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Rise Up! Crystal Marie Fleming 2021-10-19 This urgent book explores the roots of racism and its legacy in modern day, all while empowering young people with actionable ways they can help foster a better world and become antiracists. Why are white supremacists still openly marching in the United States? Why are undocumented children of color separated from their families and housed in cages? Where did racism come from? Why hasn't it already disappeared? And what can young people do about it? *Rise Up!* breaks down the origins of racial injustice and its continued impact today, connecting dots between the past and present. By including contemporary examples ripped from headlines and actionable ways young people can help create a more inclusive world, sociologist Crystal Marie Fleming shares the knowledge and values that unite all antiracists: compassion, solidarity, respect, and courage in the face of adversity. Perfect for fans of *Stamped: Remix*, *This Book is Antiracist*, *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy*, and *The Black Friend*. Praise for *Rise Up!* * "A clear and damning appraisal of the United States' long-standing relationship with White supremacy—with actionable advice for readers to do better." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review * "A standout . . . sure to inspire young people to act." —Booklist, starred review "Rise Up! is the invigorating, thought-provoking, eye-opening, and essential book about fighting white supremacy that I wish I had when I was a teen. Crystal M. Fleming writes about tough subjects with authority and compassion, and inspires with a roadmap for how we can change the world for the better." —Malinda Lo, author of *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*

Gaming the Iron Curtain Jaroslav Svelch 2018-12-25 How amateur programmers in 1980s Czechoslovakia discovered games as a medium, using them not only for entertainment but also as a means of self-expression. Aside from the exceptional history of Tetris, very little is known about gaming culture behind the Iron Curtain. But despite the scarcity of home computers and the absence of hardware and software markets, Czechoslovakia hosted a remarkably active DIY microcomputer scene in the 1980s, producing more than two hundred games that were by turns creative, inventive, and politically subversive. In *Gaming the Iron Curtain*, Jaroslav Švelch offers the first social history of gaming and game design in 1980s Czechoslovakia, and the first book-length treatment of computer gaming in any country of the Soviet bloc. Švelch describes how amateur programmers in 1980s Czechoslovakia discovered games as a medium, using them not only for entertainment but also as a means of self-expression. Sheltered in state-supported computer clubs, local programmers fashioned games into a medium of expression that, unlike television or the press, was neither regulated nor censored. In the final years of Communist rule, Czechoslovak programmers were among the first in the world to make activist games about current political events, anticipating trends observed decades later in independent or experimental titles. Drawing from extensive interviews as well as political, economic, and social history, *Gaming the Iron Curtain* tells a compelling tale of gaming the system, introducing us to individuals who used their ingenuity to be active, be creative, and be heard.

Office 365 For Dummies Rosemarie Withee 2018-10-25 Everything you need to get productive in the Cloud with Office 365 With 70 million users worldwide, Microsoft Office 365 combines the familiar Office desktop suite with cloud-based versions of Microsoft's next-generation communications and collaboration services. It offers many benefits including security, reliability, compatibility with other products, over-the-air updates in the cloud that don't require anything from the user, single sign on for access to everything right away, and so much more. *Office 365 For Dummies* offers a basic overview of cloud computing and goes on to cover Microsoft cloud solutions and the Office 365 product in a language you can understand. This includes an introduction to each

component which leads into topics around using each feature in each application. Get up to speed on instant messaging Use audio, video, and web conferencing Get seamless access to the Office suite with Office Web apps Access information anywhere, anytime Office 365 is the key to office productivity — and now you can put it to use for you!

The Great Life Michael J. Aquilina 2005 The great life is the Catholic life. This collection of essays presents the answer of faith to many questions of our culture. It is an invitation not only to know the Faith but also to love, live, and teach it from the heart of the Church.

