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how paper—the simple Chinese invention of two thousand years ago—wrapped itself around our world, humankind's most momentous ideas imprinted on its surface. The emergence of paper in the imperial court of Han China brought about a revolution in the

transmission of knowledge and ideas, allowing religions, philosophies and propaganda to spread with ever greater ease. The first writing surface sufficiently cheap, portable and printable for books, pamphlets and journals to be mass-produced and distributed widely, paper opened the way for an unprecedented, ongoing dialogue between individuals and between communities across continents, oceans and time. The Paper Trail explores how the new substance was used to solidify social and political systems that influenced China even into our own time. We see how paper made possible the spread of the then new religions of Buddhism and Manichaeism into Japan, Korea and Vietnam . . . how it enabled theologians, scientists and artists to build the vast and signally intellectual empire of the Abbasid Caliphate and embed the Koran in popular culture . . . how paper was carried along the Silk Road by merchants and missionaries, finally reaching Europe in the late thirteenth century . . . and how, once established in Europe, along with the

printing press, paper played an essential role in the three great foundations of Western modernity: the Renaissance, the Reformation and the Scientific Revolution. Here is a dramatic, comprehensively researched, vividly written story populated by holy men and scholars, warriors and poets, rulers and ordinary men and women—an essential story brilliantly told in this luminous work of history. *A Deep History, from the Stone Age to the Age of Robots* Hay House, Inc A practical and spiritual guide for working moms to learn how to have more by doing less. This is a book for working women and mothers who are ready to release the culturally inherited belief that their worth is equal to their productivity, and instead create a personal and professional life that's based on presence, meaning, and joy. As opposed to focusing on "fitting it all in," time management, and leaning in, as so many books geared at ambitious women do, this book embraces the notion that through doing less women can have--and be--more. The addiction to busyness and the obsession with

always trying to do more leads women, especially working mothers, to feel like they're always failing their families, their careers, their spouses, and themselves. This book will give women the permission and tools to change the way they approach their lives and allow them to embrace living in tune with the cyclical nature of the feminine, cutting out the extraneous busyness from their lives so they have more satisfaction and joy, and letting themselves be more often instead of doing all the time. *Do Less* offers the reader a series of 14 experiments to try to see what would happen if she did less in one specific way. So, rather than approaching doing less as an entire life overhaul (which is overwhelming in and of itself), this book gives the reader bite-sized steps to try incorporating over 2 weeks!

Shameless Penguin UK A practical, step-by-step program for healing the four lower chakras—the empowerment chakras—using EFT/tapping. Noted empowerment coach Margaret Lynch Ranieri introduces the hidden power of the four lower “empowerment”

chakras—root, sacral, solar plexus, heart—and the groundbreaking healing techniques she created to heal them using Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), also known as “tapping.” These four chakras are the source of the exact rising empowerment energy you need to feel, speak, and act with confidence, courage, and deeply felt belief in yourself and your value. However, these are the chakras that get blocked with long-buried fears and pain that create self-doubt, procrastination, playing small, and years of trying to prove you’re good enough. Healing these lower chakras will help you reclaim your inner power so you can stop proving and start being your most powerful, passionate, and authentic self.

Do Less Hay House, Inc “Counterintuitive, practical and potentially life-changing, Akshay’s book wants to rewire the way you look at fear” (Seth Godin, author of *Linchpin*). Everyone experiences fear, stress, or anxiety at some point in life—but that is not a bad thing. When harnessed, these forces can be our greatest source of strength.

Weaving together inspiring stories; in-depth research in neuroscience, psychology, and spirituality; practical insight; and effective strategies, *Fearvana* teaches the science of how to transform all your seemingly negative emotions into health, wealth, and happiness. Discover a revolutionary approach that shatters conventional wisdom, giving you the tools to leverage your fear, stress, and anxiety to accomplish anything you set your mind to. By laying out clear, proven, and actionable steps to find bliss through suffering, *Fearvana* will help you develop an unstoppable mind. This is the essential guide for you to overcome any barrier standing between where you are now and where you want to be.

