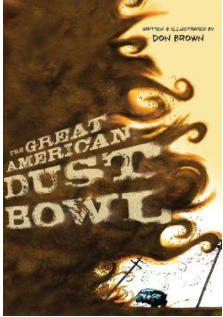


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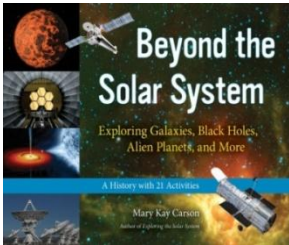


***The Great American Dust Bowl* by Don Brown**

"The causes and results of the Dust Bowl and how the lessons learned are still used today. Presented in comic book format." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/859794182>

Keywords: Dust Bowl, farm life, Great Plains, droughts

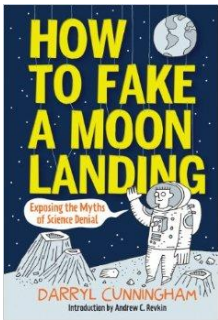


***Beyond the Solar System: Exploring Galaxies, Black Holes, Alien Planets and More* by Mary Kay Carson**

"Tracing the evolution of humankind's pursuit of astronomical knowledge, this resource looks deep into the furthest reaches of space." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/818724438>

Keywords: astronomy, astronomy activities

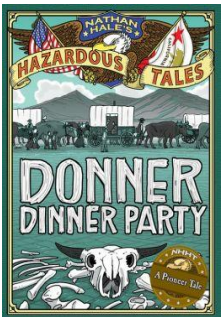


***How to Fake a Moon Landing: Exposing the Myths of Science Denial* by Darryl Cunningham**

"Is hydro-fracking really safe? Is climate change real? Did the moon landing really happen? How about evolution: fact or fiction? Author-illustrator Darryl Cunningham looks at these and other hot-button science topics and presents a fact-based, visual assessment of current thinking and research on eight different issues everybody's arguing about." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/808413732>

Keywords: pseudoscience, graphic novels

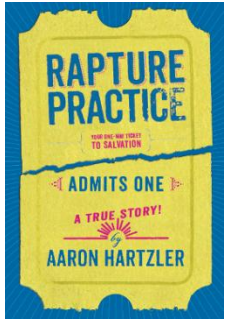


***Donner Dinner Party (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales)* by Nathan Hale**

"The Donner Party expedition is one of the most notorious stories in all of American history, but it's also a fascinating snapshot of the westward expansion of the US, and the families and individuals that sacrificed so much to build new lives in a largely unknown landscape." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/826293880>

Keywords: Donner party, pioneer life, graphic novels, cannibalism

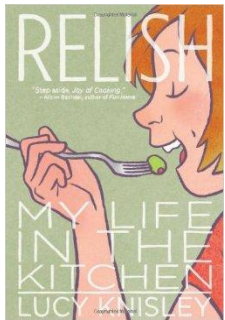


***Rapture Practice: A True Story* by Aaron Hartzler**

"A humorous memoir that explores growing up in a Fundamentalist Christian home in Kansas City while questioning one's faith and finding one's place in an unusual family." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/808684355>

Keywords: faith, religion, evangelicalism, sexuality, family relationships

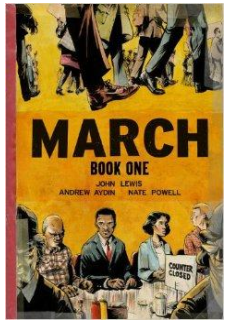


***Relish: My Life in the Kitchen* by Lucy Knisley**

"Suitable for anyone who ever felt more passion for a sandwich, than is strictly speaking proper, this book invites the reader to celebrate food as a connection to our bodies and a connection to the earth, rather than an enemy, a compulsion, or a consumer product." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/846728171>

Keywords: memoirs, graphic novels, cooking

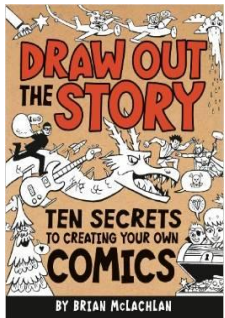


***March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell**

"Offers an account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/855264301>

Keywords: civil rights, graphic novel, African American legislators

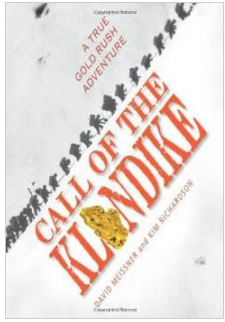


***Draw Out the Story: Ten Secrets to Creating Your Own Comics* by Brian McLachlan**

"Offers advice for effective storytelling in comic book format, covering such topics as color, placement, pacing, visually representing ideas, and other techniques for short gag strips as well as graphic novels and other more involved storylines." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/824644632>

