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Nude Mice Mar 24 2020 The field of biomedical communications is filled with jargon that can confuse even seasoned medical writers. *Nude Mice* is a comprehensive resource that demystifies complex medical jargon so that medical writers can write accurate text for any audience, any time.

The Curmudgeon's Quests Oct 23 2022 After growing up in Maine and attending Bowdoin, the author earned a PhD in Classics at Princeton. He taught at Duke, before returning to Phillips Exeter Academy, where he taught for 36 years and was department chair and coordinator of academic computing. In the New England Classical Association he served as president and executive secretary.

The Complete Works of Ambrose Bierce. Illustrated Jan 22 2020 Ambrose Bierce is considered a modern master of the short story. A soldier with the Union Army during the American Civil War (1861-1865), his experiences as a soldier influenced his writing. While no anthology would be complete without "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge", this collection of Bierce's stories includes ghost stories, tales of war, humorous episodes, stinging aphorisms, and political articles. The Novellas The Short Story Collections The Poetry Collection The Non-Fiction Ambrose Bierce: A Biography by Carey McWilliams

The Copyeditor's Handbook Sep 10 2021 Unstuffy, hip, and often funny, *The Copyeditor's Handbook* has become an indispensable resource both for new editors and for experienced hands who want to refresh their skills and broaden their understanding of the craft of copyediting. This fourth edition incorporates the latest advice from language authorities, usage guides, and new editions of major style manuals, including *The Chicago Manual of Style*. It registers the tectonic shifts in twenty-first-century copyediting: preparing text for digital formats, using new technologies, addressing global audiences, complying with plain language mandates, ensuring accessibility, and serving self-publishing authors and authors writing in English as a second language. The new edition also adds an extensive annotated list of editorial tools and references and includes a bit of light entertainment for language lovers, such as a brief history of punctuation marks that didn't make the grade, the strange case of razbliuto, and a few Easter eggs awaiting discovery by keen-eyed readers. The fourth edition features updates on the transformation of editorial roles in today's publishing environment new applications, processes, and protocols for on-screen editing major changes in editorial resources, such as online dictionaries and language corpora, new grammar and usage authorities, online editorial communities, and web-based research tools When you're ready to test your mettle, pick up *The Copyeditor's Workbook: Exercises and Tips for Honing Your Editorial Judgment*, the essential new companion to the handbook.

Copy Editor Dec 21 2019

The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation May 18 2022 The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

Global Writing for Public Relations Jan 14 2022 *Global Writing for Public Relations: Connecting in English with Stakeholders and Publics Worldwide* provides multiple resources to help students and public relations practitioners learn best practices for writing in English to communicate and connect with a global marketplace. Author Arhlene Flowers has created a new approach on writing for public relations by combining intercultural communication, international public relations, and effective public relations

writing techniques. *Global Writing for Public Relations* offers the following features: Insight into the evolution of English-language communication in business and public relations, as well as theoretical and political debates on global English and globalization; An understanding of both a global thematic and customized local approach in creating public relations campaigns and written materials; Strategic questions to help writers develop critical thinking skills and understand how to create meaningful communications materials for specific audiences; Storytelling skills that help writers craft compelling content; Real-world global examples from diverse industries that illustrate creative solutions; Step-by-step guidance on writing public relations materials with easy-to-follow templates to reach traditional and online media, consumers, and businesses; Self-evaluation and creative thinking exercises to improve cultural literacy, grammar, punctuation, and editing skills for enhanced clarity; and Supplemental online resources for educators and students. English is the go-to business language across the world, and this book combines the author's experience training students and seasoned professionals in crafting public relations materials that resonate with global English-language audiences. It will help public relations students and practitioners become proficient and sophisticated writers with the ability to connect with diverse audiences worldwide.

