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Robyn Schneider's The Beginning of Everything is a witty and heart-wrenching teen novel that

will appeal to fans of books by John Green and Ned Vizzini, novels such as *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and classics like *The Great Gatsby* and *The Catcher in the Rye*. Varsity tennis captain Ezra Faulkner was supposed to be homecoming king, but that was before—before his girlfriend cheated on him, before a car accident shattered his leg, and before he fell in love with unpredictable new girl Cassidy Thorpe. As Kirkus said in a starred review, "Schneider takes familiar stereotypes and infuses them with plenty of depth. Here are teens who could easily trade barbs and double entendres with the characters that fill John Green's novels." Funny, smart, and including everything from flash mobs to blanket forts to a poodle who just might be the reincarnation of Jay Gatsby, *The Beginning of Everything* is a refreshing contemporary twist on the classic coming-of-age novel—a heart-wrenching story about how difficult it is to play the part that people expect, and how new beginnings can stem from abrupt and tragic endings. Brimming with ideas from the pretty to the practical, *Gifts from the Garden* contains more than 100 projects that use the gardener's bounty throughout the seasons. Divided into *Flowers and Herbs*, and *Fruit and Vegetables*, Debora includes gifts that are edible, for your home and for your wellbeing. There are potted bulbs

in teacups and decorated personal seed packets, a lavender, rose and chamomile bubble bath, flower and fruit lip balms, a tisane planter and a pizza herb window box, as well as festive wreaths and ideas for using flowers and foliage when wrapping presents. And of course delicious ideas like toffee apples, herbal teas, spice rubs, chilli jams, courgette muffins and quince vodka to name a few! So whether you want to give something practical for the home, indulgent to enjoy at bath time, or to complement a delicious dinner, there is a present that will suit everyone.

Concepts of Biology is designed for the single-semester introduction to biology course for non-science majors, which for many students is their only college-level science course. As such, this course represents an important opportunity for students to develop the necessary knowledge, tools, and skills to make informed decisions as they continue with their lives. Rather than being mired down with facts and vocabulary, the typical non-science major student needs information presented in a way that is easy to read and understand. Even more importantly, the content should be meaningful. Students do much better when they understand why biology is relevant to their everyday lives. For these reasons, Concepts of Biology is grounded on an evolutionary basis

and includes exciting features that highlight careers in the biological sciences and everyday applications of the concepts at hand. We also strive to show the interconnectedness of topics within this extremely broad discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of Concepts of Biology is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. Concepts of Biology also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts. The long-awaited cookbook by one of the San Francisco Bay Area's star chefs, David Kinch, who has revolutionized restaurant culture with his take on the farm-to-table ethic and focus on the terroir of the Northern California coast. Since opening Manresa in Los Gatos in 2002, award-winning Chef David Kinch has done more to create a sense of place through his food--specifically where the Santa Cruz Mountains meet the sea--than any other chef on the West Coast. Manresa's thought-provoking dishes and unconventional pairings draw on techniques both traditional and modern that combine with

the heart of the Manresa experience: fruits and vegetables. Through a pioneering collaboration between farm and restaurant, nearby Love Apple Farms supplies nearly all of the restaurant's exquisite produce year round. Kinch's interpretation of these ingredients, drawing on his 30 years in restaurants as well as his far-flung and well-fed travels, are at the heart of the Manresa experience. In Manresa, Chef Kinch details his thoughts on building a dish: the creativity, experimentation and emotion that go into developing each plate and daily menu—and how a tasting menu ultimately tells a deeper story. A literary snapshot of the restaurant, from Chef Kinch's inspirations to his techniques, Manresa is an ode to the mountains, fields, and sea; it shares the philosophies and passions of a brilliant chef whose restaurant draws its inspiration globally, while always keeping a profound connection to the people, producers, and bounty of the land that surrounds it.

Introductory Statistics is designed for the one-semester, introduction to statistics course and is geared toward students majoring in fields other than math or engineering. This text assumes students have been exposed to intermediate algebra, and it focuses on the applications of statistical knowledge rather than the theory behind it.

The foundation of this textbook is *Collaborative Statistics*, by Barbara Illowsky and Susan Dean. Additional topics, examples, and ample opportunities for practice have been added to each chapter. The development choices for this textbook were made with the guidance of many faculty members who are deeply involved in teaching this course. These choices led to innovations in art, terminology, and practical applications, all with a goal of increasing relevance and accessibility for students. We strove to make the discipline meaningful, so that students can draw from it a working knowledge that will enrich their future studies and help them make sense of the world around them.

