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BUSINESS

Stanek, William. 2007. Effective Writing: For Business, College, and Life. Read by Ron Knowles. (ER HF 5726 S72 2007 AC; Acc. No. 0514; Playaway Audiobook; 180 min.)

An excellent reference on how to write essays, papers, and dissertations; how to create reports and presentations; how to develop articles, stories, and novels; and how to publish online.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY


Examines the meaning of human civilization and history.


Tells about a story of the adventurous American artists, writers, doctors, politicians, architects, and others of high aspiration who set off for Paris in the years between 1830 and 1900.


Tells the story of 2 million years of human history using 100 objects selected from the British Museum’s vast and renowned collection. Includes an illustrated booklet with additional background information and photographs, as well as PDF images of the featured objects.

Mann, Charles C. 2012. 1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created. Read by Robertson Dean. New York: Random House. (SD D 228 M36 2012 AC; Acc. Nos. 0431-0444; CD-ROM; 1080 min.)

Shows how the creation of post-Columbian network of ecological and economic exchange fostered the rise of Europe, devastated imperial China, and disrupted Africa by presenting the latest research of ecologist, anthropologists, and historians.

Recounts one of the most dramatic stories in American History – the killing of Abraham Lincoln.


 Tells about Slawomir Rawicz and six fellow prisoners’ escape from a Soviet labor camp in Yakutsk – a camp where surviving hunger, cold, untreated wounds, and untreated illnesses, and avoiding daily executions were everyday feats.


Brings to life the most intriguing woman in the history of the world: Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt. Includes a PDF of historical documents.


Recreates the attack on Pearl Harbor and the events leading up to it.

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE


Focuses on the most prolific period in the life of Howard Hughes: the mid-1920’s through the 1940’s – the time of brilliant aeronautical invention, turbulent love affairs, and savage corporate battles.

Awakening. 1990. [Culver City, CA]: Columbia Pictures. (VD PN 1997 A92 1990 AC; Acc. No. 0496; DVD; 122 min.)

Gives an inspiring, hearth-wrenching, and true story about a maverick doctor who “awakes” his catatonic patients after decades of darkness.


Presents a dynamic tribute to Buddy Holly – the musical genius from Lubbock, Texas, who changed the turn of rock ‘n’ roll history.
**Coal Miner’s Daughter.** 2012. Universal City, CA: Universal Studios. (VD PN 1997 C62 2012 AC; Acc. No. 0506; DVD; 125 min.)

*Reveals the biography of country-music legend Loretta Lynn and a true story based on the book she wrote with George Vessey.*


*Includes basic/intermediate ESL program for speakers of any language.*


*Helps to improve American English pronunciation quickly, easily, and effectively with the simplest and most practical program available.*


*Teaches English the way it is heard on the streets, in restaurants, at the movies, and at parties.*


*Tells about an inspirational, courageous, and empowering story about very different, extraordinary women in the 1960s South who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project – one that breaks society’s rules and puts them all at risk.*


*Presents the life of the controversial and influential slain minister and civil rights leader, from his days as an angry young man to his conversion to Islam and eventual assassination.*

**Matewan.** 1987. [Canada]: Cinecom Entertainment Group. (VD PN 1995.9 M37 1987 AC; Acc. No. 0501; DVD; 135 min.)

*Relates a fictional story about labor wars among West Virginia coal miners during the 1920’s.*

Tells about an ennobling and uplifting story of courage and hope of Annie Sullivan, a no-nonsense young teacher who has just recently regained her own right, leads her 7 year-old bold pupil on a miraculous journey to happiness and light.


Tells about an Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane’s successful attempt to assemble a baseball team on a lean budget by employing computer-generated analysis to acquire new players.


Presents a tribute to one of the most extraordinary figures of World War II, General George S. Patlon, Jr., a brilliant strategist, a pious man who swore up a storm and whose skills led the United States into the most famous and pivotal battles of the war in Europe.


Provides tools needed for vocabulary, phrases, and basic grammar to help communicate in typical situations in the United States.


Shows an inspiring true story of three men – a jockey, a trainer, and a businessman of a championship horse, Seabiscuit.


Tells a story of a religious man’s moral crisis and heroics, and his return to the rural life he loved, refusing to capitalize on the adulation reaped upon him; an ode to patriotism and the human spirit.

Trace Effects. [2012]. U.S. Department of State. Teacher ed.; Student ed. (PE 1128.3 T72 [2012]; Acc. 0538-0539; Acc. 0540; DVD; DVD)

Features puzzles, games, and adventures in an interactive world to learn English and explore American culture.
Twain, Mark. 1994. **The Mark Twain Sampler.** Middletown, RI: Audio. (SD PS 1331 T82 1994 AC; Acc. Nos. 0400-0402; DVD; 180 min.)

*Showcases the collection of Mark Twain's best writings includes witty, passionate, fiery, and profound short stories, memoirs, letters, and speeches.*

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**


*Explains a stunningly wide range of natural phenomena: How old is the universe? Why do the continents look like disconnected pieces of a jigsaw puzzle? What causes tsunamis? Why are there so many kinds of plants and animals? Who was the first man, or woman? Starting with the magical, mythical explanations for the wonders of nature, Dawkins reveals the exhilarating scientific truths behind these occurrences.*


*Clarifies and expands on the great subjects of the original (A Brief History of Time), as well as records the latest developments in the field – from string theory to the search for a unified theory of all the forces of physics.*


*Tells about the dramatic story of the quest to find the "dark" matter and an even more bizarre substance called "dark energy."*
Stern, Nicholas Herbert. 2009. The Global Deal: Climate Change and the Creation of a New Era of Progress and Prosperity. Oregon: Blackstone Audio. (SD QC 981.8 S73 2009 AC; Acc. Nos. 0403-0410; CD-ROM; 570 min.)

Evaluates the economic future and the essential steps that must be taken to protect economic growth and reduce poverty while managing climate change.


Takes readers to look at the mineral that can sustain life or destroy it.

SOCIAL SCIENCES


Presents the story of John Reed, American communist, journalist and activist, whose love affair with writer/feminist Louise Bryant unfolds against the explosive backdrop of the Russian Revolution.
Online information resources are also available at the MMSU-American Corner (AC) through the:

*eLibraryUSA*

*Your Gateway to Vital Information and Extensive Learning*

A virtual library that provides access to more than 30 databases of authoritative and continually updated information ranging from current events and business news to science, technology, culture, and the arts.

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