Power-Up Chris Kohler 2005 Examines the history of Japanese video games and how the designers added film-like elements of character, narrative, and story into their games, and includes interviews with accomplished game designers, artists, and musicians. Original. (All users)

Excel Senior High School Jenny Harrison 2002

Powering Up Rebecca Mileham 2008-05-27 When it comes to computer games, the numbers are astounding: the world's top professional gamer has won over half a million dollars shooting virtual monsters on-screen; online games claim literally millions of subscribers; while worldwide spending on computer gaming will top £24 billion by 2011. From techno-toddlers to silver surfers, everyone's playing games on their PCs, Wiis, Xboxes and phones. How are we responding to this onslaught of brain-training, entertaining, potentially addicting, time-consuming, myth-spawning games? In *Powering Up*, Rebecca Mileham looks at the facts behind the headlines to see what effect this epidemic of game-playing is really having on us and the society we live in. Is it making us obese, anti-social, violent and addicted... or just giving us different ways of getting cleverer, fitter and more skilled? She examines the evidence, from experts and gamers alike, and asks some controversial and thought-provoking questions: Are car-driving games turning us into boy racers? Could becoming a virtual bully help children solve classroom disputes? Should you feel remorse for killing pixel people? Does it matter if you cheat in a single-player game? Can games get ex-prisoners back to work? If you're part of the gaming revolution yourself, or are just curious to know what's fact and what's fiction in the media coverage of this topic, then this is the book for you. About the author Rebecca Mileham has written for the *Sunday Times*, *She* magazine, and for museums all over the UK. In ten years at the Science Museum, London, she developed exhibitions on topics as diverse as Charles Babbage's Difference Engines, robotic submarines, face transplants and the male pill.

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Legal Education in the Digital Age Edward Rubin 2012-04-16 During the coming decades, the digital revolution that has transformed so much of our world will transform legal education as well. The digital production and distribution of course materials will powerfully affect both the content and the way materials are used in the classroom and library. This collection of essays by leading legal scholars in various fields explores three aspects of this coming transformation. The first set of essays discusses the way digital materials will be created and how they will change concepts of authorship as well as methods of production and distribution. The second set explores the impact of digital materials on law school classrooms and law libraries and the third set considers the potential transformation of the curriculum that the materials are likely to produce. Taken together, these essays provide a guide to momentous changes that every legal teacher and scholar needs to understand.

Practical Algorithms for 3D Computer Graphics, Second Edition R. Stuart Ferguson 2013-12-19 *Practical Algorithms for 3D Computer Graphics, Second Edition* covers the fundamental algorithms that are the core of all 3D computer graphics software packages. Using Core OpenGL and OpenGL ES, the book enables you to create a complete suite of programs for 3D computer animation, modeling, and image synthesis. Since the

publication of the first edition, implementation aspects have changed significantly, including advances in graphics technology that are enhancing immersive experiences with virtual reality. Reflecting these considerable developments, this second edition presents up-to-date algorithms for each stage in the creative process. It takes you from the construction of polygonal models of real and imaginary objects to rigid body animation and hierarchical character animation to the rendering pipeline for the synthesis of realistic images. New to the Second Edition New chapter on the modern approach to real-time 3D programming using OpenGL New chapter that introduces 3D graphics for mobile devices New chapter on OpenFX, a comprehensive open source 3D tools suite for modeling and animation Discussions of new topics, such as particle modeling, marching cubes, and techniques for rendering hair and fur More web-only content, including source code for the algorithms, video transformations, comprehensive examples, and documentation for OpenFX The book is suitable for newcomers to graphics research and 3D computer games as well as more experienced software developers who wish to write plug-in modules for any 3D application program or shader code for a commercial games engine.

Powering Up Rebecca Mileham 2008-05-05 When it comes to computer games, the numbers are astounding: the world's top professional gamer has won over half a million dollars shooting virtual monsters on-screen; online games claim literally millions of subscribers; while worldwide spending on computer gaming will top £24 billion by 2011. From technotoddlers to silver surfers, everyone's playing games on their PCs, Wiis, Xboxes and phones. How are we responding to this onslaught of brain-training, entertaining, potentially addicting, time-consuming, myth-spawning games? In *Powering Up*, Rebecca Mileham looks at the facts behind the headlines to see what effect this epidemic of game-playing is really having on us and the society we live in. Is it making us obese, anti-social, violent and addicted... or just giving us different ways of getting cleverer, fitter and more skilled? She examines the evidence, from experts and gamers alike, and asks some controversial and thought-provoking questions: Are car-driving games turning us into boy racers? Could becoming a virtual bully help children solve classroom disputes? Should you feel remorse for killing pixel people? Does it matter if you cheat in a single-player game? Can games get ex-prisoners back to work? If you're part of the gaming revolution yourself, or are just curious to know what's fact and what's fiction in the media coverage of this topic, then this is the book for you. About the author Rebecca Mileham has written for the Sunday Times, She magazine, and for museums all over the UK. In ten years at the Science Museum, London, she developed exhibitions on topics as diverse as Charles Babbage's Difference Engines, robotic submarines, face transplants and the male pill.

