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The future of farming is here. Countries all over the world are racing to revolutionize farming. Indian agricultural sector, however, is facing several challenges and needs a makeover. India should adopt agritech to make farming lucrative on a sustained basis and liberate its farmers. Based on the author ' s grassroot level discussions with thousands of farmers, entrepreneurs and policymakers, and a deep study of global trends, Agribusiness and Technology deliberates on the future of farming in India. It takes into consideration the farmers ' views and pain points, and pitches modern methods, best practices, effective business models and the use of technology as the best solution to make farming more lucrative, even for the small farmer. It provides a pathway for an early and impactful adoption of the various solutions. The book will speak to all—social entrepreneurs, venture capital investors, farmers, policymakers and students invested in the Indian agricultural sector and agribusiness. The Future of

Pharma examines the causes of the industry's potential decline and offers a convincing and rigorous analysis of the options open to it. What emerges is a landscape defined, on the one hand, by the changing marketplace of mass-market consumers, institutional healthcare systems and wealthy individuals; and on the other by the alternate sources of commercial value - innovative therapies; super-efficient processes, supply chains and operations; and closer customer relations and increasingly tailored health services. The Novartis Foundation Series is a popular collection of the proceedings from Novartis Foundation Symposia, in which groups of leading scientists from a range of topics across biology, chemistry and medicine assembled to present papers and discuss results. The Novartis Foundation, originally known as the Ciba Foundation, is well known to scientists and clinicians around the world. The Future of Nursing explores how nurses' roles, responsibilities, and education should change significantly to meet the increased demand for care that will be created by health care reform and to advance improvements in America's increasingly complex health system. At more than 3 million in number, nurses make up the single largest segment of the health care work force. They also spend the greatest amount of time in delivering patient care as a profession. Nurses therefore have valuable insights and unique abilities to contribute as partners with other health care professionals in improving the quality and safety of care as envisioned in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enacted this year. Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care in the United States. To ensure its members are well-prepared, the profession should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020, and double the number who pursue doctorates. Furthermore, regulatory and institutional obstacles -- including limits on nurses' scope of practice -- should be removed so that the health system can reap the full benefit of nurses' training, skills, and knowledge in patient care. In this book, the Institute of Medicine makes recommendations for an action-oriented blueprint for the future of nursing. Our future depends on food: it controls our health, underpins social structures, and helps dictate the political agenda. Among the crucial issues discussed in this challenging study of food by the eminent biologist Brian J. Ford are new food-borne diseases and the dietary needs of the young, the elderly, and women. He examines the complex questions of genetically modified food and provides important insights into food intolerance and life-threatening allergies, the relationship between food and culture, organic farming, the impact of climate change, and how revolutionary new foods will change the world. Instant New York Times Bestseller

“ This book will change your sense of how grand the sweep of human history could be, where you fit into it, and how much you could do to change it for the better. It's as

simple, and as ambitious, as that. ” —Ezra Klein An Oxford philosopher makes the case for “ longtermism ” — that positively influencing the long-term future is a key moral priority of our time. The fate of the world is in our hands. Humanity ’ s written history spans only five thousand years. Our yet-unwritten future could last for millions more — or it could end tomorrow. Astonishing numbers of people could lead lives of great happiness or unimaginable suffering, or never live at all, depending on what we choose to do today. In *What We Owe The Future*, philosopher William MacAskill argues for longtermism, that idea that positively influencing the distant future is a key moral priority of our time. From this perspective, it ’ s not enough to reverse climate change or avert the next pandemic. We must ensure that civilization would rebound if it collapsed; counter the end of moral progress; and prepare for a planet where the smartest beings are digital, not human. If we make wise choices today, our grandchildren ’ s grandchildren will thrive, knowing we did everything we could to give them a world full of justice, hope and beauty. It is 1953. Five American Airforce wives in Norfolk are waiting for their husbands to return. There is very little to do, so they dare to look beyond the safety of the perimeter fence for a little excitement with the natives. Cover the wide-ranging interests and inquiries that engaged Teilhard de Chardin throughout his life: intellectual and social evolution, the coming of ultra-humanity, the integral place of faith in God in the advancement of science, and the impact of scientific discoveries on traditional religious dogma. Less formal than *The Phenomenon of Man* and *The Divine Milieu*, Teilhard de Chardin's most renowned works, *The Future of Man* offers a complete, fully accessible look at the genesis of ideas. In 1912, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, wrote a short story about a war fought from underwater submersibles that included the sinking of passenger ships. At the time, it was dismissed by the British generals and admirals of the day not because the idea of submarines was technically unfeasible, but because no one could imagine that any nation would be so depraved as to sink civilian merchant ships. The future of war more often than not surprises us less because of some fantastic technical or engineering dimension but because of some human, political, or moral threshold that we had never imagined wanting to cross. As Lawrence Freedman shows, the future of war has a past and a present. Ideas of war, strategies for warfare and its practice, and organizing principles of war all have rich and varied origins which have shaped the minds of those who conceive the next war. Freedman shows how war can be studied systematically and empirically to provide a firm foundation for enlightened policy. *The Future of War*--which covers civil wars to as yet unknown nuclear conflicts, proxy wars (real) to the Cold War (not), fashionably small wars to the War to End All Wars (it didn ’ t)--is filled with insight and fascinating nuggets of military

