

## Big Deal

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As we consider the plight of our consumer-driven economy, it is easy to forget that money is about relationship: between individuals and between communities. In our current financial mess, it is worth reminding ourselves of community-based alternatives, and to look closely at microcredit, a model of peer lending to enable people to move out of poverty. From Bangladesh, from South Africa, from Ghana, and from the East End of London, we are given a worm's eye view of small scale work, of personal transformation, and the building of community. Small and local is still beautiful, and has much to teach us.

What's the Big Deal? explains the basic facts about sex for kids ages 8-11.

First Ladies are more than just wives of U.S. presidents! This fun, kid-friendly book of trivia and history shows that First Ladies help influence America in ways both large and small. Did you know that Mary Todd Lincoln hated slavery and helped to end it in America? Or that Edith Wilson helped decode secret messages during World War I? How about that Sarah Polk didn't let anyone dance in the White House while she was first lady? It's true! In addition to being hostesses, advocates, ambassadors, activists, patriots, and role-models, each first lady put her own stamp on the White House—and on our country. In this fun-filled, fact-filled book, you can find out just what made each first lady unique and why they were so important. As it turns out, first ladies are a pretty big deal after all! This book is perfect for fans of *So You Want to be President?* and *Rad American Women from A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries who Shaped Our History...And Our Future*, and is a great entry point to discussing elections, inaugurations, and all aspects of the White House with children. Praise for *What's the Big Deal About First Ladies?* "A breezy way to, as Abigail Adams urged, 'remember the ladies.'" --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "This title does an excellent job of highlighting the important roles that these women played throughout history....A delightful introduction to America's first ladies for elementary U.S. history collections." --School Library Journal "Packed with interesting facts and illustrated with style, this upbeat overview of America's First Ladies will entertain kids intrigued by history."

--Booklist

Mrs. McNeal turns her class of nineteen tattletales into respectful classmates who know how to behave in a true emergency. Includes note to parents.

THE BIG DEAL... shows how to develop a stronger relationship with God and more effective spiritual lifestyle by taking small steps that lead to big changes. Been running for Jesus a long time (I'm not tired yet) Been singing for Jesus a long time (I'm not tired yet) Been running by day and praying by night (I'm not tired yet) I've gotta get going, it's a mighty hard fight (No...I'm not tired yet) I've been serving God a long time (I'm not tired yet) I've been living for God a long time (I'm not tired yet) I've been praying to the Lord a long time (I'm not tired yet) It's an uphill journey but all I've got to say is (I'm not

tired yet) The old spiritual song lifts you, but you are tired. Or maybe you're bored. You're still going to church. You're still praying. You're still serving. You're still giving. Deep within you, faith remains. But you feel a longing. You're not seeking fireworks. You're not a pew-sitter, safe in some spiritual comfort zone, looking for a thrill from the Lord. Your trust in God is secure. But you feel a longing for something more, deeper, fresher. If you've ignored these innermost feelings thinking they're no big deal, this basic yet dynamic program that Bishop Vashti McKenzie has implemented in more than two hundred churches with astounding results is for you. Individuals who have had many years of Christian life discovered a renewed sense of calling and purpose. Even new believers were invigorated in their faith-building process. Bishop McKenzie prescribes very small changes—such as adding a mere thirty seconds of prayer daily—that lead to radical closeness to God. And building an enjoyable, meaningful relationship with the Almighty doesn't mean striving for perfection. Small steps—but meaningful steps—collectively evolve into intimacy with God. And the big deal result is greater ability to biblically address life challenges. The big deal is that you're even more available to serve family, church, and community: truly in "no ways tired." Increasing spirituality is incremental, not monumental. Mustard-seed-like increases in positive actions (and corresponding decreases in negative ones) yield mountain-moving growth!

