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The enigmatic and richly illustrative tarot deck reveals a host of strange and iconic mages, such as The Tower, The Wheel of Fortune, The Hanged Man and The Fool: over which loom the terrifying figures of Death and The Devil. The 21 numbered playing cards of tarot have always exerted strong fascination, way beyond their original purpose, and the multiple resonances of the deck are ubiquitous. From T.S. Eliot and his 'wicked pack of cards' in "The Waste Land" to the psychic divination of Solitaire in Ian Fleming's "Live and Let Die"; and from the satanic novels of Dennis Wheatley to the deck's adoption by New Age practitioners, the cards have in modern times become inseparably connected to the occult. They are now viewed as arguably the foremost medium of prophesying and foretelling. Yet, as the author shows, originally the tarot were used as recreational playing cards by the Italian nobility in the Renaissance. It was only much later, in the 18th and 19th centuries, that the deck became associated with esotericism before evolving finally into a diagnostic tool for mind, body and spirit. This is the first book to explore the remarkably varied ways in which tarot has influenced culture. Tracing the changing patterns of the deck's use, from game to mysterious oracular device, Helen Farley examines tarot's emergence in 15th century Milan and discusses its later associations with astrology, kabbalah and the Age of Aquarius. Offers techniques for giving more interesting and accurate tarot readings, as well as instructions for creating and using numerous different spreads for specific purposes, and for modifying classic spreads for more individualized results. One woman's tale of traversing the complex, bittersweet universe of love, trauma, heartbreak, divorce, healing, and rebirth. Raw and relatable, C. Brennecke's first foray into poetry mixes the mundane with the fantastical; intimate thoughts infused with celestial inspiration. Paired with surreal multi-exposure photo collages, each poem is selected and arranged to tell a story of growth gained through the ups and downs and in-betweens of love. Moments of sadness, moments of uncertainty, moments of hope, and moments of joy come together in Heavens Heard, Shadows Seen, ending with a call to action to reflect on your own darkness and find your own light. All the properly adjusted Feng Shui in the world is worthless if your personal vibration isn't ready for what your improved environment can do for you. Feng Shui from the Inside Out can help on both counts, teaching you how to reprogram the emotional cellular consciousness of your body so that it can be in alignment with the energetically improved living space you will learn to create. Helps readers improve home, business, garden, property, neighborhoods, and much more. This Spiritsong deck is a melding of two traditions of divination: one in which animals are seen as guides between our world and the spirit world, and one that uses 78 cards as a tool to connect with our highest self. Each animal was specifically selected based upon Shamanic and Native American symbolism, merging each animal's unique power with classic tarot practices. For example, the Spiritsong animal, Raven, has attributes such as 'creation' that parallels some of the same symbolic tarot attributes of the traditional Magician card, which is why the Raven is the animal representing that card. The Spiritsong Tarot structure is based on the traditional tarot, containing the 22 Majors, the 56 Minors, and four suits: Acorns for Wands/Fire; Feathers for Swords/Air; Shells for Cups/Water; and Crystals for Pentacles/Earth. Designed for beginning as well as experienced tarot readers, Holistic Tarot offers a fresh and easy-to-follow approach to the use of the tarot deck for tapping into subconscious knowledge and creativity. The tarot deck has been used as a divination tool for more than two centuries; while the tarot is still most commonly thought of as "fortune telling," the true power of the tarot lies in its ability to channel a clear path for our deep intuition to shine through. Consulting the tarot can help clear creativity blockages, clarify ambitions, work through complex decisions, and make sense of emotions and relationships. Whether used for simple decision-making or an understanding of your life's purpose, learning tarot can be an indispensable tool for being more mindful of the factors that can assist or weaken your efforts toward success. In Holistic Tarot, author Benebell Wen provides a complete guide to using the tarot to foster personal development. Wen gives a comprehensive overview of the history of the tarot and a wide array of theories on its use (including its relationship to Jungian archetypal psychology and traditional Chinese divination practices) before digging deeply into one of the best-known tarot systems, the Rider-Waite-Smith. Beginners will find a complete guide to working with the tarot, including choosing and caring for a deck, how best to learn and remember the attributes of the major and minor arcana, the interpretation of cards and spreads, the role of meditation in a tarot practice, and how to use the tarot for improving relationships, professional development, and personal resilience. More advanced practitioners will appreciate nuanced theoretical discussions of the tarot as well as practical advice about reading others' tarot cards and setting up a practice. Containing over 500 illustrations and detailed information on each card as well as numerous spreads, Holistic Tarot is a complete compendium of tarot study that every practitioner should have in his or her library. "A modern alchemical achievement."