history and culture from one of the most brilliant military and strategic historians of his generation. In 1983, U.S. News and World Report started to rank colleges and universities, throwing them into competition with each other for students and precious resources. Over the course of the next thirty or so years, everything fell apart. A Reagan-era ethos of privatization and competition has turned students into consumers and colleges into businesses. Tuition is unaffordable. Student loan debt is more than \$1.6 trillion, and a majority of college faculty work in adjunct positions for low pay and with no security. Colleges exist to enroll students, collect tuition, and hold classes. When learning happens, it is in spite of the system, not because of it. The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare what we already know: the current system is unsustainable. We have forgotten that education is infrastructure, and are paying a high price for this wrong turn thirty-plus years ago. In *Sustainable. Resilient. Free.*, author and educator John Warner maps out a way forward, one by which our public colleges and universities are reoriented around enhancing the intellectual, social, and economic potentials of students while providing broad-based benefits to the community at large. As Warner explains, it's not even complicated. It's no more costly than the current system. We just have to choose to live the values we claim to hold dear. Do we need to be free to be innovative, prosperous, or even happy? The lessons of the last five centuries were unequivocal--without freedom, there could be no prosperity or happiness. However, does this still hold true in the Information Age? Modern technologies are disrupting our societies, altering every facet of our lives, from the nature of work and what we intrinsically value, to how we are informed, entertained, and educated--it promises to be a far deeper disruption than Industrial Revolutions. Humanity is at a major turning point, and how we respond to the merger of technology and financialization will decide our future. Will it be capitalism or communism, feudalism or despotism? By learning from the past and projecting into the future, global market strategist Viktor Shvets explores the weakening nexus between freedom and prosperity and what that means for the future of humanity. From the birth of our modern world, pivotal events in human history have led to the collapse of non-Western civilizations--Mongol warriors sweeping across Eurasian steppes; the Black Death and a re-awakening of human spirit; Zheng He's voyages and the collapse of Novgorod republic; and finally, the ban on printing in Arabic. What can we learn from these events to better prepare ourselves for the future? As we hurtle toward that uncertain future, we must decide whether our cherished individual freedoms are still necessary for success and prosperity, or if in adapting to new technologies, non-Western civilizations are now better positioned for this new world, creating illiberal orders that might no longer suffer from stagnation of ideas. For the first time in at least

five centuries, we have an opportunity and tools to build a different society and economy. Will we embrace the challenge? ONE OF BARACK OBAMA ' S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR " The best science-fiction nonfiction novel I ' ve ever read. " —Jonathan Lethem "If I could get policymakers, and citizens, everywhere to read just one book this year, it would be Kim Stanley Robinson ' s The Ministry for the Future." —Ezra Klein (Vox) The Ministry for the Future is a masterpiece of the imagination, using fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all. Its setting is not a desolate, postapocalyptic world, but a future that is almost upon us. Chosen by Barack Obama as one of his favorite books of the year, this extraordinary novel from visionary science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson will change the way you think about the climate crisis. "One hopes that this book is read widely—that Robinson ' s audience, already large, grows by an order of magnitude. Because the point of his books is to fire the imagination." New York Review of Books "If there ' s any book that hit me hard this year, it was Kim Stanley Robinson ' s The Ministry for the Future, a sweeping epic about climate change and humanity ' s efforts to try and turn the tide before it ' s too late."