Thomas Nelson
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • More than 1 million copies in print! • The authors of *No-Drama Discipline* and *The Yes Brain* explain the new science of how a child’s brain is wired and how it matures in this pioneering, practical book. “Simple, smart, and effective solutions to your child’s struggles.”—Harvey Karp,

M.D. In this pioneering, practical book, Daniel J. Siegel, neuropsychiatrist and author of the bestselling *Mindsight*, and parenting expert Tina Payne Bryson offer a revolutionary approach to child rearing with twelve key strategies that foster healthy brain development, leading to calmer, happier children. The authors explain—and make accessible—the new science of how a child’s brain is wired and how it matures. The “upstairs brain,” which makes decisions and balances emotions, is under construction until the mid-twenties. And especially in young children, the right brain and its emotions tend to rule over the logic of the left brain. No wonder kids throw tantrums, fight, or sulk in silence. By applying these discoveries to everyday parenting, you can turn any outburst, argument, or fear into a chance to integrate your child’s brain and foster vital growth. Complete with age-appropriate strategies for dealing with day-to-day struggles and illustrations that will help you explain these concepts to your child, *The Whole-Brain Child* shows you how to cultivate healthy

emotional and intellectual development so that your children can lead balanced, meaningful, and connected lives. “[A] useful child-rearing resource for the entire family . . . The authors include a fair amount of brain science, but they present it for both adult and child audiences.”—Kirkus Reviews “Strategies for getting a youngster to chill out [with] compassion.”—The Washington Post “This erudite, tender, and funny book is filled with fresh ideas based on the latest neuroscience research. I urge all parents who want kind, happy, and emotionally healthy kids to read *The Whole-Brain Child*. This is my new baby gift.”—Mary Pipher, Ph.D., author of *Reviving Ophelia* and *The Shelter of Each Other* “Gives parents and teachers ideas to get all parts of a healthy child’s brain working together.”—Parent to Parent

Take Joy Penguin

It’s time to say NO to trying to fit square-peg kids into round holes, and YES to raising them from a place of acceptance and joy. Today millions of kids are stuck in a world that

doesn’t embrace who they really are. They are the one in five “differently wired” children with ADHD, dyslexia, giftedness, autism, anxiety, or other neurodifferences, and their challenges are many. And for the parents who love them, the challenges are just as numerous, as they struggle to find the right school, the right support, the right path. But now there’s hope. *Differently Wired* is a revolutionary book—weaving together personal stories and a tool kit of expert advice from author Deborah Reber, it’s a how-to, a manifesto, and a reassuring companion for parents who can so often feel that they have no place to turn. At the heart of *Differently Wired* are 18 paradigm-shifting ideas—what the author calls “tilts,” which include how to accept and lean in to your role as a parent (#2: Get Out of Isolation and Connect). Deal with the challenges of parenting a differently wired child (#5: Parent from a Place of Possibility Instead of Fear). Support yourself (#11: Let Go of Your Impossible Expectations for Who You “Should” Be as a Parent). And seek community

(#18: If It Doesn’t Exist, Create It). Taken together, it’s a lifesaving program to shift our thinking and actions in a way that not only improves the family dynamic, but also allows children to fully realize their best selves. “In this generous and urgent book, Deborah Reber lets the light in. She helps parents see that they’re not alone, and even better, delivers a positive action plan that will change lives.”—Seth Godin, author of *Linchpin* “*Differently Wired* will help parents of children who think differently to accept their child for who they are and facilitate their successful development.”—Temple Grandin, author of *Thinking in Pictures* and *The Autistic Brain*

How the Joy of Rewearing and Repairing Your Clothes Can Be a Revolutionary Act Ebt