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Michael Allen's 2012 e-Learning Annual Michael W. Allen 2011-08-15 The field of e-learning continues to experience dramatic and turbulent growth. Over time, as technology has improved and the method's real capabilities have emerged, e-learning has gained widespread acceptance and is now the fastest growing sector of corporate learning. As in years past, Michael Allen's Annual offers a diverse and important collection that contains some of the most current insights and best practices that will help both educators and workplace learning leaders address issues of design and implementation, as well as strategy and culture. In addition, this new volume offers a diverse mix of content that spans the full spectrum of technology-based learning. Year after year, the Annual discusses emerging trends in social media; showcases e-learning innovation; presents contemporary- and best-practices; tackles big-picture, strategic issues; and provides a host of useful tips and techniques. Additional content is also available online. Praise for Michael Allen's 2012 e-Learning Annual "Michael Allen's Annual really is annual. I found new examples and provocative ideas—just what I was looking for." —Allison Rossett, professor of educational technology, San Diego State University "Just another academic anthology? Hardly! Michael Allen has convinced e-learning's super-heroes to join forces to crush complacency, demolish dogma, rewrite rules, streamline strategies, and light a brighter future for e-learning. Warning: The accumulated wisdom and original thinking of this elite team of designers, practitioners, consultants, and researchers will leave you dissatisfied with your current e-learning efforts and aching to put their ideas into play." —William Horton, author, *e-Learning by Design* and consultant, William Horton Consulting "The real learning at conferences takes place in the hallways. This wonderful book is like eavesdropping on those conversations, except that Michael has put the

top thinkers in our field in the hall for you." —Jay Cross, chairman, Internet Time Alliance Nabeel Ahmad Clark Aldrich Bobbe Baggio Tony Bingham Julia Bulkowski Bryan Chapman Phil Cowcill Allan Henderson Peter Isackson Cheryl Johnson Cathy King Leslie Kirshaw Tina Kunshier David Metcalf Corinne Miller Craig Montgomerie Frank Nguyen Maria Plakhotnik Tonette Rocco Anita Rosen Patti Shank Clive Shepherd Martyn Sloman Belinda Smith Susan Smith Nash Ken Spero Carla Torgerson Thomas Toth Reuben Tozman Marc Weinstein

Identity and Play in Interactive Digital Media Sara M. Cole 2017-03-16 Recent shifts in new literacy studies have expanded definitions of text, reading/viewing, and literacy itself. The inclusion of non-traditional media forms is essential, as texts beyond written words, images, or movement across a screen are becoming ever more prominent in media studies. Included in such non-print texts are interactive media forms like computer or video games that can be understood in similar, though distinct, terms as texts that are read by their users. This book examines how people are socially, culturally, and personally changing as a result of their reading of, or interaction with, these texts. This work explores the concept of ergodic ontogeny: the mental development resulting from interactive digital media play experiences causing change in personal identity.

Media, Knowledge and Power Oliver Boyd-Barrett 2013-12-16 First Published in 1986. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Marketing in Context Chris Hackley 2013-11-14 The best marketing doesn't just focus on the individual psychology of the consumer, it operates at a cultural level. It frames choices so that the consumer isn't aware their buying decisions are being influenced. Hackley shows how marketing must set the scene and identify the broader cultural context to successfully influence consumers.

Changing Play: Play, Media And Commercial Culture From The 1950s To The Present Day Marsh, Jackie 2013-10-01 The aim of this book is to offer an informed account of changes in the nature of the relationship between play, media and commercial culture in England through an analysis of play in the 1950s/60s and the present day.

The Minds Behind Sega Genesis Games Patrick Hickey, Jr. 2022-06-30 Prior to the arrival of the Sega Genesis, video games were still largely considered "kid stuff," but with a far more mature and eclectic range of titles, and an understanding of what gamers wanted, Sega and its Genesis/Mega Drive console began to shift the expectations for what gaming could be. Never scared to innovate, Sega's impact on the industry continues to this day through the games they originally developed and the technology their consoles pushed into the mainstream. Featuring interviews with the creators of over 40 games on the Sega Genesis console including Sonic the Hedgehog 2, Altered Beast, Aladdin, Earthworm Jim and NHL 95, this book gives a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of some of the influential, iconic, and sometimes forgotten games on Sega's most important contribution to the game industry. The interviewees reveal the challenges of working with mega publishers, the uncertainties of public reception, and the creative processes that produced some of the 16-bit era's classic titles.