MediaWriting Jul 08 2021 *MediaWriting* is an introductory, hands-on textbook for students preparing to write in the current multimedia environment. Rather than just talk about the differences among the styles of print, broadcast, and public relations, *MediaWriting* synthesizes and integrates them, while weaving in basic principles of Internet writing and social media reporting. Complete with real-world examples, practical writing exercises, and tips and information for entering into the profession, *MediaWriting* continues to give students the tools they need to become a successful media writer. The new edition has been extensively rewritten to reflect the dynamic nature of the profession, paying significant attention to how the Internet and social media have become essential communication tools for print and broadcast journalists, and public relations professionals. Further updates and features include: Increased attention to computer-assisted reporting, the preparation of online copy, and social media applications Two new chapters on lead writing and new new media A separate chapter focused solely on ethics Explanatory "how to" boxes that help students understand and retain main themes Illustrative "It Happened to Me" vignettes from the authors' professional experiences Discussion questions and exercises at the end of every chapter Suggested readings that highlight biographies, books, and websites that expand the scope and definition of professionalism In addition to new multimedia elements, the fourth edition's companion website features enhanced resources for both students and instructors, including chapter overviews, writing tips, a test bank, sample critiques, and a sample syllabus.

***Sociable Robots and the Future of Social Relations* Dec 01 2020 The robotics industry is growing rapidly, and to a large extent the development of this market sector is due to the area of social robotics – the production of robots that are designed to enter the space of human social interaction, both physically and semantically. Since social robots present a new type of social agent, they have been aptly classified as a disruptive technology, i.e. the sort of technology which affects the core of our current social practices and might lead to profound cultural and social change. Due to its disruptive and innovative potential, social robotics raises not only questions about utility, ethics, and legal aspects, but calls for "robot-philosophy" – the comprehensive philosophical reflection from the perspectives of all philosophical disciplines. This book presents the proceedings of the first conference in this new area, "Robo-Philosophy 2014 – Sociable Robots and the Future of Social Relations, held in Aarhus, Denmark, in August 2014. The short papers and abstracts collected here address questions of social robotics from the perspectives of philosophy of mind, social ontology, ethics, meta-ethics, political philosophy, aesthetics, intercultural philosophy, and metaphilosophy. Social robotics is still in its early stages, but it is precisely now that we need to reflect its possible cultural repercussions. This book is accessible to a wide readership and will be of interest to everyone involved in the development and use of social robotics applications, from social roboticists to policy makers.**

***The Elements of Style* Nov 19 2019 This is the book that generations of writers have relied upon for timeless advice on grammar, diction, syntax, and other essentials. In concise terms, it identifies the principal requirements of proper style and common errors.**

***The Chicago Guide to Copyediting Fiction* Jan 02 2021 A book-world veteran offers the first copyediting guide focused exclusively on fiction. Although *The Chicago Manual of Style* is widely used by writers and editors of all stripes, it is primarily concerned with nonfiction, a fact long lamented by the fiction community. In this long-awaited book from the publisher of the *Manual*, Amy J. Schneider, a veteran**

copyeditor who's worked on bestsellers across a wide swath of genres, delivers a companionable editing guide geared specifically toward fiction copyeditors—the first book of its type. In a series of approachable thematic chapters, Schneider offers cogent advice on how to deal with dialogue, voice, grammar, conscious language, and other significant issues in fiction. She focuses on the copyediting tasks specific to fiction—such as tracking the details of fictional characters, places, and events to ensure continuity across the work—and provides a slew of sharp, practicable solutions drawn from her twenty-five years of experience working for publishers both large and small. The Chicago Guide to Copyediting Fiction is sure to prove an indispensable companion to The Chicago Manual of Style and a versatile tool for copyeditors working in the multifaceted landscape of contemporary fiction.

Communicating in Style Feb 15 2022 If you are a researcher, an academic, a journalist, or a manager -- long on technical expertise but short on time

Journalism Jul 28 2020 A critically annotated bibliographic guide to print and electronic sources in print and broadcast journalism. This edition separates Commercial Databases and Internet Resources.