—Barbara Moore, author of *Tarot Spreads* "Will become one of the jewels in the crown of tarot literature."—Anthony Louis, MD, author of *Tarot Beyond the Basics* "A tarot classic."—Sasha Graham, author of *Tarot Diva* "A magnificent, intelligent, comprehensive overview and innerview of the Rider Waite Smith system of tarot! This is the only guide you need to have. Bravo!"—James Wanless, PhD, author of *Voyager Tarot* "A huge accomplishment ... likely to become the essential guidebook for serious students of the tarot."—Joan Bunning, author of *Learning the Tarot* "No tarot enthusiast should be without this book!"—Chic and Tabatha Cicero, authors of *The Golden Dawn Magical Tarot* "Arguably the most comprehensive guide to tarot on the market today. It's also innovative: it deftly combines Eastern mysticism with Western metaphysics. It's an impressive tome that presents a wholly modern, rational approach to tarot practice while preserving notable elements of tradition."—Corrine Kenner, author of *Tarot and Astrology* For people of faith there are many forms of prayer besides the spoken word—devout Jews bow while reading the Torah; Episcopalians stand, sit, or kneel in church; exuberant Christians raise their arms; Native Americans dance—this book is a springboard to action that deepens prayer lives by introducing new prayer concepts. Original. A novel of extraordinary power from a writer to watch. In a small flat in London, a young man is turning to gold. But before he dies, before his skin and eyes and tongue harden into a golden death mask, he wants to share the amazing story of his life. Born and raised on the barren Orkney Islands off the coast of Scotland, his childhood is a brutal one, devoid of tenderness. It is a miracle when he meets Tracy, falls in love, and discovers his true gift: the merest touch of him is enough to induce visions of angels and orchids. The physical heights he is able to reach—and to which he can bring others—go far beyond any normal sensual pleasure. Armed with this inexplicable talent, he makes his way to London, where he falls in with a group of teens forced to make a living on the street. Luke Sutherland's modern-day myth about the power of love veers from stratosphere to gutter, from visions of heaven to the all-too-mortal yearning for even one glimpse of it. With *Venus as a Boy* Sutherland has written a moving, poetic novel that manages to imbue the harsh realities of life on the street with a mesmerizing and ethereal beauty. Have you ever wished you could see a fairy? Maybe you have, but did not realize it. Have you seen morning dew on the grass and flowers that glisten like diamonds? Well, then you have seen fairies. Have you ever felt as if there were something or someone in your closet or under your bed when you were a young child? Then you have felt the dark fairies that live in dark places and just want to be left alone. Again, you have felt fairies around you. Mother Nature is filled with many varieties of sprites, pixies, fairies, gnomes and trolls and they are abundant in our environment. They take care of the elements such as fire, earth, air, water and the ether as well as snow, rain, wind, hurricanes and light summer breezes. Our little fairy friends are also the diminutive helpers of Angels and assist them in whichever way they can to make human life here on Earth better in all possible ways. If you thought that feng shui was just interior design, think again! Feng shui is the ancient Chinese system of harmonizing the person with his or her surroundings through the subtle manipulation of chi, or universal energy. Negotiate with Feng Shui teaches you how to sense and balance chi in your body and your environment, creating a win-win situation for both parties involved in any negotiation. We all negotiate every day, although we might not think of many of our social interactions as negotiations. Whether you are buying a car, closing a business deal, hammering out an international treaty, or just dealing with an unruly teenager, you can use feng shui to analyze advantageous locations, select auspicious moments, and maximize compatibility between the parties. Negotiate with Feng Shui is unlike any other feng shui book. Author Jose Armilla shows you how to apply feng shui techniques to everyday situations like buying a car or asking for a pay raise. Using the straightforward techniques presented in this book, you will: ·Learn how to sense positive and negative chi in the body and in the environment ·Discover the secret to picking auspicious times and dates for important meetings ·Learn how to feng shui your present house as well as your dream house, including examples of positive and negative layouts ·Get tips on bargaining - everywhere from the flea market to the Internet ·Learn ancient blessings that improve the vibrations of the meeting place In part two of this groundbreaking book, the author, a retired United States diplomat, examines how feng shui works in the "real world." Discover the role feng shui has played in historic peace talks associated with the Opium