Playing with Power in Movies, Television, and Video Games Marsha Kinder 1993-11-23 "A very productive, thought-provoking analysis of new transformations in today's narrative media and their interpretations of the child-spectator." —Dana Polan, Editor, *Cinema Journal*

The Game Design Reader Katie Salen Tekinbas 2005-11-23 Classic and cutting-edge writings on games, spanning nearly 50 years of game analysis and criticism, by game designers, game journalists, game fans, folklorists, sociologists, and media theorists. The Game Design Reader is a one-of-a-kind collection on game design and criticism, from classic scholarly essays to cutting-edge case studies. A companion work to Katie Salen and Eric Zimmerman's textbook *Rules of Play: Game Design Fundamentals*, The Game Design Reader is a classroom sourcebook, a reference for working game developers, and a great read for game fans and players. Thirty-two essays by game designers, game critics, game fans, philosophers, anthropologists, media theorists, and others consider fundamental questions: What are games and how are they designed? How do games interact with culture at large? What critical approaches can game designers take to create game stories, game spaces, game communities, and new forms of play? Salen and Zimmerman have collected seminal writings that span 50 years to offer a stunning array of perspectives. Game journalists express the rhythms of game play, sociologists tackle topics such as role-playing in vast virtual worlds, players rant and rave, and game designers describe the sweat and tears of bringing a game to market. Each text acts as a springboard for

discussion, a potential class assignment, and a source of inspiration. The book is organized around fourteen topics, from The Player Experience to The Game Design Process, from Games and Narrative to Cultural Representation. Each topic, introduced with a short essay by Salen and Zimmerman, covers ideas and research fundamental to the study of games, and points to relevant texts within the Reader. Visual essays between book sections act as counterpoint to the writings. Like *Rules of Play*, *The Game Design Reader* is an intelligent and playful book. An invaluable resource for professionals and a unique introduction for those new to the field, *The Game Design Reader* is essential reading for anyone who takes games seriously.

21 Rituals to Change Your Life Theresa Cheung 2017-03-16 Creating personal ritual in our lives allows us to bring the presence of the sacred into the everyday. The rituals in this book have been designed as symbolic acts providing a framework for anyone to use to create positive change in their lives. The 7 morning rituals are designed to help you 'wake with determination', the 7 afternoon rituals focus on 'living on purpose', and the 7 evening rituals are about 'retiring with satisfaction'.
InfoWorld 1979-01-17 *InfoWorld* is targeted to Senior IT professionals. Content is segmented into Channels and Topic Centers. *InfoWorld* also celebrates people, companies, and projects.

Digital Game Based Learning Michael Burmester 2006

Computer Games and the Social Imaginary Graeme Kirkpatrick 2013-10-07 Computer games have fundamentally altered the relation of self and society in the digital age. Analysing topics such as technology and power, the formation of gaming culture and the subjective impact of play with computer games, this text will be of great interest to students and scholars of digital media, games studies and the information society.
Prayer Changes Teens Janet Holm McHenry 2011-01-05 Give control back to God and get back to what you enjoy most—loving your teen. Parenting teenagers isn't easy. No matter how much we love our kids and want to protect them, we cannot control them or their circumstances. But God is in control, and—particularly when we trust him—he can take care of our kids far better than we ever could. So what else can we do? We can pray. In fact, prayer should be our first response—because prayer is the most powerful tool at a parent's disposal. That is what this book is about: releasing our teens to God's control, learning to pray specifically and with confidence for their every need, and recovering the sense of humor that will help us face the situations that now cause us so much stress. This book includes: • lighthearted stories designed to help take the edge off of parenting your teenager • valuable insights on more than twenty areas of conflict you are likely to experience with your teen—from language, grades, and clothing to drugs, drinking, and smoking • specific prayer strategies to help you make a difference in your teen's life • perspectives on the "hot" issues, from real teens • what the Bible has to say on each subject • tips from parenting experts • specific prayers to get you started • discussion starters to help open up dialogue with your teen Whether parents have never prayed for their teens, have prayed sporadically, or have prayed every day, now is the time to pray even more and in whole new ways—and *Prayer Changes Teens* will show them how.

