Practices Guidelines, the cornerstone of this process is the real-ear verification. Although speech mapping and probe-microphone measures have been used clinically for decades, new techniques and procedures continue to emerge. This is the first handbook to be published in 25 years that is dedicated to this critical clinical measure. Starting with an emphasis on evidenced-based practice, and the need to develop a well-researched gold standard, *Speech Mapping and Probe Microphone Measurements* takes you through the process of conducting valid and reliable speech mapping testing. Following a review of the basics of signal types,

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presentation levels, and patient and probe positioning, the chapters flow to the patient-centered real-ear verification process. In addition to extensive step-by-step guidelines regarding the routine testing and adjustment of gain and output, protocols for the evaluation of special features and fittings also are outlined. As a bonus, the authors provide a review of how speech mapping findings can be used with other measures that are part of the overall hearing aid fitting protocol.

Features recommendations and ratings on hundreds of small, medium, and large-sized cars based on quality, economy, performance, and comfort standards, with judgments on crash protection, and assessments of available options

Trains are massive—with some weighing 15,000 tons or more. When these metal monsters collide or go off the rails, their destructive power becomes clear. In this book, George Bibel presents riveting tales of trains gone wrong, the detective work of finding out why, and the safety improvements that were born of tragedy. *Train Wreck* details 17 crashes in which more than 200 people were killed. Readers follow investigators as they sift through the rubble and work with computerized event recorders to figure out what happened. Using a mix of eyewitness accounts and scientific explanations, Bibel draws us into a world of forensics and human drama. *Train Wreck* is a fascinating exploration of

- runaway trains
- bearing failures
- metal fatigue
- crash testing
- collision dynamics
- bad rails

Designed to empower readers to advocate for themselves and others, this wide-ranging encyclopedia reveals a surprising range of resources and options that consumers have at their disposal.

This book, gathering the Proceedings of the 2018 Computing Conference, offers a remarkable

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collection of chapters covering a wide range of topics in intelligent systems, computing and their real-world applications. The Conference attracted a total of 568 submissions from pioneering researchers, scientists, industrial engineers, and students from all around the world. These submissions underwent a double-blind peer review process. Of those 568 submissions, 192 submissions (including 14 poster papers) were selected for inclusion in these proceedings. Despite computer science's comparatively brief history as a formal academic discipline, it has made a number of fundamental contributions to science and society—in fact, along with electronics, it is a founding science of the current epoch of human history ('the Information Age') and a main driver of the Information Revolution. The goal of this conference is to provide a platform for researchers to present fundamental contributions, and to be a premier venue for academic and industry practitioners to share new ideas and development experiences. This book collects state of the art chapters on all aspects of Computer Science, from classical to intelligent. It covers both the theory and applications of the latest computer technologies and methodologies. Providing the state of the art in intelligent methods and techniques for solving real-world problems, along with a vision of future research, the book will be interesting and valuable for a broad readership.

Leaving full-time employment to enter retirement often requires a 180-degree change—in mindset and behavior—from the way you managed your time and money previously. This is especially true for Baby Boomers who may have never experienced adult life without a full-time job and have been practicing the same habits since their 20s. These life transitions can be looked at as if they require “flipping a switch.” Some changes happen suddenly like an on/off switch, while others happen over time like a “dimmer switch”. Some “switches” are voluntary

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like spending accumulated savings, while some are mandatory like taking required minimum distributions starting at age 72. And to make matters more confusing, there are also lifestyle and social changes to consider as well. Flipping a Switch discusses 35 financial, lifestyle, and social transitions you'll encounter upon entering retirement, including:

- Full-time work to new pastimes
- Saving money to spending money
- Receiving a paycheck to creating a "paycheck"
- Funding retirement savings plans to taking required minimum distribution withdrawals
- Accumulating possessions to downsizing

Everyone has unique "switches" to flip. Flipping a Switch: Your Guide to Happiness and Financial Security in Later Life offers important information and guidance new retirees need before undertaking their new life. Each chapter includes a "How to Flip This Switch" section with suggested action steps. Nationally known speaker, author, and Certified Financial Planner® Dr. Barbara O'Neill will help you develop a plan to become your best future self.