War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War. Negotiate the feng shui way and encourage success and happiness for everyone involved! From internationally bestselling author Santa Montefiore, whose books have sold more than six million copies worldwide, comes *The Distant Shores*, a new story in the sweeping Deverill saga, about a family torn apart and the woman who will bring them back together. Margot Hart travels to Ireland to write a biography of the famous Deverill family. She knows she must speak to the current Lord Deverill, JP, if she is to uncover the secrets of the past. A notorious recluse, JP won't be an easy man to crack. But Margot is determined—and she is not a woman who is easily put off. What she never expected was to form a close bond with JP and be drawn into his family disputes. Shouldering the blame for running up debts that forced him to sell the family castle, JP is isolated and vulnerable. With help from his handsome son Colm, it seems as though Margot might be the only one who can restore JP's fortunes. Will the family ever succeed in healing rifts that have been centuries in the making? Is Feng Shui merely an ancient philosophy direct from the Orient, like so many claims; or is it a subtle and potentially dangerous form of the occult? The practitioners of Feng Shui consult on commercial and residential interior design, architecture, landscaping, building construction, real estate, home staging, personal concerns, and a huge assortment of holistic and alternative forms of healing. They also teach, lecture, author books, as well as sell "Feng Shui" merchandise. But are they qualified, affordable and responsible? Feng Shui practitioners offer a huge smorgasbord of cures for healing everything from the common cold to cancer; and for maintaining optimal health and well-being. But how do the scientific and medical professions evaluate these health and healing methods? Similarly the alternative healing therapies used by those embracing Feng Shui philosophies - are these beneficial, dangerous or a hoax? What are the decorating methods and beliefs propagated by Feng Shui? How do these compare to the design theories established by Sherrill Whiton, the father of modern interior design? Should a Christian use Feng Shui methods to decorate their home or office? For the Christian, what are the considerations and the consequences if these methods are used in their home or office? How should the Christian respond to Feng Shui, it's practitioners and the many "services" provided by them? As you turn the pages of this book you will find answers to these questions that may surprise, alarm and disturb you as Feng Shui is carefully evaluated from a Christian perspective. Make some me time anytime with 150 enjoyable and accessible activities to help you feel refreshed, refilled, and refocused every day! We all know how important self-care is to your overall wellbeing but it can be hard to find time in the day to dedicate to yourself. My Pocket Self-Care allows you to focus on your own personal needs wherever you are—whether you're at home, at work, or on the go. Inside you'll find 150 accessible, easy activities that will help you find time for yourself. From making your own facial cream to creating a mission statement to soaking in the moonlight and celebrating an unbirthday, there are so many enjoyable ways to reconnect with yourself. Whether you whip out this book when you have some down time waiting for an appointment or try a few activities before bed, My Pocket Self-Care is a perfect way to practice self-love every day. To *Light the Flame of Reason* is all about the art of clear thinking, an art that is needed now more than ever in the world we now live in. Written for anyone who wants to navigate better in this world filled with populist dogmas, anti-science attitudes, and pseudo-philosophy, authors Christer Sturmark and Douglas Hofstadter provide a set of simple tools for clear thinking, as well as a deeper understanding of science, truth, naturalism, and morality. It also offers insights into the rampant problems of extremism and fundamentalism – and suggestions for how the world can move towards a new enlightenment. The book argues that we need to reawaken the basic values and ideals that defined the original age of enlightenment. We need to accept the idea that the world we inhabit is part of nature, and that it has no trace of supernatural or magical forces. Ethical questions should be detached from religion. This doesn't mean that the questions become any easier — just that ideas are tested and judged without being profoundly tainted and constrained by religious dogmas. Such a form of secular humanism builds on the power of free thought — the power to investigate and understand the natural world. Although not everything can be investigated or understood, the sincere quest for knowledge and understanding establishes a flexible, nondogmatic attitude toward the world. Curiosity and openness lie at the core of such an attitude. The scientific method of careful and open-minded testing, as well as science's creative and reflective ways of thinking, provides key tools. What clear, science-inspired thinking helps us to understand, among many other things, is that a person can be good and can be motivated to carry out morally good actions without ever bowing to, or being limited by, supposedly divine