Grammar Snobs Are Great Big Meanies Mar 04 2021 What do suicidal pandas, doped-up rock stars, and a naked Pamela Anderson have in common? They're all a heck of a lot more interesting than reading about predicate nominatives and hyphens. June Casagrande knows this and has invented a whole new twist on the grammar book. Grammar Snobs Are Great Big Meanies is a laugh-out-loud funny collection of anecdotes and essays on grammar and punctuation, as well as hilarious critiques of the self-appointed language experts. Chapters include: I'm Writing This While Naked—The Oh-So Steamy Predicate Nominative Semicolonoscopy—Colons, Semicolons, Dashes, and Other Probing Annoyances I'll Take "I Feel Like a Moron" for \$200, Alex—When to Put Punctuation Inside Quotation Marks Snobbery Up with Which You Should Not Put Up—Prepositions Is That a Dangler in Your Memo or Are You Just Glad to See Me? Hyphens—Life-Sucking, Mom-and-Apple-Pie-Hating, Mime-Loving, Nerd-Fight-Inciting Daggers of the Damned Casagrande delivers practical and fun language lessons not found anywhere else, demystifying the subject and taking it back from the snobs. In short, it's a grammar book people will actually want to read—just for the fun of it.

Lapsing Into a Comma Feb 27 2023 No writer's or editor's desk is complete without a battered, page-bent copy of the AP Stylebook. However, this not-so-easy-to-use reference of journalistic style is often not up-to-date and leaves reporters and copyeditors unsatisfied. Bill Walsh, copy chief for the Washington Post's business desk, addresses these shortcomings in Lapsing into a Comma. In an opinionated, humorous, and yes, curmudgeonly way, he shows how to apply the basic rules to unique, modern grammar issues. Walsh explains how to deal with perplexing situations such as trendy words, foreign terms, and web speak.

Becoming a Public Relations Writer Dec 13 2021 Becoming a Public Relations Writer is a comprehensive guide to the writing process for public relations practice. Using straightforward, no-nonsense language, realistic examples, easy-to-follow steps, and practical exercises, this text introduces the various formats and styles of writing you will encounter as a public relations practitioner. A focus on ethical and legal issues is woven throughout, with examples and exercises addressing public relations as practiced by corporations, non-profit agencies, and other types of organizations both large and small. In addition, the book offers the most comprehensive list of public relations writing formats to be found anywhere—from the standard news release to electronic mail and other opportunities using a variety of technologies and media. The fifth edition has been updated to reflect significant developments in the public relations field, including: New and updated information on research into persuasion and social psychology aimed at helping readers be more influential in their writing. Significant updating on a new chapter on multimedia, introducing a new transmedia format for a comprehensive news package for print, broadcast, online and social media. Expansion of a chapter on websites, blogs and wikis. Expansion of the chapter on direct mail and online appeals. Updated examples of actual pieces of public relations writing. A companion website with resources for instructors and students, including a glossary, flashcards, exercises, and appendices on ethical standards, careers in public relations, and professional organizations. Through its comprehensive and accessible approach, Becoming a Public Relations Writer is an invaluable resource for future and current public relations practitioners.

The Curmudgeon's Tree Jun 19 2022

Mechanically Inclined Nov 12 2021 Places grammar theory in context with practical instruction strategies, explains why students often don't understand or apply grammar correctly, and demonstrates how to create a workshop environment that supports grammar and mechanics concepts.