Polygon (Best of the Year) "Masterly." —New Yorker "[The Ministry for the Future] struck like a mallet hitting a gong, reverberating through the year ... it ' s terrifying, unrelenting, but ultimately hopeful. Robinson is the SF writer of my lifetime, and this stands as some of his best work. It ' s my book of the year." —Locus "Science-fiction visionary Kim Stanley Robinson makes the case for quantitative easing our way out of planetary doom." Bloomberg Green A guide to navigating a world of changing gender realities. You will never look at the world in the same way after reading As the Future Catches You. Juan Enriquez puts you face to face with a series of unprecedented political, ethical, economic, and financial issues, dramatically demonstrating the cascading impact of the genetic, digital, and knowledge revolutions on your life. Genetics will be the dominant language of this century. Those who can " speak it " will acquire direct and deliberate control over all forms of life. But most countries and individuals remain illiterate in what is rapidly becoming the greatest single driver of the global economy. Wealth will be more concentrated and those with knowledge to sell – both countries and individuals – will be the winners. Consider what will happen when:

- Your genetic code can be digitally imprinted on an ID card and your insurance company and employer see that you are genetically disposed to, say, heart disease.
- Pharmaceutical products are developed so that you can eat genetically modified broccoli to protect yourself from cancer.
- Cloning will be as common as in vitro fertilization and scientists can influence the genetic design not only of other species but of your own children.
- Creating wealth no longer requires many hands.

Lone individuals are giving birth to entire new industries that rapidly become bigger than the economies of most countries on earth, but create very few jobs. As the Future Catches You resembles no other book. A typical page may contain just a few dozen words. But each seemingly discrete fact is like a chip in an intellectual mosaic that reveals its meaning and beauty only as you step back and see the big picture. Juan Enriquez is like the best teacher you ever had, one who helps you to see something in a new light and makes you say, “ Now I get it! ” Juan Enriquez ’ s main point is that technology is not kind, it does not say “ please, ” but slams into existing systems and destroys them while creating new ones. Countries and individuals can either surf new and powerful waves of change – or get crushed trying to stop them. The future is catching us all. Let it catch you with your eyes wide open. Argues that our society has become based on consumer-oriented living, suggests that the family should be the focal point of human development, and discusses possible changes

Dash through Hill Valley history with this miniature collectible DeLorean! Experience beloved moments from the Back to the Future trilogy with this whimsically illustrated, interactive board book and toy DeLorean for fans of all ages. Time travelers can wind their way through the pages of history, visiting familiar spots in this quaint town during the Old West, 1955, and the far, distant future of 2015. Just wind up the DeLorean and--Great Scott!--watch it go! From the future home of Lyon Estates to the broken clock tower in the center of town, follow along as the DeLorean visits all the hot spots from the hit movie series. Bursting with fun facts and trivia about the town of Hill Valley, Back to the Future: Race Through Time is both an informative blast from the past and a fun ride into the future.

Physical therapists have a deep knowledge of how the human body works, whether the patients are athletes, children, the elderly, or any of many others who need help with movement, strength, and flexibility. This comprehensive narrative guides readers through the options for choosing a physical therapy program, considering a workplace and specialization, and some of the specific challenges and rewards of the job. Featuring profiles of real-life professionals and tips and tricks for making the most of the job search and interview process, this inspiring volume gives aspiring physical therapists the tools they need to plan their careers. A cautionary but optimistic book about the world ’ s changing climate and the fate of humanity, from Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac—who led negotiations for the United Nations during the historic Paris Agreement of 2015. The authors outline two possible scenarios for our planet. In one, they describe what life on Earth will be like by 2050 if we fail to meet the Paris Agreement ’ s climate targets. In the other, they lay out what it will be like to live in a regenerative world that has net-zero emissions. They argue for confronting the climate crisis head-on, with determination and optimism. The Future

We Choose presents our options and tells us what governments, corporations, and each of us can, and must, do to fend off disaster. For those who delight in combing unusual ingredients and preparing delicious meals, a career as a chef can be a great option. This instructive resource offers readers a look at what it's really like to work as part of a team of chefs in a hectic restaurant kitchen, as a private chef in someone's home, and in many other places where chefs can be found. Readers will learn about culinary school, apprenticeships, and other training options. With sidebars on celebrity chefs and profiles of restaurant owners who have capitalized on unique concepts for restaurants, this book is entertaining as well as illuminating. This book is a collection of essays on images of the future. It is intended for people who are sensitive to humanity's awesome problems and who are deeply troubled by the ominous directions global trends are taking as we approach the twenty-first century. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • The classic work that predicted the anxieties of a world upended by rapidly emerging technologies—and now provides a road map to solving many of our most pressing crises. “ Explosive . . . brilliantly formulated. ” —The Wall Street Journal