forces. To *Light the Flame of Reason* will appeal to adults who are trying to figure out how to deal with the ever-increasing daily bombardment of conflicting messages about what is right, true, sensible, or good, and it should appeal even more to teenagers and university students who are struggling to find a believable and reliable philosophy of life that can help guide them in their choices of what and whom to trust, and how to act, both on the personal and the social level. Today, more people have greater access to information and knowledge than ever was dreamt of before, and more people are concerned about the world situation. More people have the chance, through their own actions, to make a difference. Each one of us, as an individual, matters. It is thus vitally important that each of us should choose, in a conscious and reflective manner, our own views of reality, of the world, and of humanity. And this means that it is crucial for us all to train ourselves in the art of thinking clearly. Christer Sturmark along with Pulitzer Prize winning author Douglas Hofstadter argue that we must refocus our efforts on cultivating a secular society, and in doing so, we will rediscover the values and ethics that are so foreign in today's society. For the first time in English, Benebell Wen reveals the rich history and theoretical principles underlying the ancient practice of crafting Fu talismans, or magical sigils, in the Chinese Taoist tradition and gives detailed instructions for modern practitioners who would like to craft their own Fu. Fu talismans are ideograms and writings typically rendered on paper and empowered by means of invocations, ritual, and transferences of energy, or Qi. Talismans can be used for many purposes, such as strengthening or weakening personality characteristics, finding love, earning more money, or easing emotional tensions in the home. The *Tao of Craft* shows how metaphysical energy can be harnessed to amplify, strengthen, weaken, dispel, or block other metaphysical energy and to rectify perceived imbalances in the material plane. Supported by an abundance of detailed charts and images, this book serves as a step-by-step handbook that gives readers the knowledge and confidence to craft their own Fu talismans for personal empowerment. Wen, author of *Holistic Tarot*, delves into historic and cultural contexts of the Fu, from the neolithic period of Chinese history to contemporary practices of esoteric Taoism. Providing a solid foundation in the principles of Eastern spellcrafting, she highlights the blending of Taoist metaphysical practices with Western approaches to magic by pointing out eclectic, integrating, and harmonizing facets from other cultures and religions. Historically, Fu talismans were used by medieval Chinese for alleviating illness; averting misfortune, magical attacks, and curses; defending against assaults; and avoiding poverty. This book shows Western practitioners that the skill and knowledge to develop an interactive relationship with spirit realms are still available to them today, and serves as a practical handbook for accumulating Qi energy from sources in the environment and channeling it in concentrated form into their own Fu talismans. What are people's life experiences in present-day Japan? This timely volume addresses fundamental questions vital to understanding Japan in the first decade of the twenty-first century. Its chapters collectively reveal a questioning of middle-class ideals once considered the essence of Japaneseness. In the postwar model household a man was expected to obtain a job at a major firm that offered life-long employment; his counterpart, the "professional" housewife, managed the domestic sphere and the children, who were educated in a system that provided a path to mainstream success. In the past twenty years, however, Japanese society has seen a sharp increase in precarious forms of employment, higher divorce rates, and a widening gap between haves and have-nots. Contributors draw on rich, nuanced fieldwork data collected during the 2000s to examine work, schooling, family and marital relations, child rearing, entertainment, lifestyle choices, community support, consumption and waste, material culture, well-being, aging, death and memorial rites, and sexuality. The voices in these pages vary widely: They include schoolchildren, teenagers, career women, unmarried women, young mothers, people with disabilities, small business owners, organic farmers, retirees, and the elderly. A must-have companion guide for following or creating tarot card layouts. The illustrated book aims to provide a guide to fully understanding 'Feng Shui Tarot'. It provides an introduction for newcomers to the Tarot experience, and seeks to offer an alternative approach to combining ancient Chinese wisdom and spiritual belief. The deck's imagery is clearly delineated for the reader. Set includes custom spread sheet. Here is a simple and practical guide to interpreting the symbolic language of the tarot. *How To Read the Tarot* provides an interpretive structure that applies to the card numbers of both the Major and Minor Arcana. Readers will learn five common tarot spreads designed to answer common questions about love, money, health, and more. For more insight, there's a handy symbol dictionary for interpreting hundreds of tarot symbols. Combines the traditional elements of tarot with