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The Terminals A Novel Macmillan *In The Terminals, Royce Buckingham tells the riveting story of a covert team of young, terminally ill teens who spend their last year alive running dangerous missions as super-spies for an organization that may not be all it seems. When 19 year-old Cam Cody is diagnosed with a terminal illness, he expects to spend the rest of his shortened life in an adjustable bed. Then one night, a mysterious man offers Cam one chance to join a covert unit of young "terminals." They are like him, only they spend the last year of their lives executing exciting and dangerous missions to make the world a better place. With nothing to lose, Cam is in. A helicopter flies Cam to a secret tropical location, where he's tossed out with a parachute and an instruction manual. After a rough landing, he meets his nine teammates. The other terminals don't seem sick; Zara is beautiful, Donnie is an amazing athlete, and Calliope sings like a bird. He soon learns that they're enhanced with an experimental super steroid TS-8, which suppresses their illnesses' symptoms and heightens their physical and mental abilities. It's also fatal if taken for more than a year. Cam joins this extreme spy team, and they begin pulling dangerous operations in multiple countries. As his teammates fall around him, he starts to receive cryptic messages from a haggard survivor of last year's class hiding in the forest. She reveals that the program isn't what it seems, leading Cam to question whether any of them are really sick at all.*

Demonkeeper Penguin *When Nat, the weirdest boy in Seattle, leaves for a date with the plainest girl in town, chaos breaks out in the houseful of demons of which he is the sole guardian.*

The Dead Boys Penguin *In the desert town of Richland, Washington, there stands a giant sycamore tree. Horribly mutated by nuclear waste, it feeds on the life energy of boys that it snags with its living roots. And when Teddy Matthews moves to town, the tree trains its sights on its next victim. From the start, Teddy knows something is very wrong with Richland-every kid he meets disappears before his eyes. A trip to the cemetery confirms that these boys are actually dead and trying to lure him to the tree. But that knowledge is no help when Teddy is swept into the tree's world, a dark version of Richland from which there is no escape . . .*

Goblins! Penguin *While cruising*

through the woods in a ?borrowed? police car, PJ and Sam accidentally hit what looks like a mutant gorilla with a bad attitude. But this is no ape?it?s a goblin, escaped from the city of Argh in UnderEarth, a place beneath the world?s surface. When Sam is captured by a gang of goblins, PJ must go after him. But can PJ save Sam before he becomes dinner for a bunch of hungry goblins? **More Than a Memoir Xlibris**

Corporation In this unusual autobiography you will find the full story of a life spanning much of the twentieth century. Selective reading will disclose How a teacher/scientist may develop The importance of focus and integrity The fascination of doing chemical and biochemical research with students and colleagues The excitement of discovery and of facing new challenges Personal details about family life and friendships Career choices and diversions Plus In the 23 (!) appendices, you will find details concerning Other activities attendant upon a career in science The influence of conferences, symposia, and international scientific connections The coworkers who built the reputation of the author **The Performance Economy**

Springer This updated and revised edition outlines strategies and models for how to use technology and knowledge to improve performance, create jobs and increase income. It shows what skills will be required to produce, sell and manage performance over time, and how manual jobs can contribute to reduce the consumption of non-renewable resources. **Quantum of Nightmares Tordotcom**

A unique blend of espionage thrills and Lovecraftian horror, Hugo Award-winning author Charles Stross's *Laundry Files* continues with *Quantum of Nightmares*. It's a brave new Britain under the New Management. The avuncular Prime Minister is an ancient eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting as almost every offense is punishable by death. And everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much.

Hyperorganized and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death.

Now she's in charge of the Bigge Corporation—just in time to discover the lethal trap Rupert set for her long ago. Wendy Deere's transhuman abilities have gotten her through many a scrape. Now she's gainfully employed investigating unauthorized supernatural shenanigans. She swore to herself she wouldn't again get entangled with Eve Starkey's bohemian brother Imp and his crew of transhuman misfits. Yeah, right. Mary Macandless has powers of her own. Right now she's pretending to be a nanny in order to kidnap the children of a pair of famous, Government-authorized superheroes. These children have powers of their own, and Mary Macandless is in way over her head. Amanda Sullivan is the HR manager of a minor grocery chain, much oppressed by her glossy blonde boss—who is cooking up an appalling, extralegal scheme literally involving human flesh. All of these stories will come together, with world-bending results...