Keywords: comic strips, illustrations, technique, authorship

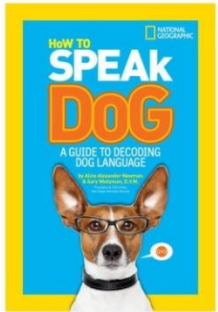


Call of the Klondike: A True Gold Rush Adventure
by David Meissner & Kim Richardson

“Traces the true story of prospectors Stanley Pearce and Marshall Bond, who joined thousands of men along the dangerous Chilkoot and White Passes to seek their fortunes in the gold fields of Canada.” [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828884683>

Keywords: gold mines and mining, Yukon

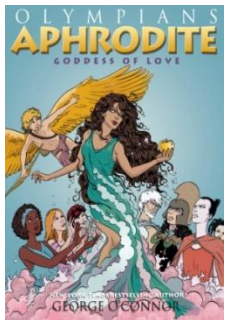


How to Speak Dog: A Guide to Decoding Dog Language
by Aline Alexander Newman and Gary Weitzman

"A guide about how to understand a dog's body language and behavior illustrates such key concepts as barking, howling, panting, bared teeth, and wagging tail." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/825046862>

Keywords: dog behavior, human-animal communication

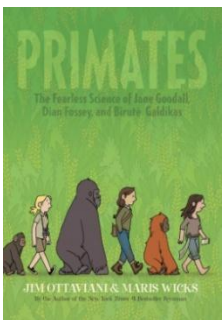


Aphrodite: Goddess of Love by **George O'Connor**

"Focuses on Aphrodite, the goddess of love. The author tackles the story of the [sic] Aphrodite from her dramatic birth (emerging from sea-foam) to her role in the Trojan War." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/846545749>

Keywords: Greek mythology, graphic novels

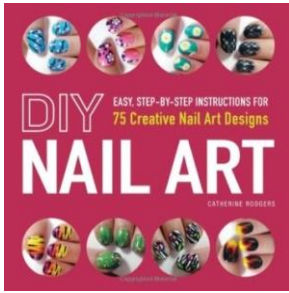


Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas by **Jim Ottaviani**

“An interesting and sometimes humorous look at the lives of three of the most important scientists of the twentieth century.” [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/810122872>

Keywords: female primatologists, graphic novels, ape behavior

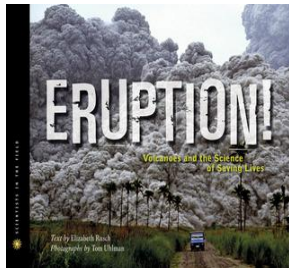


***DIY Nail Art: 75 Creative Art Designs* by Catherine Rodgers**

"Catherine Rodgers, creator of the popular nail art YouTube Channel Totally Cool Nails, shares her secrets in *DIY Nail Art*. Packed with easy-to-follow instructions and helpful tips for recreating Catherine's stunning looks, you can create one-of-a-kind nail art designs without ever stepping inside a nail salon." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/785870172>

Keywords: nail art, manicuring

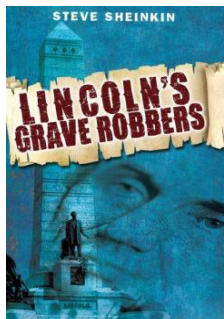


***Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch**

"...Rusch reveals the perilous, adrenaline-fueled, life-saving work of an international volcano crisis team (VDAP) and the sleeping giants they study, from Colombia to the Philippines, from Chile to Indonesia." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/808990387>

Keywords: Volcanic Disaster Assistance Program, volcanic eruptions, volcanic activity prediction

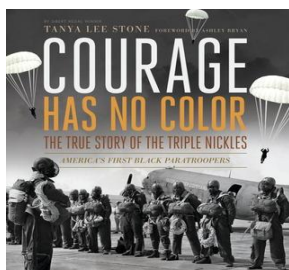


***Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin**

"A dramatic account of the 1875 attempt to steal the 16th president's body describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/795009454>

Keywords: Abraham Lincoln, body snatching, counterfeits and counterfeiting



***Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* by Tanya Lee Stone**

"Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/802319289>

Keywords: paratroopers, World War II, African Americans, racial discrimination



“The President Has Been Shot!”: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy
by James L. Swanson

"Recounts the 35th president's assassination and details key events while sharing informative back matter and archival photographs."

[Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/814982192>

Keywords: John F. Kennedy, assassination



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