the ancient Chinese wisdom, spiritual beliefs, and principles of Form School Feng Shui. The illustrated book provides an indispensable guide to fully understanding Feng Shui Tarot. The deck's rich imagery is clearly delineated for the reader. Set includes 78 cards, custom spread sheet, and 232-page book. Dramatic advances in genetics, cloning, robotics, and nanotechnology have given rise to both hopes and fears about how technology might transform humanity. As the possibility of a posthuman future becomes increasingly likely, debates about how to interpret or shape this future abound. In Japan, anime and manga artists have for decades been imagining the contours of posthumanity, creating dazzling and sometimes disturbing works of art that envision a variety of human/nonhuman hybrids: biological/mechanical, human/animal, and human/monster. Anime and manga offer a constellation of posthuman prototypes whose hybrid natures require a shift in our perception of what it means to be human. Limits of the Human—the third volume in the Mechademia series—maps the terrain of posthumanity using manga and anime as guides and signposts to understand how to think about humanity's new potentialities and limits. Through a wide range of texts—the folklore-inspired monsters that populate Mizuki Shigeru's manga; Japan's Gothic Lolita subculture; Tezuka Osamu's original cyborg hero, Atom, and his manga version of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* (along with Ôtomo Katsuhiro's 2001 anime film adaptation); the robot anime, *Gundam*; and the notion of the uncanny in *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence*, among others—the essays in this volume reject simple

human/nonhuman dichotomies and instead encourage a provocative rethinking of the definitions of humanity along entirely unexpected frontiers. Contributors: William L. Benzon, Lawrence Bird, Christopher Bolton, Steven T. Brown, Joshua Paul Dale, Michael Dylan Foster, Crispin Freeman, Marc Hairston, Paul Jackson, Thomas LaMarre, Antonia Levi, Margherita Long, Laura Miller, Hajime Nakatani, Susan Napier, Natsume Fusanosuke, Sharalyn Orbaugh, Ôtsuka Eiji, Adèle-Elise Prévost and MUSEbase; Teri Silvio, Takayuki Tatsumi, Mark C. Taylor, Theresa Winge, Cary Wolfe, Wendy Siuyi Wong, and Yomota Inuhiko. Have you ever looked at your hands? Did you notice how remarkably unique they are? That is because they are personalized mirrors, reflecting who you are, your true desires, your purpose, and your values. There are personality archetypes in your hands that correspond to tarot's major arcana that correspond to your souls' journey, bringing you guidance and enlightenment. This connection between palmistry and tarot is explained in easy-to-understand language in author Cynthia Clarks *Stories in Your Hands: Discover Your Authentic Destiny Using Palmistry and Tarot*. In psychology, Carl Jung is famous for explaining how archetypes are key to discovering why we behave the way we do. In her book, Clark shows how you will be able to identify your archetype(s) using your hands. You'll learn the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual attributes of each archetype and how they manifest in every area of your life. Clark also shows you how to identify and correct imbalances among your archetypes. *Stories in Your Hands: Discover Your Authentic Destiny Using Palmistry and Tarot* helps you navigate the magnificent and unique map you were born with. This book guides you in discovering your true self and equips you with the skills to understand and grow through your life's challenges so that you may live out your beautiful, authentic destiny. It is a clear and comprehensive reference manual for truth seekers as well as for professional counselors and coaches. Findings generated by recent research in science education, international debate on the guiding purposes of science education and the nature of scientific and technological literacy, official and semi-official reports on science education (including recommendations from prestigious organizations such as AAAS and UNESCO), and concerns expressed by scientists, environmentalists and engineers about current science education provision and the continuing low levels of scientific attainment among the general population, have led to some radical re-thinking of the nature of the science curriculum. A feng shui book specifically for teens. • Shows how to create balanced teen environments that promote personal development and positive self expression. • Tailors solutions to teen spaces: bedrooms, dormitories, desks, drawers, and lockers. • Shows how, when, and where to use music, incense, and posters. • Addresses real teen issues such as body image, tattoos and piercings, and cigarettes and other drugs. Teen Feng Shui demonstrates how the universal principles behind the design practice of feng shui can be applied to the contemporary environments of teenagers--from school lockers to dorm rooms--in order to maximize personal power, develop harmonious relationships, and define personal space. Noting that all books on feng shui are created for adults, Susan Levitt has provided a resource geared specifically toward the needs and realities of the teenage experience, addressing how young adults can design their living spaces to transform their lives. She describes how music, posters, and incense can influence space and includes