"For all of Stross's genuine ability to spook and dismay, *The Laundry Files* are some of the most tremendously humane books I've ever read." —Tamsyn Muir, author of *Gideon the Ninth* and *Harrow the Ninth* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. **A Backward Glance at Eighty Recollections & Comment**

Charles Albert Murdock (1841-1928) left Massachusetts for California in 1855 with his mother, sister and brother. For many years he was editor of the *Pacific Unitarian Magazine* and one of the state's most distinguished printers. A backward

glance at eighty (1921) begins with Murdock's memories of his trip west and reunion with his father, who had settled in Arcata on the Humboldt River. Murdock recalls life in the town and recounts stories of his father's early years on the Humboldt, the evolution of the region's Republican Party, acquaintance with Bret Harte, the printing business in San Francisco, 1867-1910, and the San Francisco Board of Education.

The Last Jihad Forge Books A gripping and prescient tale from New York Times best selling author Joel C. Rosenberg. "... The Last Jihad absolutely crackles with high energy and a chilling premise--what if the war on terror goes nuclear." -- Rush Limbaugh Jon Bennett is a top Wall Street strategist turned senior White House advisor. But nothing has prepared him for the terror that he will face. Saddam Hussein dispatches his top hit men to assassinate the President of the United States. Iraqi terrorists spread carnage throughout London, Paris, and Riyadh . . . and the Butcher of Baghdad has a nuclear ace in his hand that he has not yet played. Only a solid Arab-Isreali coalition against Iraq can keep the U.S.--and other Western nations--from certain devastation. And only Bennett and his beautiful partner, Erin McCoy, can make that happen. Their secret project--a billion-dollar oil deal off the coast of Gaza--could be the basis for an historic peace treaty and enormous wealth for every Isreali and Palestinian. But just before a treaty can be signed, Isreali commandos foil an Iraqi Scud missile launch, recovering a nuclear warhead and evidence that the next attack will level Washington, New York and Tel Aviv. Now, the Isreali Prime Minister gives the American President an ultimatum: Melt down Baghdad within one hour . . . or Israel will do it herself. From Jerusalem, Bennett and McCoy must summon all their stealth and savvy to save themselves--and the world--from absolute destruction. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. **The Army Air Forces in World War II: Men and planes Bone Pathology Springer Science & Business Media**

Bone Pathology is the second edition of the book, *A Compendium of Skeletal Pathology* that published 10 years ago. Similar to the prior edition, this book complements standard pathology texts and blends new but relatively established information on the molecular biology of the bone. Serving as a bench-side companion to the surgical pathologist, this new edition reflects new advances in our understanding of the molecular biology of bone. New chapters on soft-tissue sarcomas and soft-tissue tumors have been added as well as several additional chapters such as Soft-tissue pathology and Biomechanics. The volume is written by experts who are established in the field of musculoskeletal diseases. **Bone Pathology** is a combined effort from authors of different specialties including surgeons, pathologists, radiologists and basic scientists all of whom have in common an interest in bone diseases. It will be of great value to surgical pathology residents as well as practicing pathologists, skeletal radiologists, orthopedic surgeons and medical students. **Demon Eater**

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform There's a Troll under the bridge, a Wedge causing earthquakes, Char that's burning through town, and they're all demons on the run. As the mayhem escalates, Lilli, a hippie Demonkeeper arrives on the scene. Her interest is in peaceful demons but something dangerous is stalking the Seattle streets. Can Nat, Sandy and Richie see past their differences to find the Demoneater that is threatening to destroy the panicked demons? Mr. Calamitous seems to know something, but a ravenous Demoneater could end it all. Nat may be