Future Shock is the classic that changed our view of tomorrow. Its startling insights into accelerating change led a president to ask his advisers for a special report, inspired composers to write symphonies and rock music, gave a powerful new concept to social science, and added a phrase to our language. Published in over fifty countries, **Future Shock** is the most important study of change and adaptation in our time. In many ways, **Future Shock** is about the present. It is about what is happening today to people and groups who are overwhelmed by change. Change affects our products, communities, organizations—even our patterns of friendship and love. But **Future Shock** also illuminates the world of tomorrow by exploding countless clichés about today. It vividly describes the emerging global civilization: the rise of new businesses, subcultures, lifestyles, and human relationships—all of them temporary. **Future Shock** will intrigue, provoke, frighten, encourage, and, above all, change everyone who reads it. We live in a time of massive institutional failure, one that requires a new consciousness and a new collective leadership capacity. In this groundbreaking book, Otto Scharmer invites us to see the world in new ways and in so doing discover a revolutionary approach to leadership. What we pay attention to and how we pay attention is key to what we create. What prevents us from attending to situations more effectively is our blind spot, the inner place from which our attention and intention originate. It is blind because we are unaware of how it functions and the enormous influence it has on our perceptions and hence our actions. By moving through Scharmer's U process, we consciously access the blind spot and learn to connect to our authentic Self -- the deepest source of knowledge and inspiration -- in the realm of

"presencing," a term coined by Scharmer that combines the concepts of presence and sensing. Here we are able to pay attention in a way that allows us to experience the opening of our minds, our hearts, and our wills. Through this process we shift our awareness, connect with our best future possibility, and gain the ability to realize it. Based on ten years of research and action learning and interviews with over 150 practitioners and thought leaders, Theory U develops and explores a new territory of scientific research, institutional change, and transformational leadership practice. In exploring the complex dynamics of the blind spot, Scharmer shares much from his own personal and professional life and draws from a rich diversity of compelling stories and examples. And he includes dozens of exercises and practices that allow leaders -- and entire organizations -- to participate fully in creating and bringing forth the future that is seeking to emerge through us. "Scharmer's Theory U model of how to open our mind, emotions, and will to moments of discovery and mutual understanding is profound and much needed." (Edgar Schein, Sloan Fellows Professor of Management Emeritus, MIT Sloan School of Management) "Pushes the envelope of current leadership wisdom and invites you to explore the strongest leadership tool there is: yourself." (Ralf Schneider, Head of Global Talent Management, PricewaterhouseCoopers) In the 19th century, the world was Europeanized. In the 20th century, it was Americanized. Now, in the 21st century, the world is being Asianized. The "Asian Century" is even bigger than you think. Far greater than just China, the new Asian system taking shape is a multi-civilizational order spanning Saudi Arabia to Japan, Russia to Australia, Turkey to Indonesia—linking five billion people through trade, finance, infrastructure, and diplomatic networks that together represent 40 percent of global GDP. China has taken a lead in building the new Silk Roads across Asia, but it will not lead it alone. Rather, Asia is rapidly returning to the centuries-old patterns of commerce, conflict, and cultural exchange that thrived long before European colonialism and American dominance. Asians will determine their own future—and as they collectively assert their interests around the world, they will determine ours as well. There is no more important region of the world for us to better understand than Asia — and thus we cannot afford to keep getting Asia so wrong. Asia's complexity has led to common misdiagnoses: Western thinking on Asia conflates the entire region with China, predicts imminent World War III around every corner, and regularly forecasts debt-driven collapse for the region's major economies. But in reality, the region is experiencing a confident new wave of growth led by younger societies from India to the Philippines, nationalist leaders have put aside territorial disputes in favor of integration, and today's infrastructure investments are the platform for the next generation of digital innovation. If the nineteenth century

