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Enhanced with maps, photographs, and black-and-white illustrations, the story of the battle of Antietam Creek in Maryland in 1862 is described via first-person accounts and factual details with an examination of how this major event changed a nation with regard to Lincoln drafting the

Emancipation Proclamation. An account of the Great Chicago Fire combines archival photographs and drawings with personal accounts by its survivors and historical documents In the mid-1800s, with both her father and her uncle in jail on an assault charge, Maggie, her brother, and her ailing mother rush their barge along the Erie Canal to deliver their heavy cargo or lose everything. Following her father's death from a disease that swept through her Nebraska town in 1881, teenaged Sarah Jane must find work to support herself and records in her diary her experiences as a young school teacher. On March 12, 1888, a massive snow storm struck the northeastern United States, crippling New York City. In this exciting and moving account, Jim Murphy brings the Blizzard of 1888 to life, detailing the experiences of workers, families, and rescuers as they face the natural disaster that forever changed life in the United States--Cover. Depicts what life might have been like for the last dinosaurs on earth.

Presents a history, based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in New York City. When a 10-foot tall purported "petrified man" is unearthed from a backyard in upstate New York in 1869, the discovery immediately turns into a spectacle of epic proportions. News of the giant spreads like wildfire, and well over a thousand people come to view him in the first five days alone! Everyone has their own idea of his true origin: Is he an ancient member of the local Onandaga Indian tribe? Is he a biblical giant like Goliath? Soon the interests of world-renowned scientists and people from around the globe are piqued as arguments flare over who he is, where he came from, and if he is real--or just a hoax. In a riveting account of how the Cardiff Giant mystery snowballed into one of America's biggest money-making spectacles--and scams--Jim Murphy masterfully explores the power of 19th-century media and the unexpected ripple

effect that a single corrupt mastermind can produce when given a stage. In this novel in Jim Butcher's #1 New York Times bestselling series, an old debt puts Chicago wizard Harry Dresden in harms way... Harry's life finally seems to be calming down. The White Council's war with the vampiric Red Court is easing up, no one's tried to kill him lately, and his eager apprentice is starting to learn real magic. For once, the future looks fairly bright. But the past casts one hell of a long shadow. Mab, monarch of the Sidhe Winter Court, calls in an old favor from Harry. Just one small favor he can't refuse...one that will trap Harry Dresden between a nightmarish foe and an equally deadly ally, and one that will strain his skills—and loyalties—to their very limits. And everything was going so well for once... A talking watch. An overcoat for two. A pair of pants for poodles. In his companion to *Weird & Wacky Inventions*, Jim Murphy shows kids some additional baffling and utterly silly inventions in the form of a guessing game that is

both challenging and fun. What is a finger-supporting device used for? Can you really buy that talking watch? What on earth is a beard grinder? Whether it's a device for shaping the upper lip or a life preserver for horses, this parade of unusual inventions is a real treat for trivia lovers and any curious kid with an interest in science and inventions. Ages: 9-12. Pete lives with his mum. His dad lives far away and, as far as Pete knows, that's all the family he has. Until one day, just before Pete turns ten, a birthday card arrives in the mail with stars on the front and signed 'Love, Grandad'. Mum reveals the card is from her own father, but when she won't give Pete more information he decides to locate this mysterious Grandad for himself. Pete visits Grandad and is thrilled to discover they share a passion for the night sky. Looking Up is a moving story about family, forgiveness and the stars. Illustrations and simple text describe how the males of different species help take care of their young. Max makes fun of Freda's shoes,

but Freda soon learns how to cope with his bullying. Based on the written accounts of two teenage soldiers--one a Confederate lieutenant, one a corporal in the Union army--this vivid study recreates the events of a dramatic Civil War confrontation and its historic aftermath. A gripping look at the 2018 California Camp Fire disaster through the eyes of one brave boy--written by Northern California native and popular mystery author SD Brown and bestselling children's historical fiction author, Scott Peters. 14-year-old Troy is thrilled to be in charge for the first time ever when his parents head out overnight for a conference. Troy and his kid sister dive into a huge junk-food-feast and watch movies until 2 am. When Troy's dog, Rascal, jerks him awake at 9 am, he's shocked to see that it's black as night outside. How can that be? Something is terribly wrong. Then he gets a bunch of panicked text from his best friend. The first reads-i see flamesThe second-get out of townThe last-NOW!!!!!!Terror slingshots down

Troy's spine. He sprints next door-Mrs. Jones will know what to do. Busy with her knitting, she tells him to stay put. Wildfires happen all the time. The firemen will come. But will they? He can already see flames racing down the hillside toward their homes. Unable to reach his parents, and with a kid sister, a dog, and a cat to protect, he knows he has to act. How can he get them all to safety? They'll never be able to outrun the fire on foot. He needs to make a decision, fast. Does he have what it takes to escape? I Escaped The California Camp Fire is based on many hours of research, eyewitness accounts, and personal stories. We hope to give readers a small window into what brave residents went through, and to show the power of hope and resourcefulness. This book provides an opportunity to discuss disaster preparedness, as well as a jump off point for talking about disasters, with kids. A study guide is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/escaped-fire> For readers 9 and up. This is the 2nd book in the I Escaped