before-and-after illustrations of feng shui "fixes." Teen Feng Shui also incorporates Chinese astrology, financial management and shopping tips for teens, insights on love and sex, personal stories, and case studies to provide a fun and comprehensive guide to this ancient art of placement. For many teenagers, it's not cool to show interest in organized religion. They often believe that religion is something that's not quite real--at least, not as real as everyday experiences like family, friends, foes, school, parties, love, hate, anger, desire, and frustration. The Being Real series shows how Catholicism recognizes the realities of teenage life and calls teens to a higher ideal. *Teens and Spirituality* includes information on teens' spiritual life, God's response to teens, and how teens can grow closer to God through specific Catholic practices. Chapters in this title include: Our Real Spiritual Situation God's Response to Us Why We Should Respond to God How We Can Respond to God Despite the much vaunted 'end of religion' and the growth of secularism, people are engaging like never before in their own 'spiritualities of life'. Across the West, paranormal belief is on the rise. The Ashgate Research Companion to Paranormal Cultures brings together the work of international scholars across the social sciences and humanities to question how and why people are seeking meaning in the realm of the paranormal, a heretofore subjugated knowledge. With contributions from the UK and other European countries, the USA, Australia and Canada, this ground-breaking book attends to the paranormal as a position from which to critique dominant forms of knowledge production and spirituality. A rich exploration of everyday life practices, textual engagements and discourses relating to the paranormal, as well as the mediation, technology and art of paranormal activity, this book explores themes such as subcultures and mainstreaming, as well as epistemological, methodological, and phenomenological questions, and the role of the paranormal in social change. The Ashgate Research Companion to Paranormal Cultures constitutes an essential resource for those interested in the academic study of cultural engagements with paranormality; it will appeal to scholars of cultural and media studies, popular culture, sociology, cultural geography, literature, film and music.

Could the strange actually be true? *Time-Life Mysteries of the Unknown* takes readers on a tour of the eerie and unexplained - from the search for vanished civilizations to the science of real-life zombies, from famous UFO sightings to encounters with ghosts and otherworldly creatures, and much more. This rich full-colour guide offers scores of photographs and documents that shed new light on the world's most puzzling supernatural events and paranormal phenomena.

Mysteries of the Unknown also ventures into strange geographical locations where the laws of nature appear to be suspended and examines the paradoxes of ancient scientific instruments that seem far too advanced for their time. And meet the scientists and dedicated amateur researchers who are unlocking the secrets to the great mysteries of history - and the future.

This lovely, full-color guide to tarot provides everything you need to know to read tarot—whether it's a traditional reading, or a reading for self-reflection or self-discovery. Not long ago, getting your cards read would have conjured images of a mystic shrouded in scarves with a crystal ball, waving her hands over a spread of cards. Today, a tarot reading is as common as going to yoga or texting a friend. It's the new way to seek guidance—whether that's relationship advice or what outfit to wear today. With the help of this beautifully illustrated guide, you'll be able to harness this skill to read your own future in tarot cards. Filled with custom card images and easy-to-understand descriptions of each card and many different reading layouts, *The Only Tarot Book You'll Ever Need* will help you to master the tarot, whether your aim is to perform traditional readings, consult the cards as part of a daily self-care ritual, use them for interactive self-reflection, or rely on them as a tool for thinking through particular challenges or questions. Mr iZO Sayz is a book on Numerology revealing all the secrets of this ancient and popular science. It guides on how to change names with the help of numerology, predict soccer and cricket matches with the help of numerology and much more. It introduces a new way of determining the zodiac of a person which is more accurate and can accurately predict the character of a person and in turn can help in analyzing relationships. The past was glorious. A future disrupted by technology is almost here. But India still awaits its technology-based prosperity. With deep-rooted inequalities, disinformation and corruption running through the veins of the Indian society, it's hypocritical to pretend that technological solutions can solve all our problems. We are also relatively unprepared for the genuine challenges technology presents. While the benefits of technology are numerous, the challenges have the potential to magnify existent biases, exacerbate social and economic inequality, and break the social fabric. Reluctant Technophiles: India's Complicated Relationship with Technology sheds light on what technology can solve and what it can't. Drawing