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Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Star Wars with this pop-up extravaganza that takes readers on a 3-D, movable journey unto

the Star Wars universe. A celebration of the work of the late Academy Award-nominated author and screenwriter collects her writings on topics ranging from journalism and feminism to food and aging, in a volume complemented by her notorious Wellesley commencement address and her recent blogs about death. The definitive guide to everything fans want to know about *A Christmas Story* shares the inside story behind the film's production, release, and unlikely ascent to the top of popular culture. From Jean Shepherd's original radio broadcasts to Bob Clark's 1983 sleeper hit film and beyond, *A Christmas Story* has become a beloved Yuletide tradition over the last three decades. In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of its theatrical release, this is the untold story of the making of the film, and what happened afterwards. Ralphie Parker's quest for a Red Ryder air rifle didn't end with the movie's release; the tale inspired massive VHS sales, a Broadway production, and a mountain of merchandise. Complete with rare and previously unreleased photographs, now fans of the movie and film buffs alike can learn all they didn't know about the timeless classic. *CCH's U.S. Master Estate and Gift Tax Guide* is a concise and reliable handbook for both tax advisors and estate representatives involved in federal estate and gift tax

planning, return preparation and tax payment. This trusted reference provides clear explanations of the laws relating to federal estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes to give readers the solid understanding they need to understand and apply today's complex wealth transfer tax rules. CCH's U.S. Master Estate and Gift Tax Guide is a concise and reliable handbook for both tax advisors and estate representatives involved in federal estate and gift tax planning return preparation and tax payment. This trusted reference provides clear explanations of the laws relating to federal estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes to give readers the solid understanding they need to understand and apply today's complex wealth transfer tax rules. Kids can sew too! This inspiring guide includes 21 fun sewing projects for children ages 5 and up. With easy-to-follow illustrated instructions and cut-out patterns, young crafters will quickly be sewing up colorful pillows, potholders, dolls, blankets, and more. These kid-tested projects require only minimal supervision and most can be made using simple hand stitches, so no sewing machine is required. With plenty of encouragement and helpful tips, Sewing School helps little sewers develop their skills while sparking a passion that will last a lifetime.

New York Times best seller Ever since Gabrielle Stanley Blair became a parent, she's believed that a thoughtfully designed home is one of the greatest gifts we can give our families, and that the objects and decor we choose to surround ourselves with tell our family's story. In this, her first book, Blair offers a room-by-room guide to keeping things sane, organized, creative, and stylish. She provides advice on getting the most out of even the smallest spaces; simple fixes that make it easy for little ones to help out around the house; ingenious storage solutions for the never-ending stream of kid stuff; rainy-day DIY projects; and much, much more.

Taking a decision about your future is not very simple, it requires intensive research and some strong decision making skills. Am I choosing the right course, will I get a job after I graduate, should I do what I love doing, will I be able to manage my budgets? These questions are always relevant to students who are planning to pursue their higher education and easyuni's guidebook is an attempt to answer a few of these questions. This guidebook is another step forward to improve the entire experience of university selection and application. The guidebook is an attempt to answer questions of millions of students who are eligible for enrollment in

higher education institutes in 2013–2014. The guidebook consists of 80 pages of educational content, including articles on studying abroad, choosing and applying for universities, what to study, and scholarships & loans among others. The articles also focus heavily on the seven most popular subjects, namely Engineering, Medicine, Information Technology, Science, Arts and Creative Design, and Business and Accounting. The definitions of fatherhood have shifted in the twenty-first century as paternal subjectivities, conflicts, and desires have registered in new ways in the contemporary family. This collection investigates these sites of change through various lenses from popular culture – film, television, blogs, best-selling fiction and non-fiction, stand-up comedy routines, advertisements, newspaper articles, parenting guide-books, and video games. Treating constructions of the father at the nexus of patriarchy, gender, and (post)feminist philosophy, contributors analyze how fatherhood is defined in relation to masculinity and femininity, and the shifting structures of the heteronormative nuclear family. Perceptions of the father as the traditional breadwinner and authoritarian as compared to a more engaged and involved nurturer are considered via representations of