in over his head. **Project Management for Information Systems Pearson Education** The fourth edition of this text addresses the issue of organizational culture in more detail and gives an analysis of why information system projects fail and what can be done to make success more likely. **The Goblin Problem** Arrrrgh! Get ready for an adventure featuring the most ferocious, savage, and slightly stupid, creatures under the earth! Cruising through the woods in a borrowed police car, teenage PJ and twelve-year-old Sam accidentally run down a bizarre creature. When Sam's curiosity gets the best of him, he crawls down its tunnel and is quickly captured by a mob of the ferocious beasts. PJ reluctantly goes underground after him, teaming up with a group of mysterious humans who have kept the creatures from discovering the surface of the earth for centuries, until the boys royally messed it up! Now both boys must use all of their ingenuity, and learn a few lessons, to escape the treacherous underground land and save the world! **International Trade Law Routledge** "International Trade Law offers comprehensive analysis of international sale transactions through case law, policy documents, legislation, international conventions and rules adopted by international organisations such as the ICC."-- **The Coding Manual for Qualitative Researchers SAGE** The Second Edition of Johnny Saldaña's international bestseller provides an in-depth guide to the multiple approaches available for coding qualitative data. Fully up to date, it includes new chapters, more coding techniques and an additional glossary. Clear, practical and authoritative, the book: -describes how coding initiates qualitative data analysis -demonstrates the writing of analytic memos -discusses available analytic software -suggests how best to use *The Coding Manual for Qualitative Researchers* for particular studies. In total, 32 coding methods are profiled that can be applied to a range of research genres from grounded theory to phenomenology to narrative inquiry. For each approach, Saldaña discusses the method's origins, a description of the method, practical applications, and a clearly illustrated example with analytic follow-up. A unique and invaluable reference for students, teachers, and practitioners of qualitative inquiry, this book is essential reading across the social sciences. **Connectography Mapping the Future of Global Civilization Random House** From the visionary bestselling author of *The Second World* and *How to Run the World* comes a bracing and authoritative guide to a future shaped less by national borders than by global supply chains, a world in which the most connected powers—and people—will win. Connectivity is the most revolutionary force of the twenty-first century. Mankind is reengineering the planet, investing up to ten trillion dollars per year in transportation, energy, and communications infrastructure linking the world's burgeoning megacities together. This has profound consequences for geopolitics, economics, demographics, the environment, and social identity. Connectivity, not geography, is our destiny. In *Connectography*, visionary strategist Parag Mehta travels from Ukraine to Iran, Mongolia to North Korea, Pakistan to Nigeria, and across the Arctic Circle and the South China Sea to explain the rapid and unprecedented changes affecting every part of the planet. He shows how militaries are deployed to protect supply chains as much as borders, and how nations are less at war over territory than engaged in tugs-of-war over pipelines, railways, shipping lanes, and Internet cables. The new arms race is to connect to the most markets—a race China is now winning, having launched a wave of

infrastructure investments to unite Eurasia around its new Silk Roads. The United States can only regain ground by fusing with its neighbors into a super-continental North American Union of shared resources and prosperity. Connectography offers a unique and hopeful vision for the future. Khanna argues that new energy discoveries and technologies have eliminated the need for resource wars; ambitious transport corridors and power grids are unscrambling Africa's fraught colonial borders; even the Arab world is evolving a more peaceful map as it builds resource and trade routes across its war-torn landscape. At the same time, thriving hubs such as Singapore and Dubai are injecting dynamism into young and heavily populated regions, cyber-communities empower commerce across vast distances, and the world's ballooning financial assets are being wisely invested into building an inclusive global society. Beneath the chaos of a world that appears to be falling apart is a new foundation of connectivity pulling it together. Praise for *Connectography* "Incredible . . . With the world rapidly changing and urbanizing, [Khanna's] proposals might be the best way to confront a radically different future."—The Washington Post "Clear and coherent . . . a well-researched account of how companies are weaving ever more complicated supply chains that pull the world together even as they squeeze out inefficiencies. . . . [He] has succeeded in demonstrating that the forces of globalization are winning."—Adrian Woolridge, *The Wall Street Journal* "Bold . . . With an eye for vivid details, Khanna has . . . produced an engaging geopolitical travelogue."—Foreign Affairs "For those who fear that the world is becoming too inward-looking, *Connectography* is a refreshing, optimistic vision."—The Economist "Connectivity has become a basic human right, and gives everyone on the planet the opportunity to provide for their family and contribute to our shared future. *Connectography* charts the future of this connected world."—Marc Andreessen, general partner, Andreessen Horowitz "Khanna's scholarship and foresight are world-class. A must-read for the next president."—Chuck Hagel, former U.S. secretary of defense