Series about brave kids who face real world challenges and find ways to escape. Jimmy Murphy's sixth grade teacher, Sister Angelica Rose, is out to get him. She humiliates him in class and punishes him when he hasn't done anything wrong. She even forces him to perform onstage with second-graders, wearing a giant green banana costume. A classic underachiever with a talent for trouble, Jimmy wants revenge, and with his friends he plans a prank that will embarrass Sister Angelica in front of the whole school. What could possibly go wrong? "Vivid storytelling and authentic dialogue bring American history to life and place readers in the shoes of people who experienced one of the worst fires in American history - the Great Chicago Fire. In October 1871 the Midwest was in the midst of one of the driest periods on record. A center of modern firefighting technology, all of Chicago's resources were put to the test by a fire that almost completely destroyed the city. Suspenseful, dramatic events

unfold in chronological, interwoven stories from the different perspectives of people who experienced the event while it was happening. Narratives intertwine to create a breathless, "What's Next?" kind of read. Students gain a new perspective on historical figures as they learn about real people struggling to decide how best to act in a given moment."--Provided by publisher. How important is competent leadership? It could mean the difference between life and death. *A Company of Leaders: Leading at Every Level* by Murphy J. Arsenaux III presents problems that arise from lack of leadership in the fire service, while offering multiple solutions to these problems. NATIONAL BESTSELLER • "Steven Pressfield brings the battle of Thermopylae to brilliant life."—Pat Conroy *At Thermopylae*, a rocky mountain pass in northern Greece, the feared and admired Spartan soldiers stood three hundred strong. Theirs was a suicide mission, to hold the pass against the invading millions of the mighty

Persian army. Day after bloody day they withstood the terrible onslaught, buying time for the Greeks to rally their forces. Born into a cult of spiritual courage, physical endurance, and unmatched battle skill, the Spartans would be remembered for the greatest military stand in history—one that would not end until the rocks were awash with blood, leaving only one gravely injured Spartan squire to tell the tale. . . . A young arctic wolf has a harrowing adventure trying to find his way back to the pack after being separated from them during a caribou hunt. Also includes a chapter with general information about wolves. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults: Firsthand accounts of the experiences of boys sixteen and younger who fought in the Civil War, with photos included. Winner of the Golden Kite Award for Nonfiction "Making extensive use of the actual words—culled from diaries, journals, memoirs, and letters—of boys who served in the Union and Confederate armies as fighting soldiers as well

as drummers, buglers, and telegraphers, Murphy describes the beginnings of the Civil War and goes on to delineate the military role of the underage soldiers and their life in the camps and field bivouacs. Also included is a description of the boys' return home and the effects upon them of their wartime experiences...An excellent selection of more than 45 sepia-toned contemporary photographs augment the text of this informative, moving work." —School Library Journal (starred review) "This wrenching look at our nation's bloodiest conflict through the eyes of its youthful participants serves up history both heartbreaking and enlightening." —Publishers Weekly "This well-researched and readable account provides fresh insight into the human cost of a pivotal event in United States history." —The Horn Book (starred review) In this novel in the #1 New York Times bestselling Dresden Files, Chicago's only professional wizard takes on a case for a vampire and becomes the prime suspect in a series of ghastly

murders. Harry Dresden has had worse assignments than going undercover on the set of an adult film. Like fleeing a burning building full of enraged demon-monkeys, for instance. Or going toe-to-leaf with a walking plant monster. Still, there's something more troubling than usual about his newest case. The film's producer believes he's the target of a sinister curse—but it's the women around him who are dying, in increasingly spectacular ways. Harry's doubly frustrated because he only got involved with this bizarre mystery as a favor to Thomas—his flirtatious, self-absorbed vampire acquaintance of dubious integrity. Thomas has a personal stake in the case Harry can't quite figure out, until his investigation leads him straight to the vampire's oversexed, bite-happy family. Now, Harry's about to discover that Thomas' family tree has been hiding a shocking secret: a revelation that will change Harry's life forever. A thoroughly researched history of tuberculosis incorporates more than 100 archival images and