fathers from the US, Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, and Sweden. *Private Gardens of the Hudson Valley* surveys the majestic landscape that borders the Hudson River, an area rich in history and unique garden designs. The scenery, which encompasses riverfront meadows, craggy hills, and long open valleys, is inherently dramatic. Twenty-six private gardens are presented here, chosen to establish a sense of place and to convey the romance of the landscape. John Hall's photographs give a privileged view of the life within, while Jane Garmey's warm and engaging narrative traces the development of the gardens and the great pleasure their owners take in nurturing them. As Garmey notes in her introduction, each of these gardens has been made by the owner, and special attention given to the transition between the cultivated garden and the grandeur of the larger landscape beyond. The splendid setting of the Hudson Valley encompasses an almost infinite variety of design approaches from formal and traditional to naturalistic and an equal range of scale from multiple gardens within a vast estate to charmingly diminutive spaces between historic village houses. All have much to tell us about the complexity, challenges, and finally the unforgettable pleasure of making a garden. "A sharp analysis of the quest for

unreal critters—cryptids, as they are called—and the people who pursue them . . . entertaining and thoroughly documented.” —The Wall Street Journal Throughout our history, humans have been captivated by mythic beasts and legendary creatures. Tales of Bigfoot, the Yeti, and the Loch Ness monster are part of our collective experience. Now comes a book from two dedicated investigators that explores and elucidates the fascinating world of cryptozoology. Daniel Loxton and Donald R. Prothero have written an entertaining, educational, and definitive text on cryptids, presenting the arguments both for and against their existence and systematically challenging the pseudoscience that perpetuates their myths. After examining the nature of science and pseudoscience and their relation to cryptozoology, Loxton and Prothero take on Bigfoot; the Yeti, or Abominable Snowman, and its cross-cultural incarnations; the Loch Ness monster and its highly publicized sightings; the evolution of the Great Sea Serpent; and Mokele Mbembe, or the Congo dinosaur. They conclude with an analysis of the psychology behind the persistent belief in paranormal phenomena, identifying the major players in cryptozoology, discussing the character of its subculture, and considering the challenge it poses to clear and critical thinking in our

increasingly complex world. "As valuable for its analysis of the hunted as it is for the light it shines on the still-hopeful hunters."
—Publishers Weekly "Highly recommended for readers looking for scientific but accessible evaluations of the existence of five notable cryptids that have captured our imaginations."
—Library Journal (starred review) From favorites like "Puss in Boots" and "Goldilocks" to obscure gems like "The Boy Who Drew Cats," *Fairy Tale Comics* has something to offer every reader. Seventeen fairy tales are wonderfully adapted and illustrated in comics format by seventeen different cartoonists, including Raina Telgemeier, Brett Helquist, Cherise Harper, and more. Edited by Nursery Rhyme Comics' Chris Duffy, this jacketed hardcover is a beautiful gift and an instant classic. Presents detailed labeled drawings, with background text, of the various vehicles in the *Star Wars* movies. The little-known world of industrial shows is reconstructed through the record collection of author Steve Young, who has spent twenty years finding the extremely rare souvenir albums as well as tracking down and interviewing the writers and performers. Dr. Seuss's wonderfully wise *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* is the perfect gift to celebrate all of our special milestones—from graduations to birthdays and beyond! From

soaring to high heights and seeing great sights to being left in a Lurch on a prickly perch, Dr. Seuss addresses life's ups and downs with his trademark humorous verse and whimsical illustrations. The inspiring and timeless message encourages readers to find the success that lies within, no matter what challenges they face. A perennial favorite and a perfect gift for anyone starting a new phase in their life! The cast-iron skillet is the original gourmet-cooking tool. This cookbook aims to show modern cooks how this inexpensive cast iron tool is the best pan in their kitchen. *Named a Best Book of 2021 by *Cosmopolitan*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Yahoo!Life*, *Parade*, *The Strand*, *Brit + Co.*, *Book Riot*, *SheKnows*, *BookTrib*, *Women.com*, *SheReads*, *Ms. Career Girl*, and more! *2021 American Fiction Awards Award-Winning Finalist in Young Adult, Readers' Favorite Book Awards Winner in Young Adult, IAN Book of the Year Awards Finalist in Young Adult, Firebird Award Winner in Young Adult Fiction, and 2021 CIBA Dante Rossetti Book Awards Winner *The Breakfast Club* meets *Alive* in this gripping tale of survival, impossible choices, and the harrowing balance between life and death. Six teens, one dog, a ski trip gone wrong . . . Sam is dreading senior ski weekend and having to watch after her brother and his best