Handbook of Research on Holistic Perspectives in Gamification for Clinical Practice Novák, Daniel 2015-09-14 Over the past decade, the healthcare industry has adopted games as a powerful tool for promoting personal health and wellness. Utilizing principles of gamification to engage patients with positive reinforcement, these games promote stronger attention to clinical and self-care guidelines, and offer exciting possibilities for primary prevention. Targeting an audience of academics, researchers, practitioners, healthcare professionals, and even patients, the *Handbook of Research on Holistic Perspectives in Gamification for Clinical Practices* reviews current studies and empirical evidence, highlights critical principles of gamification, and fosters the increasing application of games at the practical, clinical level.

How to speak in IELTS Miracel Griff 2015-11-16 This is perfect book for you to prepare your IELTS Speaking test. Especially if you are very busy and have little opportunity to set aside enough time and sit down for practice because speaking is very time consuming and difficult to make any progress by yourself. With this ebook, now you can prepare IELTS Speaking anytime anywhere on the go, it makes your every minute count. It is believed that the best way to improve your score is to practice, practice and practice! Do mock tests as many times as possible. This ebook can bring you the similar test experience as if you were really doing the Speaking test under such unbelievable price. Make sure you use ebook under the real test conditions. PART 1 : Introduction and interview (4 to 5 minutes) You are invited to sit down. The examiner

checks your ID. The examiner tries to get you to settle down (feel relaxed), asking basic questions about your life, your background, family and so on. PART 2 : (3 to 4 minutes) The examiner gives you a card with a topic written on it. You have one minute to think about this topic and prepare what you are going to say. Then you must speak about the topic for one to two minutes. After you finish talking, the examiner could ask some follow-up questions. PART 3 : (4 to 5 minutes) The examiner engages you in a discussion about topic that has the same general theme as of Part 2 In Part 2, you have only 1 minute to think about the topic before you start speaking. Then you can speak continuously for between 1 and 2 minutes. You can then spend more time thinking about and preparing how to answer that topic better. After several iteration, your score will go up very quickly. If you are not sure about your current band level during your practice, we provide sample test for you, ranging from band 6 to band 7. Please compare to your own recording, then analyze where is your weakness and work hard to improve it. Never simply try and fail in the real test again, please use this ebook and fail yourself thousand times before it!

Video Games Kevin Hile 2009-10-26 The evolution of the video game is incredible; from a two-colored screen with paddle and pong to fully immersive alternate playing worlds, it is one technology that seems to be constantly evolving. This volume explains the history of video games, the considerations of their impact on players and society, and how they can be used as educational tools. Readers will learn about the future of video games as well.

Our Indifferent Universe Surazeus Astarius 2019-01-25 "Our Indifferent Universe" presents 903 poems written 2015-2017 by Surazeus that explore what it means to be a human in our indifferent universe.

The Gratitude Factor Charles M. Shelton 2010 Helps readers to reflect on the role of gratitude in their lives and to cultivate this virtue for their own benefit. The first author to offer a critique of gratitude through an explanation of various types of gratitude, Charles Shelton uses his skills as a clinical psychologist to present insights into the human experience of gratitude based on his own research. The exercises, strategies, and reflection questions threaded throughout the book give it a practical dimension that facilitates the reader's growth. Shelton's highly original reflection on Jesus as a grateful person lends a spiritual dimension to his work. This book will benefit individual readers as well as serve as a resource for spiritual direction workshops, spiritual formation courses, or ministry formation programs.—From publisher description.

Situated Language and Learning James Paul Gee 2004 Tackles the big ideas about language, literacy and learning. Why do poor and minority students under-perform in school? Do computer games help or hinder learning? What can new research in psychology teach our educational policy makers?

Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain Sharon Begley 2008-11-12 Cutting-edge science and the ancient wisdom of Buddhism have come together to reveal that, contrary to popular belief, we have the power to literally change our brains by changing our minds. Recent pioneering experiments in neuroplasticity—the ability of the brain to change in response to experience—reveal that the brain is capable of altering its structure and function, and even of generating new neurons, a power we retain well into old age. The brain can adapt, heal, renew itself after trauma, compensate for disabilities, rewire itself to overcome dyslexia, and break cycles of depression and OCD. And as scientists are learning from studies performed on Buddhist monks, it is not only the outside world that can change the brain, so can the mind and, in particular, focused attention through the classic Buddhist practice of mindfulness. With her gift for making science accessible, meaningful, and compelling, science writer Sharon Begley illuminates a profound shift in our understanding of how the brain and the mind interact and takes us to the leading edge of a revolution in what it means to be human. Praise for *Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain* "There are two great things about this book. One is that it shows us how nothing about our brains is set in stone. The other is that it is written by Sharon Begley, one of the best science writers around. Begley is superb at framing the latest facts within the larger context of the field. This is a terrific book."—Robert M. Sapolsky, author of *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers* "Excellent . . . elegant and lucid prose . . . an open mind here will be rewarded."—Discover "A strong dose of hope along with a strong dose of science and Buddhist thought."—The San Diego Union-Tribune