traces centuries of ineffective treatments before the causative microorganism was identified, describing modern tactics for addressing drug-resistant varieties. 20,000 first printing. "A can't-miss entry in one of the best urban-fantasy series currently being published."—Booklist (starred review) As Chicago's only professional wizard, Harry Dresden has faced demons, vampires, werewolves, dark sorcerers, and hosts of horrors from beyond the mortal realm. But nothing could have prepared him for this... Long ago, Susan Rodriguez was Harry's Dresden's lover—until she was attacked by his enemies, leaving her caught between humanity and the relentless bloodlust of the vampiric Red Court. She disappeared to South America, where she could fight both her savage gift and those who cursed her with it. Now, she needs Harry's help more than ever. For the vengeful Duchess of the Red Court has discovered a secret Susan has long kept from everyone—including Harry—and she plans to use it. To prevail, Harry may have to

unleash the full fury of his untapped power—and he may have no choice but to embrace the darkness within himself. Because this time, he's fighting to save his child. *Includes pictures *Includes eyewitness accounts of the disaster *Includes a bibliography for further reading "The fire was barely fifteen minutes old. What followed was a series of fatal errors that set the fire free and doomed the city to a fiery death." - Jim Murphy, *The Great Fire* It had taken about 40 years for Chicago to grow from a small settlement of about 300 people into a thriving metropolis with a population of 300,000, but in just two days in 1871, much of that progress was burned to the ground. In arguably the most famous fire in American history, a blaze in the southwestern section of Chicago began to burn out of control on the night of October 8, 1871. Thanks to *The Chicago Tribune*, the fire has been apocryphally credited to a cow kicking over a lantern in Mrs. Catherine O'Leary's barn, and though that was not true, the rumor dogged

Mrs. O'Leary to the grave. Of course, the cause of the fire didn't matter terribly much to the people who lost their lives or their property in the blaze. Thanks to dry conditions, wind, and wooden buildings, firefighters were never actually able to stop the fire, which burned itself out only after it spent nearly two whole days incinerating several square miles of Chicago. By the time rain mercifully helped to put the fire out, the Great Chicago Fire had already killed an estimated 300 people, destroyed an estimated 17,500 buildings, and left nearly 100,000 people (1/3 of the population) homeless. Several other theories have developed as an explanation for the fire. Most of them center on people around Mrs. O'Leary's barn, but other have gone so far as to blame a meteor shower as the culprit that started fires across the Midwest that same night. As proof, they note that the country's worst forest fire in history took place around the same time in the logging town of Peshtigo in northeastern Wisconsin, a fire that killed

thousands. Mrs. O'Leary and her barn remain a part of lore, but it also speaks to Chicago's ability to rebuild that it's almost impossible to envision a farm in downtown Chicago today. Chicago suffered a wide swath of destruction, but it had rebuilt itself within 20 years in order to host the World's Fair, evidence that it was back and bigger and better than ever. Along with that, Chicago has maintained its status as the region's biggest city and one of the most important in America. The Great Chicago Fire chronicles one of the largest natural disasters of the 19th century in America. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 like never before, in no time at all. Ray Lilly is living on borrowed time. He's the driver for Annalise Powliss, a high-ranking member of the Twenty Palace Society, a group of sorcerers devoted to hunting down and executing rogue magicians. But because Ray betrayed her once, Annalise is looking for an excuse to kill him—or let someone

else do the job. Unfortunately for both of them, Annalise's next mission goes wrong, leaving her critically injured. With the little magic he controls, Ray must complete her assignment alone. Not only does he have to stop a sorcerer who's sacrificing dozens of innocent lives in exchange for supernatural power, he must find—and destroy—the source of that inhuman magic. BONUS: This edition contains excerpts from Harry Connolly's *Game of Cages* and *Twenty Palaces*. Two-time Newbery Honor Book author Jim Murphy writes a stunning nonfiction masterpiece about a Christmas miracle on the Western Front during World War I. On July 29th 1914, the world's peace was shattered as the artillery of the Austria-Hungary Empire began shelling the troops of the country to its south. What followed was like a row of falling dominoes as one European country after another rushed into war. Soon most of Europe was fighting in this calamitous war that could have been avoided. This was, of course, the First World

War. But who could have guessed that on December 25 the troops would openly defy their commanding officers by stopping the fighting and having a spontaneous celebration of Christmas with their "enemies"? In what can only be described as a Christmas Miracle, this beautiful and heartrending narrative will remind everyone how brotherhood and love for one another reaches far beyond war and politics. By selecting only 100 "best books" Silvey distinguishes her guide from all the others and makes it possible to give young readers their literary heritage in the childhood years. If you've ever wanted to mentor others, but aren't sure how or where to start, and who to start with, Firehouse Mentor makes it easy. This valuable guide written by two veteran firefighters offers immense rewards on its simple and fun journey toward mentoring. The book addresses negative and destructive behaviors and how to change them. Each topic guides the mentor, laying out the behavior to be addressed while providing