From Shannon Hale, bestselling author of *Austenland*, comes *Kind of a Big Deal*: a hilarious, madcap story that will suck you in—literally. There's nothing worse than peaking in high school. Nobody knows that better than Josie Pie. She was kind of a big deal—she dropped out of high school to be a star! But the bigger you are, the harder you fall. And Josie fell. Hard. Ouch. Broadway dream: dead. Meanwhile, her life keeps imploding. Best friend: distant. Boyfriend: busy. Mom: not playing with a full deck? Desperate to escape, Josie gets into reading. Literally. She reads a book and suddenly she's inside it. And with each book, she's a different character: a post-apocalyptic heroine, the lead in a YA rom-com, a 17th century wench in a corset. It's alarming. But also . . . kind of amazing? It's the perfect way to live out her fantasies. Book after book, Josie the failed star finds a new way to shine. But the longer she stays in a story, the harder it becomes to escape. Will Josie find a story so good that she just stays forever?

Why is popular culture—in movies, books, and TV documentaries—expressing renewed interest in Jesus? And why 2000 years after His death does He continue to exert such enormous influence on our world? Tragically the search for answers has been made more difficult by the abundance of erroneous information coming from secular scholars and uninformed media sources. In this volume Bible experts and researchers John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs (*Middle East Meltdown: Oil, Israel, and the Religion Behind the Crisis*) sort out fact from fiction and provide answers about history's most controversial figure—who Jesus really was, what He really taught, why He died on a cross, and the evidence for His resurrection and His claim to be the Lord and Savior of this world. This is an ideal resource for Christians who want to be equipped to answer the tough questions others are asking about Jesus, as well as for non-Christians who are either skeptical or are on a serious quest for truth.

Bob Fosse is one of the most significant figures in the post-World War II American musical theater.

"Wasserstein is widely recognized as the father of modern-day mergers and acquisitions... [He] explains what drives mergers and how they get done." - USA Today

"Informative and entertaining." - Kirkus Reviews Big Deal is a penetrating look at the world of mergers and acquisitions by the legendary Bruce Wasserstein. Using compelling case studies, he reveals the inside story of the billion dollar deals that shape America's economy.

Braden, from the Executive FUNction series, is back – and he delivers the drama to every minor misunderstanding, grievance and annoyance in his life! What was supposed to be a carefree afternoon of go-cart racing and putt-putt golfing quickly turns sour when Braden shouts and pouts about the rules. (Turns out, he's too short to drive a go-cart.) Hearing his parents say the rules are the rules only makes him madder. "They haven't been kids in like 100 years or something!" he fumes. At home, there's more frustration. One situation involves a baseball game, a blanket and the family TV. There's even an ice cream sundae scandal at his mom's birthday dinner!

Dying Is No Big Deal is the title of one of the stories in this book, an international contest winner, and it titles the book. The author uses a technique he calls VISUAL writing that he developed as an audio-visual writer. He uses a camera point of view to set scenes, always aware of the picture that is registering on the readers mind. Action is quick and continues like a newsreel. The stories are much like video dramas. Lengths are ideal for a quick read during the day or at bedtime.

A hilarious nonfiction picture book from the New York Times bestselling author and creator of Awkward Yeti. Oh hey, guess what? The Sun never stops working to keep things on Earth running smoothly. (That's why it's been Employee of the Month for 4.5 billion years.) So why does the Sun get to be the center of attention? Because it's our solar system's very own star! This funny and factual picture book from Awkward Yeti creator Nick Seluk explains every part of the Sun's big job: keeping our solar system together, giving Earth day and night, keeping us warm, and more. In fact, the Sun does so much for us that we wouldn't be alive without it. That's kind of a big deal. Each spread features bite-sized text and comic-style art with sidebars sprinkled throughout. Anthropomorphized planets (and Pluto) chime in with commentary as readers learn about the Sun. For instance, Mars found someone's rover. Earth wants the Sun to do more stuff for it. And Jupiter just wants the Sun's autograph. Funny, smart, and accessible, The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal is a must-have!