featured the Europeanization of the world, and the twentieth century its Americanization, then the twenty-first century is the time of Asianization. From investment portfolios and trade wars to Hollywood movies and university admissions, no aspect of life is immune from Asianization. With America's tech sector dependent on Asian talent and politicians praising Asia's glittering cities and efficient governments, Asia is permanently in our nation's consciousness. We know this will be the Asian century. Now we finally have an accurate picture of what it will look like. People across the world rely on electricians to heat and air-condition buildings and keep appliances functioning. This accessible book gives readers a detailed look at the various jobs available for electricians, including installing electrical systems, working on power lines, and installing phone and computer networks. Sidebars cover the skills and personality traits necessary to become an electrician, the influence of the growing demand for solar and wind power, and the best apps for electricians. Aspiring electricians will learn about apprenticeships and training opportunities and gain the knowledge they need to kickstart their careers. This book explores the future of doctoral research and what it means to be involved in all stages of the process, providing international insights into what's changing, why it's changing and how to work best with these changes. It looks at the key issues that have been thrown into sharp relief by crises such as world pandemics. Drawing on work from outstanding authors, this book shows the ways in which the doctoral process has altered the supervisor/supervisee model, the challenges that now need to be managed and demonstrates the importance of aligning all the stakeholders, systems and processes to ensure a successful future for doctoral education. Bringing together a range of perspectives, innovative practices and rigorous research this book tackles topics such as: how doctoral research changes in keeping with the global expansion and transformation of doctoral education programs the significant influence funding bodies - be they charities, governments, businesses, or non-governmental agencies - can have on doctoral research the extent to which doctoral research penetrates daily life and vice versa, and how to encourage and embed an ethical approach to research, as well as university responses to external challenges Uniquely international and bringing together the many stakeholders in the research business, this book is essential reading for all doctoral supervisors, candidates, and anyone involved in designing or organising research programmes for early career researchers and doctoral students. Americans rely on auto mechanics to repair and maintain the vehicles they drive every day. The work of an auto mechanic has changed over the years: what was once seen as a "dirty job" is now often done on laptops in an office. Featuring profiles of real-life auto mechanics, this accessible guidebook provides readers with comprehensive information about

training and apprenticeships as well as an overview of areas of specialization within the auto industry. Readers will also learn about the affect of advancements in auto technology and the future of mechanics in the era of self-driving cars. This major collection of essays, a sequel to *Modernity at Large* and *Fear of Small Numbers*, is the product of ten years' research and writing, constituting an important contribution to globalization studies. Appadurai takes a broad analytical look at the genealogies of the present era of globalization through essays on violence, commodification, nationalism, terror and materiality. Alongside a discussion of these wider debates, Appadurai situates India at the heart of his work, offering writing based on firsthand research among urban slum dwellers in Mumbai, in which he examines their struggle to achieve equity, recognition and self-governance in conditions of extreme inequality. Finally, in his work on design, planning, finance and poverty, Appadurai embraces the "politics of hope" and lays the foundations for a revitalized, and urgent, anthropology of the future. *The Future as Catastrophe* offers a novel critique of the fascination with disaster. Analyzing the catastrophic imaginary from its historical roots to the contemporary popularity of disaster fiction and end-of-the-world blockbusters, Eva Horn argues that apocalypse always haunts the modern idea of a future that can be anticipated and planned. In an age of globalization characterized by the dizzying technologies of the First World, and the social disintegration of the Third, is the concept of utopia still meaningful? *Archaeologies of the Future*, Jameson's most substantial work since *Postmodernism, Or, the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism*, investigates the development of this form since Thomas More, and interrogates the functions of utopian thinking in a post-Communist age. The relationship between utopia and science fiction is explored through the representations of othernessalien life and alien worldsand a study of the works of Philip K. Dick, Ursula LeGuin, William Gibson, Brian Aldiss, Kim Stanley Robinson and more. Jameson's essential essays, including "The Desire Called Utopia," conclude with an examination of the opposing positions on utopia and an assessment of its political value today. *Archaeologies of the Future* is the third volume, after *Postmodernism* and *A Singular Modernity*, of Jameson's project on the Poetics of Social Forms. WINNER OF THE 2017 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD IN NONFICTION FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARDS WINNER OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HELEN BERNSTEIN BOOK AWARD NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2017 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, LOS ANGELES TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, BOSTON GLOBE, SEATTLE TIMES, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, NEWSWEEK, PASTE, and POP SUGAR The essential journalist and bestselling biographer of Vladimir Putin reveals how, in the space of a generation, Russia

surrendered to a more virulent and invincible new strain of autocracy. Award-winning journalist Masha Gessen's understanding of the events and forces that have wracked Russia in recent times is unparalleled. In *The Future Is History*, Gessen follows the lives of four people born at what promised to be the dawn of democracy. Each of them came of age with unprecedented expectations, some as the children and grandchildren of the very architects of the new Russia, each with newfound aspirations of their own--as entrepreneurs, activists, thinkers, and writers, sexual and social beings. Gessen charts their paths against the machinations of the regime that would crush them all, and against the war it waged on understanding itself, which ensured the unobstructed reemergence of the old Soviet order in the form of today's terrifying and seemingly unstoppable mafia state. Powerful and urgent, *The Future Is History* is a cautionary tale for our time and for all time. Focused on mapping out contemporary and future domains in philosophy of technology, this volume serves as an excellent, forward-looking resource in the field and in cognate areas of study. The 32 chapters, all of them appearing in print here for the first time, were written by both established scholars and fresh voices. They cover topics ranging from data discrimination and engineering design, to art and technology, space junk, and beyond.