The Author Training Manual Jun 07 2021 If you want to write a book that's going to sell to both publishers and readers, you need to know how to produce a marketable work and help it become successful. It starts the moment you have an idea. That's when you begin thinking about the first elements of the business plan that will make your project the best it can be. The reality is that you don't want to spend time and energy writing a book that will never get read. The way to avoid that is to create a business plan for your book, and evaluate it (and yourself) through the same lens that an agent or acquisitions editor would. The Author Training Manual will show you how to get more creative and start looking at your work with those high standards in mind. Whether you're writing fiction or non-fiction, or intend to publish traditionally or self-publish, author Nina Amir will teach you how to conduct an effective competitive analysis for your work and do a better job at delivering the goods to readers than similar books that are already on the shelf. Packed with step-by-step instructions, idea evaluations, sample business plans, editor and agent commentaries, and much more, The Author Training Manual provides the information you need to transform from aspiring writer to career author.

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Publish Your Family History Sep 29 2020 If you have stories to share with your family, whether you have been researching a short time or a long time, this book will: * take you through the four stages of publishing projects * show you how publishing works * help you pick a project to publish * lead you through a research review to see what you have and what you still need to tell the stories in a compelling way * give you the skills to become a good storyteller * lead you through the process of editing * instruct you how to prepare your manuscript to look like it was professionally published and * help you spread the word that you have a book available Everything you need to write and publish your family history. Keywords: family history, genealogy, write a family history, write a genealogy, publish your family history, how to self-publish, book publishing, storytelling, book marketing, designing a book

Write Right! Apr 24 2020 The newest edition of Jan Venolia's best-selling guide, *Write Right!* is an essential resource for writers with 500,000+ copies sold since publication. In this age of electronic correspondence and self-produced documents, we need a useful and reliable writing guide more than ever. *Write Right!* covers the essentials of good writing in a concise and easy-to-follow format. The new edition of this classic handbook takes you through the entire writing process, from understanding the parts of speech to constructing a correct sentence to fine-tuning the mechanics. And with clever drawings and amusing quotations to illustrate its points, *Write Right!* shows that language can be fun as well as an effective communication tool. Whether it's used to find a quick answer to a nagging question or to develop stronger writing skills, this handy reference is the ideal resource for writers of all levels. Includes a resource section with a list of helpful websites and a glossary to quickly define difficult terms.

The Complete Guide to Self-Publishing Jun 26 2020 Take Control of Your Destiny! Bottom line: You want to get published. You want to control the future of your manuscript and your writing career. Best-selling author Marilyn Ross and publishing expert Sue Collier show you how to make your own success - whether you're a published author, entrepreneur, corporation, professional, or absolute newcomer to writing. In this expanded and completely revised 5th edition of the "bible" of self-publishing (over 100,000 copies sold), they empower you to publish your own work with minimal risk and maximum profits. You'll find: • Complete step-by-step guidance on publishing and marketing a book • Ways to leverage social media marketing to build your platform and make yourself stand out from the crowd • A thorough explanation of the difference between POD self-publishing, subsidy publishing, and true self-publishing - and how to decide which is the best option for you • Practical advice on making the decision between offset printing and print-on-demand • How to leverage the Internet to create "buzz" and promote your book with killer PR • The latest information on e-publishing • A detailed marketing plan and timetable to keep you on track • Proven marketing strategies to get free publicity, reach nontraditional buyers, and sell books • Information-packed appendices with marketing contacts, organizations, and vendors, complete with names, addresses, and websites • Valuable case studies and examples of how other publishers excel • An in-depth discussion of exclusive distributors, plus coverage of the most recent

changes in bookstores and the book-selling industry • Thirty-one creative ideas for generating capital to launch your publishing company **The Complete Guide to Self-Publishing** is the one book you need to take control of your writing career. Read it. Believe it. Do it. Your future depends on it.

Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen Nov 24 2022 "Hilarious...This book charmed my socks off." —Patricia O'Conner, *New York Times Book Review* Mary Norris has spent more than three decades working in *The New Yorker's* renowned copy department, helping to maintain its celebrated high standards. In *Between You & Me*, she brings her vast experience with grammar and usage, her good cheer and irreverence, and her finely sharpened pencils to help the rest of us in a boisterous language book as full of life as it is of practical advice. Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, Amazon, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Kirkus*, and *Library Journal*.