One Million Copies Sold in Series! Christian Book Award: ECPA Medallion of Excellence Your kids know about sex. But what they've gathered from TV, other kids, or the internet doesn't tell them everything or answer all of their questions. What's the Big Deal? was written to help parents provide the answers to their 8-to-12-year-olds. This book explains the basic facts about sex and related issues such as: Why God made adults so that they want to have sex What God actually says in the Bible about sex and why it's designed for marriage The amazing changes ahead of you during puberty How to respond when you feel sexual pressure from friends, TV shows, movies, and magazines Your kids can read this book with you so you can discuss it together. This provides them the safe space to ask hard questions they might find embarrassing. The book will help kids understand what a beautiful and exciting gift from God sexuality is meant to be. Now revised and updated with: Separate chapters on puberty for boys and girls A chapter on the dangers of pornography An expanded age range (formerly 8 to 11, now 8 to 12)

Help teens make informed decisions about their health and wellness with judgment-free

information about addictions. From drugs and alcohol to pervasive use of electronic devices, more teens are exhibiting addictive behaviors. What's the Big Deal About Addictions? provides teens with lecture-free, reliable, and factual information about a range of addictions, from drugs and alcohol to electronic devices, social media, and other addictive activities, such as pornography, eating, gambling, and sex, among others. A practicing psychologist and a certified substance abuse counselor, Dr. Crist shares advice for teens who are having serious troubles with addiction and for teens with casual levels of use who may be concerned about their use. With teen stories and quotes included, What's the Big Deal About Addictions? speaks directly to teens about the real-life struggles with casual use and addictions they're seeing and experiencing among peers in school and in the broader community. Packed full of information to help teens make informed decisions, What's the Big Deal About Addictions? covers: The difference between casual use and addictive use, and the consequences of using The types of addictions, addictive behavior, and the risks associated with each How to overcome an addiction and the types of treatments available How to know and accept when recovering from addiction may require giving up certain friendships Tips for preventing relapse or developing a secondary addiction Additional resources for help and information are provided at the back of the book.

From ballots to bonfires, from suffrage to stumping, this kid-friendly picture book filled with fun facts and historical trivia shows why voting is so important and why America gets to call its government a body of, by, and for the people. Did you know that Election Day is on Tuesday because that was the best day for farmers to vote? Or that George Washington was our only elected president who ran unopposed? Or that Native Americans were only given the right to vote in 1924? It's all true! We hear a lot about political campaigns on the news, but there's tons to know about elections beyond the politics of each race. Who gets to vote? Who gets to run? What do elected officials do once they're in office--and what do candidates do if they lose? Why do people fight so hard for the right to vote? In this kid-friendly, fact-filled book, young readers will find out how Americans choose their leaders, local and federal, and why elections should matter to them, even if they can't vote (yet)! Praise for What's the Big Deal About Elections: "An informative introduction to the importance of voting, and a great choice for group reading choice before election season." --School Library Journal "An empowering choice." --Kirkus Reviews "This latest entry into the What's the Big Deal about . . . series is an upbeat discussion starter." --Booklist

Authors John Ankerberg and Dillon Burroughs continue their exciting What's the Big Deal? series with concise, informative answers to the many questions people are asking about the major religious groups in the world. The groups in this book are so widespread that readers are likely to encounter their followers in their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Which makes it important to understand what they believe, and why. Included in this volume are Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, and the Jehovah's Witnesses. And for each group, readers will discover... the origins and history the key teachings and leaders the major writings the traditions and special observances how they differ from Christianity Ankerberg and Burroughs are masterful at focusing on the key essentials readers need to know. And they include many exclusive interviews with experts, as well as numerous fascinating insights--all of which makes for compelling reading.