We are profoundly social creatures--more than we know. In *Social*, renowned psychologist Matthew Lieberman explores groundbreaking research in social neuroscience revealing that our need to connect with other people is even more fundamental, more basic, than our need for food or

shelter. Because of this, our brain uses its spare time to learn about the social world--other people and our relation to them. It is believed that we must commit 10,000 hours to master a skill. According to Lieberman, each of us has spent 10,000 hours learning to make sense of people and groups by the time we are ten. Social argues that our need to reach out to and connect with others is a primary driver behind our behavior. We believe that pain and pleasure alone guide our actions. Yet, new research using fMRI--including a great deal of original research conducted by Lieberman and his UCLA lab--shows that our brains react to social pain and pleasure in much the same way as they do to physical pain and pleasure. Fortunately, the brain has evolved sophisticated mechanisms for securing our place in the social world. We have a unique ability to read other people's minds, to figure out their hopes, fears, and motivations, allowing us to effectively coordinate our lives with one another. And our most private sense of who we are is intimately linked to the important people and groups in our lives. This wiring often leads us

to restrain our selfish impulses for the greater good. These mechanisms lead to behavior that might seem irrational, but is really just the result of our deep social wiring and necessary for our success as a species. Based on the latest cutting edge research, the findings in Social have important real-world implications. Our schools and businesses, for example, attempt to minimize social distractions. But this is exactly the wrong thing to do to encourage engagement and learning, and literally shuts down the social brain, leaving powerful neuro-cognitive resources untapped. The insights revealed in this pioneering book suggest ways to improve learning in schools, make the workplace more productive, and improve our overall well-being. *The Prize Writer* Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, Gandhi, and the Buddha all had brains built essentially like anyone else's, yet they were able to harness their thoughts and shape their patterns of thinking in ways that changed history. With new breakthroughs in modern neuroscience and the wisdom of thousands of years of contemplative practice, it is possible for

us to ...

The Stress Solution OUP
Oxford

The bestselling author of *Hold Me Tight* presents a revolutionary new understanding of why and how we love, based on cutting-edge research. Every day, we hear of relationships failing and questions of whether humans are meant to be monogamous. *Love Sense* presents new scientific evidence that tells us that humans are meant to mate for life. Dr. Johnson explains that romantic love is an attachment bond, just like that between mother and child, and shows us how to develop our "love sense" -- our ability to develop long-lasting relationships. Love is not the least bit illogical or random, but actually an ordered and wise recipe for survival. *Love Sense* covers the three stages of a relationship and how to best weather them; the intelligence of emotions and the logic of love; the physical and psychological benefits of secure love; and much more. Based on groundbreaking research, *Love Sense* will change the way we think about love.

Love Sense W. W. Norton & Company

Winner of the Marshall McLuhan Outstanding Book Award People's New Book Worth Reading Real Simple's Great Books You Won't Be Able to Put Down Entrepreneur's 12 Productivity and Time-Management Books to Read "I'm won over to a day with people, not screens....I tried Shlain's idea. I highly recommend it." —The New York Times "Tiffany Shlain is a modern-day prophet, brilliant and incredibly funny in equal measure...24/6 is timeless and timely wisdom." —Angela Duckworth, #1 New York Times bestselling author This "wise, wonderful work" (Publishers Weekly starred review) demonstrates how turning off screens one day a week can work wonders on your brain, body, and soul. Do you wish you had more time to do what you love, think deeply, and focus on the people and things that matter most? By giving up screens one day a week for over a decade, Internet pioneer and renowned filmmaker Tiffany Shlain and her family have gained more time, productivity, connection, and presence. Shlain takes us on a thought-provoking and entertaining journey

through time and technology, introducing a strategy for flourishing in our 24/7 world. Drawn from the ancient ritual of Shabbat, living 24/6 can work for anyone from any background. With humor and wisdom, Shlain shares her story, offering the accessible lessons she has learned and providing a blueprint for how to do it yourself. "Bolstered with fascinating and germane facts about neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, and the history of the concept of a day of rest" (Publishers Weekly), 24/6 makes the case for incorporating this weekly reset into our 24/7 lives, issuing a call to rebalance ourselves and our society. [Reality Is Broken](#) Courier Dover Publications The ability to self-nurture and set effective limits is the root of human maturity, and the foundation for emotional, behavioural, and spiritual balance. Fortunately, the skills to self-nurture and set effective limits can be fine-tuned and readers will learn them via a wealth of practical examples, colourful case histories, and scientific findings that are both fascinating and easy to understand. These skills are effective for a wide range of psychological

and addictive problems--from alcoholism and other addictions to overeating, overworking, overspending, and perfectionism.