from the discussions of ancient religious text, quantum computing, Greek mythology and current events, the book tries to find the sweet spot at the intersection of technology, policy and society. The author of "Taoist Astrology" and "Teen Feng Shui" now offers detailed explanations of both the Rider-Waite and Crowley Thoth decks plus much more on the history and use of the Tarot, spreads, and interpretations. Hailed as a "writer of subtlety and depth," Hilary Mantel turns her dark genius on the world of psychics in this smart, unsettling novel (Joyce Carol Oates) A paragon of efficiency, Colette took the next natural step after finishing secretarial school by marrying a man who would do just fine. After a sobering, do-it-yourself divorce, Colette is at a loss for what to do next. Convinced that she is due an out-of-hand, life-affirming revelation, she strays into the realm of psychics and clairvoyants, hungry for a whisper to set her off in the right direction. At a psychic fair in Windsor she meets the charismatic Alison. Alison, the daughter of a prostitute, beleaguered during her childhood by the pressures of her connection to the spiritual world, lives in a different kind of solitude. She cannot escape the dead who speak to her, least of all the constant presence of Morris, her low-life spiritual guide. An expansive presence onstage, Alison at once feels her bond with Colette, inviting her to join her on the road as her personal assistant and companion. Troubles spiral out of control when the pair moves to a suburban wasteland in what was once the English countryside and take up with a spirit guide and his drowned therapist. It is not long before Alison's connection to the place beyond black threatens to uproot their lives forever. This is Hilary Mantel at her finest- insightful, darkly comic, unorthodox, and thrilling to read. Most people consider happiness the most important pursuit in life, yet few seem to find it. Women, in particular, face a constant internal battle between finding their own happiness and ensuring the happiness of others. Debbie Gissoni, aka "The Goddess of Happiness," shows that happiness is a choice that anyone can make, anytime and anywhere. In 44 dynamic entries the author shares her stories, insights, humor, and simple suggestions to bring out the radiant Goddess in every woman. Each entry includes meditations and journaling ideas to help readers transform the pursuit of happiness into a tangible, everyday practice. Gissoni teaches that all women are goddesses — they just need to tap their innate power and reacquaint themselves with their own magic; and that life is meant to be enjoyable — not to be taken so seriously or made too complicated. Each of these chapters ends with five simple ways to have an easier and happier life. An excellent book for skeptics and believers alike.--Booklist... this book should delight anyone who suspects truth is stranger than fiction, and everyone who has ever wished that the implausible were true.--Publishers WeeklyFor countless generations people of every culture have practiced a broad range of dramatic and sometimes frightening techniques to peer into the future. In this fascinating book acclaimed author Clifford Pickover presents a nearly exhaustive list of fortune-telling techniques, from the ominous practice of human sacrifice to reading clues on the Internet.Pickover not only explores a vast and colorful array of methods of prediction--including dreaming--he also evaluates the accuracy of some of the most astonishing prophecies made throughout history. Just how accurate were such famous soothsayers as Nostradamus, the Delphic Oracle, Edgar Cayce, the children of Fatima (whose third vision has only recently been revealed), and dozens more?This book takes us one step further by exploring our own inner psyches: Why does looking into the future provide a source of solace in a world filled with uncertainty, disease, and chance? And why do the most noted prognosticators so often warn of natural catastrophes of biblical proportions, such as earthquakes and floods that will signal the end of the world?Through insight and wit, Pickover will unlock the door of your imagination with engrossing mysteries, intriguing illustrations, and even modern patents and computer techniques. Also included is a range of practical experiments and recipes--from Stone Age to New Age.Prepare yourself for a strange but captivating ride!Clifford A. Pickover, Ph.D.(Yorktown Heights, NY), is the author of many books including *The Girl Who Gave Birth to Rabbits*, *Time: A Traveler's Guide*, and *Surfing Through Hyperspace*. He is also the holder of many U.S. patents. Wired magazine described Pickover this way: Bucky Fuller thought big, Arthur C. Clarke thinks big, but Cliff Pickover outdoes them both. Looking to enchant your love interest? Seeking good fortune? Want to shape your destiny? 10-Minute Magic Spells will show you how tap into your inner power. Designed for the novice spellcaster, these simple spells and practices can be performed in minutes and don't require expensive, hard-to-find ingredients. With just a little guidance you can perform a range of spells: Use quartz crystals to protect your home Make a love charm to attract a lover Burn a candle to bring good health Charge water with moonlight to bring good luck And more! 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