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A Place of My Own Michael Pollan, 2008-12-30 A glorious piece of prose Pollan leads readers on his adventure with humor and grace Chicago Tribune A captivating personal inquiry into the art of architecture the craft of building and the meaning of modern work A room of one's own Is there anybody who hasn't at one time or another wished for such a place hasn't turned those soft words over until they'd assumed a habitable shape When Michael Pollan decided to plant a garden the result was the acclaimed bestseller *Second Nature* In *A Place of My Own* he turns his sharp insight to the craft of building as he recounts the process of designing and constructing a small one room structure on his rural Connecticut property a place in which he hoped to read write and daydream built with his own two unhandy hands Michael Pollan's unmatched ability to draw lines of connection between our everyday experiences whether eating gardening or building and the natural world has been the basis for the popular success of his many works of nonfiction including the genre defining bestsellers *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and *In Defense of Food* With this updated edition of his earlier book *A Place of My Own* readers can revisit the inspired intelligent and often hilarious story of Pollan's realization of a room of his own a small wooden hut his shelter for daydreams built with his admittedly unhandy hands Inspired by both Thoreau and Mr Blandings *A Place of My Own* not only works to convey the history and meaning of all human building it also marks the connections between our bodies our minds and the natural world

A Place of My Own Michael Pollan, 1999-05-11 A room of one's own is there anybody who hasn't at one time or another wished for such a place hasn't turned those soft words over until they'd assumed a habitable shape When writer Michael Pollan decided to plant a garden the result was an award winning treatise on the borders between nature and contemporary life the acclaimed bestseller *Second Nature* Now Pollan turns his sharp insight to the craft of building as he recounts the process of designing and constructing a small one room structure on his rural Connecticut property a place in which he hoped to read write and daydream built with his two own unhandy hands Invoking the titans of architecture literature and philosophy from Vitruvius to Thoreau from the Chinese masters of feng shui to the revolutionary Frank Lloyd Wright Pollan brilliantly chronicles a realm of blueprints joints and trusses as he peers into the ephemeral nature of houseness itself From the spark of an idea to the search for a perfect site to the raising of a ridgepole Pollan revels in the infinitely detailed complex process of creating a finished structure At once superbly written informative and enormously entertaining *A Place of My Own* is for anyone who has ever wondered how the walls around us take shape and how we might shape them ourselves *A Place of My Own* recounts his two and a half year journey of discovery in an absorbing narrative that deftly weaves the day to day work of design and building from siting to blueprint from the pouring of foundations to finish carpentry with reflections on everything from the power of place to shape our lives to the question of what constitutes real work in a technological society A book about craft that is itself beautifully crafted linking the world of the body and material things with the realm of mind heart and spirit *A Place of My Own* has received extraordinary praise From the Trade

Paperback edition *Urban Avant-Gardes* Malcolm Miles, 2004-07-31 Can art or architecture change the world Is it possible to think of a new cultural avant garde today This book contributes to the debate by looking back to past avant gardes and by profiling contemporary cases of radical cultural practices *The Demise of the Library School* Richard J. Cox, 2010 In *The Demise of the Library School* Richard J Cox places the present and future of professional education for librarianship in the debate on the modern corporate university The book is a series of meditations on critical themes relating to the education of librarians archivists and other information professionals playing off of other commentators analyzing the nature of higher education and its problems and promises *Civilizations* Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, 2001-09-14 In *Civilizations* Felipe Fernandez Armesto once again proves himself a brilliantly original historian capable of large minded and comprehensive works here he redefines the subject that has fascinated historians from Thucydides to Gibbon to Spengler to Fernand Braudel the nature of civilization To Fernandez Armesto a civilization is civilized in direct proportion to its distance its difference from the unmodified natural environment by its taming and warping of climate geography and ecology The same impersonal forces that put an ocean between Africa and India a river delta in Mesopotamia or a 2 000 mile long mountain range in South America have created the mold from which humanity has fashioned its own wildly differing cultures In a grand tradition that is certain to evoke comparisons to the great historical taxonomies each chapter of *Civilizations* connects the world of the ecologist and geographer to a panorama of cultural history In *Civilizations* the medieval poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* is not merely a Christian allegory but a testament to the thousand year long deforestation of the trees that once covered 90 percent of the European mainland The Indian Ocean has served as the world's greatest trading highway for millennia not merely because of cultural imperatives but because the regular monsoon winds blow one way in the summer and the other in the winter In the words of the author Unlike previous attempts to write the comparative history of civilizations it is arranged environment by environment rather than period by period or society by society Thus seventeen distinct habitats serve as jumping off points for a series of brilliant set piece comparisons thus tundra civilizations from Ice Age Europe are linked with the Inuit of the Pacific Northwest and the Mississippi mound builders and the deforesters of eleventh century Europe are both understood as civilizations built on woodlands Here of course are the familiar riverine civilizations of Mesopotamia and China of the Indus and the Nile but also highland civilizations from the Inca to New Guinea island cultures from Minoan Crete to Polynesia to Renaissance Venice maritime civilizations of the Indian Ocean and South China Sea even the Bushmen of Southern Africa are seen through a lens provided by the desert civilizations of Chaco Canyon More here are fascinating stories brilliantly told of the voyages of Chinese admiral Chen Ho and Portuguese commodore Vasco da Gama of the Great Khan and the Great Zimbabwe Here are Hesiod's tract on maritime trade in the early Aegean and the most up to date genetics of seed crops Erudite wide ranging a work of dazzling scholarship written with extraordinary flair *Civilizations* is a remarkable achievement a tour de force by a brilliant scholar **Designer/builder**