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Copyediting and Proofreading For Dummies Oct 31 2020 Turn your knack for language into a lucrative career Must-know techniques and resources for maximizing your accuracy and speed Interested in becoming a copyeditor or proofreader? Want to know more about what each job entails? This friendly guide helps you position yourself for success. Polish your skills, build a winning résumé and land the job you've always wanted. Books, magazines, Web sites, corporate documents - find out how to improve any type of publication and make yourself indispensable to writers, editors, and your boss. Balance between style and rules Master the art of the query Use proofreader symbols Edit and proof electronic documents Build a solid freelancing career

The Army Lawyer Feb 21 2020

The Curmudgeon's Guide to Getting Ahead Apr 17 2022 For those starting out in their careers—and those who wish to advance more quickly—this is a delightfully fussy guide to the hidden rules of the road in the workplace and in life. As bestselling author and social historian Charles Murray explains, at senior levels of an organization there are curmudgeons everywhere, judging your every move. Yet it is their good opinion you need to win if you hope to get ahead. Among the curmudgeon's day-to-day tips for the workplace: • Excise the word "like" from your spoken English • Don't suck up • Stop "reaching out" and "sharing" • Rid yourself of piercings, tattoos, and weird hair colors • Make strong language count His larger career advice includes: • What to do if you have a bad boss • Coming to grips with the difference between being nice and being good • How to write when you don't know what to say • Being judgmental (it's good, and you don't have a choice anyway) And on the great topics of life, the curmudgeon urges us to leave home no matter what, get real jobs (not internships), put ourselves in scary situations, and watch *Groundhog Day* repeatedly (he'll explain). Witty, wise, and pulling no punches, *The Curmudgeon's Guide to Getting Ahead* is an indispensable sourcebook for living an adult life.

Yes, I Could Care Less Mar 16 2022 These are interesting times for word nerds. We ate, shot and left, bonding over a joke about a panda and some rants about greengrocers who abuse apostrophes. We can go on Facebook and vow to judge people when they use poor grammar. The fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *The Elements of Style* inspired sentimental reveries. Grammar Girl's tally of Twitter followers is well into six digits. We can't get enough of a parody of the *Associated Press Stylebook*, of all things, or a collection of "unnecessary" quotation marks. Could you care less? Does bad grammar or usage "literally" make your head explode? Test your need for this new book with these sentences: "Katrina misplaced many residents of New Orleans from their homes." "Sherry finally graduated college this year." "An armed gunman held up a convenience store on Broadway yesterday afternoon." Pat yourself on the back if you found issues in every one of these sentences, but remember: There is a world out there beyond the stylebooks, beyond *Strunk and White*, beyond *Lynne Truss* and *Failblogs*. In his long-awaited follow-up to *Lapsing Into a Comma* and *The Elephants of Style*, while steering readers and writers on the proper road to correct usage, Walsh cautions against slavish adherence to rules, emphasizing that the correct choice often depends on the situation. He might disagree with the *AP Stylebook* or *Merriam-Webster*, but he always backs up his preferences with logic and humor. Walsh argues with both sides in the language wars, the sticklers and the apologists, and even with himself, over the disputed territory and ultimately over whether all this is warfare or just a big misunderstanding. Part usage manual, part confessional, and part manifesto, *Yes, I Could Care Less* bounces from sadomasochism to weather geekery, from "Top Chef" to *Monty Python*, from the chile of New Mexico to the daiquiris of Las Vegas, with Walsh's distinctive take on the way we write and talk. *Yes, I Could Care Less* is a lively and often personal look at one man's continuing journey through the obstacle course that some refer to, far too simply, as "grammar."