Learn to make strong business decisions with a better understanding of business ethics, sustainability, and stakeholder management from a strong managerial perspective. **BUSINESS AND SOCIETY: ETHICS, SUSTAINABILITY, AND STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT**, Ninth Edition, demonstrates how the most successful business decision makers balance and protect the interests of various stakeholders, including investors, employees, the community, and the environment--particularly as business recovers from a perilous financial period. The authors effectively balance strong coverage of ethics and the stakeholder model with an increased focus on one of business's most recent, urgent mandates: sustainability. Coverage highlights the connection between business and the natural, social, and financial environments, illustrating how all three must be maintained in balance to sustain current and future

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Written in clear, nontechnical language, and filled with lively historical and cultural highlights, this comprehensive reference work is a scientifically grounded yet thoroughly readable introduction to depressive disorders. • About 300 entries on depression, including the genetic, biological, environmental, and personality factors underlying it as well as the latest treatments • Brief bibliographies with each entry, directing readers to additional print and online sources • Fascinating sidebars on issues, breakthroughs, and famous persons who suffered from depression, including Abraham Lincoln, Charles Dickens, Irving Berlin, Vincent van Gogh, and Georgia O'Keeffe • A comprehensive index

Learn how to take control of your own well-being. You'll find both the motivation and scientific knowledge you need to develop your own personal plan for healthy living and to make physical activity an integral part of that plan. You'll also explore the roles of stress management, sleep, and nutrition in achieving your goals.

The Rough Guide to The Internet is still the ultimate handbook for novices and experts alike. Written in plain English, it covers everything from getting online for the first time to newsfeeds, Internet telephony and advanced tips and tricks guaranteed to turn casual surfers into Net gurus. Whether you need to demystify Internet jargon, update or upgrade your level of security, discover WiFi, networking & the fine art of searching; The Rough Guide to The Internet provides all the essential information from getting online the first time to advanced tips & tricks. Fully updated, this edition features a directory of the web's coolest sites, lowdown on switching to Google Mail & latest crazes including 'Twitter' as well as Skype, blogging, myspace and other social

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networks and online video. Whether you've never sent an email or you just want to keep up with the latest developments, this book is invaluable for making the most of your time on the Internet. Let *The Rough Guide to The Internet* open up the Internet world to you.

Designed to complement every introductory library reference course, this is the perfect text for students and librarians looking to expand their personal reference knowledge, teaching failsafe methods for identifying important materials by matching specific types of questions to the best available sources, regardless of format. Guided by a national advisory board of educators and practitioners, this thoroughly updated text expertly keeps up with new technologies and practices while remaining grounded in the basics of reference work. Chapters on fundamental concepts, major reference sources, and special topics provide a solid foundation; the text also offers fresh insight on core issues, including ethics, readers' advisory, information literacy, and other key aspects of reference librarianship; selecting and evaluating reference materials, with strategies for keeping up to date; assessing and improving reference services; guidance on conducting reference interviews with a range of different library users, including children and young adults; a new discussion of reference as programming; important special reference topics such as Google search, 24/7 reference, and virtual reference; and delivering reference services across multiple platforms. As librarians experience a changing climate for all information services professionals, in this book Cassell and Hiremath

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provide the tools needed to manage the ebb and flow of changing reference services in today's libraries.

The facts are alarming: Medical errors kill more people each year than AIDS, breast cancer, or car accidents. A doctor's relationship with pharmaceutical companies may influence his choice of drugs for you. The wrong key word on an insurance claim can deny you coverage. Through real life stories, including her own, and shrewd advice, CNN's Elizabeth Cohen shows you how to become your own advocate and navigate the minefield of today's health-care system. But there's good news. Discover how to • find a doctor who "gets" you and listens to you • ask the right questions for the best treatment • make the most out of a short office visit • cut out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs • harness the power of the Internet for medical issues • fight back when claims are denied Combining the personal stories of patients across America with crucial advice on receiving the best possible health care, this guide will enable you to confront an often confusing and perilous system—and come out ahead.

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