The British National Bibliography Arthur James Wells 2009
Entertainment Computing - ICEC 2004 Matthias Rauterberg 2004-08-04 The advancement of information and communication technologies (ICT) has enabled broad use of ICT and facilitated the use of

ICT in the private and personal domain. ICT-related industries are directing their business targets to home applications. Among these applications, entertainment will differentiate ICT applications in the private and personal market from the office. Comprehensive research and development on ICT applications for entertainment will be different for the promotion of ICT use in the home and other places for leisure. So far engineering research and development on entertainment has never been really established in the academic communities. On the other hand entertainment-related industries such as the video and computer game industries have been growing rapidly in the last 10 years, and today the entertainment computing business outperforms the turnover of the movie industry. Entertainment robots are drawing the attention of young people. The event called RoboCup has been increasing the number of participants year by year. Entertainment technologies cover a broad range of products and services: movies, music, TV (including upcoming interactive TV), VCR, VoD (including music on demand), computer games, game consoles, video arcades, gaming machines, the Internet (e.g., chat rooms, board and card games, MUD), intelligent toys, edutainment, simulations, sport, theme parks, virtual reality, and upcoming service robots.

The field of entertainment computing focuses on users' growing use of entertainment technologies at work, in school and at home, and the impact of this technology on their behavior. Nearly every working and living place has computers, and over two-thirds of children in industrialized countries have computers in their homes as well.

Computer Games and Technical Communication Jennifer deWinter 2016-05-23 Taking as its point of departure the fundamental observation that games are both technical and symbolic, this collection investigates the multiple intersections between the study of computer games and the discipline of technical and professional writing. Divided into five parts, *Computer Games and Technical Communication* engages with questions related to workplace communities and gamic simulations; industry documentation; manuals, gameplay, and ethics; training, testing, and number crunching; and the work of games and gamifying work. In that computer games rely on a complex combination of written, verbal, visual, algorithmic, audio, and kinesthetic means to convey information, technical and professional writing scholars are uniquely poised to investigate the intersection between the technical and symbolic aspects of the computer game complex. The contributors to this volume bring to bear the analytic tools of the field to interpret the roles of communication, production, and consumption in this increasingly ubiquitous technical and symbolic medium.

The Emulation User's Guide Kenneth Stevens 2008-08-29 The *Emulation User's Guide* has everything you need to know about getting started with computer, console and arcade emulation on the Apple Macintosh computer and PC. This guide includes the history of emulation on the Internet and covers some of the legalities involving emulation of these systems.

Digital Creativity Bruce Wands 2002 This work equips readers with a solid conceptual and critical foundation for digital creativity, presenting both technical explanations and creative techniques.

Fatal Pauses Stuart C. Yudofsky 2015-04-01 People can become stuck in many ways and for a wide variety of reasons, explains the author of *Fatal Pauses*, that rare book that both clinicians and general readers can benefit from and enjoy. Novelistic in its depictions of composite patients but clear-eyed in its analysis, the book offers a "3-D method" of addressing "stuck"-ness, which is defined as "not stopping something that is bad for us" or "not starting and staying with something that is good for us." The process of discovering why one is stuck, deciding to become unstuck, and then asserting the discipline required to do so is brought to vivid life by one of the most respected psychiatrists of our day. The book's structure is logical and engaging: The Am I Stuck? Scale can be self-administered by general readers or administered by clinicians to their patients. This first chapter sets the stage for what follows. The 3-D method of getting unstuck is presented in a systematic, easy-to-comprehend manner that begins with a brief overview and proceeds to more detailed instructions and insights. Riveting case examples make up the heart of the book. They are not mere summaries but consist of thorough and detailed clinical descriptions that provide context, in addition to extensive dialogue and analysis. Several of these cases are divided into multiple chapters, providing a comprehensive clinical picture to help both mental health professionals and lay readers increase their understanding of being "stuck." A range of categories or "stuck"-ness is addressed, including being trapped by career choices, limited by obesity, paralyzed by an unsatisfying marriage, incapacitated by