Smart Self-publishing May 26 2020

The Elephants of Style Dec 25 2022 Advice on good writing from everybody's favorite editorial curmudgeon Persnickety, cantankerous, opinionated, entertaining, hilarious, wise...these are a few of the adjectives reviewers used to describe good-writing maven Bill Walsh's previous book, Lapsing Into a Comma. Now, picking up where he left off in Lapsing, Walsh addresses the dozen or so biggest issues that every writer or editor must master. He also offers a trunkload of good advice on the many little things that add up to good writing. Featuring all the elements that made Lapsing such a fun read, including Walsh's trademark acerbic wit and fascinating digressions on language and its discontents, The Elephants of Style provides: Tips on how to tame the "elephants of style"--the most important, frequently confused elements of good writing More of Walsh's popular "Curmudgeon's Stylebook"--includes entries such as Snarky Specificity, Metaphors, Near and Far, Actually is the New Like, and other uses and misuses of language Expert advice for writers and editors on how to work together for best results

Writing Clearly Apr 05 2021 Improve your writing skills at your own pace How do you target a specific audience in writing? What makes up a strong thesis statement? Is there a trick to maintaining clear communication in cyberspace? How do you achieve unity and coherence in a final draft? With Writing Clearly: A Self-Teaching Guide, you'll discover the answers to these questions and many more about the basics of communicating effectively through the written word. Each chapter in this hands-on guide focuses on key steps in the writing process, identifying the shared and differing skills demanded by each type of writing, be it a persuasive essay, a business letter, or a scientific report. The straightforward, structured format of Writing Clearly makes it fully accessible, providing an easy-to-understand, comprehensive overview for everyone-from students beginning to build skills, to adults looking to improve their writing, to the experienced writer hoping to further hone skills in a certain area. Like all Self-Teaching Guides, Writing Clearly allows you to build gradually on what you have learned-at your own pace. Questions and self-tests reinforce the information in each chapter and allow you to skip ahead or focus on specific areas of concern. Packed with useful, up-to-date information, this clear, concise volume is a valuable learning tool and reference source for anyone who wants to develop or improve his or her basic writing skills.

Editing Across Media May 06 2021 Requirements for professional media editing have undergone enormous technological change. Editors still edit copy. But today they do much more. Mass media editors must demonstrate skills from computerized pagination to social media monitoring, from image manipulation to Search Engine Optimization. The need for editing skills is reaching far beyond traditional journalism and into all areas of mass media, from newspapers to strategic communication. Public relations practitioners are expected to edit. Even advertising creative professionals must edit. And journalists taking on new roles as social media editors need to understand editing at the speed of digital media. This textbook aims to prepare university-level students for these expanded editing roles in an age of convergence. Thirteen authors representing many years of collective media experience examine both traditional editing roles and new editing needs. While many mass media students will not become professional editors, this textbook assumes nearly all will need competent editing knowledge to produce products of professional quality. Editing, the authors believe, remains a bedrock skill for all students who hope to be successful in the mass media. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

Eats, Shoots & Leaves Sep 22 2022 We all know the basics of punctuation. Or do we? A look at most neighborhood signage tells a different story. Through sloppy usage and low standards on the internet, in email, and now text messages, we have made proper punctuation an endangered species. In Eats, Shoots & Leaves, former editor Lynne Truss dares to say, in her delightfully urbane, witty, and very English way, that it is time to look at our commas and semicolons and see them as the wonderful and necessary things they are. This is a book for people who love punctuation and get upset when it is mishandled. From the invention of the question mark in the time of Charlemagne to George Orwell shunning the semicolon, this lively history makes a powerful case for the preservation of a system of printing conventions that is much too subtle to be mucked about with.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Published, 5E Aug 29 2020 •Includes tips about everything from agents to electronic publishing.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Published Feb 03 2021 Times have changed for first-time authors. Publishers have consolidated. Editors are fewer. Literary agents are more selective. The result is that it's tougher than ever to get published. That's why new authors need The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting

Published, Fourth Edition. For years, new authors have depended on the wise inside advice and tricks from Sheree Bykofsky, successful New York literary agent, and author, and Jennifer Basye Sander, best-selling non-fiction author and literary consultant. And now, their book is even more packed with the latest information about the business of publishing and the practical advice any writer will need to achieve the all-important goal of "getting published."