Oh hey, guess what? New York Times bestseller Nick Seluk has a hilarious new nonfiction picture book all about your body's very own computer -- the brain! Have you ever thought about everything your brain does for you? It is always working to keep you alive and safe. (Plus it lets you think about funny stuff, too.) So why is the brain such a big deal? Because it makes you YOU, of course! This funny and factual picture book from Heart and Brain creator Nick Seluk explains the science behind everything the brain helps you do: keeping your heart beating, telling you when you are sleepy, remembering stuff, and more. The brain is in charge of everything you do, every minute of every day for your entire life. That's kind of a big deal. Each spread features bite-sized text and comic-style art with sidebars sprinkled throughout. Anthropomorphized organs and body parts -- recognizable from Nick Seluk's New York Times bestselling book -- help readers learn through funny jokes and comic panels. Funny, smart, and accessible, *The Brain Is Kind of a Big Deal* is a must-have!

Upon hitting the ripe old age of 49, in the midst of perimenopause, Laurie Condon started reflecting on where she had been and where she was going. Laurie was trying to grasp what was happening to her body, and how quickly time was flying. Laurie Condon was hangry and moody which did not help. After waking up every day grumpy because nothing fit, she was determined to change her mindset and begin appreciating the journey. Other phases of life had their downsides too. For instance, going through puberty was awful, finding a significant other was challenging too. Becoming a mother and caring for an aging mother was daunting, but then something happened...

Tired of dead-end jobs, meaningless connections, or limited career growth? This blueprint shares key advice from a recruiter, career coach and branding strategist on how to identify and market your unique brand DNA to attract the right opportunities that will help catapult you into greatness.

**WARNING TO READERS:** The Author of This Book is Kind of Crazy, Kind of Delusional, and All Kinds of Hilarious Whether she's driving a limo for former Family Ties star Justine Bateman, dancing in the dark for a rarely seen Bob Dylan music video, or stalking a bachelor reject from TV's Love Connection, Stefanie Wilder-Taylor is kind of a big deal—at least in her own mind. Smart, screwy, and scathingly funny, her tell-all essays capture every cringe-worthy moment of her kind-of famous life. From bombing as a stand-up comic for born-again Christians, to winging it as a singing waitress in an Italian restaurant, to posting open letters to Angelina Jolie and David Hasselhoff, this unstoppable L.A. transplant refuses to give up on her dreams—no matter how ill-advised—and shows us a side of Hollywood better kept hidden. When it comes to funny women—unplugged and unleashed—they don't get any wilder than Stefanie Wilder-Taylor. . . .

This is a book that presents information from every possible angle for any employee or employer that's going out of business.

Dr. Manning speaks directly to the young people she calls the internet generation. She discusses such topics as: What is pornography? How does pornography affect people? Can pornography teach me things about sexuality that I need to know in the Fifteen years on from Anthony Holden's undisputed classic *BIG DEAL*, the poker world has changed beyond recognition. When Holden played in the 1988 World Series of Poker there were 167 entrants competing for a prize of \$270,000. At the 2006 WSOP, where this book climaxes, there were 8773 players and a first prize of some \$12 million

- the richest in any sport. What happened in the years between BIG DEAL and BIGGER DEAL is simple: thanks to the Internet and television there has been a worldwide explosion in the popularity of poker. The game even has a new respectable image, much to the disgust of die-hard players. Gone are the seedy, smoky rooms of the Horseshoe, and celebrities now crowd the tables at huge Las Vegas tournaments: Martin Sheen, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are all dedicated players. In the UK, LATE NIGHT POKER draws some 2 million viewers (Holden was banned from the last series for doing too well). In BIGGER DEAL, Holden is your guide - and the only guide you'll need - to the world of new poker as he prepares to enter the WSOP once again. Will he win the title? Place your bets ...