multiple solutions, as well as a follow-through section monitoring the results. The book is designed to maintain the span-of-control with one mentor and up to five mentees. “Developing, growing, and strengthening the next generation of firefighters is what mentoring is all about and it’s a much-needed commodity in today’s fire service. I highly recommend this book for any progressive department wanting to set the stage for the next generation and prepare them for success.” – Fire Chief Les Karpluk, ECFO, author of Purpose Filled Leadership and co-author of Leadership Prescribed and Leadership Prescribed 2.0 “Acquiring some understanding of why we do things is often a prerequisite to change. This is especially true when talking about repetitive patterns of behavior that do not serve us well.” – Nick Brunacini, author of B Shifter and Staring into the Sun, retired firefighter, Blue Card instructor An account of Robert Louis Stevenson's twelve day journey from New York to California in 1879, interwoven

with a history of the building of the transcontinental railroad and the settling of the West. Recreates the devastation rendered to the city of Philadelphia in 1793 by an incurable disease known as yellow fever, detailing the major social and political events as well as the time's medical beliefs and practices. A definitive chronicle of the 1871 Chicago Fire as remembered by those who experienced it—from the author of Chicago and the American Literary Imagination. Over three days in October, 1871, much of Chicago, Illinois, was destroyed by one of the most legendary urban fires in history. Incorporated as a city in 1837, Chicago had grown at a breathtaking pace in the intervening decades—and much of the hastily-built city was made of wood. Starting in Catherine and Patrick O’Leary’s barn, the Fire quickly grew out of control, twice jumping branches of the Chicago River on its relentless path through the city’s three divisions. While the death toll was miraculously low, nearly a third of Chicago

residents were left homeless and more were instantly unemployed. This popular history of the Great Chicago Fire approaches the subject through the memories of those who experienced it. Chicago historian Carl Smith builds the story around memorable characters, both known to history and unknown, including the likes of General Philip Sheridan and Robert Todd Lincoln. Smith chronicles the city's rapid growth and its place in America's post-Civil War expansion. The dramatic story of the fire—revealing human nature in all its guises—became one of equally remarkable renewal, as Chicago quickly rose back up from the ashes thanks to local determination and the world's generosity. As we approach the fire's 150th anniversary, Carl Smith's compelling narrative at last gives this epic event its full and proper place in our national chronicle. Provides a comprehensive look at the life of this American army officer and hero who turned traitor and the motives that led him to do what he did through

letters, memoirs, and political documents from that period in history. 25,000 first printing. "I loved every page of this book. Clemens has constructed a world of magic that's never been seen before, with a cast of beings who are so engaging and entrancing that you never want the story to end."—John Saul On a fateful night five centuries ago, three mages made a desperate last stand, sacrificing everything to preserve the only hope of goodness in the beautiful, doomed land of Alasea. Now, on the anniversary of that ominous night, a girl-child ripens into the heritage of lost power. But before she can even comprehend her terrible new gift, the Dark Lord dispatches his winged monsters to capture her and bring him the embryonic magic she embodies. Fleeing the minions of darkness, Elena is swept toward certain doom—and into the company of unexpected allies. There she forms a band of the hunted and the cursed, the outcasts and the outlaws, to battle the unstoppable forces of evil and rescue a once-

glorious empire . . . Praise for Wit'ch Fire

"Wit'ch Fire grabs at your heart and tears a little hole, then tears another, and another—a brutal and beautiful ride. I can't put the book down!"—R. A. Salvatore "Full of violence, magical pyrotechnics, and black-headed villains."—Publishers Weekly The Great Fire of 1871 was one of most colossal disasters in American history. Overnight, the flourishing city of Chicago was transformed into a smoldering wasteland. The damage was so profound that few people believed the city could ever rise again. By weaving personal accounts of actual survivors together with the carefully researched history of Chicago and the disaster, Jim Murphy constructs a riveting narrative that recreates the event with drama and immediacy. And finally, he reveals how, even in a time of deepest despair, the human spirit triumphed, as the people of Chicago found the courage and strength to build their city once again. Could an entire city really burn to the ground? The two-time Newbery

Honor-winning author of *The Great Fire* presents an accessible account of a landmark event in American history in which a future first U.S. president emerges as a military leader while working to transform a ragtag army into an effective fighting force. Did the Great Chicago Fire really start after a cow kicked over a lantern in a barn? Find out the truth in this addition to the *What Was?* series. On Sunday, October 8, 1871, a fire started on the south side of Chicago. A long drought made the neighborhood go up in flames. And practically everything that could go wrong did. Firemen first went to the wrong location. Fierce winds helped the blaze jump the Chicago River twice. The Chicago Waterworks burned down, making it impossible to fight the fire. Finally after two days, Mother Nature took over, with rain smothering the flames. This overview of a stupendous disaster not only covers the fire but explores the whole history of fire fighting. These are the hours when our dreams betray us and

night terrors take hold. Recounts skirmishes and major campaigns by a soldier who enlisted at age fifteen and served seven years with

Washington's Continental Army

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