This title has complex layouts that may take longer to download. **Impasse A Novel Macmillan** In Royce Scott Buckingham's *Impasse*, a man is left to die in Alaska while on an "adventure vacation" and must somehow survive to get his revenge on those who betrayed him. Forty and facing a mid-life crisis, Stu Stark has lost his mojo. He simply gave up after being fired from his prestigious job as a prosecuting attorney for losing the biggest case of his career. So when Stu's best friend gifts him a one-week trip into the Alaskan wilderness to rediscover his manhood, Stu thinks it just might do him some good. But after a horrible week, Stu is crushed when he realizes that no one is coming back for him. Dying, Stu is found by a grizzled old hunter who informs that winter has set in, and they're not going anywhere for a while. So begins Stu's training to become the man he never was...and to get revenge on those who betrayed him. This adult debut by the internationally bestselling YA author is a modern day take on *The Count of Monte Cristo*. **India's New Capitalists Caste, Business, and Industry in a Modern Nation Springer** In order to do business effectively in contemporary South Asia, it is necessary to understand the culture, the ethos, and the region's new trading communities. In tracing the modern-day evolution of business communities in India, this book uses social history to systematically document and understand India's new entrepreneurial groups. **Computer Bit Slices from a Life Clansman Invoking the**

Darkness (Mapper Book 1) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Guided by a massive clan book containing tales of their ancestors, the Hilltoppers arrive in Abrogan, pledging allegiance to their King. They have crossed a forbidding ocean to another land where birds speak messages, poisonous sleep-animals lurk, warriors struggle for power and Lords bend the truth on a whim. Ian Krystal, leader of the Hilltoppers, becomes an unlikely leader, charged with building roads, clearing a menacing bog full of savages, chasing down bands of thieves and in the process emerges a champion of the people. Petrich is the clan's scribe, meant to chronicle their journeys while learning the fine art of mapping from a renegade Lord. As a child, darkness sheltered him from marauding tribesmen and he carries it with him. The emerging City of Skye is being built in the new land. King Blackpool's nephew struggles with his power and the King arrives determined to double his empire. Can an honest man of integrity prevail in a land of intrigue? And the dark is hungry.

Sociology Beyond Societies Mobilities for the Twenty-First Century

Routledge *In this ground-breaking contribution to social theory, John Urry argues that the traditional basis of sociology - the study of society - is outmoded in an increasingly borderless world. If sociology is to make a pertinent contribution to the post societal era it must forget the social rigidities of the pre-global order and, instead, switch its focus to the study of both physical and virtual movement. In considering this sociology of mobilities, the book concerns itself with the travels of people, ideas, images, messages, waste products and money across international borders, and the implications these mobilities have to our experiences of time, space, dwelling and citizenship. Sociology Beyond Society extends recent debate about globalisation both by providing an analysis of how mobilities reconstitute social life in uneven and complex ways, and by arguing for the significance of objects, senses, and time and space in the theorising of contemporary life. This book will be essential reading for undergraduates and graduates studying sociology and cultural geography.*

Work-Related Learning Springer Science & Business

Media *Work-related learning (WRL) is a topic of steadily increasing interest to today's vocational education institutions as well as organizations in business and industry. This book derives from an international HRD conference held at the University of Twente, The Netherlands. Key papers from the conference have been combined with other high-standard contributions. Together they offer an international collection of leading edge research. The book brings together contributors from various parts of the EU and the USA and includes examples of good practice and recent research on work-related learning. Work-related learning can be broadly seen to be concerned with all forms of education and training closely related to the daily work of (new) employees, and is increasingly playing a central role in the lives of individuals, groups or teams and the agenda's of organizations. However, as this area of study becomes more prominent, debates have opened about the nature of the field, as well as about its configurations and effects. For example, some authors have a broad definition of WRL and define it as learning for work, at work and through work, ranging from formal, through semi-structured to informal learning. Others prefer to use the concept of WRL mainly in connection to informal, incidental learning processes during work, leading to competent workplace learners. Formal and informal learning are distinguished from each other with*

respect to the level of intention (implicit/non-intentional/incidental versus deliberative/intentional/structured). Another point of discussion originates from the different 'theoretical backgrounds' of the authors: the 'learning theorists' versus the 'organizational theorists'. The first group is mainly interested in the question of how learning comes about; the second group is predominantly interested in the search for factors affecting learning. This book is essential reading for practitioners, researchers, teachers and students in the HRM and HRD field as well as in the field of VET.