"By far the clearest, most enjoyable, and most enlightening book about Bitcoin I've read. This is a must-read for anyone curious about the currency." - Isaac Morehouse, CEO of Praxis Everybody is talking about Bitcoin, but most people have no idea what the fuss is about. If you keep hearing about Bitcoin, but don't understand the hype, this book is written for you. It features: \* A five-word definition of Bitcoin \* No technical jargon \* A step-by-step explanation for the complete novice This is a "what-is" book, not a "how-to" book. Learn why the most popular objections to Bitcoin aren't very accurate, including: \* "Bitcoin is just a Ponzi scheme!" \* "It's only used by criminals!" \* "It's not a real currency!" \* "It has no intrinsic value!" \* And "What about Mt. Gox?" Enthusiasts often claim the technology is invincible and perfect; it isn't. To clearly understand Bitcoin, you have to know the real challenges facing the technology, including: \* The 51% attack \* Transaction limits and confirmation times \* The year 2140 \* Governments and regulations Bitcoin has been called "the future of online payments." Learn why big-name companies have started accepting the currency, including Microsoft, Dell, Newegg, TigerDirect, Overstock.com, Dish Network, and Expedia. By the end of this book, you will have a clear answer to the question, "What's the big deal about Bitcoin?"

This guide to recovery from addictions covers some of the common problems that ex-addicts face, presenting a 12 step program than can help to turn your life around.

No Big DealPan Macmillan

From the Constitution to abolition, from voting to civil rights, this chapter book for civic-minded young readers filled with fun facts and historical trivia shows how America got the nickname "land of the free." It's a "free country"! Why? Because in America we're free to speak our minds, choose our leaders, and set the rules. Since way back when Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, Americans have stood up for freedom again and again--but it wasn't always easy! Did you know that Henry "Box" Brown escaped slavery by shipping himself north in a box? Or that Susan B. Anthony was arrested when she tried to vote? Did you know that even young kids protested for the right to go to school? This entertaining, fact-filled book, perfect for fans of the Who Was series, is a great way to talk about America, its values, and the rights we all enjoy. It celebrates

how, with every generation, more and more Americans won the right to be free. Find out how they did it and why standing up for the "land of the free" is such a big deal!

This book advances new views on higher education design, steps beyond prevailing problems and perspectives, and stimulates broader contributions. The 2020 pandemic has shocked already fragile business and academic models, and the time is ripe for innovating global online education, shifting towards Asia and lifelong learning, and investing in 21st century institutions and partnerships. Rather than dwell on dystopian discontents, the book charts narratives for developing the industry and the field. It is written for commercial, governmental and collegial communities to inject major research-driven insights into contemporary transformations and research. Hamish Coates is a Tenured Professor at Tsinghua University's Institute of Education, Director of the Higher Education Research Division, and Deputy Director of the Tsinghua University Global Research Centre for the Assessment of College and Student Development. He was Professor of Higher Education at the University of Melbourne, Program Director at the LH Martin Institute for Tertiary Leadership and Management, and Founding Director of Higher Education Research at the Australian Council for Educational Research. For 20 years he has led influential projects across 50 countries. He concentrates on improving the quality and productivity of higher education.

BIG DEAL is the mesmerising story of a year spent by bestselling biographer Anthony Holden in the tough world of the professional poker player. He spent days and nights in the poker paradise of Las Vegas, in Malta and Morocco, even shipboard, mingling with the legendary greats, sharpening his game, perfecting his repartee, and learning a great deal about himself in the process. Poker, Holden would insist, is not gambling. Like chess it is a paradigm of life at its most intense, a gladiatorial contest that brings out the best as well as the worst in people. Its heroes, its eccentrics and its comedians stalk the pages of this remarkable book, along with all the hair-raising, nail-biting excitement of the games themselves. A classic of the genre, BIG DEAL is here reissued with a new introduction by the author.

Burgen offers a heart-to-heart, biblical discussion of several relevant parent-teen issues, including rules, resolving conflicts, communication, and living as a Christian in a non-Christian home.