addiction, and imprisoned by the need to please. Of special note is the case example of a young man whose interpersonal relationships have gradually, but progressively, become reduced to computer-based encounters. The author's examination of this individual's fixation on video games and virtual realities and his escape from this cyberprison through treatment is both timely and compelling. Finally, the author provides an evolutionary and neurobiological overview of how we become "stuck," which helps the reader grasp the underpinnings of this behavior and learn how to become "unstuck." Written in a warm and disarming style, *Fatal Pauses* will find a home in clinicians' libraries, waiting rooms, and on family room bookshelves.

Mazes in Videogames Alison Gazzard 2013-04-17 From the text adventures of Zork, to the arcade game of Pac-Man, to the corridors of Doom, and on to the city streets of Grand Theft Auto IV, the maze has often been used as a space to trap and confuse players in their navigation of gameworlds. However, the maze as a construction on the landscape has a long history before the invention of the videogame. By examining the change in the maze from the landscapes of open spaces and closed gardens through to the screen of the videogame, both mazes and labyrinths are discussed in terms of historical reference, alongside the author's personal experiences of walking and playing these structures. This book shows how our cultural experiences of real world maze landscapes may have changed, and how we negotiate videogame worlds along the various paths and meanings they so often create for us. **Introduction to Game Analysis** Clara Fernández-Vara 2019-01-21 This accessible textbook gives students the tools they need to analyze games using strategies borrowed from textual analysis. As the field of game studies grows, videogame writing is evolving from the mere evaluation of gameplay, graphics, sound, and replayability, to more reflective writing that manages to convey the complexity of a game and the way it is played in a cultural context. Clara Fernández-Vara's concise primer provides readers with instruction on the basic building blocks of game analysis—examination of context, content and reception, and formal qualities—as well as the vocabulary necessary for talking about videogames' distinguishing characteristics. Examples are drawn from a range of games, both digital and non-digital—from Portal and World of Warcraft to Monopoly—and the book provides a variety of exercises and sample analyses, as well as a comprehensive ludography and glossary. In this second edition of the popular textbook, Fernández-Vara brings the book firmly up-to-date, pulling in fresh examples from ground-breaking new works in this dynamic field. *Introduction to Game Analysis* remains a unique practical tool for students who want to become more fluent writers and critics not only of videogames, but also of digital media overall.

Codename Revolution Steven E. Jones 2012-02-24 Nintendo's hugely popular and influential video game console system considered as technological device and social phenomenon. The Nintendo Wii, introduced in 2006, helped usher in a moment of retro-reinvention in video game play. This hugely popular console system, codenamed Revolution during development, signaled a turn away from fully immersive, time-consuming MMORPGs or forty-hour FPS games and back toward family fun in the living room. Players using the wireless motion-sensitive controller (the Wii Remote, or "Wiimote") play with their whole bodies, waving, swinging, swaying. The mimetic interface shifts attention from what's on the screen to what's happening in physical space. This book describes the Wii's impact in technological, social, and cultural terms, examining the Wii as a system of interrelated hardware and software that was consciously designed to promote social play in physical space. Each chapter of *Codename Revolution* focuses on a major component of the Wii as a platform: the console itself, designed to be low-powered and nimble; the iconic Wii Remote; Wii Fit Plus, and its controller, the Wii Balance Board; the Wii Channels interface and Nintendo's distribution system; and the Wii as a social platform that not only affords multiplayer options but also encourages social interaction in shared physical space. Finally, the authors connect the Wii's revolution in mimetic interface gaming—which eventually led to the release of Sony's Move and Microsoft's Kinect—to some of the economic and technological conditions that influence the possibility of making something new in this arena of computing and culture.

Users' Needs Report on Play for Children with Disabilities Mara Allodi Westling 2019-11-05 The needs of children and parents about play when the child has a disability are explored by means of surveys to disability associations and families were collected during 2016 in 30 countries by members of the EU COST LUDI network Play for children with disability. The users' needs concerning play for children with disabilities

are also explored by mean of case studies at a country level, based on

literature reviews of avialable reports and emprirical studies in Finland, Lithuania and Sweden.