The Art of Immersion: How the Digital Generation Is Remaking Hollywood, Madison Avenue, and the Way We Tell Stories Delacorte Press

How to rewire your brain to improve virtually every aspect of your life-based on the latest research in neuroscience and psychology on neuroplasticity and evidence-based practices Not long ago, it was thought that the brain you were born with was the brain you would die with, and that the brain cells you had at birth were the most you would ever possess. Your brain was thought to be "hardwired" to function in predetermined ways. It turns out that's not true. Your brain is not hardwired, it's "softwired" by experience. This book shows you how you can rewire parts of the brain to feel more positive about your life, remain calm during stressful times, and improve your social relationships. Written by a leader in the field of Brain-Based

Therapy, it teaches you how to activate the parts of your brain that have been underactivated and calm down those areas that have been hyperactivated so that you feel positive about your life and remain calm during stressful times. You will also learn to improve your memory, boost your mood, have better relationships, and get a good night sleep. Reveals how cutting-edge developments in neuroscience, and evidence-based practices can be used to improve your everyday life Other titles by Dr. Arden include: *Brain-Based Therapy-Adult*, *Brain-Based Therapy-Child*, *Improving Your Memory For Dummies* and *Heal Your Anxiety Workbook* Dr. Arden is a leader in integrating the new developments in neuroscience with psychotherapy and Director of Training in Mental Health for Kaiser Permanente for the Northern California Region Explaining exciting new developments in neuroscience and their applications to daily living, *Rewire Your Brain* will guide you through the process of changing your brain so you can change your life and be free of

self-imposed limitations. **Inspiring JOY** Hay House, Inc Why is it easier to ruminate over hurt feelings than it is to bask in the warmth of being appreciated? Because your brain evolved to learn quickly from bad experiences but slowly from the good ones. You can change this. *Hardwiring Happiness* lays out a simple method that uses the hidden power of everyday experiences to build new neural structures full of happiness, love, confidence, and peace. Dr. Hanson's four steps build strengths into your brain— balancing its ancient negativity bias—making contentment and a powerful sense of resilience the new normal. In mere minutes each day, we can transform our brains into refuges and power centers of calm and happiness. [The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger](#) Vintage This 25th anniversary edition of Steven Levy's classic book traces the exploits of the computer revolution's original hackers -- those brilliant and eccentric nerds from the late 1950s through the early '80s who took risks, bent the rules, and

pushed the world in a radical new direction. With updated material from noteworthy hackers such as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Richard Stallman, and Steve Wozniak, *Hackers* is a fascinating story that begins in early computer research labs and leads to the first home computers. Levy profiles the imaginative brainiacs who found clever and unorthodox solutions to computer engineering problems. They had a shared sense of values, known as "the hacker ethic," that still thrives today. *Hackers* captures a seminal period in recent history when underground activities blazed a trail for today's digital world, from MIT students finagling access to clunky computer-card machines to the DIY culture that spawned the Altair and the Apple II. *Work* Simon & Schuster Between the 18th and 19th centuries, Britain experienced massive leaps in technological, scientific, and economical advancement *The Pathway* Harmony Can you imagine a world where drug companies throw bake sales to make ends meet? A world without all the jaw clenching, nail biting, and

stress-induced melt downs? Eighty percent of health problems today are due to the downstream effects of stress, so learning to break free from stress could dramatically improve your mood, your relationships, your health—and your life. In *Wired for Joy*, researcher and New York Times -bestselling author Laurel Mellin presents a simple yet proven way to train your brain to move through stress and back to joy. Her method has been called the missing link in health care, as it focuses on rewiring the emotional brain—the caldron of our stress—rather than the thinking brain, which has been the focus of most other stress-busting methods. Based on the cutting-edge science of neuroplasticity, Mellin outlines the five states of the emotional brain. For each state she presents a specific tool that easily and quickly switches the brain back to a state of well-being. Once you know how to make that switch, life becomes easier, and stress symptoms—depression, anxiety, overeating, high blood pressure—tend to fade. Finally, instead of focusing on the symptoms of stress, we can change