A World Without "Whom" Oct 19 2019 "A provocative and jaunty romp through the dos and don'ts of writing for the internet" (NYT)--the practical, the playful, and the politically correct--from BuzzFeed copy chief Emmy Favilla. A World Without "Whom" is Eats, Shoots & Leaves for the internet age, and BuzzFeed global copy chief Emmy Favilla is the witty go-to style guru of webspeak. As language evolves faster than ever before, what is the future of "correct" writing? When Favilla was tasked with creating a style guide for BuzzFeed, she opted for spelling, grammar, and punctuation guidelines that would reflect not only the site's lighthearted tone, but also how readers actually use language IRL. With wry cleverness and an uncanny intuition for the possibilities of internet-age expression, Favilla makes a case for breaking the rules laid out by Strunk and White: A world without "whom," she argues, is a world with more room for writing that's clear, timely, pleasurable, and politically aware. Featuring priceless emoji strings, sidebars, quizzes, and style debates among the most lovable word nerds in the digital media world--of which Favilla is queen--A World Without "Whom" is essential for readers and writers of virtually everything: news articles, blog posts, tweets, texts, emails, and whatever comes next . . . so basically everyone.

Punctuation Revisited Jul 20 2022 Punctuation Revisited is an advanced, comprehensive guide to the importance of punctuation in conveying meaning and augmenting the power of a message. Richard Kallan provides guidance on how to structure sentences accurately and in a manner that enhances their readability and rhetorical appeal. This book discusses in fine detail not just when and how to employ specific punctuation marks, but the rationale behind them. It also notes when the major academic style manuals differ in their punctuation advice. These unique features are designed to benefit beginning, intermediate, and advanced students of standard punctuation practice. Punctuation Revisited is a wonderful resource for students of composition and writing, an essential read for writing center tutors and faculty, as well as the perfect addition to anyone's professional library.

Glocal English Aug 09 2021 Glocal English compares the usage patterns and stylistic conventions of the world's two dominant native varieties of English (British and American English) with Nigerian English, which ranks as the English world's fastest-growing non-native variety courtesy of the unrelenting ubiquity of the Nigerian (English-language) movie industry in Africa and the Black Atlantic Diaspora. Using contemporary examples from the mass media and the author's rich experiential data, the book isolates the peculiar structural, grammatical, and stylistic characteristics of Nigerian English and shows its similarities as well as its often humorous differences with British and American English. Although Nigerian English forms the backdrop of the book, it will benefit teachers of English as a second or foreign language across the world. Similarly, because it presents complex grammatical concepts in a lucid, personal narrative style, it is useful both to a general and a specialist audience, including people who study anthropology and globalization. The true-life experiential encounters that the book uses to instantiate the differences and similarities between Nigerian English and native varieties of English will make it valuable as an empirical data mine for disciplines that investigate the movement and diffusion of linguistic codes across the bounds of nations and states in the age of globalization.

Mortal Syntax Oct 11 2021 The only fun, friendly, and surefire defense against the grammar snobs Having already made a name for herself with Grammar Snobs Are Great Big Meanies, now in its fifth printing, June Casagrande returns with Mortal Syntax, taking on the 101 most frequently attacked usage choices. Dedicating one short chapter to each, Casagrande brings her subject to life, teaching English usage through lively and amusing personal anecdotes. Mortal Syntax includes such chapters as: ? "I wish I was taller" ? "I am continuously watching Simpsons reruns" ? "Was it Horton that heard the Who?" Casagrande's clear and concise lessons-with entertaining titles and themes-make a potentially prickly subject go down like a spoonful of sugar.

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