In 1988, best-selling biographer Anthony Holden spent one year living the life of a professional poker player. His mesmerizing account of that year went on to become a classic of the genre, an inspiration to innumerable poker players and poker memoirists who followed. Big Deal is his story of days and nights in Las Vegas, Malta, and Morocco, mingling with the greats, sharpening his game, perfecting his repartee, and learning a great deal about himself in the process. Poker, Holden would insist, is a paradigm of life at its most intense, a gladiatorial contest that brings out the best as well as the worst in people. The heroes and

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No Big Deal is a fierce and body-positive celebration of friendship, first crushes and loving yourself 'No Big Deal is an iconic love song to everyone out there who knows that life isn't one size fits all' Julie Murphy, bestselling author of *Dumplin'* Emily knows she's smart. Emily knows she's funny. Emily knows she's awesome. Emily knows she's fat. She doesn't need anyone to tell her any of these things - she likes herself and she likes her body. She just thinks it's time everyone else caught up. With a newly-slim bestie, a mum knee-deep in fad diets and increasing pressure to change, Emily faces a constant battle to be her true self. But when she meets gorgeous Joe, things start to change. Somehow, she's going to have to convince everyone, including herself, that it's no big deal. No Big Deal is a funny and inspiring debut YA novel from Bethany Rutter: influencer, editor and a fierce UK voice in the debate around body positivity.

From Native American traditions to immigrant inventions, from diversity to democracy, from ice cream cones to apple pie, this picture book is filled with fun facts and historical trivia, celebrating the melting pot and mosaic that is America. Did you know that the inventor of American cheese actually came from Canada? Or that founding father Benjamin Franklin was inspired to create a democratic society by a confederacy of Native American tribes who came together to stop their constant warring? How about that both "God Bless America" and "White Christmas" were written by Irving Berlin, a Russian Jew who fled to the U.S. because of persecution back home? People have come to America from many different countries, in many different ways, for many different reasons. Americans have many different beliefs, different languages, and different traditions. But even with all of these differences, America comes together with the understanding that our country and government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." And there's nothing more American than that.

Lyme disease is the fastest spreading infectious disease. Tick-borne illnesses can be spread from the tick's saliva to the host upon attachment. The result can be severe and irreversible neurological illness if not treated in time. This book is aimed to educate on the complexities of Lyme disease through the experiences of the author and her children; in a place where the reader will find hope while learning about the politics of Lyme disease, intricacies of care, and the importance of prevention.

Thirty-Two years of marriage does not make me an expert on marriage, but should allow me the right to talk about the subject. Marriage is a big deal! It is a big deal because God has sanctioned it. It is a big deal because the institution of marriage is under attack. It is a big deal because the word, "family", has become a dysfunctional representation of God's intended purpose. Marriage is a big deal! I am excited that you have made a prayerful decision to do it, and to do it right according to God's word. I pray that you will utilize this book as a guide for your private devotion and public discussion. It is intended to make you ask, seek, and

knock. I pray that it will cause you to search out the truth about how it is possible to have a healthy and enjoyable marriage.

The “Big Deal” looked like a good deal, a true win-win. But while the Big Deal has lowered the rate of serial price inflation, for many libraries the pricing remains unsustainable. Nearly half of libraries have seen substantial increases in serial spending during the past ten years. Where does your institution fall on the scale? Drawing from National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) data, Crawford presents a thorough study, crunching the numbers of a survey of 2,594 academic libraries through 83 revealing charts and graphs. Examining data organized by groups of academic libraries, and broken down by library size, sector, and Carnegie Classification, this issue of Library Technology Reports offers such findings and explanations as: Summary of number of institutions and full-time equivalent students Tables plotting key figures from 2002 to 2012 Analysis of trends in spending and acquisitions, with notes on special cases Data on how the non-serial spending is hitting the 1,516 small libraries particularly hard Book-spending trends comparing liberal arts colleges to doctoral research universities or public and private institutions Suggestions for improving libraries' position in the serial marketplace

Lane and Carol's sexual lifestyle calls for a change in the rules. Both woman have an appetite for fun, both are juggling the complexities of their same-sex relationship, and the fine print in the deal they have agreed on means things can only get hotter.

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