the wiring that triggers it and experience new sense of freedom in our lives. *The Paper Trail* Penguin The Stress Solution: A Revolutionary New Method for Emotional Resilience Laurel Mellin, Ph.D. The Stress Solution, by New York Times bestselling author Laurel Mellin, Ph.D., delivers a new, proven, scientific approach to stress and a personal pathway to transformation. Based on a revolutionary method, Emotional Brain Training (EBT), we all have hidden pathways in our brain that take us from stress to joy - and the EBT stress solution technique enables us to use them rapidly - in about four minutes. By releasing stress on the spot, we wire our inner world for hope, love, and joy. According to Mellin, a health psychologist and associate professor emeritus at the University of California, San Francisco, "The stress solution technique is magical because you can use it anytime, anywhere, and quickly connect with the deepest part of yourself and move forward with purpose." The book offers an entertaining, quick way to get up and running with

creating a highly resilient life, and a new way to switch off stress chemicals to improve your health and well-being. EBT's stress solution technique goes beyond mindfulness and positive psychology so you can clear away negative emotions and be authentic and vibrant, even in high-stress times. You can start using this EBT technique and make every day a great day. The Stress Solution includes fascinating brain maps, a self-test to personalize using the tools, and a step-by-step guide to turning negative emotions into positive feelings. Mellin delivers relatable and inspiring stories of people who have used the tools to break through relationship gridlock, switch off the drive to overeat, boost productivity, end the "worry circuit," and find a higher purpose. The Stress Solution, with its simple, scientific technique, will change your life!

A Joyful Revolution

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Journalist Rebecca Traister's New York Times bestselling exploration of the transformative power of female anger and its ability to transcend into a

political movement is “a hopeful, maddening compendium of righteous feminine anger, and the good it can do when wielded efficiently—and collectively” (Vanity Fair). Long before Pantsuit Nation, before the Women’s March, and before the #MeToo movement, women’s anger was not only politically catalytic—but politically problematic. The story of female fury and its cultural significance demonstrates its crucial role in women’s slow rise to political power in America, as well as the ways that anger is received when it comes from women as opposed to when it comes from men. “Urgent, enlightened...realistic and compelling...Traister eloquently highlights the challenge of blaming not just forces and systems, but individuals” (The Washington Post). In *Good and Mad*, Traister tracks the history of female anger as political fuel—from suffragettes marching on the White House to office workers vacating their buildings after Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court. Traister explores women’s anger at both men and other women; anger between

ideological allies and foes; the varied ways anger is received based on who’s expressing it; and the way women’s collective fury has become transformative political fuel. She deconstructs society’s (and the media’s) condemnation of female emotion (especially rage) and the impact of their resulting repercussions. Highlighting a double standard perpetuated against women by all sexes, and its disastrous, stultifying effect, *Good and Mad* is “perfectly timed and inspiring” (People, Book of the Week). This “admirably rousing narrative” (The Atlantic) offers a glimpse into the galvanizing force of women’s collective anger, which, when harnessed, can change history. [Heroes of the Computer Revolution - 25th Anniversary Edition](#) Brief Candle Press “This Is Your Brain on Joy is a thoughtful, practical, life-changing book that will help you take advantage of the latest neuroscience research—combined with biblical insights—to bring more joy and love into your life.” —from the Foreword by Daniel G. Amen, MD Author and

speaker for the PBS special *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life* What does your brain have to do with experiencing joy? A lot more than most of us realize. In this breakthrough book, Dr. Earl Henslin reveals how the study of brain imaging turned his practice of psychotherapy upside down—with remarkably positive results. He shares answers to puzzling questions, such as Why isn’t my faith in God enough to erase my blue moods? Why haven’t I been able to conquer my anger? Pray away my fear and worry? Why can’t I find freedom from secret obsessions and addictions? Using the Brain System Checklist, Dr. Henslin explains what happens to the 5 Mood Centers in the brain when any of those areas are out of balance. This is great news, especially for those tortured by the fear that something is fundamentally wrong with them when the problem actually lies between their ears. Read this practical, easy-to-understand, and often entertaining book, and you’ll know exactly how to nourish your mind, balance your brain, and help others do the same. After all, the capacity for

joy is a terrible thing to waste.