Cases in Operations Management Pearson Education The third edition of this clearly structured case book has been expanded and updated, and includes an introduction to the analysis of operations management cases. Key areas of operations management are dealt with, including new areas such as operations strategy, performance measurement and TPM.

Operations Strategy Prentice Hall Operation Strategy Second Edition Nigel Slack and Michael Lewis Ideal for Advanced Undergraduate and Postgraduate students, this book builds on concepts from Strategic Management, Operations Management, Marketing and HRM to give students a comprehensive understanding of Operations Strategy. Features Comprehensive and accessible with authoritative authorship and an excellent blend of theory and practice A European context Engaging case studies Teaching resources including an Instructor's Manual with extensive case notes and PowerPoint slides at www.pearsoned.co.uk/slack. What's New? This new edition has been focused to concentrate on the most significant topics in the subject, with 10 chapters replacing the previous 15. New material has been added and coverage of some older topics has been revised (see new table of contents). End-of-chapter case exercises have been replaced by a major end-of-book section of 'Harvard-type' cases. New to the Instructor's resources online: additional cases and a set of questions and answers for class use / exam use. New coverage of hot topics, such as the implications of ERP and Six Sigma on ops strategy, agility and its inter-relationship with lean, supply management issues, operations strategy for competitive advantage and SCM, and implementation.

The Basal Ganglia Novel Perspectives on Motor and Cognitive Functions Springer This groundbreaking text takes current knowledge of the basal ganglia far from well-known motor-based models to a more inclusive understanding of deep-brain structure and function. Synthesizing diverse perspectives from across the brain-behavioral sciences, it tours the neuroanatomy and circuitry of the basal ganglia, linking their organization to their controlling functions in core cognitive, behavioral, and motor areas, both normative and disordered. Interactions between the basal ganglia and major structures of the brain are identified in their contributions to a diverse range of processes, from language processing to decision-making, emotion to visual perception, motivation to intent. And the basal ganglia are intimately involved in the mechanisms of dysfunction, as evinced by chapters on dyskinesia, Parkinson's disease, neuropsychiatric conditions, and addictions. Included in the coverage: Limbic-basal ganglia circuits: parallel and integrative aspects. Dopamine and its actions in the basal ganglia system. Cerebellar-basal ganglia interactions. The basal ganglia contribution to controlled and automatic processing. The basal ganglia and decision making in neuropsychiatric disorders. The circuitry underlying the reinstatement of cocaine seeking: modulation by deep brain stimulation. The basal ganglia and hierarchical