,2000 **Education Is Not an App** Jonathan A. Poritz,Jonathan Rees,2016-08-12 Whilst much has been written about the doors that technology can open for students less has been said about its impact on teachers and professors Although technology undoubtedly brings with it huge opportunities within higher education there is also the fear that it will have a negative effect both on faculty and on teaching standards Education Is Not an App offers a bold and provocative analysis of the economic context within which educational technology is being implemented not least the financial problems currently facing higher education institutions around the world The book emphasizes the issue of control as being a key factor in whether educational technology is used for good purposes or bad purposes arguing that technology has great potential if placed in caring hands Whilst it is a guide to the newest developments in education technology it is also a book for those faculty technology professionals and higher education policy makers who want to understand the economic and pedagogical impact of technology on professors and students It advocates a path into the future based on faculty autonomy shared governance and concentration on the university s traditional role of promoting the common good Offering the first critical in depth assessment of the political economy of education technology this book will serve as an invaluable guide to concerned faculty as well as to anyone with an interest in the future of higher education **House Lessons** Erica Bauermeister,2020-03-24 A Real Simple Best Book of the Year A deeply moving story of an epic home renovation in the Pacific Northwest from New York Times bestselling author of The Scent Keeper In this mesmerizing memoir in essays Erica Bauermeister renovates a trash filled house in eccentric Port Townsend Washington and in the process takes readers on a journey to discover the ways our spaces subliminally affect us A personal accessible and literary exploration of the psychology of architecture as well as a loving tribute to the connections we forge with the homes we care for and live in this book is designed for anyone who s ever fallen head over heels for a house It is also a story of a marriage of family and of the kind of roots that settle deep into your heart Discover what happens when a house has its own lessons to teach in this moving and insightful memoir that ultimately shows us how to make our own homes and lives better for anyone who has wondered where home is and how to find it fix it love it and leave it for later as well Laurie Frankel New York Times bestselling author of This Is How It Always Is **Critical Lessons** Nel Noddings,2006-05-08 Critical Lessons concentrates on the critical reflective thinking that should be taught in high schools Taking seriously the Socratic advice know thyself it focuses on topics that will help students to understand the forces good and bad that work to socialize them This book argues why critical thinking is necessary in schools because it requires the discussion of critical issues how we learn the psychology of war what it means to make a home advertising and propaganda choosing an occupation gender and religion **The Anatomy of Dessert** Edward Bunyard,2006-06-27 Filled with quirky surprises and things you would have never thought to ask Bunyard s celebration of fruit is endlessly entertaining Mark Kurlansky author of Salt Cod and The Big Oyster When we think of dessert our mind s eye sees cakes pies and pastries Yet the truly creative palate imagines things even more tempting decadent and

yes sinful So claims Edward Bunyard in this delectable paeon to the wonderful fruits of the vine from apples and apricots to gooseberries and strawberries from pears to the grapes that give us wine Bunyard a nurseryman at the turn of the last century lovingly devotes a chapter to each fruit sharing a heartfelt disquisition on the many types of strawberries in which bigger is not always better revealing how denizens of cooler and warmer climes differ in their perceptions about grapes and asserting that immoderate indulgence in melon has toppled great dynasties and changed the course of history Bunyard even offers advice on the most delightful wine and fruit pairings and settles once and for all the debate that has raged for nearly three millennia Which are tastier hothouse figs or the outdoor variety Introduced by Michael Pollan *The Anatomy of Dessert* is a cornucopia of wisdom that's never out of season It is time again to savor this classic work first published in 1929 that gives above the title billing to the myriad foodstuffs we often refer to as afters So come and partake in the fruits of Edward Bunyard's labor of love

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