friend, Gavin, to make sure they don't do anything stupid. Again. Gavin may be gorgeous, but he and Sam have never gotten along. Now they're crammed into an SUV with three other classmates and Gavin's dog, heading on a road trip that can't go by fast enough. Then their SUV crashes into a snowbank, and Sam and her friends find themselves stranded in the mountains with cell phone coverage long gone and temperatures dropping. When the group gets sick of waiting for rescue, they venture outside to find help—only to have a wilderness accident leave Sam's brother with a smashed leg and, soon, a raging fever. While the hours turn to days, Sam's brother gets sicker and sicker, and their food and supplies dwindle until there isn't enough for everyone. As the winter elements begin to claim members of the group one by one, Sam vows to keep her brother alive. No matter what. Filled with twists, secrets, and life-changing moments, *Ski Weekend* is a snow-packed survival thriller featuring a diverse cast of teens that will appeal to fans of *One of Us is Lying* and *I Am Still Alive*. An investigation into the societal impact of intelligent, high-achieving women who are honing traditional homemaking skills traces emerging trends in sophisticated crafting, cooking and farming that are reshaping the roles of women. "As a leading

researcher in the field of biology, Robin Wall Kimmerer understands the delicate state of our world. But as an active member of the Potawatomi nation, she senses and relates to the world through a way of knowing far older than any science. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, she intertwines these two modes of awareness--the analytic and the emotional, the scientific and the cultural--to ultimately reveal a path toward healing the rift that grows between people and nature. The woven essays that construct this book bring people back into conversation with all that is green and growing; a universe that never stopped speaking to us, even when we forgot how to listen"--

Ministry: The Lost Gospels is both ugly and captivating, revealing a character who has lived a hard life his way, without compromise. Jourgensen, one of the most innovative and prolific artists ever to pick up a guitar, mandolin, harmonica, or banjo, wanted to be a musician, yet became a rock star. And fame and fortune almost killed him. An IV drug abuser from the age of fifteen, Jourgensen delved deeper into heroin, cocaine, methadone, and alcohol for twenty-two years before cleaning up, straightening out, and finding new reasons to live. Filled with humor, heart, decadence, and tragedy, *Ministry* depicts the epic life of a renegade

iconoclast. "You have to bear in mind that [Questlove] is one of the smartest motherf*****s on the planet. His musical knowledge, for all practical purposes, is limitless." --Robert Christgau MO' META BLUES

The World According to Questlove Mo' Meta Blues is a punch-drunk memoir in which Everyone's Favorite Questlove tells his own story while tackling some of the lates, the greats, the fakes, the philosophers, the heavyweights, and the true originals of the music world. He digs deep into the album cuts of his life and unearths some pivotal moments in black art, hip hop, and pop culture. Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson is many things: virtuoso drummer, producer, arranger, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon bandleader, DJ, composer, and tireless Tweeter. He is one of our most ubiquitous cultural tastemakers, and in this, his first book, he reveals his own formative experiences--from growing up in 1970s West Philly as the son of a 1950s doo-wop singer, to finding his own way through the music world and ultimately co-founding and rising up with the Roots, a.k.a., the last hip hop band on Earth. Mo' Meta Blues also has some (many) random (or not) musings about the state of hip hop, the state of music criticism, the state of statements, as well as a plethora of run-ins with celebrities, idols, and fellow

artists, from Stevie Wonder to KISS to D'Angelo to Jay-Z to Dave Chappelle to...you ever seen Prince roller-skate?!? But *Mo' Meta Blues* isn't just a memoir. It's a dialogue about the nature of memory and the idea of a post-modern black man saddled with some post-modern blues. It's a book that questions what a book like *Mo' Meta Blues* really is. It's the side wind of a one-of-a-kind mind. It's a rare gift that gives as well as takes. It's a record that keeps going around and around. The popular singer traces the story of her life and career from her Arizona upbringing in a musical family and her rise to stardom in Southern California to her role in shaping 1970s sounds and her collaborations with fellow artists. The winner of the Man Booker Prize, this "expertly written, perfectly constructed" bestseller (*The Guardian*) is now a Starz miniseries. It is 1866, and Walter Moody has come to stake his claim in New Zealand's booming gold rush. On the stormy night of his arrival, he stumbles across a tense gathering of 12 local men who have met in secret to discuss a series of unexplained events: a wealthy man has vanished, a prostitute has tried to end her life, and an enormous cache of gold has been discovered in the home of a luckless drunk. Moody is soon drawn into a network of fates and fortunes