control in voluntary behavior. Its breadth and depth of scholarship and data should make *The Basal Ganglia* a work of great interest to cognitive psychologists and neuroscientists, neuropsychologists, neurologists, neuropsychiatrists, and speech-language pathologists. **The Butterfly Effect in Competitive Markets Driving Small Changes for Large Differences Springer** This book provides an introduction to the concept of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial business management. It covers many elements of the entrepreneurial management discipline including choosing a business, organizing, financing, marketing, developing an offering that the market will value, and growing the business in all its dimensions. **Selling the Sea An Inside Look at the Cruise Industry Wiley** An insider's view of how the cruising business operates *Selling the Sea* offers a complete picture of the cruise line industry along with step-by-step coverage of how to effectively market the cruising experience. This updated Second Edition features new coverage of how technology has impacted the industry, new niche markets in cruising, and expanded material on shipbuilding and design. It also includes insightful interviews with today's captains, social directors, food and beverage managers, and cruise line executives who have hands-on experience at the day-to-day workings of a cruise ship. **200 Contractual Problems and their Solutions John Wiley & Sons** This book examines 200 contractual problems which regularly arise on building and engineering projects and provides a detailed explanation of their solutions, citing standard contract conditions and key parts of legal judgements as authority. A succinct summary is provided at the end of each detailed solution. It covers problems together with their solutions in respect of: Procurement matters Tenders and bidding Design issues Letters of intent Contractor's programme Contractor's float Delays Concurrent Delays Extensions of time Liquidated/delay damages Unliquidated damages Variations Loss and expense/additional cost claims Acceleration Global claims Payment Damage to the works Exclusion clauses Retention of title Practical completion Defect correction Adjudication This book deals with a broad range of construction contracts including JCT Standard Form and Design and Build, New Engineering Contract NEC3, ICE and GC/Works/1. This book was first published under the title of *One Hundred Contractual Problems and Their Solutions*, with a second edition entitled *One Hundred and Fifty Contractual Problems and their Solutions*. This third edition adds 50 new problems and replaces 15 of those in the last edition. Of the remainder half have been the subject of revision. "Deserves a place on every site and in every office as the standard handbook on contractual problems" —*Construction Law Digest* **Technology and the Air Force A Retrospective Assessment DIANE Publishing** Proceedings of a symposium co-sponsored by the Air Force Historical Foundation and the Air Force History and Museums Program. The symposium covered relevant Air Force technologies ranging from the turbo-jet revolution of the 1930s to the stealth revolution of the 1990s. Illustrations. **Railway Workshops of Britain, 1823-1986 Springer** An illustrated history of Britain's railway workshops, covering the period from 1823 to 1986, this book deals with the history of the main railway workshops of Britain, a subject of wide-ranging mechanical and electrical engineering interest. **Revolt in the Desert 68000, 68010, and 68020 Primer Sams Fostering Creativity A Diagnostic Approach for Higher Education and Organizations Hampton Press (NJ)**

"Innovation is universally recognized as a key components of first world economies that is vital for continued prosperity. Innovation is driven by the generation of effective novelty in other words, creativity. However, both in higher education and also in business and industry, insufficient effort is being made to encourage and develop creativity, with negative consequences for innovation. This is partly due to inadequate understanding of what creativity is and how it can be fostered. This book draws on complementary views of creativity and innovation as a business process and as a social-psychological model to create a more detailed and more highly differentiated model which is capable of serving as a practical foundation for diagnosing, analyzing, optimizing and fostering creativity and innovation in a variety of organizational settings. It is built around a large number of case studies and down-to-earth examples, and offers many concrete suggestions for fostering what the authors call functional creativity."--Publisher's website. **Destination C1 & C2**

Grammar & Vocabulary Macmillan Elt Destination C1 & C2 : Grammar and Vocabulary is the ideal grammar and vocabulary practice book for all advanced students preparing to take any C1 & C2 level exam: e.g. Cambridge CAE and Cambridge CPE. **Dark Gold Macmillan** Setting out for Mexico with a pair of college buddies to locate his missing brother, Jack Duran discovers that his brother had been searching for a shipwreck believed to be the site of a fortune in ancient gold and that the divers on the search team have been disappearing one by one. Reprint.

Encyclopedia of Multimedia Technology and Networking IGI Global "This encyclopedia offers a comprehensive knowledge of multimedia information technology from an economic and technological perspective"--Provided by publisher.

Necropolis Evil has been unleashed on the world and only five children - with special powers - can save it. Matt and the others desperately need to find Scarlett, the final gatekeeper, who has been trapped in Hong Kong, where puddles of water turn into puddles of blood, where ghosts, demons and hideous creatures stalk the streets. **Mathematicians of the World, Unite! The International Congress of Mathematicians--A Human Endeavor CRC Press** This vividly illustrated history of the International Congress of Mathematicians — a meeting of mathematicians from around the world held roughly every four years — acts as a visual history of the 25 congresses held between 1897 and 2006, as well as a story of changes in the culture of mathematics over the past century. Because the congress is an international meeting, looking at its history allows us a glimpse into the effect of wars and strained relations between nations on the scientific community. **The Vast Fields of**

Ordinary Penguin It's Dade's last summer at home, and things are pretty hopeless. He has a crappy job, a "boyfriend" who treats him like dirt, and his parents' marriage is falling apart. So when he meets and falls in love with the mysterious Alex Kincaid, Dade feels like he's finally experiencing true happiness. But when a tragedy shatters the final days of summer, he realizes he must face his future and learn how to move forward from his past.