Spaces for the Future: A Companion to Philosophy of Technology is structured in six parts: (1) Ethical Space and Experience; (2) Political Space and Agency; (3) Virtual Space and Property; (4) Personal Space and Design; (5) Inner Space and Environment; and (6) Outer Space and Imagination. The organization maps out current and emerging spaces of activity in the field and anticipates the big issues that we soon will face. Examines the three mutually exclusive possibilities for Portuguese Timor: continued associations with Portugal, emergence as an independent state and amalgamation with Indonesia. "The Nation has lost sight of its public health goals and has allowed the system of public health to fall into 'disarray'," from *The Future of Public Health*. This startling book contains proposals for ensuring that public health service programs are efficient and effective enough to deal not only with the topics of today, but also with those of tomorrow. In addition, the authors make recommendations for core functions in public health assessment, policy development, and service assurances, and identify the level of government -- "federal, state, and local --" at which these functions would best be handled. Why do we have the constant feeling that disaster is looming? Beyond the images of atomic apocalypse that have haunted us for decades, we are dazzled now by an array of possible catastrophe scenarios: climate change, financial crises, environmental disasters, technological meltdowns—perennial subjects of literature, film, popular culture, and political debate. Is this preoccupation with catastrophe questionable alarmism or complacent passivity? Or are there certain truths that can be

revealed only in apocalypse? In *The Future as Catastrophe*, Eva Horn offers a novel critique of the modern fascination with disaster, which she treats as a symptom of our relationship to the future. Analyzing the catastrophic imaginary from its cultural and historical roots in Romanticism and the figure of the Last Man, through the narratives of climatic cataclysm and the Cold War's apocalyptic sublime, to the contemporary popularity of disaster fiction and end-of-the-world blockbusters, Horn argues that apocalypse always haunts the modern idea of a future that can be anticipated and planned. Considering works by Lord Byron, J. G. Ballard, and Cormac McCarthy and films such as *12 Monkeys* and *Minority Report* alongside scientific scenarios and political metaphors, she analyzes catastrophic thought experiments and the question of survival, the choices legitimized by imagined states of exception, and the contradictions inherent in preventative measures taken in the name of technical safety or political security. What makes today's obsession different from previous epochs' is the sense of a "catastrophe without event," a stealthily creeping process of disintegration. Ultimately, Horn argues, imagined catastrophes offer us intellectual tools that can render a future shadowed with apocalyptic possibilities affectively, epistemologically, and politically accessible. Presents an analytical look at the genealogies of the present era of globalization through essays on violence, commodification, nationalism, terror, and materiality.

The publishing industry in France in the years before the Revolution was a lively and sometimes rough-and-tumble affair, as publishers and printers scrambled to deal with (and if possible evade) shifting censorship laws and tax regulations, in order to cater to a reading public's appetite for books of all kinds, from the famous *Encyclopédie*, repository of reason and knowledge, to scandal-mongering libel and pornography. Historian and librarian Robert Darnton uses his exclusive access to a trove of documents—letters and documents from authors, publishers, printers, paper millers, type founders, ink manufacturers, smugglers, wagon drivers, warehousemen, and accountants—involving a publishing house in the Swiss town of Neuchâtel to bring this world to life. Like other places on the periphery of France, Switzerland was a hotbed of piracy, carefully monitoring the demand for certain kinds of books and finding ways of fulfilling it. Focusing in particular on the diary of Jean-François Favarger, a traveling sales rep for a Swiss firm whose 1778 voyage, on horseback and on foot, around France to visit bookstores and renew accounts forms the spine of this story, Darnton reveals not only how the industry worked and which titles were in greatest demand, but the human scale of its operations. *A Literary Tour de France* is literally that. Darnton captures the hustle, picaresque comedy, and occasional risk of Favarger's travels in the service of books, and in the process offers an engaging, immersive, and unforgettable narrative of book culture at a critical moment in France's

history.

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