that is as complex and exquisitely ornate as the night sky. Richly evoking a mid-nineteenth-century world of shipping, banking, and gold rush boom and bust, *The Luminaries* is at once a fiendishly clever ghost story, a gripping page-turner, and a thrilling novelistic achievement. It richly confirms that Eleanor Catton is one of the brightest stars in the international literary firmament. Set off on an amazing quest with this lovable orphaned mouse. The tiniest mouse in the Royal Mews is such a mystery he doesn't even know his own name! He scampers off on a epic adventure in and around Buckingham Palace with a plan to seek the advice of Queen Victoria. The exhilarating journey takes him to strange and wonderful places, but will it help him discover who he is and where he came from? This delightful follow-up to the acclaimed *Secrets at Sea* from Newbery Medal winner Richard Peck is full of laughs, surprises and excitement. "This clever yarn should delight fans of animal adventure stories." —Booklist, starred review "Readers will gleefully suspend disbelief as they trace Mouse Minor's exciting journey." —Publishers Weekly, starred review Celebrates the mystique and romance of the iconic and extravagant neighborhood of the Hamptons, exploring the architecture and gardens of the area's opulent mansions. Now a

Major Motion Picture Directed by American Sniper Writer Jason Hall and Starring Miles Teller The wars of the past decade have been covered by brave and talented reporters, but none has reckoned with the psychology of these wars as intimately as the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Finkel. For *The Good Soldiers*, his bestselling account from the front lines of Baghdad, Finkel embedded with the men of the 2-16 Infantry Battalion during the infamous "surge," a grueling fifteen-month tour that changed them all forever. In Finkel's hands, readers can feel what these young men were experiencing, and his harrowing story instantly became a classic in the literature of modern war. In *Thank You for Your Service*, Finkel has done something even more extraordinary. Once again, he has embedded with some of the men of the 2-16—but this time he has done it at home, here in the States, after their deployments have ended. He is with them in their most intimate, painful, and hopeful moments as they try to recover, and in doing so, he creates an indelible, essential portrait of what life after war is like—not just for these soldiers, but for their wives, widows, children, and friends, and for the professionals who are truly trying, and to a great degree failing, to undo the damage that has been done. The story

Finkel tells is mesmerizing, impossible to put down. With his unparalleled ability to report a story, he climbs into the hearts and minds of those he writes about. Thank You for Your Service is an act of understanding, and it offers a more complete picture than we have ever had of these two essential questions: When we ask young men and women to go to war, what are we asking of them? And when they return, what are we thanking them for? One of Publishers Weekly's Best Nonfiction Books of 2013 One of The Washington Post's Top 10 Books of the Year A New York Times Notable Book of 2013 An NPR Best Book of 2013 A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of 2013 The Daily Telegraph Tax Guide contains everything you need to know about completing a Self-Assessment tax return for 2012/13 including: full details of the new High Income Child Benefit tax charge section-by-section worked illustrations key changes from the 2012 Autumn Statement and March 2013 Budget dealing effectively with HM Revenue & Customs when and how to file your return and pay your tax For any taxpayer, whether self-employed, part-time, retired or unemployed, the book:- is an invaluable resource that can help ensure that you are as tax efficient as possible offers practical advice, timetables and examples that aim to simplify what many people view as a

complex and challenging procedure With a whole range of top tips for saving on all types of tax, *The Daily Telegraph Tax Guide* is the essential guide to completing your 2012/13 tax return. The 42nd annual edition of the leading guide to taxation in Britain. This practical and user-friendly guide is a bestseller with students, professionals, accountants and private individuals, explaining in simple terms how the UK tax system works and how best to minimise tax liabilities. From the acclaimed team behind Manhattan's three-Michelin-starred Eleven Madison Park restaurant comes this deluxe cookbook showcasing the foods, ingredients, and culinary history of New York. After landing rave reviews for his transformation of Eleven Madison Park from a French brasserie into a fine dining restaurant, chef Daniel Humm decided to refashion Manhattan's ultimate destination restaurant into a showcase for New York's food artisans. Instead of looking abroad for inspiration, Humm headed to his own backyard, exploring more than fifty farms in the greater New York area and diving into the city's rich culinary heritage as a cultural melting pot. In *I Love New York*, Humm and his business partner, Will Guidara, present an in-depth look at the region's centuries-old farming traditions along with nearly 150

recipes that highlight its outstanding ingredients—from apples, celery root, and foie gras to nettles, pork, scallops, and venison. Included among these dishes designed explicitly for the home cook are reinterpretations of New York classics, like Oyster Pan Roast, Manhattan Clam Chowder, and the Bloody Mary. Lushly illustrated with photographs of the area's dramatic landscapes and the farmers who tend the land, this unique ode introduces the concept of New York regional cuisine as it celebrates the bounty of this exceptional state.

File your taxes with the help of a proven leader. If you wish to personally prepare your 2012 federal tax return, but seek the guidance of a trusted name in this field, look no further than the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013. Drawing from the tax experience and knowledge base of Ernst & Young professionals, this reliable resource not only covers how to file your federal income tax return but also provides valuable insights on how to avoid common errors and maximize your federal tax deductions. Designed in a straightforward and accessible style, the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013 contains essential information that will help you save time and money as you prepare your 2012 federal tax return. Throughout the book, you'll find hundreds of examples illustrating

how tax laws work, as well as sample tax forms and schedules to show you how to fill out your return line by line. Includes 50 of the most commonly overlooked deductions to take into account when preparing your return Provides specific solutions in its special contents index for taxpayers in particular circumstances, including families, homeowners, investors, entrepreneurs, senior citizens, and military personnel Contains an individual tax organizer, 2013 tax calendar, and a summary of expiring provisions Provides checklists of key 2012 tax breaks and deductions you may be eligible to use Comprehensive yet direct, the Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013 has everything you'll need to personally prepare your 2012 federal tax return. Provides information on responsive solutions to Web site design, covering such topics as wireframes, text, breakpoints, screenshots, browsers, and design manuals. From New York Times bestselling author Jon Katz comes a wise, uplifting, and poignant memoir of finding love against all odds, and the power of second chances for both people and dogs. "I had no idea that Frieda would enter my life and alter it in the most profound way, but that's one of the beautiful things about animals. They change you, and you almost never see it coming." In 2007, a few years after purchasing Bedlam Farm in upstate

New York, Jon Katz met Maria Wulf, a quiet, sensitive artist hoping to rekindle her creative spark. Jon, like her, was introspective yet restless, a writer struggling to find his purpose. He felt a connection with her immediately, but a formidable obstacle stood in the way: Maria's dog, Frieda. A rottweiler-shepherd mix who had been abandoned by her previous owner in the Adirondacks, where she lived in the wild for several years, Frieda was ferociously protective and barely tamed. She roared and charged at almost anyone who came near. But to Maria, Frieda was sweet and loyal, her beloved guard dog and devoted friend. And so Jon quickly realized that to win over Maria, he'd have to gain Frieda's affection as well. While he and Maria grew closer, Jon was having a tougher time charming Frieda to his side. Even after many days spent on Bedlam Farm, Frieda still lunged at the other animals, ran off into the woods, and would not let Jon come near her, even to hook on her leash. Yet armed with a singular determination, unlimited patience, and five hundred dollars' worth of beef jerky, Jon refused to give up on Frieda—or on his chance with Maria. Written with stunning emotional clarity and full of warm yet practical wisdom, *The Second-Chance Dog* is a testament to how animals can make us

better people, and how it's never too late to find love. Praise for *The Second-Chance Dog*

"No one speaks the language of a dog like best-selling author Jon Katz. His latest heartwarming memoir about finding love after struggling through a broken relationship . . . gives testament to how dogs can make us better human beings."—*The Free Lance-Star* "[An] intimate story of falling in love with a woman and her extremely protective pet dog . . . Bittersweet in its telling, Katz reminds readers of the importance of human and animal connections."—*Kirkus Reviews* "In this heartwarming story of love and redemption . . . dogs and humans alike get second chances at life, love, and growth. . . . This moving work is recommended for readers who want a true-life love story, for dog lovers seeking a book with a happy ending (the dog doesn't die!), for seniors who think that receiving a Medicare card means that love is out of the question, and for dog trainers who want to learn more about Katz's philosophy of dog training."—*Library Journal* "The story [Katz] tells gives hope that no animal is beyond help, as long as enough love and patience are thrown in."—*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

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